

**2 Jan 1764 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglas, Plumber in Berwick Newcastle 2<sup>nd</sup> Janry 1764  
I am very sorry you sent me Sterlings bill on Milburne in part of your rent; for I indorsed it to our bankers and now it is not accepted; & therefore will be returned protested, with charges & interest besides discredit – pray let me hear immediately what is proposed to be done by Mr Sterling & you in this matter. I am etc.

H Richmond

**10 Jan 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Beamont M.P. Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> January 1764  
In Halfmoon Street Picadilly London

Honourable Sir Your part of the partnership Pay bills which I received last Week, amounts to 2764.4.5 ½ ; and as the money for this Pay must be kept ready, to wait Mr. Bacon's motions, I think it would not be advisable to pay the 600 for the purchase of Mollersteads out of the Residue of your present Cash, Lest these should be a want for necessary Occasions. & therefore I have spoke again to my Brother about another 1000 which I hope he may procure time enough. or perhaps that purchase money need not be paid for two or three months. There appears at this time so general a scarcity of money that I believe it will be better to postpone advertising Ord or any part of the trust estate till a more plentiful time. I told Mr. Manuel what you mentioned about his son.

Mr. Smith desires me to give his fathers compliments & his, & to acquaint you, that the Old Gentleman is better than when you left Newcastle.

Mr. C. Hunter was here lately & I told him about prosecuting the Tryals under his management with more spirit. But Mr. Maughan & Mr. Westgarth seem very alert, & so I said nothing to them at present, there is nothing particular from the mines; only Mr. Hunter says he has found the vein at Hackford, but she does not carry Ore; however he hopes that a little further on she may prove as rich as in Mr. Bakers liberty adjoining: As ever she has often been barren for several yards together. As to Coalcleugh Mr. Westgarth seems unwilling to raise great Expectations, but yet I guess he will raise more Ore this year than has been got there in any year lately.

We have had some days of severe Weather, but it is now very mild again. & and your usual charity of Beef & Bread & Sixpences which amounted to near £90 has been distributed to the Poor of this town since Christmas so that they have no cause of complaint at present.

Your new Gardner, with his wife & child is now here & will go to Wallington tomorrow.. P.S. –

**14 Jan 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> January 1764  
In Grays Inn London

Sir I received your Lre of the inst inclosing me a London Bank bill for fifteen pounds ; wch I have placed to your credit in the accts. between us I have therein made you d[eb]tor for the fourteen pounds fourteen shillings & four pence w[hi]ch I this day paid to Isable Richardson for the Balance of the Acct of her sons wages on Board the Arrogant Man of War to the time of his death according to the acct you sent me Which you here receive back again signed by her & she is very thankful for the good you have done her in getting her this money.

I thank you for the acct you sent me abt Mr. Lothians balance bill; & hope to give you no further trouble about this affair than what my last Lre would occasion you.

I really think that the scarcity of money wch appears at present in the kingdom makes this an unfavourable time for selling Estates.

I have shown my Bro[ther] the part of your Lre about Hexham Tolls & the Millars & he says he wrote you about these last post'

I am he

H R

**14 Jan 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Hutchinson**

To Mr. William Hutchinson  
Attorney at Law Bernard Castle

Newcastle 14 January 1764

Sir I wish Mr Bowes had desired any Gentleman of the Law to call upon me at first it wo[ul]d have saved much trouble at once have made the matter more intelligible than by Lre. As to the 170 wch you now inquire after, the note of it appears to be Mr Bowes's own writing but the Receipt is Mr Maughans writing who is Grove Steward to Sir W[alte]r Blackett & Mr Bowes has signed this Receipt w[hi]ch Mr Maughan has witnessed. The note in this state was brought hither by one Robt Loftus who said he was Servant to Mr Bowes & I paid him the money & made him witness to the receiving of it.

As I found he was not ready at counting Portugal Gold I put down upon a piece of paper the several species wch up the £170 & wrote the following words at the Bottom of it " Mr R Loftus for Mr Bowes as to Receipt" this paper I happened to put into the article for the purchase of the Wood, where I found it when the first questions were asked about this matter.

Mr Bowes told me that my testimony wo[ul]d be wanted if so, I hope you will contrive to give me all the notice you can of the day & that you will make my attendance upon the Com[missio]n as short as possible for Sir W[alte]rs business now will scarce admit of my absence. I am he

HR

**15 Jan 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter or Mr Isaac Hunter jun[ior]  
At Dukesfield

Newcastle 15th Jan[ua]ry 1764

Sir You will observe by the Newcastle papers that a Meeting is appointed (I don't know by whom) to be held at Stanhope on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst for the Freeholders etc having right of Comon on the Moors in Stanhope Bailiwick to sign then consent to a bill to be presented to Parliam[en]t for inclosing and deciding the same. You know Sir W[alte]r Blackett is interested in sight of his Estate at Woodcroft & as this is within your district & Mr Robson is not stout enough at this time of year to attend or take a view of the Comon I must desire you will go and inform yourself of every particular. I guess from what Mr Westgarth mentioned to me sometime ago that they are preparing to give the B[isho]p of Durham 4d an acre yearly Rent, as in Hamsterly, for all they inclose whether the same be freehold Copyhold or Customary. if so, you are to consider whether the part of the moor wch adjoins to Woodcroft & wch will of course fall to Sir Wm Blacketts can easily be made worth 5s.4d an Acre yearly. for you know it is usual to allow Lords of Manors 7 & 6<sup>th</sup> part for their consent to divide & the giving the by 4d an acre instead of 7 & 6 part comes to 5s.4d for the value of each acre. If therefore the Ground adjoining Woodcroft is bad Sir W[alte]r will get aquates no. of acres of it & consequently will have more to pay the B[isho]p, in proportion, than those that get better Ground. Another thing I want to know is who are to be Com[mission]n – surely as Sir W[alte]r is largely interested they will consult him in

the appoint[en]t of them. Mr. Westgarth who I suppose is active in this matter did say he would let me know what was intended & that he expected to be in Newcastle & would then talk over the particulars but now they have the bill for signing without consulting Sir Walter. As they are so hasty it is incumbent upon you to inform yourself thoroughly of the plan they are going upon. & Mr Maughan if you send to him & show him this I will join you & give you all the assistance in his power for I spoke to him sometime ago to do so as soon as there should be any Meetings. I think it highly reasonable that Sir W[alt]ers concurrence should be had & yet how can he give it unless he is fully & in due time informed of what is designed. I beg therefore that you will put into writing every thing that occurs to you, at the meeting, you clash with Sir W[alte]rs inte[n]tio[n]s, & when he knows those things from his Agents they will stand acquitted; tho[ugh] he may according to his usual Generosity wave such considerations for the sake of public utility. I am he HR

**1 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt. MP in  
Halfmoon Street Picadilly London

Newcastle 1 Febr'y 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir. My Bro[the]r tells me Ald[erma]n Simpson will let you have a thousand pounds at 4 & q[uar]ter p[er]C[en]t & inclosed is a bond for it, which if you please to execute, & return, I will receive the money & charge it in my Cash acco[un]t & apply it as you direct. I have not yet heard any thing from Dr Sharp abo[u]t Whitley Chapel, so cannot judge what is right to be done about the purchase you intend. I am sorry your good intentions should ever want means for their Execution, but I cannot yet sell Lead ! & tho[ugh], as I mentioned before, I can, without this £1000, go on in subsisting the mines & making the ordinary paym[en]ts for about two months ; yet if I do not get 5 or 6000 p[ie]ce[s] lead by the beginning of March & that is a contingency you are sensible, your affairs will be in a worse situation than I ever knew them, Except you can borrow about £ 5000 for the time will they come on a pace for the Mills pay, wch will come to above £3000 I dare say & must be made of latter End of April.

The Scarcity that makes the present time unfavourable for selling Estates makes it also disadvantageous for borrowing money. But if you should think of mortgaging Ord, it will probably be best done in London; where money is much easier to be with I believe than here. As to the £5000 w[hi]ch you have upon the Trust Estate. Do not know how it is to be come at but by selling Woodcroft & Dotland Park at a proper time; the former is let at £90 a year & up at £107. as Mr Darwin has y[ou]r Writings of these Estates he can judge whether a distinct independent Title can be made out for them.

With respect to the importing Champagne in French bottles & the other articles. I will inquire & write what I learn in a post or two.

I rejoice at your good health & heartily wish you a long continuance of it. I am he. HR

**4 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Revd Dr Sharp  
At Hartburn

Newcastle 4<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1764

I received a letter lastnight from Sir W[alte]r Blackett in wch he directs me to get an article prepared for the purchase of Mollersteads agreeable to the conditions insisted upon by Mr Thirlwell for it : but before I speak to Mr Dodds who I understand is Mr Thirlwells Attorney

abo[u]t this matter I shall be glad to know, if you can inform me Mr Thirlwells Christian name & his proper Additions & also the proper description of the Estate to be conveyed & the time wch has been proposed for y[ou]r paym[en]t of the purchase money, with any other particulars wch may occur to you as necessary to be included in the intended article.

As soon as I am favoured with your answer I shall wait upon Mr Dodds & get him to draw up article accordingly. One part of wch I will send to Sir W[alte]r to execute & the other, if you please will send to <your> or leave with Mr Dodds. to get Mr Thirlwell to execute as you think best. The proper time for paym[en]t of the purchase money I think should be on the Execution and Exchange of the Deeds of Conveyance of this Estate to Sir Walter; unless any other time has been fixed: tho[ugh] I think it cannot prudently be sooner than that.

I shall wait upon you at Hartburn or any where else that you please to appoint whenever you think my doing so will tend to further Sir W[alte]r Blacketts intentions in this matter.

I am he

HR

**6 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Hutchinson**

To Mr Willm Hutchinson Attorney  
at Law at Mr Joseph Hayes's in  
the Bailey Durham

Newcastle 6<sup>th</sup> Feby 1764

Sir I recd your lre requiring my attending the Com[mission]n at Durham this week in the Cause between Mr Bowes & Mr Loftus & have waited till this morning expecting to hear as you said I would from George Wood about the chaise; but as I did not hear from him I sent this morning after him & find he has failed in his business and is now in privacy at Mrs Chandlers at Gisbrough. I therefore desire to know what you would have me to do, that is, whether I must take a chaise alone.

I am sorry to put Mr Bowes to the expense, but as the weather is so uncertain & I have had a cold upon me for sometime, I hope he will think that Conveyance allowable. If so I desire to have immediate answer & if possible I will be at Mr Hayse's in Durham on Fryday morning before ten o'clock. I shall expect your answer by Thursday's post otherwise shall conclude you do not need my Attendance.

I am he

H R

**7 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[ne]t MP  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 7<sup>th</sup> Feby 1764

Hon[our]ed Sir The proprietors of the bottle houses here will make no opposition by what I can learn to the Importation of 500 or even a thousand doz[e]n of champagne in French bottles, provided the Importation is confined to the port of London ; otherwise a great opening will be given for Fraud & smuggling, to the prejudice of the manufactory as well as the Revenue.

Mr Silvertop had a lease of your twelfth of Stella Coll[er]y at £40 a year wch he quitted at Crmas 1760, before the lease expired. If he will take her again upon the same terms, & execute such another lease, I do not see any objection to it; but believe it is as much as you will get for your share in that Colleiry.

As to the division of Bolbec Common, I do not suppose Mr Baker can do anything in it this Sessions; tho[ugh] he had got the petition signed by above 30 of the freeholders. Mr Robson,

who viewed the Comon as well as the In Grounds, thinks it your Intrest & the interest of the majority in value of the proprietor to divide It all as one Comon : but Mr Silvertop wants a division by parishes; & then he will set up the award made by Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood, wch Will bring him in for a better share than he apprehends he will get by the general division proposed. Against this the freeholders say Sir Lancelots' Award upon Mr Bakers' & Mr Silvertops reference to him, will not conclude them: and, so far as I understand It, it will not. Yet whether this Comon is as Mr Baker asserts All one intire Comon or it is three Commons, appropriated to the three several parishes of Slaley Shotley & Bywell St Peter will be difficult to determine & therefore it would be imprudent in Mr Baker to push the Bill forward till this difficulty is removed.

I have communicated the printed papers you sent about the Coal trade to the principal Coal Burners & fitters here; & find by them that the Author is very little acquainted with the trade he treats of, further than what may relate to the practices of the Crimps, Lightermen & Undertakers in London. His calculation of the project made by a ship of 24 keels in one voyage is about three times more than the people who know the trade best can reckon it to. He begins with telling the public that Coals are sold at Newcastle by the keel of 10 Chald[ron]s whereas a keel is no more than 8 Chald[ron]s. He then proceeds to his acct of the charge on a loading of coals, but has omitted many articles, Namely 3d a London Chald[ro]n for the Church duty. 6d for the Orphans Duty, the Scorage wch after the metage is deducted, will be above 1s the Crimpage, wch will be about 2d all on the London Chald[ro]n. & he has forgot the Duke of Richmond's 12d p Newcastle Chald[ron]s & the Towns dues 5d & the several Lighthouses 7  $\frac{3}{4}$  both on a Newcastle Chald[ro]n wch 3 last Articles will come nearly to 1.1  $\frac{1}{2}$  on a London Chald[ro]n. There are several other omissions, but these amount to 5s.9d p[er] London Chald[ro]n. Besides he charges the Capt[ai]ns Mates & Seamens wages lower than they will sail for. & allows them too little provision for their voyage. But as to the fixing the Seamen's wages, or the freights or profits of Masters or Owners of Ships, it would be a remedy worse than the disease by discouraging their Navigation & sending the Ships into other trades, where they are left at liberty to make what profit they can. Extreains in trade soon bring their own remedy ; it will therefore soon be seen that, if the profits by carrying Coal to London are excessive those profits will bring more ships into the trade; & that they will, if all exclusive priviledges & combinations of the dealers in London were put an End to, under work one another, till their profits are reduced as low as if nature of the Navigation will allow.

Inclosed I return Dr Sharp's letters; I have wrote to him, & and as soon as I get his answer I will wait upon Mr Dodds abo[u]t the Article.

I have wrote to the Grove Stewards to be ready to come down ag[ain]st your Arrival. As soon as you can fix the Day, I will send Word to them of it. I am he HR

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**12 Feb 1764    From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To R[ichard] Wilson Esq[uir]e at Leeds

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Feby    1764

Inclosed is Joseph Kings bill on Frazer & Wharton for Two hundred & Sixty nine pounds, Eighteen Shillings & Sixpence: being the balance of my acco[un]t of West Kenton Rents due Mayday last. of which acco[un]t I have herewith sent you two parts, one signed by me, the other I desire you will sign & return ; & that you will please by the return of the post, to advise me of the Receipt of the Bill; as delaying such advice causes apprehensions of a miscarriage. Inclosed also is Miss Headlam's Receipt for the £20 int[e]rest Money, wch is charged in my said Acco[un]ts. P.S. The Surveyor tells me he is now at leisure, but Mr King says it may be as well to postpone making a new plan; as they intend making some further Subdivisions of the fields.



I hope you continue your intentions of taking a survey yourself of the Estate in the Spring, as you once talked of. I am he      HR

£269.18.6

Newcas[tle] February 1764

Thirty days after date Pay to Henry Richmond or Order Two hundred & sixty nine pounds Eighteen Shillings & Sixpence Value in acco[unt]s with Richard Wilson Esq[ui]re as advised by Joseph King

To Frazer & Wharton Merch[an]ts in London

**14 Feb 1764    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett, Baro[ne]t MP  
In Halfmoon Street Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> Feby      1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir    I have received the thousand pounds of Mr Simpson for your Bond & have charged it in my Cash acco[un]t.

That Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie have of late years been the principal purchasers of your lead has been owing to the War: wch turned that trade chiefly into the hands of Merchants in London for whom they are concerned & it has been advantageous to you that they gave your lead the [the] preference :for the other lead Merchants here who used to have the foreign Comissions, Except Mr Ra Carr have had little to do in this trade. Probably the demand will increase this year & foreign Comissions find their Way again to this post, as before the War Mr Simonds used to buy lead at this post, & I find he corresponds with Peareth & Lorsbie. I wish he would employ them to buy lead of you. Mr Bawn & some others whose circumstances require it, are selling parcels of 3 or 400 p[ie]ce[s] at 14.5.0 p[er] Fother wch is a great Reduction.

Rob[er]t Wall who is nephew to the Towns Marshall, was a freeholder & voted for Mr Vane & Mr Shaftoe thro[ugh] his Uncle's influence on your Acco[un]t but he has since proved a very indiscreet irregular young Man, & has used his Uncle very ill, tho[ugh] 3 or £400 advanced him & other kindnesses deserved better treatment.

As to the Road Bill, some copies have been sent down & people seem to be pretty well acquainted of the nature of it. Mr Ord had one from Mr Delaval & has sent him some observations upon it. I find he & the other Coal Owners want to have the Water Sale Collieries Exempt but think it reasonable that Landsale Collieries should be charged ; the former do no damage to the Highways, as the Coals are conveyed from the p[er]ts along Ways, made on purpose, quite down to the Riverside. As to Leadmines it will not be reasonable to charge them ;because the Lands in the parishes where they are wrought owe their value almost intirely to them. I am

H R

**14 Feb 1764    From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To William Robson  
At Wallington

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> Feby      1764

Sir I am sorry to hear of George Pringle's Death. I am afraid Sir Walter will be a Sufferer by him, notwithstanding you have so good an acco[un]t of his stock. You have certainly done right in dispatching Mr Liddel & Mr Laidler to secure all that can be come at. You know he has paid

no Rent & therefore owes £225 for a year and a halves' Rent due Martin[mas] last. As to the half year's Rent due next Mayday, the Way going Crop if he has sown any thing, will I hope pay that at least. I am glad you are better; I wish you perfect Health; but you won't for sometime be well enough to undertake a Journey to Berwick, therefore pray make yourself as easy as possible in the mean time. I am he

H R

**15 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t M.P.  
In Halfmoon Street Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> Febry 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Peareth says the 5d a Chald[ron] is a Duty which the Town of Newcastle has taken time imemorially of every Person who exports Coals; unless he is free of this Town, or of the Cinque ports or certain other ports to the number of 26 in all. & that it is for the Conservatorship of the River. As to the Tickett money he says it is only a Shilling for each Ship each Voyage, & is paid to the Ballast Officer who keeps a regular acco[un]t of what each ship brings in. I am afraid this Business will engage you against your Health, but as Mr Ridley proposes setting out for London on Monday next, he will be up time enough, I hope to save you a great deal of trouble.

The selling Winlaton would make your Lead Carriage liable to many way leaves wch it is now clear of, & to Combinations among the Carriagemen for price wch your Tenants by moving first with the Lead have often put an End to. I am he

HR

**15 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq  
At Leeds

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> Febry 1764

Sir I find by the Gazette wch came here last night that a Comission of Bankrupt is awarded against Frazer & Wharton on whom Joseph King drew the Bill I sent you. I have seen him this Morning & if you have not sent the Bill to London he desires you will return it to me. & he will give me either another Bill or Cash as you choose. If the Bill should be gone to London I desire when you get it back that you will please to return it with the two Acco[un]ts I sent you; & then I shall as soon as I get an Equivalent of Messrs Kings remit it to you with other Acco[un]ts in lieu of those I sent you in my Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant.

I am sorry for the delay which this Accident will occasion you in point of payment. But Mr King did always insist that in the Winter Half year his bill should be taken for the Rent. But that hereafter will be as you shall choose. I am he

H R

**17 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To John Fenwick Esq[ui]re in  
Roberts's Place York

Newcaqs[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> Febry 1764

Sir I received your Ire of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t requiring Sir W[alte]r Blackett to pay you Five hundred pounds on the 12<sup>th</sup> May next in part of his & Mr Peareth's joint Bond to you for £2000.

I have not yet heard from Sir W[alte]r to whom you say you have wrote about it, but I make no doubt the money will be ready. Only in the mean time I think it proper to acquaint you ; that as I remember that this bond was assigned by you to your Father in law Mr Ward, it will be absolutely necessary before the said lien can be paid you for Mr Ward to join with you in an Endorsement upon the said Bond to the following Effect, to wit, 1764 May 12<sup>th</sup> Received of Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[n]e by Henry Richmond the sum of Five hundred pounds ; being part of the principal sum of £ 2000 received by the written Bond; I say received the same by & with the Approbation & consent of William Ward Esq[ui]re testified by his being a party hereto : All interest due on the said principal sum of £2000 being paid to this day. And besides this, it will also be necessary that an Endorsement be made by Mr Ward upon the said Assignment from you to Mr Ward, as follows, 1764 May 12<sup>th</sup> I do acknowledge that the Sum of Five hundred pounds, part of the principal sum of £2000 secured by the within recited Bond from Sir W[alte]r Blackett & Wm Peareth Esq to Mr Fenwick Esq[ui]re wch Bond is Assigned to me by Virtue of the within written deed, has this day been paid to the said Mr Fenwick Esq[ui]re by & with the approbation & consent of me the within mentioned Will[ia]m Ward Esq[ui]re. As to paying the money by means of Mr Hull, I do not see how that can be practicable for I must see that these Endorsements are properly made & signed & attested before I can part with the money.

I am very sorry you are to have so much trouble before the Money can be paid. But it all arises from your having assigned the Bond as aforesaid, with the knowledge & privity of Sir W[alte]r Blacketts Agents. And I am advised by Mr Waddington that it will not be safe for Sir Walter to pay either the whole or any part of the Money without Mr Wards concurrence as is here mentioned.

As to Franks, I am sorry I cannot send you any; for Sir W[alte]r is in London & I have none that I can spare. I am he

H R

**24 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Rich[ard] Ellis's  
In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 24 Feby 1764

Sir I am sorry that Allendale petty tithes cannot be at the old Rent of £100 a year. I do not see any reason for it except the Scarcity of Fodder last Spring has lessened the number of lambs, calves etc. But tho[ugh] the old Tithes may have suffered by that calamity there is now a better prospect for new ones. Seven pounds a year is a great abatement, without any assignable Cause ; & therefore, unless you are satisfied that the ninety three pounds is as much as these tithes are likely to be worth I should think it right for Sir W[alte]r to draw them : if you can procure him proper Agents for the purpose ; especially as you seem to suspect that there is a kind of confederacy among the people about Allendale not to bid for these tithes : to the end that they may have them the cheaper. But as to this matter, Mr Ellis & you together can tell very well what judgement to make; & Sir W[alte]r Blackett I dare say will readily acquiesce in what you shall think best to be done. With my compliments to Mr Ellis. I am he

H R

**24 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson  
at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 24 Feby 1764



Sir I am very glad you are so much better; & glad to find you think Sir Walter will be no loser by George Pringle. I do not see that you have had more than two sums of me last year ; to wit £300 on the 17<sup>th</sup> May & £250 on the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r. I am very much afraid Sir W[alte]r will suffer by Anth[on]y Hunter & George Browne. the former owes £340 due martin[ma]s last & the latter owes £367.10.0 due at the same time. P.S. inclosed is Mr Atkinson's Note wch I desire you will examine & sign & return to me as soon as convenient. I am he HR

**25 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Sleigh**

To William Sleigh Esq[ui]re  
at Stockton

Newcas[t]le 25 Feby 1764

Sir I thank you for your favour of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst[an]t. I find thereby that Lead has been sold at Stockton proportionably with other ports as well as this. At this port about 8000 p[ie]ce[s] have been sold lately at £14.5.0 p[er] Fother for the Comon sort & £14.10.0 for the refined. But I made a stop yesterday & refused to sell 1000 p[ie]ce[s] of the Comon under £14.10.0 p[er] Fother.

When one reflects upon the great quantity of Lead that has been bought at the several ports so early in the year, & upon the severall quan[t]ities remaining at market & also that little can be brought for two or even three months to come it makes one hope that those who have any left at market may get a better price for it than the present. I am he HR

**29 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bacon**

To John William Bacon Esq[ui]re  
At Newton cap near Durham

Newcas[t]le 29 Feby 1764

Sir In June last I gave Mr Rutter the usual Acco[un]ts of your proportion of Weardale Rents, for the year 1762, amounting to £126.9s.3d ; & desired he would let me have that money in a month or two : Because I was satisfied you would choose to reimburse Sir W[alte]r Blackett as soon as you knew what your proportion came to. As I have spoke to Mr Rutter for this money several times, to no purpose ; I am under a Necessity of troubling you, & of begging you will give directions for the payment of It. I am he H R

**29 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]et M.P.  
In half moon Street Picadilly London

Newcas[t]le 29 Feby 1764

Hon[our]d Sir Inclosed is one part of the Article for the purchase of Mollersteads, wch I have just got from Mr Dodds. Mr Fawcett has perused & approved of it ; & if you please to execute it before two witnesses & return it, I shall exchange it for the other part which Mr Dodds says Mr Thirlwell has executed & left with him. The purchase money is to be paid on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May next, in case Mr Fawcett when the title is laid before him, shall think it sufficient. I have a letter from Mr Fenwick of York requiring very peremptorily, to have £500 part of your Bond for £2000 paid him on the 12<sup>th</sup> May next. He says he has wrote to you about it. I apprehend he will find some difficulty in getting you a proper discharge on acco[un]t of the

assignment wch he has made of this Bond to his Father in Law Mr Ward: without whose concurrence under his hand no part of this £2000 can safely be paid. I have spoke to Mr Widdrington who was concerned in drawing this assign[en]t to Mr Ward & shall indeavour to get this point adjusted.

I have sold 6500 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead, to be paid for about the beginning of May. But I could get no more for it than £14.5s.0d a Fother for the Comon & £14.10s.0d for the refined. This being the Par of other markets. I think a better price may be expected in the course of the next month; as I find very large quantities have been bought at the several ports & there is no possibility of bringing the new stocks to market for two or three months to come.

We have had 4 or 5 days of very severe weather & the country is covered deep with snow. P.S. I hope Gen[era]l Howard is still living ; he is one of the Lives in the lease of Redburn;wch you hold of Sherburn hospital & let for £48 a year.

The Perry is arrived safe & sent to Wallington all but about ten doz[e]n as you ordered.

I am he

H R

### 29 Feb 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcas[t]le 29<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1764

Sir Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Co Bill for two hundred & twenty pounds as above; wch I send you on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments made & to be made by you in London for Sir W[alte]r Blackett before 1<sup>st</sup> April next. I desire you will place the same to Sir W[alte]r's acco[un]t & send me by the return of the post the usual Receipt for this Remittance wch I wish I could have made sooner, but it was not practicable.

I thank you for the trouble you have had in your Inquiries about Mr Lowthian, who is now my Brother in Law. I did not design you so much of my Family Business w without Recompence, but as you choose it so, I shall say no more only beg you will believe me ready at all times to do you any service in my power.

Last week I shipt on board the Will[ia]m & Jane. Fergus Forster Master a Net of Salmon wch I desire you will accept. I am he

H R

No. 11148 £220 Newcas[t]le 21<sup>st</sup> Febr'y 1764

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Two hundred & twenty Pounds Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

To Messrs Vere Glynn & Halifax London  
Pay the contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or Order Hen[r]y Richmond  
<End[orse]d p[ar]t 6>

### 3 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell

To John Bell at  
Hexham

Newcas[t]le 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1764

I see by this days news paper that there is an Estate at Anick, now in possession of Geo[rge] Rochester, To be sold and that the Coll[ie]rys and other Royalties under the same are also to be sold along with it. I desire you will consult Mr Ellis and let me have his and your Opinions

whether the owner of this Estate has a Right to the Royalties, for it is within the Manor of Anick grainge. I should suppose Sir W[alte]r Blackett will be intitled to the Royalties thereof. I find it is an Opinion propagated industriously of late, that all Mines and other Royalties within the several freehold Estates in the Manors of Hexham & Anickgrainge belong to the freeholders and not to the Lord& they do not stick at claiming them even in the allotm[en]ts made to freehold Estates on the late division of Hexham Comons notwithstanding the reservation in the Act of parliament. This to be sure is Vain and ridiculous, But as to the others wch are claimed with more Confidence, such as this Estate at Anick, one at Spittle, another Harwood Sheel & another at Bishopside, I should be glad to know what Mr Ellis thinks of their pretensions. For it will be necessary for Sir Walter to assert his leigning or else these notions will prevail more & more every day.

I have met with a paper wherein mention is made of an order that was sett at the Head Court held at Hexham on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec[embe]r in the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of the reign of] Henry 8<sup>th</sup> touching the Custom of Hexham Mills. I should be glad to know whether you have Records of so antient a date & whether you can find this or any subsequent orders of the like nature, for they will be of service. I am he or etc

H R

**5 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> March 1764

Sir On Saturday last I sent you by Mr Laycock the London Carrier a piece of fine silver weighing Six hundred & fifty six Ounces, which I desire you will place to acco[un]t with Sir W[alte]r Blackett as usual, at the market price; & advise me on your Receipt of it.

I am he

H R

**7 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[uir]e  
At Leeds

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> March 1764

Sir Inclosed is Bell and Co's bill on Vere & Co for One hundred & Seventy pounds Eighteen Shillings; being the balance of the Acco[un]t of West Kenton Rents due at Mayday last as you will see by the inclosed account which I have signed.

You will please to advise me of your receipt of the above Bill; & to sign and return me the Copy, which I have also inclosed you, of the said Account.

Mr King agrees to pay legal legal int[e]rest for the arrear from this day till martin[ma]s neat, unless he discharges it sooner. I am he etc or he

H R

Note in margin P.S. Yo[u]r order as to Messrs <Keadlessy> int[e]r[es]t extended no further than <towt> was then due < part missing> that on any future occasion I shall want a fresh order.

No 11200 £170.18.0

Newcast[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> March 1764

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond One hundred Seventy Pounds Eighteen Shillings

Value received

For Bell, Cookson Carr Airey & self Joseph Saint

To Messrs Vere Glynn & Hallifax London

Pay the Contents to Rich[ar]d Wilson Esq[ui]re or Order Value in Acco[unts] Henry Richmond  
<En[dorse]d> p[er] P.S.

**12 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bro[ne]t MP in  
Halfmoon Street Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> March 1764

Hon[our]d Sir The demand for Lead at this point in the Year 1760.61 & 62 was not sufficient to take off your whole quantity; and this, rather than a Refusal of the current price in hopes of a better, was the cause of its accumulating. The price in 1760 was down at £11 p[er] Fother; wch was £20 a Fo[the]r lower than your Lead had cost you ; But so much of It as could be got off last Year was sold at a price better by £38 & ½ p[er] Cent[um] than if you had sold it in 1760 & even the present price is better by £29b & ½ p[er] Cent[um] than that would have been. The 6500 p[ie]ce[s] are not yet delivered but will come to about £6000 & you have as much more at market wch I shall endeavour to sell as soon and as well as I can for I doubt the price will decline further after the new stocks come down.

I reckon I shall be able to pay Mr Fenwick without drawing for the £500 you have borrowed in London.

All that has happened at Allanheads, to occasion report, is that in cutting cross to the Sun (East of the Gins) they have met with a great shake or hollow in the Low Limestone; where they have got a bing or two of ore; but there is no prospect of more at present.

As to Coalcleugh she was beginning to wear a better face; but a feeder of Water is broke out in the great Limestone, under the low level; wch was the most hopefull part of the Grove & Mr Westgarth is now struggling with it.

I have got Mr Thirlwells part of the Article for the purchase of Mollersteads in exchange for yours; and have acquainted Dr Sharp of it who writes me that the Governors of Queen Anns bounty have approved of the estate to be purchased for Whitley Chapel.

I am sorry for Mr Blackett; for at his time of life nature can scarce have strength to recover such a shock.

I hope you are better of your cold, and that better weather and your journey to Newcastle dissipate it intirely. I am he

H R

Note in margin P.S.

I reckon above 30000 pieces of L[ea]d will be del[ivere]d to Blaydon this Y[ea]r. But how much before 1<sup>st</sup> Aug[us]t I cannot say- perhaps half. I have known very confident sales so late as told In that month you will Have a very Large sum to pay to yo[u]r Miners, for wch provision must be made by selling before 1<sup>st</sup> Aug[u]st.

**13 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[erend] Dr Sharp at Hartburn  
near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> March 1764

Sir I received your Letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, but am afraid the Title deeds of Mollersteads cannot be sent to London, for the Estate is Mortgaged and I find there will be no small difficulty in getting the Mortgagee to part with the deeds even to a Council in the Country. Might not the

Governors of Queen Ann's Bounty, by appointing some person there or at Durham, whom they can depend upon, to Examine the Title, receive as much Satisfaction as by sending the Deeds to London?

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as convenient; and in the mean time shall desire Mr Dodds to prepare a full abstract of the Deeds. I am he HR

**13 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Rich[ar]d Ellis's Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> March 1764  
in Hexham

Sir I am glad you are at last offered the old Rent for Allandale Tithes: and as from what you say about them, that Rent appears to be as much as can be expected for them, I think Sir W[alte]r Blackett will have no objection at all to your letting them to Will[ia]m Lee for nine Years with Liberty to quit at the end of the third and Sixth Year. If you have any doubt about Lees Sufficiency, he should certainly give Security either by an able pasture or by a Bond for two or three Years Rent, if you think that Sufficient; for you can judge better of it than I can do. I should be glad to know whether Mollersteads Estate, which lyes near Whitley Chapel is all Freehold, for formerly a third part of it was Copyhold, as I see by some old Records. You have heard no doubt that Sir Walter is about purchasing this Estate and intends to settle it upon the Chapel. I have not yet seen the title deeds, but the Owner says it is a Freehold, however I shall be glad to hear from you about it as soon as you can. I am he HR

**16 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Rich[ar]d Ellis's in Newcas[tle] 16<sup>th</sup> March 1764  
Hexham

Sir Rob[er]t Bell may be very easy as to the trespass he has committed in going into Mr William Erringtons grounds: tho[ugh] it would have been better if he had not meddled with the Corfrods there; because it seems by your Lre that there is no proof, yet obtained, of this being all cut in Anickgrainge Estate. He should have brought you the person's name that cut them; & then information might have been made before two Justices, and they would have apprehended him, & he would have been punished. But, as these Corfrods are taken and brought to you, you must keep them for the present; till we see whether Mr Will[ia]m Errington will interest himself or no in the Matter. And in the mean time you should try to see the offender, by going quietly to himself if he does not live too far from you & learning of him who set him to work? And how many of these 19 bunches were cut in Anick grainge Liberty? If he will not satisfy your inquiries you may tell him that he will most certainly be prosecuted for cutting Sir W[alte]r Blacketts Wood. After this let me hear from you further for Sir Walter will by that time probably be come into the Country and then I shall take his directions what to do in this Matter; either as to prosecuting the Man, or talking to Mr Errington as his Employer which I expect he will be found to have been. I am etc HR

**18 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> March 1764



in Hexham

Sir                    The Bill of Costs, which my Brother sent you, in the cause against those who grind from Hexham Mills, was sent in Consequence of what Mr Ellis had said, that he believed several of the Defendants would submit. So that you should apply chiefly, if not solely, to those whom Mr Ellis expected would do so. Lest Sir Walters moderation should be misconstrued.

I agree with you that it will be right to postpone eceHearing> in this matter for a week, for the Reason you give.

I have shown your Letter to Mr Widdrington & Co; so far as relates to Flour and Meal being sold publickly, at all times, which I suppose is quite a new thing in Hexham. Pray ask Mr Ellis if it was not Customary in his remembrance to seize the meal bringing into Hexham, which had not been ground at Tyne Mills. And what part the Hexham Millers take for Moulter and whether there has ever been any Variation in the Quantity of the Moulter that he has ever heard of. I expect Sir Walter will be here in two or three Days; so should be glad to hear from you about the Corfrods. I am etc  
H R

**20 March 1764    From Henry Richmond to Hill**

To Mr Hill at Manfield  
near Darlington

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> March 1764

Sir                    Sir Walter Blackett is sorry to give you so much trouble; but the hams & <Cheeks> which you send are so much better than any he meets with here that I will be obliged to you if you will send half a doz[e]n of each sort directed to him in Newcastle as soon as you can conveniently meet with them. And I will desire Mr Darwin to pay you for them, unless you can < .....> me in any Way of reimbursing you sooner. I am etc  
H R

**23 March 1764    From Henry Richmond to John Cross**

To Mr John Cross  
in Leeds, Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1764

Sir                    Inclosed herewith are copies of two letters which have passed between Mr J[o]n[atho]n Fenwick of York and me about £500 part of £2000 owing him upon Sir W[alte]r Blacketts & William Peaseth Esq[ui]re joint Bond dated I believe the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1758 at £4 perCent[u]m; wch £500 Mr Fenwick wants Sir Walter to pay him in on the 12<sup>th</sup> May next. But there will be a Difficulty in his getting Sir Walter a Sufficient discharge for this Sum unless Some person at Leeds, whom Sir W[alte]r can depend upon will take the Trouble of seeing two Endorsement made in such Terms as are mentioned in the inclosed Copy of my Letter to Mr Fenwick. One of them to be made upon the Bond and the other upon the assignment thereof to Mr William Ward, his Father in Law as a Security for an Annuity of £70 a year payable to the said Mr Ward. You will see by Mr Fenwicks Letter that he has proposed getting you to attend the making these Endorsement[s] and I have mentioned this to Sir Walter who desires you will take the trouble of doing this piece of Business, in case Mr Fenwick apply's to you about it. It will be right that you should read so much of the Bond and Assignm[en]t as to satisfy yourself that the said Endorsement[s] are made upon such a Bond and such an Assignm[en]t as are here in part described. And when they are made you will be so good as testify the same to me and let me know the date of the Bond. For after this is done I am to agree to Mr Fenwick's drawing a

Bill upon me for the said £500 and the half Years intrest of the whole £2000 due the 12<sup>th</sup> May. The regular Way to have settled this matter would have been for Mr Fenwick to have brought the Bond and the assign[en]t hither, that the Endorsement might have been made and the money paid here; but I suppose Mr Ward is not able to travail so far and that he is not willing to part with his Security out of his own hand. So there is no Way but this. For Sir Walter cannot safely pay the whole or any part of this £2000 without Mr Wards Concurrence under his hand. I shall be very glad to hear that you are well. P.S. Sir Walter came here last Monday and is a good deal better of the cold which he had before he came from London. I am etc H R

**23 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr Fenwick Esq[ui]re in  
Roberts's Place York

Newcas[tle] the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1764

Sir The regular Way for the payment of the five hundred pounds, wch you want in part of Sir W[alter] Blacketts and W[ilia]m Peareth Esq[ui]re's joint Bond to you for £2000, would have been for the Indorsement to be made & the money paid here for my coming over to Leeds is not practicable : however as Sir Walter is willing to accommodate you I have wrote to Mr < In.> Cross of Leeds as, you proposed ; and have desired him, in case you should apply to him to attend the making the said Endorsement, in such Form as so contained in my last Letter to you, of which I have sent him a Copy. And after they are made he will acquaint me of it, & then I can pay the Money to Mr Hull as you mention. Only, in your Letter of advice of your Bill, you will please express that you have drawn a Bill on me payable to Mr Hull for £547.10.0; of which Sum is in part of Sir W[alte]r Blackett's & William Peareth Esq[ui]re joint Bond to you for £2000 agreeable to an Endorsement made by you and Mr Ward upon the said Bond. And that the rest of your said Draught, to wit £47.10.0 is in full for half a years intrest of the said £2000 due 12<sup>th</sup> May 1764.

If all this is properly done I hope you will meet with no disappointment. It is necessary it should be done, that Sir Walter may be safe & that I may have a sufficient Voucher to my Acco[un]t with him for the payment of this £547.10.0. I am etc H R

Note in margin

Sir W[alte]r agreed to advance this intr[es]t to 4 ¾ p[er] Cent sometime ago; Money being scarce.

**27 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Rich[ar]d  
Ellis's in Hexham

Newcas[tle] the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1764

Sir

I have acquainted Sir W[alte]r Blackett of all you have wrote me about the Corfrods, cut in his Estate at Anick grainge; and as the thing was done in a clandestine manner, without permission, and you have sufficient proof by Thomas Bewick, besides the Man's own Confession, Sir Walter orders that Complaint be made before two Justices, or at the Sessions ; if they happen to be held at Hexham within six months from the Comitting the Offence. You will see in Burn, under the Title Wood Section the 7<sup>th</sup>, how you are to proceed. As to the Man's saying Mr W[ilia]m Errington set him to work that may only be an Cause, or hopwever true it may be, it is

no Satisfaction or Security to Sir W[alte]r, who wants to prevent such practices for the future; and therefore he chuses to have the Offender examined and the Fact proved and then let the Justices do as they think the Nature of his Offence deserves. But previous to this it would be well if you can get the Man to show you which are the 6 bunches that he cut in Mr J[o]n[atho]n Errington's Estate that they may be carried back to the place they were taken from. But if he cannot or will not do so much then 6 of the best bunches out of 19 wch Rob[er]t Bell brought away should be carried back.

Inclosed herewith I send you your Appointm[en]t executed by Sir Walter, and wish you joy of it.

As to the Bill of Costs against the Offenders against the Mills amounting you say to £24.12.4 it is to be divided equally among the whole Number of the Def[endan]ts in the Cause; and those who submit are only to pay their own part of that Sum. You know the Number of these Def[endan]ts exactly, as the Subpeenas were sent to you.. And you have the form of the Submission to be signed by them. And one must be prepared for each of them that are peaceably inclined. & put two or three Questions in my Lre of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t wch I should be glad to receive some answer to. For Sir W[alte]r will certainly proceed against the Offenders against the Mills. And in order to this, after you have got such as are willing to sign the proper Submission you are to let Mr Widdrington and Co know the Names of such of the Def[endan]ts as have not submitted, you will also let them know the Name of the present Miller, and caution him not to give discharges to the people who are to be continued Def[endan]ts in the cause otherwise they will alledge that in their answers : which will appear strange, as the Bill is to be brought in his Name.

Also those who now sell Flour and Meal in the manner you mentioned I desire you will write Mr Widdrington & Co whether they are resiants that do so, or only Servants of foreign Millers that cannot be supposed to consume any part of their stock within their own houses; and it will be proper that you should send the Names of three or four of the principal of these Innovators that you suppose may use any Flour not Ground at the Mills and in the mean time you are to go and discharge them all from selling Flour & Meal as it is contrary to the Custom of the Hexham Mills and a great injury to the Lord of the Manor & tell them that if they will continue to do so Sir Walter will be obliged to prosecute them. This is what Mr Widdrington advises to be done directly. And as this Cause is put into his hands you are to correspond with him & partner about every Matter that relates to it as that will be the better way than writing to me about them. P.S. When the 6 bunches of Corfrods are carried back you should go & acquaint either Mr W[ilia]m Errington or his Steward Mr Donkin of it and pray let me know whether Rob[er]t Bell took them away out of Mr W[ilia]m or Mr J[o]n[atho]n Errington's Ground. I am etc  
H R

### 31 March 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick

To John Fenwick Esq[ui]re in  
Roberts's Place York

Newcas[tle] the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1764

Sir I rec[eive]d your Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> instant ; and as you say Mr Hall cannot accomodate you with money for your Draught upon me. I see no Way left but for you to receive the £547.10.0 of me here. For as to my sending you Bills, you cannot depend upon it; for they are very scarce here & it may not be in my power to get one that will Suit your Time and Sum. There is a further Difficulty which attends this Way of transacting this Business and which is the Necessity of my having a Receipt in the particular form mentioned in my last Letter before I can part with the Money. For as the Endorsements on the Bond and the assignments remain with

you. They alone cannot be a sufficient discharge for Sir W[alte]r Blackett, nor any Voucher to my Accounts. And the having a proper one on the paym[en]t of so large a Sum is what I must carefully attend to.

The Endorsements being made in Mr Cros's presence, and his acquainting me thereof, which I Conclude he will lose no time in doing will answer the good purpose of saving Mr ward a journey nither or his sending the Bond and assignment over; which would otherwise have been Necessary. I am etc  
H R

**2 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1764

Sir Inclosed is Peareth & Sorsbies' Bill on Freeman & Hainbanks for Two hundred & Eighty Pounds which I desire you will place to my acco[un]t and advise me of the Receipt of. This Bill is to inable you to pay the half year's int[e]r[es]t due to Mrs Sambroke & to Messrs Viner & Glover on the 27<sup>th</sup> <.....> for their Mortgage on Hendon. I am he etc H R

Newcas[tle] 24<sup>th</sup> March 1764 p[e]r £280

Twenty two Days after Date Pay Mr Henry Richmond or Order Two hundred & Eighty Pounds, Value in Acco[un]t, as p[er] advice Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks In London

Pay the Contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order Value in Acco[un]ts Hen Richmond

**3 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter  
at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1764

Sir I do not see how you can well make the Mill pay, till at least that part of the Rookhope Lead, which the carriers undertook to bring quite through, is actually brought to Blaydon. The whole quantity of Rookhope Lead that is wanting is 1874 p[ie]ce[s]. So that if even we were to pile the 1000 p[ie]ce[s] that were to be taken from the carriers at Apperley ; still the remainder, to wit 874 p[ie]ce[s] must be brought in before you can reckon with them that have it, as they are bound to deliver it at Blaydon. I shall see Mr Reynaldson this Week, and will desire him to send you an acco[un]t of what he has received from each of these carriers ; that by comparing it with Mr Harrison's delivery to them you may be the better enabled to judge where the said 874 p[ie]ce[s] lye. And you will I dare say apply to them earnestly to bring it in, informing them that if they do not deliver it at Blaydon before the pay you cannot at all reckon with them, & that besides they will be made to answer for what they took up at the Mill and have not delivered at Blaydon. As to John Lidell, who has lost three of the p[ie]ce[s] he took up, Sir Walter orders that you deduct 3 guin[ea]s from his earnings. Which 3 Guin[ea]s you are to make yourself D[ebto]r for in your general acco[un]ts, as that is a better Way than deducting it from your Qua[er]s Acco[un]ts. I find the Quakers Co have already got some of their Lead from Jobling & Yard. Pray tell Mr Salkeld that he has not yet sent me any Acco[un]ts of the produce ( of Dukesfield Mill) last year ; which the other Clerks have done. I am he etc  
H R

**5 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir, I desire you will order Mr Crawhall to deliver to Mr Wm. Westgarth four hundred & fifty pieces of Lead f[ro]m Allanheads Mill for the use of Sir Walter Blacketts Leadmines at Coalcleugh. I am he etc  
H R

**6 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Cross**

To Mr John Cross in Leeds  
Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir I received your Letter of the 3 [rd] inst[an]t ; and thank you for your punctuality about the Endorsements on Sir W[alter]s Bond to Mr Fenwick and on his Assignm[en]t thereof to Mr Ward. Your taking so much trouble in the affair has removed one part of Mr Fenwicks difficulty. But I think he cannot remove the other part without coming to Newcastle himself to receive the Money. For he writes me that Mr Hull cannot give him Cash for his draught on me and therefore he expects I will send him Bills on London. But I do not look upon this as an advisable step. For besides the Endorsement ( wch you know will remain with Mr Ward ) it is necessary that before I part with the Money I should have a Receipt or Letter of Advice, specifying upon what acco[un]t the Money is paid[.] Now it would be very awkward if after Mr Fenwick has got my Bills he should send a Letter of Advice that did not express this properly. For then Sir Walter would not have a Sufficient discharge, neither should I have a sufficient voucher to my Acco[un]t. And what is worse Mr Fenwick perhaps would not be very anxious about satisfying us after his own turn was served. However, I do not see any Reason why any such Risk should be run & therefore have wrote him that the Money will be ready for him here on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. Sir Walter is very well. I am etc  
H R

**6 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To John Fenwick Esq[uir]e in  
Roberts's Place York

Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir As I wrote you in my Letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult, the Endorsements will not be sufficient discharge to Sir W[alter]r Blackett, nor a sufficient voucher to my Acco[un]t with him; unless I have a Receipt for the Money in such form as I wrote you the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult so you will please to consider how you are to manage this, for the Money will be ready for you here on the 12<sup>th</sup> May next, or if you can draw upon me for it, It will be paid in Case you send me a Letter of Advice in Time, worded in the Way I mentioned. I am sorry Mr Hull cannot accommodate you as you expected, but that is not my Fault. As to my sending you Bills upon London for the Money, I cannot do it; for the Reasons mentioned in my last Lre: for I must first have a Receipt. I should be very glad to save you the journey, or any Trouble that I could: but you must permit me to act with safety in an affair of so much Consequence.  
If you cannot draw upon me, nor receive the whole money here yourself, I see no way left but for you to sign the inclosed Receipts and send them on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> May : and then I will endeavour to get you a Bill or Bills for the whole money, payable at 25 or 30 Days from that Date; wch as soon as you receive it will be necessary for you to advise me of; mentioning what



Bills they are, and for what Sum; otherwise I shall of course apprehend they have miscarried and shall be obliged to Stop Payment. You see all I have in view is only to get this matter transacted in such a Way as will correspond with Sir W[alte]rs Safety and my own ; for I am etc.

Sir     You[r] mo[st] Obed[ie]nt Serv[an]t

H R

1764 May 12<sup>th</sup> Received of Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t by Henry Richmond the Sum of Forty seven pounds ten shillings being in full for half a year's interest of Two thousand pounds due to me this day. Which Two Thousand pounds is secured to me by the said Sir Walter Blackett's and William Peareth Esq[ui]re joint Bond bearing date the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1758. As Witness my Hand.  
£47.10.0

1764 May 12<sup>th</sup> Received of Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t by Henry Richmond the Sum of Five hundred pounds in part of the said Sir Walter Blackett's and William Peareth Esq[ui]re joint Bond to me for Two Thousand pounds dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 1758 Agreeable to an Endorsement made by me and Mr William Ward upon the said Bond this Day All interest on the said Two Thousand pounds being satisfied and paid to me to this day. As Witness my Hand.  
£500.0.0

**9 April 1764     From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To John Fenwick Esq[ui]re in  
Roberts's Place York

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir     I received your Letter of yesterday's date in which you mention that you had signed and sent me the Receipts which I inclosed you in my last, but as I have not received them I suppose you must have forgot them.

You must be sensible that the paying only part of Sir Walter Blackett's Bond is done to accommodate you, & besides that, Sir Walter tells me he did not know that you had by the Assignm[en]t thereof involved the Affair in so much Difficulty, as he has found since he came to Newcastle. However, if you will send me those Receipts by the Return of the Post, and advise me of your Draught to Mr Hull, to become due after the 12<sup>th</sup> May ; I shall as soon as that Day is over, send you a Bill on London at as short a Date as I can get it: & that, in case you advise me by the return of the post of your receiving it, will be immediately negotiable; And there will then be an End of this Affair which has occasioned no small trouble both to you, & etc HR

**10 April 1764     From Henry Richmond to Hill**

To Mr Hill at Manfield near  
Darlington

Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir             Sir Walter Blackett has received the Hams & Cheeks which I wrote to you for; and now I trouble you again to know the Cost of them, & the best Way of reimbursing you. If Mr Darwin and you have any transactions with each other, among wch this little Article can be included, That will afford a ready Way of paying for them; & will write to Mr Dawson as soon as I know what they come to. I am etc  
H R

**10 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir Inclosed herewith you receive Copies of two Deeds of Sale, made by Sir John Fenwick of two messuages ; One of them in the Manor of Hexham and the other in the Manor of Anick grange [note in margin:] via Lilswood, in Hexham & over Bishopside in A[nic]k g[rang]e. And also short state of a case relating thereto, upon which Councils Opinion is wanted. You will by perusing the Grants of these Manors, which you have, be enabled to put this case in a better Form; and when that is done Sir Walter desires you will get Mr Wilbraham's Opinion as soon as you can. For several Owners of Freehold Estates within these Manors, whose Ancestors purchased them of Sir John Fenwick the Lord of the said Manors, have of late pretended to work the Mines and to preserve the Game in such their Estates: though none of their deeds that I have seen are more favourable to such pretensions than the inclosed.

The General point, we want to be satisfied about, is whether the Royalties will be deemed to be Conveyed by a Lord of a Manor on his Selling a Messuage, parcel of his Manor ; tho[ugh] in the Deeds of Sale no mention is made of Mines or any Royalties at all ?

P.S. I have by Sir Walter's Order's directed six Kitt's of Salmon to be sent to you: they will be shipt in a day or two, and he will write you about them. I am etc H R

**10 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

Mr John Fenwick Esq[uir]e in  
Roberts's Place York

Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir I have received the two Receipts and therefore as I wrote you Yesterday your draught to Mr Hull for any Sum under Five hundred and forty seven Pounds ten Shillings will be paid provided it does not become due before the 12<sup>th</sup> May and that you advise me of what Sum you have drawn for & express that it is in part of the two Receipts you sent me for £547.10.0 one of which was for £47.10.0 in full for intr[es]t due to you on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1764 and the other for £500 in part of Sir W[alte]rs and Mr Peareths Bond. This will be necessary as I have given you advice of receiving the receipts. The remainder will be remitted according to what I wrote you Yesterday. P.S. Mr Hull who set out this morning will probably be able to let you have something more than he talked of. I am etc H R

**13 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To the Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir Mr Fawcett has got the Writings of Mollersteads and will examine them and make an abstract of the Title as soon as possible. When that is done he will consider of the Draught for severing Whitley Chapel from the Curacy of Hexham; but he will want to see Mr Graham's Appointm[en]t to that Curacy and copy of it and perhaps this may be more readily obtained by your Application to him than mine but if you think otherwise I shall send to him. I forwarded your Lre to Sir W[alte]r Blackett directly.

Surrenders in the Manor of Hexham can be taken at any time; only they must be Confirmed at the next Court. I am etc H R

**17 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson  
at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir I find George Brown of Fenwick is very much in Debt upon Bonds and Notes; that his Estate is deeply mortgaged: and that his Creditors are growing very uneasy. You will therefore acquaint Sir W[alte]r Blackett of this, and take his directions before he goes for London. I wrote you that Brown's Arrears to Sir Walter was £367.10.0 due Martin[ma]'s last ; and the half year's Rent wch is just due will make his Debt £490.0.0 being just two year's Rent. So pray consider what Security his Stock can afford Sir Walter, and take also into the Consideration that if an Execution should come against It the Sheriff would only pay Sir Walter one year's Rent. & therefore in all probability the remainder, to wit £245 would be lost. He has had warning enough given him by the Messages you have sent him; besides what has passed between him and me. And I am satisfied that from the loose irregular kind of life, wch he is lately fallen into, there is little hopes of his retrieving matters. You know I have also often expressed my Uneasiness about Anthony Hunter, who at May day next will owe Sir W[alte]r £426. I am etc  
H R

**17 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir Sir Walter Blackett told me he had seen Mr William Errington and that there was an End of the Affair about the Corfrods & that he has given you directions accordingly, so I thought it unnecessary to write after you have given the Six Bunches that were cut in Mr J[o]n[atho]n Erringtons Ground to his Agent Mr Bullock, as Sir Walter ordered; then you may sell the other thirteen to Mr Robson, or any Body else and whatever you get for them must be charged particularly in your Rental. Mr Robson must not take them to Gunnerton Coll[ie]ry without paying you something for them. When the Submission is signed by the Offenders against the Mills, the original should be kept among the Records at Hexham; but it will be very proper to find me a copy of it to be kept in Sir W[alte]r's Office here. P.S. I desire to know how much money you think you can let me have about the middle of next month, along with the £300 wch Mr Ellis says he has ready for me. I am etc H R

**20 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir Sir Walter mentioned your taking either Mr Wilbrahams or Mr Duani's opinion abo[u]t the Mines in Lislewood & over B[isho]pside; & therefore as you say Mr Wilbraham is so slow in giving his opinions you may take Mr Duani's : unless you look upon Mr Beset as more

experienced in these matters ; and then I dare say Sir Walter, who is now at Berwick, will approve of your applying to him, without waiting for further directions. Our Correspondence will now be expensive to Sir Walter, unless he will take the trouble of directing our letters. P.S. Sir Walter writes me that he proposes to set out for London next week. I am etc H R

**20 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir I think Isable Richardsons Letter of Attorney, of which I gave Mr Westgarth a Copy was upon a half Crown Stamp. Mr Westgarth proposed to get one done in the same Form for Ab[raha]m Dawson to execute and send to Mr Darwin, Because Sir W[alte]r Blackett had told him the money would be paid if such a Letter was sent. This is all I know of the Matter, only since I received your Letter I have enquired of Mr Widdrington & Co about the Letter of Attorney you mention; and they tell me it was a sufficient power for Mr Darwin to receive every thing due to Ab[raha]m Dawson's Son at the time of his Death. So that till you hear further I think nothing more need be sent. P.S. Since writing the above I have seen the Letter of Attorney that was sent, and dare say it is sufficient. I am etc H R

P.S. [note in margin] I find Ab[raha]m Dawson is very uneasy for his Money; & understand f[ro]m my Bro[ther] that a Lre of Attorney was sent Empowering you to receive it.

**20 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to Abraham Dawson**

To Mr Abraham Dawson at  
Allandale Town

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Sir In answer to your Letter enquiring whether you should come to Newcastle, or not, about the money due to you for your Sons Wages to the Time of his Death I can only say that, as my Brother sent the Letter of Attorney wch you executed impowering Mr Darwin of London to receive what should be found to be due at the Navy Office, I conclude the same either is received by him, or will be received by him, I mean Mr Darwin, very soon. In the mean time all you have to do is to wait patiently till you hear something certain about it, & not to put yourself to the trouble & expence of a journey to Newcastle to no manner of purpose. P.S. I understand there is no Occasion for another Letter of Attorney. What you have executed already is sufficient. I am etc H R

**22 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1764

Sir I do not think it would be right for Sir W[alte]r Blackett to satisfy the Owners of the Soil for damages to be done by any of his Lessees of Coalmines; because it may make such Lessees very careless of their Workings in that respect, & therefore unless <MaldCan> will take

Hexham Fell Colliery liable to damages it had better lye still for the present. But tho[ugh] it may not be right for Sir W[alte]r to Covenant to pay for such damages he will certainly in all cases interfere & support his Tenants against unreasonable demands for them.

You will let Mr Widdrington & Co have the Names of such of the Def[endan]ts to the Bill for supporting the Custom of Hexham Mills as refuse to sign the subscription ; after you have tried as far as you can.

It will certainly be right to cut at Anickgrange the Wood you want for Piles for the Wears; if, as you say, there is Wood there fit for little use. Only when Mr Thomas Lee, or such other Workmen of judgem[en]t as you shall take with you to view the same, has marked or fixed upon the Wood, I desire a Valuation may be put upon it by him & sent to me, that I may have some acco[un]t how the Wood has been disposed of. I am etc H R

[The following postscript was added to the above letter:]

To Mr Mrs Bell at  
Hexham

P.S. If any body brings you a description of a parcel of Copyhold Ground belonging to Sir John Eden or Mr Heron; which is intended to be appropriated as a Yard to Ninebanks Chapel you will be so good as prepare the form of a Surrender for the same to such uses that it may be sent to Sir John's Attorney to prepare a Letter of Attorney :& if there is to be any thing particular in the form of such Letter I should be glad to know it. That no time may be lost, as Sir Walter is desirous of having this Matter dispatched as soon as possible. H R

#### **21 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To the Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at Hartburn  
near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 21<sup>st</sup> April 1764

Sir I have given Mr Fawcet the Copy of Mr Graham's nomination, which I received last night from Mr Brown. But as there are at present some Difficulties [underlined] attending the Title of Mollersteads Estate ; and as all the proposed Augmentations are, as Mr Fawcet understands dependant upon this purchase; He chuses to have them all [underlined] cleared up before he proceeds with the deed for severing this chapel from the Curacy. And for the same reason He thinks that nothing can yet be done properly about Ninebanks Chapel. But, besides this, there is another difficulty, with regard to the Ground intended for the Yard for this latter Chapel, wch is that no surrender can be prepared until a proper description is given to Mr Bell, Clerk of the Courts at Hexham, of the Ground intended to be appropriated to this use. & till such Surrender is properly prepared by him no Lre of Attorney will be effectual ; because the intended Surrender must be specified in the Lre of Attorney. If therefore you will please to order any Body to give Mr Bell this necessary description he will prepare the Surrender & send it to me; & it shall be forwarded to Sir John Eden's Attorney at Durham without Delay. I am etc H R

#### **29 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> April 1764



S[i]r I have rec[eive]d a Receipt for £140 for Messrs Viner & Glover 27<sup>th</sup> inst[ant] & another for the same sum for Mrs Sambrooke's 27<sup>th</sup> inst[ant] & have placed them both to the Credit of your Acco[un]t with me. I have given my Bro[the]r Mr Wilbraham's opinion upon the Case ab[ou]t the Tolls of Hexham Manor & it will be laid before S[i]r W[alte]r tomorrow. I understand the Instructions about Stamfordham tithes are in readiness & will be sent you in time.

I shall send you bills in a few posts for Mr Savages instr[uction]s & Sir W[alte]r talks of setting out for London on Tuesday next. I am etc H R

**5 April 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t M.P.  
in Half Moon Street Piccadilly  
London

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir The appraising of John Donkins Goods prevented my attending the meeting for the Lunatic Hospital ; but I am told that a Resolution was come to of collecting in the annual subscriptions & fitting up the House wch was the old Infirmary, for the reception of Lunatics as soon as possible.

Mr Collingwood apprehending he will not be well enough to go to Hexham on Monday next to hold Hexham Courts, sent for Mr Ord and me yesterday to Chirton, & it is settled I think much to his satisfaction, that in case he is not well enough to morrow, Mr Wilson is to go.

Mrs Ridley, of Heaton, died yesterday.

Your pew at St Andrews has suffered a second time; and is shipt of all the blue cloth. Mr Thomas Gunn's pew suffered at the same time; but the Offender was taken almost in the Fact, by some of the Bailiffs Attend[an]ts who saw him coming out of the church yard with the Cloth & they carried him this morning before the Mayor, who comitted him to Newgate. I am etc HR

**9 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir Inclosed herewith you receive W[ilia]m Clayton's bill on Thomas Bagshaw & Son for Three hundred pounds, & my bill on Thomas & Browne for One hundred & ninety five pounds; wch will enable you to pay Mr Savage's half year's int[e]rest due 6<sup>th</sup> instant & I desire you will advise me of the Receipt of these bills accordingly.

You also receive inclosed herewith the said W[ilia]m Clayton's bill on Thomas Bagshaw & Son for Three hundred & twenty pounds; & John Sharp's bill on James Sharp for Eighteen pounds ten shillings, & a Bank of England Bill for Ten pounds amounting together to £348.10.0 for which I desire you will send me a Receipt, as usual, on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments made & to be made by you for Sir W[alte]r Blackett between 31<sup>st</sup> March last & 30<sup>th</sup> June next. P.S. When Sir W[alte]r Blackett pays off Mr Brockett, I should be glad to receive a new list of the payments. I am etc H R

£300

Newcastle 12 April 1764

Forty days after date Pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his Order Three hundred Pounds, value received, & place it to Acco[un]ts as advised by William Clayton

Messrs Thomas Bagshaw & Son Merchants in London  
pay the contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in acco[un]ts Henry Richmond

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup> May 1764 £195.0.0

Twenty Days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of one hundred & ninety five pounds value in acco[un]ts & place the same to acco[un]ts as by advice from.

Messrs Plumb & Browne

Henry Richmond

Goldsmiths in Foster Lane

London

£320

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> April 1764

Forty Days after date Pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his order Three Hundred & twenty pounds, value received & place it to acco[un]ts as advised by William Clayton

Messrs Thomas Bagshaw & Son Merchants in London

pay the contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in acco[un]ts Henry Richmond

Newcastle May 1 1764

Sir Twenty Five Days after date hereof please to pay to Mr Henry Richmond or order the Sum of Eighteen pounds ten shillings as advised by Your humble servant John Sharp

To Mr James Sharp Ironmonger in Leaden Hall Street London

pay the contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in acco[un]ts Henry Richmond

No. <K> 8

I Promise to pay to Mr Henry Martin or bearer on Demand the Sum of Ten pounds.

London the 3 day of January 1764

For The Gov[eno]r & Compa[ny] of the Bank of England

£10.0.0

End[orse]d J Poole

T T omlinson

To Messrs Plumb & Browne

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Sirs I have drawn a Bill on you for One hundred & ninety five pounds, payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order at Twenty Days from the Date hereof. I desire you will accept the same & place it to acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc H R

### **5 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Mr Collingwood Forster

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Attorney at Law in Alnwick

Sir In Octo[be]r last I mentioned to you that Mr Dockwray had filed his Bill against, several of the Tenants of Sir W[alte]r Blackett & some other Gentlemen in the parish of Stamfordham for the hay tithe of their Estates & you said you would examine whether <L.N's> Lands records said any thing about the Tithes of this parish.

Sir Walters answer must be sent away in a months time; but he could wish first to hear something from you, before he submits especially as his Lordship has so considerable an Estate in this parish. I am etc                      H R

**11 May 1764    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t M.P.  
in Halfmoon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 11<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir    Inclosed is a Copy of Mr Norton's Opinion about Hexham Tolls & also a Copy of the Record of the Action at Law against John Scott for refusing Toll for Goods passing through the Manor to Stagshaw Bank Fair. As to what Mr Robson said; I cannot find, or recollect to have heard that there has been any such Tryal with Mr Hall for refusing Toll: something of a Dispute with him I think I have heard of, but if it had gone to trial at Law I should certainly have seen or heard something of it. however I have wrote to Mr Ellis about it & if I can learn any thing from him I shall let Mr Darwin know of it immediately.

I was at Wallington this week receiving your Rents; but the Tenants have run still more in arrears.

We have let John Donkins farm at Kenton to Bryan & William Lowry for seven years at £160 a year: which is ten pounds a year more than Donkin paid. P.S. Mr Norton's opinion comes under another cover as it would have made this too heavy. I am etc                      H R

**11 May 1764    From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 11<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir I cannot find that Aydon shields has at any time been Copyhold, unless it has formerly had some other name or names than it has at present. However if the Hospital Agents attempt to work therein for Lead Ore I desire you will let me know it, & also that you will in the mean time inform me whether it is in Hexham or Anickgrange Manor and what are the members whereof it consists: for I see there is a fee farm Rent paid for Aydon shields with its members. I should be glad if you could send me Copies of any antient grants or Deeds of Sale or Enfranchisement either by the Crown or the Fenwicks of any Estates in Hexham Manor. For it is necessary to have cases stated in as full and particular manner as possible and the opinion of the most able Council taken upon them: that Sir Walter may know what points are tenable & what not; I have already sent a case to London drawn out from such deeds & facts as I could collect; but any thing that you or Mr Ellis can furnish me shall be added.

I mentioned to the Arch deacon the same doubt about Churchwardens purchasing Lands that you make in your Letter to me But he thought it might easily be obviated in the case of Copyhold Lands.

I desire you will let me know whether any small tithes or Easter dues belong to the Curacy of Hexham; that, if any do, they may be properly taken Notice of in the intended Deed of Severance of the Chapel of Whitley from the said Curacy.

Pray ask Mr Ellis if he remembers any thing of a Dispute with one Mr Hall on refusing Toll: if he does, I should be glad to know something of the Case, & whether there was any Action commenced or how the matter was terminated; and how long it is ago. P.S. The inclosed Letter I had from my Brother. I am etc                      H R

**11 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[ior]r at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir You may close your Chr[ist]mas qua[rte]rs Acco[un]t as soon as you will, for I think it will be a better Way to include the Carriage of the Lead, that has lain in the Ways during the Winter, in March Acco[un]ts, & so to make the pay to the 31<sup>st</sup> March last.

It is with a good deal of satisfaction that I find you give so much attention to the Lead Carriage; for at this time it requires it, I assure you. Mr Reynaldson was here yesterday & says he has tried all the Wainmen, & they are determined to have 4s.0d for 12 p[iece]s else they will engage in the wood or coal carriage. He adds further that he is well informed that the Quakers Co. have this week agreed to give 3s.9d. for their 10 p[iece]s so we cannot expect to get Sir W[alte]rs 12 p[iece]s carried for less than 4s.0d. I have therefore commissioned Mr Reynaldson to offer 3s.10d or if that will not do to give them the 4s.0d; For with such a quantity of Lead at the Mills we must not trifle away the Time. As to the upper stage you must act with discretion & do the best you can with the Dukesfield & Allanheads carriers, The Rookhope carriers I am satisfied have paid 4s.0d for 12 p[iece]s since we agreed to the 9s.0d; so that I fancy they can afford it out of that price & hope they will not shew themselves of a restless & imposing disposition. I shall be glad to hear what temper you find those in that you expect to meet with at Hexham on Tuesday. I am etc  
H R

**12 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Rich[ar]d Wilson Esqui[r]e at  
Leeds

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir Inclosed you receive Bell Cookson & Cos Bill on Vere and Co for Two hundred & seventy seven pounds five shillings & ten pence being the Balance of my Acco[un]t of your Kenton Rents to Martin[ma]s last.

You will please to advise me of the Receipt of this Bill & to sign & return me the duplicate of the inclosed account. Inclosed also is Miss Headlam's receipt for £10 for the half year's int[e]r[es]t charged in my acco[un]t. As to the int[e]r[es]t from this Time, she says if you will not give her more than 4 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  she must be content with it.

Mr King desired I would mention to you that he will send you a small Bill in a few posts. I am etc  
H R

No. 11586

£277.5.10

Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond

Two hundred seventy seven pounds five shillings & ten pence.

Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Airey &

Self Jos. Saint

To Messrs Vere Glynn & Hallifax pay the Contents to Richard  
London Wilson Esq[uir]e or Order value in  
Acco[un]t  
Henry Richmond

**12 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr John Fenwick  
Roberts's Place York

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir Inclosed you receive Peareth & Sorsbie's Bill on Freeman & Stainbanks for Three hundred & seven pounds ten shillings ; at 30 Days from 25<sup>th</sup> <.....> with which the Bill for Two hundred & Forty pounds wch you have drawn upon me payable to Mr Hull & which I have accepted, makes up the Value of your Receipts. I desire you will by the return of the post advise me of the Receipt of this Bill for £307.10.0 & that you will mention that it is the Residue of the £547.10.0 for which you sent me two Receipts; whereof one was for £47.10.0 for Int[e]r[es]t due to you this day & the other was for £500.0.0 in part of Sir W]alte[r] Blacketts & Mr Peareth's Bond. I am etc

H R

Newcastle 25<sup>th</sup> April 1764 p[er] £307.10.0

Thirty Days after date Pay Mr Henry Richmond or Order, Three hundred & seven pounds ten shillings, Value in Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to Acco[un]t as p[er] Advice.

Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks in  
London

pay the Contents to Mr  
John Fenwick or Order  
Value in Acco[un]t

Henry Richmond

**12 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Dalton**

To Mr William Dalton  
at Blaydon

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir I must have Litharge made; & therefore if the man you have cannot work, you must procure another : if you cannot meet with one at Home it will be worth your while coming to Town to try to engage one. At the price now given for <lemsing>, a Man may make good wages: & you should combine such other inducements as you properly can, to procure a good hand.

I observe the weight of your pieces of refind Lead is much Lessened of late; for Mr Carr's last 100 p[ie]ce[s] weighs only 136.2.0 ; if you are right I would wish to have them of the old weight : a hundred p[ie]ce[s] used always to weigh at a med[iu]m 147.0.0, but your redusins are grown careless of late. I am etc

H R

**14 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To the Rev[erend] Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir Inclosed herewith you receive the draught of the Deed for the Severance of Whitley Chapel from the Curacy of Hexham as altered & settled by Lawyer Fawcet. You will see that he thinks it necessary for the Archb[isho]p of York to be a party to it.



As to the purchase of Mollersteads, Mr Dodds and his Client Mt Thirlwel have not been able yet to satisfy Mr Fawcets doubts about the Title. But they both told me on Saturday last that it will be done soon. When it is & the purchase Deeds are executed I shall let you know. in the mean time I am etc  
H R

**14 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t M.P. in  
Halfmoon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 14 May 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Spencers resignation of his place of Landwaiter & his petition to the Com[missione]rs of the Customs to be put upon the Superannuation List are sent up to them by this post. But inclosed are Copies thereof, together with a Letter from Mr Spencer to you. The resignation and the petition were to go, of course, to the commissioners & they in a Day or two will, as is Customary, acquaint the Treasury of the Vacancy. But the Comiss[i]one]rs themselves have the power of putting persons on the Superannuation List. Mr Harvey is come home & is endeavouring a Seperation from his partner: who appears to have acted a dishonest part. But how much Mr Harvey will suffer by him cannot yet be known. I am etc  
H R

**19 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 19<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir As I conclude most of the Lead that was in the Ways at Xmas will be got in by the Time you receive this, I desire you will proceed to get the new Lead away from the several Mills as fast as possible. It may be right as you propose to set on the Allanheads Carriage immediately and then try the Rookhope Carriers whether they will take the last year's price of 9s. I would also have the Dukesfield Lead moved away as fast as you can. And if there should be any stop about price from any of the Mills I must leave it to your discretion to make the necessary advance; for the lead must be got to Market before winter if possible, & time must not be lost in writing backward and forward. I did imagine you had got some Acco[un]t of the Lead Mr Reynaldson had received at Blaydon to Xmas; but as it is otherwise you may keep your Decem[be]r qua[rter]s acco[un]t open till you hear further; which I hope will be soon. I am etc  
H R

**26 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir I sent you yesterday by William Laycock the London carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Sixhundred & sixty Eight Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett, as usual, at the market price; & advise me on your Receipt of it. I am etc H R

**26 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir I hope Mr Revett is right in his Opinion about the Mines in the Freeholds in Hexhamshire. If there is any doubt about it there should be further consultation; for I fear a Rich Leadmine called Hackford which Sir W[alter] Blackett has won lately in the neighbourhood of some freehold Estates in the Regality of Hexham belonging to Greenwich Hospital and which their Agents have within this Fortnight been tracing into those estates will engage Sir Walter either to support this point or give it up intirely. If you look into the Grant of the Regality of Hexham you will see a very full Conveyance of all the Mines of Coal & Lead to Harboard etc & from them to John Fenwick under whom Sir W[alter] claims.

What Title the Hospital have, their own Agents here do not know : they only go upon the Comon, & what by Mr Ellis I find is a, modern presumption that every Freeholder is intitled to the Mines within his Freehold. If Sir Walter is still in London I desire you will take his directions in this matter.

I was to let you know if I would learn any thing from Mr Ellis concerning a Tryal with one Mr Hall about the Toll travers; but he says he never heard of any but one & that was about the year 1710 with a Scotch man whose name he has forgot but which by the Time must have been the same which I gave Sir Walter an Acco[un]t of. I am etc

H R

**26 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[aron]et M.P. in  
Half moon Street Piccadilly  
London

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Caleb Hunter writes that Hackford Grove is now very good. Her being so has set the Hospitals Agents at work to Line her into some freehold Estates which they have in the Regality of Hexham with an intention as they have owned to day to work & try for her in those Estates: thinking they have a right to do so; tho[ugh] they only go upon the presumption that has of late prevailed in the Manor among the several Freeholders. That they are respectively intitled to the mines Mr Revetts Opinion wch Mr Darwin took upon the counter parts of two deeds of Sale, is in your favour; tho[ugh] these two Estates I hope will be found to have a better foundation for such a claim than most of the others. As this is a point of much consequence it would be right to have the best advice upon it as soon as possible unless Mr Revetts is thought sufficient to proceed upon- I have mentioned it this post to Mr Darwin, to whom you will be pleased to give such directions as you think proper. I am etc

H R

**29 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[erend] Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir The inclosed dra[ugh]t of a Letter of Attorney, to be executed by Sir John Eden, for Surrendering the piece of Ground for Ninebanks Chapel Yard was sent me by Mr Bell on Sunday night , & Yesterday I laid it before Mr Fawcett, who says no surrender can be made to

Churchwardens : for they, by the Statute of Mortmain, are not a Corporation to purchase or take lands of any kind; and that the regular way is to surrender the Ground to some person and his heirs, in Trust for the uses intended & which are to be expressed in a Deed, to be inrolled ; & that there is no other safe way of proceeding in these matters. Accordingly he has inserted your name as Trustee; which if agreeable to you please to return the dra[ugh]t & I will forward it immediately to Sir John's Agent at Durham.

Mr Dodds proceeds slowly in making out the Title of Mollersteads but Mr Fawcett seems to think he will get through the Difficulties, in a little time. As soon as it is settled by Mr Fawcett I shall send you his Opinion upon it to transmit to the Gov[eno]rs of the Bounty for their approbation. I am etc H R

**29 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir I received your letter by Sunday's post, inclosing the dra[ugh]t of a Letter of Attorney to be executed by Sir John Eden, for surrendering a p[iec]e of Ground for a Burying place for Ninebanks chapel, wch Mr Fawcett has made such Alterations in, that I thought it right to send it this morning to Dr Sharp; and as soon as he returns it I shall send it to Sir John Eden's Agent : to whom I shall write at the same time about the winning the stones in his Copyhold Estate adjoining to the Wall, as you describe it. I wish this had not been necessary at this time, for fear this Ignorance of the right Sir Walter Blackett has to the Quarries in such Estates may occasion an answer that may lay us under Difficulties. I am etc H R

**30 May 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Dalton**

Mr William Dalton at  
Blaydon

Newcas[tle] 30<sup>th</sup> May 1764

Sir I have sent you herewith a parcel of Lead Ore which has been got near Wallington & which I would gladly have assayed before Wednesday next. The ore is unwashed, so that it will not easily be fluxed; but the people at Wallington are young miners & think they have done enough in sending it as you see it.

Pray let me know from time to time how you get forward in making Litharge. I am etc H R

**1 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bacon**

To John William Bacon Forster Esq[uir]e at  
Newton Cap by Durham

Newcas[tle] 1<sup>st</sup> June 1764

Sir In June last I gave Mr Rutter the Acco[un]t of your proportion of Weardale Rents etc for the year 1762 ; & on the other side you now receive the Acco[un]ts for the year 1763. The former was £126.5s.9d & this is £132.10s.2d. I hope you will please to order both sums to be paid soon, for there always used to be great punctuality observed in these payments ; & I believe I need not assure you that the B[isho]p & Rector allow Sir W[alte]r Blackett very little credit, but call upon him early in every half year for their money. I am etc H R

**1 June 1764    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 1<sup>st</sup> June 1764

Sir    Mr Reynaldson writes me that he has now got in all the Old Lead, and will send you two Ticketts of it. One of which will be his Receipt to 31<sup>st</sup> Decem[be]r last, which you will charge in Dece[mbe]r qua[rter]s Acco[un]ts the other Tickett, containing what he has rece[ive]d this year, I would have charged in March Acco[un]ts. I hope you will get these Ticketts by the Time you receive this Letter; as soon as you do, pray close your Decem[be]r Acco[un]t and send it me, & then proceed as fast as you can in your Reckonings, that we may get the Pay over ; which has been delayed too long, if it would have been helped. I shall be glad to hear that you have got the carriage set on at all the Mills ; for we have a deal to do and the Season is spending.

I am etc

H R

**2 June 1764    From Henry Richmond to Thomas Hugall**

To Mr Hugall Attorney at Law in  
Durham

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1764

Sir    You wrote to my Brother sometime ago for the form of a Letter of Attorney for Sir John Eden to surrender the piece of Ground which he intends for a burying place for Ninebanks chapel; Inclosed therefore you receive the dra[ught] of one, settled so as will best answer Sir John's intentions, and the sooner it can be Executed and returned the better. For as the Arch Bishop of York is to be at Hexham on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, it is expected his Grace will go and consecrate the Ground ; provided it is then inclosed.

Stones can be got for building the Wall within half a yard of the foundation of the East part of it, and at the Depth of two feet or less from the surface; and as the getting them these will save the inhabitants of the Chapelry a very great expense in leading. They are desirous of Leave to win them there. The Ground is Sir John's, and he has a right to work the Quarries for necessary buildings and reparations for his estate; but the further use thereof depends upon Sir W[alte]r Blackett, as Lord of the Manor. However in this case I dare say Sir Walter will not chuse they should meddle till Sir John or his Agents are acquainted of it; which is the Reason of my mentioning it to you.

The settler of Attorney should bear date before the 8<sup>th</sup> of last month; that the Surrender may be passed as at the Head Court held that day. And if Sir John Eden is in London it should be executed before some of the Agents there, such as Mr Hensel, Mr Darwin etc whose handwriting is known in the country; as it may be difficult otherwise to prove the Execution. I am etc

H R

**5 June 1764    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Sir I have just received your Letter with the Acco[un]t for Decem[be]r Qua[rte]r and shall be very glad to have your pay made on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t. So, if you think you can get all closed I desire you will fix it accordingly and come and receive the Money on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> go home on Tuesday and pay it away on Wednesday. This will suit me very well but the two weeks following I cannot be from home.

I should be glad to know, as soon as you can judge of it what sum will do for you and to have your pay bill qua[rter]s acco[un]t & rental before you come yourself even tho[ugh] you should be obliged to send one on purpose with them. P.S. If you do fix the 20<sup>th</sup> for the pay it would be right to let me know of it for Certainty's sake. I am etc  
H R

**8 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 8 June 1764

Sir Sir Walter Blackett got here on Wednesday and is very well. He desires you will look into the Grant of Hexham Manor for the two clauses relating to the mines of Coal & Lead, whereof the inclosed is a Copy: for he would gladly know whether the words "in Omnibus Locis" are to be looked upon as restraining in any measure the former part of these clauses. And if you think the point of any difficulty, he would have you lay the clauses, or the Grant, before the Council, that now have the case about the Freeholder's, will probably stand stiffly to their opinion that the Mines belong to them; Sir Walter would have every doubt about his Right to them removed before he engages in a dispute of so much consequence.

He also would have the Query about the Game stated a little more particularly to the Lawyers, that he may know whether he has a right to appoint a Gamekeeper for the whole Regality : and whether this Gamekeeper could act, for instance, in the two Estates that have been sold by the deeds of which I sent you Copies lately.

In perusing the Grant of the Manor of Hexham you will observe that two Leases to John Fenwick of the mines within the Regality are referred to. And also that in the Clause about the Tolls there is a reference to a Lease granted to one Gilbert Parkinson as containing a more particular description of the premes. Now Sir Walter thinks it will be advisable to learn what these Leases do contain and desires you will direct a Search to be made for them in the proper office & let me have copies of them if they can be found – the two first were probably let not many years before the Grant of the Manor in 1632 to Sir John Fenwick, but the Lease to Parkinson must be of an older date, for I find these Tolls were in the Tenure of one Gilfred Parkinson in the 1<sup>st</sup> of Edw[ar]d 6<sup>th</sup>. Sir Walter is desirous of having the Opinions and particularly that about the Tolls from the Council as soon as possible, for he cannot proceed or come to any resolution till he has them. So that you may give his Complim[ent]s and tell them he hopes they will favour him with them soon. I am etc  
H R

**8 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Hugall**

To Mr Thomas Hugall  
Attorney at Law in Durham

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Sir Your favour of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t I communicated to Sir Walter Blackett and he bid me mention to you that Sir John Eden proposed being at His Seat near Durham in 3 or 4 Days. So that lest there should be any Time lost he thinks the safe way will be to acquaint Mr Hamond

Hubbock that you have the Letter of Attorney ready and desire him to let you know as soon as Sir John comes.

You know better than I do, as I am not att all versed in these matters, whether one of the witnesses should not go with the Letter of Attorney to Hexham to prove the Execution of it by Sir John Eden; If so, it will be the shortest way for him to carry it at once to Mr M<c> Bell the Deputy Bailiff who lives with Mr Richard Ellis in Hexham. And at the same time you will please to acquaint me of its being sent; and I shall immediately write to Dr Sharp, that he may go and be admitted. I am etc  
H R

**15 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[ere]nd Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Sir Sir John Eden's Letter of Attorney for Surrendering the piece of Ground to you in Trust, for a burying place for Ninebanks Chapel, is executed, and his Steward Mr Hubbock will attend at Hexham on Monday next about Noon to prove the execution of it. at which Time, or at any time afterwards that it is convenient for you to be at Hexham, you may be admitted. Mr Dodds has not yet finished the Title of Mollersteads. I am etc  
H R

**15 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Sir By a Letter which I rec[eive]d last post from Mr Hugall I find that Sir John Eden's Letter of Attorney for Surrendering the piece of Ground to Dr Sharp in trust for a Burying place for Ninebanks chapel is executed ; and that his Steward Mr Hubbock will call upon you & prove the Execution of it on Monday next about Noon; of wch I have acquainted Dr Sharp, that he may at the same time, or as soon as is convenient to him, come & be admitted. If it is necessary for him to be admitted at the same Time the surrender is passed, you had better send a person on purpose to Hartburn with a Letter of Attorney for him to execute to some proper person in Hexham. As to winning stones for the wall, Mr Hugall says directions are given to Mr Hubbock to see if there is any place within Sir John's Estate at Ninebanks where they can be won and if there be any such at no great distance in which such stones can be wrought without much prejudice to the Land, he says, Sir John will make no Objection to Grant Leave to work there. This answer of Mr Hugalls and Mr Fawcett's Opinion, of which, I have inclosed you a Copy, rather nonplusses me. But you will consult Mr Ellis whether he remembers upon any occasions or in any instances that the Quarries have ever been wrought by the Lord's within inclosed Copyhold Estates: for you Mr Fawcett rests it all upon the custom of the manor. Dukesfield pay will be on Wednesday next so pray let me know on Sunday what sum you can furnish and how much of it in Silver. I am etc  
H R

**16 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 16 June 1764



Hon[our]d Sir            Sir John Eden has executed the Letter of Attorney for Surrendering the piece of Ground for Ninebanks Chapel Yard; but by Reason of an Entail it is now apprehended, by Mr Hugall his Attorney, that there will be a necessity for suffering a recovery. And that will prevent matters being adjusted against the Arch B[isho]p's coming, & will occasion the Consecration being performed by Commission probably at a greater expense.

Sir John demurs about allowing you as Lord to grant the winning stones in his inclosed Copyhold Estate; but is willing to grant leave himself. Mr Fawcet, whose opinion I have taken and inclosed a Copy of, thinks the general Law of Copyholds is against the Lord's working the Quarries in inclosed Copyholds; except the Custom of the Manor authorises him so to do. Mr Bell made no Doubt of your right to work these Quarries, but I have now wrote to him to consult Mr Ellis whether such Right has ever been exercised and the Custom established.

The pack of Malmsey Jack which Mr Bell wrote for is come; it should have contained 6 doz[e]n of quarts but three of the Bottles were broke by the Carrier.

I go to Dukesfield on Tuesday and the pay is on Wednesday the amount of the pay bill is £2851.11s.3 ¾ d. I am etc

H R

**17 June 1764    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 17 June 1764

Sir I rece[iv]ed your Lre inclosing Mr Sam[ue]l Savages rec[eip]t for £495 for the ½ y[ea]rs int[e]r[es]t due to him f[ro]m S[ir] W[alte]r Blackett & have given your acco[un]t with me credit for the same. I also rece[ieve]d your Lre of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t with the state of the case about the Mines in the Freeholds in Hexham Manor. But as I am to be engaged this week in making the pays I cannot return it you so soon as I should otherwise have done. In the mean time I have wrote to Sir Walter, who is at Wallington, for his approbation of the Searches you mention. P.S. I shall receive the Rent of Mr Greenwell as soon as I can meet with him. I am etc

H R

**23 June 1764    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1764

Sir            Sir Walter Blackett has taken the State of the case about the mines in the freeholds in Hexham Manor with him to Hexham for Mr Ellis to examine it and it will be returned you next week. But in the mean time desires you will be getting the search made for the Several Grants of Estates in Hexham and Anick Grange Manor that are prior to the Grant of the Manor itself. If you meet with Harwood Sheel or Whitfield pray send copies or full abstracts of them, in the first place : and as to all the others Sir Walter would have copies or full abstracts of them as you think will be best. But if you find that they are all in the same form then the parcels only of each grant may be sufficient.

I have received of Mr Greenwell the three pounds nine shillings and four pence for Roger Crosby's Receipt and have placed it to your credit. P.S. The Estates excepted in the Grant will not affect the present Question. Yet if you meet with Westwood which is one of them you may

send the parcels which make up the £7.6s.8d mentioned in the said Exception. I am etc  
H R

**27 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 27 June 1764

Sir Inclosed you receive back the State of the case about the mines Quarries and other Royalties in the Freehold Estates in the Regality of Hexham, with such Additions & Observations we have received to us here; and also a copy of the act of Parliament for annexing Hexham to Northumberland. So that you will prepare the Case to be laid before Council as soon as you can.

I see by comparing a Record or Rental, in the 1<sup>st</sup> of Edward the 6<sup>th</sup> (which contains all the particulars of the Townships mentioned in the Grant of the Manor in 1632) with a Survey of the Copy hold or Customary Estates made in 1608 that in that interval many of the particular Copyhold Estates specified in the first must have been sold or enfranchised as they are omitted in the Second. Some of them may indeed have changed their names But among those that have been sold I suppose you will find Aldum Shell now called Aydon Shields which belongs to Greenwich Hospital; and is the Estate they expect to find the Leadmine in. It was Copyhold & paid £4.19s.8d; it is now asserted to be freehold, but still pays £4.19s.4d; and does Suit and Service to Hexham Courts. I should hope that none of the sales of these Estates made by the Crown will prejudice Sir W[alter] Blacketts claim as Lord of the Manor : because the Total of the Rents of the several copyhold Estates in each Township mentioned in the said Record of Ed[ward] 6<sup>th</sup> agrees exactly with the values of those Townships specified in the Grant of the Manor in 1632 and that Grant conveys all Tenements and Hereditaments which were then or late members parts or parcels of the Regality of Hexham, which word late I suppose from the expression in the Grant will extend at least as far back as the Time of the Exchange with the ArchB[ishop] of York. & will include almost all the sales made by the Crown.

Sir Walter would have you insert in the case a Query about his Right to work the Quarries in Inclosed copy hold Estates which having never been Exercised, is now called in Question & objected to. The Quarries upon the Comons have been wrought for sale by the Lords, and Leadmines have been wrought by them in Inclosed copy holds without Interruption But the Quarries have never been wrought there but by the copyholders and that only for Buildings and reparations upon the premes. I have inclosed you a case with Mr Fawcetts opinion upon this point; but I hope the Law is not as he tells us it is. However we are not satisfied with what he says. I am etc  
H R

**29 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Mr Isaac Hunter at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Sir I desire you will send a person on purpose with the inclosed Letter to Mr Westgarth ; unless some other safe opportunity offers.  
I shall be glad to hear the Lead comes away from Rookhope Mill; we must not stand haggling about the price, as I told you at the pay : I hope you have seen the principal carriers & prevailed

upon them to begin; if not, go to them again and please them. For the great Quantity that is there makes it necessary for Sir Walter to submit at this time. I am etc HR

**29 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

Mr William Westgarth  
Coalcleugh

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Sir By a Letter from John Bell of Hexham I find that one John Stobbart has made a practice and still continues it, notwithstanding a Discharge has been given him, of winning Limestone at Keenley Leazes; and burning them at a kiln which was built there some years ago by a person who took the Quarries there of Sir W[alter] Blackett, and whose Term is expired. This practice if continued, may in Time prejudice Sir Walter's right as Lord of the Manor; and therefore I must desire, as I believe Keenley is not far from you, that you will discharge Stobbart: And if he still perseveres, that you will then seize the Limestones that he has won there and all the Lime that you find at the Kiln; and that you will sell or convert them to any use that you think proper; for he must not go on. And as to his past Tresspass, I shall acquaint Sir Walter of it as soon as he comes to Town: which you may tell Stobbart of when you see him. P.S Stobbarts best way is to submit and write a Letter to me that he is sorry for the Tresspass that he has committed in winning stones at Keenley Leazes. This may prevent a prosecution. When you give Stobbart the Discharge don't say what you intend to do if he won't take it; but go two or three Days after and execute the above directions if you find him at work.

I have seen Sir Walter and he says Stobbart must be prosecuted so I desire you will let me know where he lives and what Business or profession he is of that he may be properly described in the writ. And at the same Time you may be inquiring after persons as witnesses that have seen him winn the Limestones and burn them at this kiln.

Pray is Keenley Leazes inclosed Ground or Common? I am etc

H R

**29 June 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Sir I have wrote to Mr Westgarth to discharge John Stobbart from winning Limestones and burning lime on Keenley Leazes; and if that will not do then to take the Limestones or Lime from him and sell them or convert them to any use he sees proper : in order to prevent his future Practices ; as to the Tresspass he has committed already I shall acquaint Sir W[alter] Blackett of them & take his directions : pray cannot such an Action of Tresspass be tried at your Head Courts, as well as else where?

I should be very glad if at your leisure you would send me a list of such of the Estates in Hexham Manor as are Freehold and another of such as are Copyhold and the Rents that each of them pay to the Lord annually.it will be necessary to send me the particular Estates in each Grieves[hip] distinguished into freehold and copyhold. For I want to compare the present Roll with an old one which I have met with. P.S. Pray is Keenley Leazes a common or is it inclosed Ground? Sir Walter desires you will send the List as soon as you can with convenience.

He is for bringing an action against Stobbart; in wch case we shall want proof of his workings etc. But there may be Time enough for this after we hear from Mr Westgarth. I am etc HR

**4 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn

Newcas[tle] 4 July 1764

Sir Inclosed you receive the abstract of the Title deeds of Mollersteads Estate with Mr Fawcett's opinion thereon Also a pedigree of the Thirlwall family & the affidavit of Peter Thirlwall aged 84 verifying the Pedigree. I am etc H R

**4 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Sir I think it will be very proper to search for the Leases referred to in the Grant of Hexham Manor and which I mentioned in my Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> ult; and if you find they contain any thing of consequence, to get copies of them. As to the search for sales of Estates in the Manor of Hexham and anickgrange made by the Crown before the Grant of the manor, Sir Walter will not stand for a little expense if you apprehend any thing satisfactory can be obtained. So you may begin with Aldum Shell, Harwoodsheel and Dotland and also Whitfield, and get copies of them, if you can meet with them. As to the rest I believe Sir Walter will scarce be satisfied without copies of them too, unless you see that the same form runs through them all. and then one may serve.

I suppose that, if you pay the 2s.6d a year for searching. Mr Rooke will allow you to take down the names of the Estates you meet with and the years they were sold in; and then we can consider further as to the copies; only the above four should be got directly. Aldum shell, which we now suppose to be Aydon Shields, with its members was in the Tenure of George Ogle in Ed[ward]: 6ths time, it was lately part of the Derwentwater Estate and now belongs to Greenwich Hospital.

I shall see Sir Walter next week and then shall learn what other council he would have employed besides Mr York. But in the mean Time, if you gets the Case ready you may lay it before Mr York. I am etc H R

**4 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Sleigh**

To William Sleigh Esq. at  
Stockton

Newcas[tle] 4 July 1764

I recd the Favour of your Letter, and in return acquaint you that our latest sales of Lead have been at £14.5s.0d p[er] Fother for the refind and £14 for the common <lest> for no great quantity. I am only now delivering 2000 pieces of common, which were sold sometime ago at £14.7s.6d p[er] Fother : so that this commodity moves very heavily as yet.. The quantity at this market is not great; but Lead is coming in dayly. The Quaker's Co. ship theirs as fast as it arrives, for the London markets.

The Expectation, which had been raised by the peace of getting a good price for Lead has no doubt increased the workings; but as much of the Lead so got has cost the proprietors dear, they

will be backward in lowering the price. When any alteration happens I shall acquaint you of it, and shall be glad to receive from you Accounts of what passes at your post. I am etc H R

**8 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[n]e at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Hon[our]d Sir If Mr Isaac Hunter had not been assisted by his son Mr Isaac Hunter jun[ior] you would have been obliged sometime ago to have appointed another in his place. The young man I believe is sober and diligent and may do as well I that station as any other, if you do not think him too young, being about eight and twenty. He has acquitted himself very well both last year and this, tho[ugh] the Carriage Men have been very difficult to deal with. The salary is £80 a year.

As to John Ritson's Estate, Mr Collingwood told me that nothing could be done on your part till the next head court when proclamation will be made for the Heir to come in. And then the Judge of the court will determine the pretensions of Mr Lowes's Client, or of any other; and if no one is able to prove himself the Heir of John Ritson, the Homage Jury must find the Escheat. After that, you may proceed to obtain possession. Mr Lambert acknowledges he cannot make a legal proof of his kinship to John Ritson.

I shall come to Ponteland on Tuesday next, to the meeting of the Trustees. I am etc H R

**11 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcas[tle] 11<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Sir Sir W[alte]r Blackett is desirous of having Mr Willbraham's or Mr Revett's Opinion upon the Case concerning the mines in the Freehold's in Hexham; but rather Mr Wilbraham's, who he thinks will give it you soon, if you present His complim[en]ts and tell him He requests it, intending not to take any step in this affair till he has his advice in it. I am etc H R

**12 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter jun[ior] at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Sir Your Father having resigned his place, Sir W[alte]r Blackett is pleased to appoint you to succeed him, and orders me to acquaint you of it; which I do with the more satisfaction, as I have reason to think that your attention to the Business of the station will even be such as to merit the advancem[en]t to it. I heartily wish you joy of it; and with complim[en]ts to your Father and Mother, & the rest of the Family. I am etc H R

**13 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> July 1764



Hexham

Sir Mr Lowes is certainly wrong in expecting to have his client John Lidell's claim, to William Richardson's Estate, decided at the Court Baron on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t for it will be more properly and judicially done at the Head Court in Octo[be]r by the Steward than it can now by the Bailiff : Being a case of consequence, and of difficulty too by reason of the different claims. And this I find will determine Mr Ord not to meddle with it. Moreover, Mr Collingwood tells me it must be postponed because the East & West Allan Jury, within whose district the Estates lye are dismissed.

As to your Question about discharging the Tenants that have attorned to Mr Lowes's Client; It may be very proper to warn them against paying any Rent to him till he is admitted Heir: For if he should not be intitled to his admittance they will have to pay their Rents over again notwithstanding their attornment.

Sir Walter agrees to John Stobbar's proposal of £3 a year for leave to win Limestones on Keenley Leazes and for the use of the Kiln there; but he requires that he shall pay something as an acknowledgement for what he has already won; He will be satisfied with 12d a year or some such small matter. Stobbar should find security for the Rent; as I am told he is a very loose Hand. P.S. You mention the Evidence of Sarah Lee and Ralph Wallis pray what is it; for I have not seen it? Mary Gallon calls Jane that was her Mistress W[illia]m Ritson's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. Pray does it appear by any Registers who his first wife was and whether he had any issue by her? Do you know how Mr Lowes makes out his Clients pedigree from W[illia]m Ritson? Will not the Court Rolls afford some light by surrenders, settlement, levying of Fines etc ? And has all the proper parish Registers been searched? For if it is likely as you think it is that these Estates will Escheat Sir Walter should not be unprepared to combat with sham Titles as Mr Lowes may set up. I am etc HR

**14 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 14 July 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Ord having had the advice both of Mr Collingwood & Mr Fawcett that he ought to postpone trying the claim of Mr Lowes's client to W[ilia]m Ritson's Estate till the Head Court in Octo[be]r, intends to do so; notwithstanding any thing Mr Lowes can say to the contrary. I am etc  
H R

**14 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane, London

Newcastle 14 July 1764

Sirs I have this day sent you by Fryer Todd the London Carrier a piece of fine silver, containing 670 ounces wch I desire you will place to acco[un]t as usual with Sir Walter Blackett, at the market price & advise me on your receipt there of. I am etc H R

**15 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[ne]t  
at Fenham

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir The River Jury are to make their Report to morrow; upon which occasion Mr Mayor has desired Mr Collingwood to be in Town as he is afraid these Gentlemen have got wrong, notwithstanding the pains that have been taken. Mr Mayor goes for London to morrow Afternoon & will be absent about 14 Days so that if you should find it convenient he could like to have half an hour conversation with you this Afternoon. I do not know any thing in your own affairs that require troubling you at this time. As to John Kirsopp's trial it may be as well not to take notice of it till you get Mr Yorks and Mr Wilbrahams opinions and till the search which Mr Darwin is making for the Estates sold by the Crown is over; that you may know how to proceed further in case he will not take a discharge. If you are to be Mayor at Micha[elma]s sweet meats should be ordered from London. I am etc H R

**18 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[ne]t at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir Inclosed are the Names of the Thirteen Winlaton Cottages, against whom Mr Armstrong, Sir Edw[a]rd Blackett's Steward, has desired Mr Widdrington to bring Ejectments immediately : But he does not chuse to proceed till he has your directions. Mr Robson can judge whether it is necessary to prosecute them all, or whether the making an Example of 3 or 4 whom he thinks the most obstinate, may not be sufficient at present. I am etc H R

**18 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 18 July 1764

Sir I have recd the copy of the deed between Sir W[alte]r Blackett and Sir Tho[mas] Wentworth concerning Weardale Leadmines.  
Inclosed herewith I send you a copy of certificate or constal, which I have just met with in Sir W[alte]rs Study describing the Leases that had been let by the Crown of mines in Hexhamshire before the Grant of the Manor to Sir J[o]n[atho]n Fenwick in wch it is worthy notice that the Lease to George Whitfield is of the Ninth part of all ore to be gotten in all Lands & Hereditam[en]ts in East & W[es]t Allandale wch are two very large Grieveships and in them it can be proved that there were many inclosed copyhold Estates at that Time a day; and no doubt many inclosed Freehold Estates too. Now if the Crown had a power to grant such a Lease in these two divisions of the manor will it not be presumed, till something is shewn to the contrary, that it had the same power in the other divisions? And that the two Leases to Sir J[o]n[atho]n Fenwick dated 1<sup>st</sup> Jan[ua]ry 3 Char[le]s 1<sup>st</sup> gave him a right to work for coals & Lead ore in all parts of the Manor, even in inclosed freehold Grounds unless such Grounds had been sold, together with the mines etc within the same, before the date of the said two Leased, or unless the mines were already Leased to other persons.  
The owner of a Freehold Estate called Warden, and who does suit and service for the same at Anick Grange Court is now trying for a Leadmine in the said Estate. It would therefore be proper also to see how this Estate which belonged to the Monastery of Hexham was sold by the

Crown. I am afraid we have not so good a foundation to go upon for the Royalties of this Manor as for those of Hexham and you will find so I fancy if you take the trouble of revising the case you made out when Kirkheaton was in Question. I am etc H R

**19 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[n]e at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 19<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir I have sent the papers and the key of your scrutore by the cook. Mr Baker has sent you a Cag of Gunpowder, which I shall send to Wallington on Saturday. I do not think Mr Armstrong or Mr Robson expect any particular reward on acco[un]t of the Winlaton Business. Only as I have heard that there are several of the cottagers that are not able to pay even the moderate charge of half a Guinea for their Leases it might be proper to let such have them for nothing, & for Sir Edw[ar]d and you to pay Mr Armstrong & Mr Robson the half Guinea rather than let any of the cottagers remain without Leases. I shall acquaint Mr Dockwray when he comes from Harrowgate that you submit to pay tithe for Ryal Ingo and Kearsley, probably he will be glad to compromise the matter by letting your Tenants have their Tithe, during their present Leases at least, under some easy composition. If you approve of it I shall try what he will say to the proposal. I will enquire after the character of John Armstrong. Mr Thompson expects L[or]d Northumberland will be at Alnwick in about a week; but the day of his coming is not yet fixed. I am etc H R

**20 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Rich  
Ellis's in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Sir I shall be glad to know whether Allendale Living has ever had the Queen's Bounty; Mr Ellis can tell you if it has. & you can let me have an answer by the Return of the post. Mr Fawcett will want copies of the two surrenders that have been made of the piece of Ground for Ninebanks Chapel Yard in order to prepare a deed to be enrolled according to the Mortmain Act. So that when you have Leisure Time you may send me them, as also the Lists I mentioned to you of the Freehold and Copy hold Estates in Hexham Manor. Pray do you know how Whitley Chapel yard has been settled, whether it has been surrendered by any Body, or being a piece of the waste or common, has been taken in for that use with Sir W[alte]r's Consent? I should be glad to have Information and advice too from you about this matter, that we may get it finished also, now we are at work. Should not there be a penny or some small matter paid to the Lord for it as is customary in other copyholds. And now that we are talking about the Mortmain Act I can't help mentioning and lamenting the permission which is given to the purchasing of estates in the Manor of Hexham for the Endowment or Augmentation of Chapels & livings even in remote parts of Northumberland: for I am told that two clergymen in this Town viz Mr Stephenson & Mr Alderson are Trustees and were up lately taking possession of an Estate purchased for this use for Cramlington Living. I will make free to speak to Mr Collingwood about this. For I think he ought to charge the jury with making Inquisitions after such Grievances.

If you know, or can learn, any thing of the past temper and conduct of J[o]n[atho]n Armstrong of Allanheads, who lived for sometime at Manchester but of late at Hexham, I desire you will let me know it as soon as you can.

I hear Mr Lowes's Client claims to be descended from one Mary Ritson a sister of old W[illia]m Ritson's of Karsley: but does not prove this by Registers but only by hearsay Evidence and such <two> as I am told is very questionable. Pray can you propose any way of searching into the truth of such Testimony ? I am etc H R

**21 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 21 July 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir I have sent your Letter to Mr J[o]n[athon] Armstrong, and shall write to your Stewards to lay aside the practice of putting servants, or men hired by the day, into Bargains for raising ore in any of your mines. There is less of it now than formerly, but it ought to be intirely abolished; for it is certainly most to your advantage that the men themselves should enjoy their own earnings, their minds will thereby be engaged & they will labour in hope.

I have sent the Letter to Lord Cardross.

Mr Maughan is to be in Town next week for subsistence for the mine if he comes before Thursday I will take care to be at Wallington that Evening. I am etc H R

**20 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr John Armstrong in  
Hexham

Wallington 20<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Sir After you had left me the other day, I considered the matter of the request you had made to me and which I agreed to upon your telling me it was an usual practice, to wit, to put a man into the Grove to work for you; that is, you agree to give him a certain daily sum and all the ore he gets is to be your's, now according to my notion this agreement cannot be for my advantage, a man cannot be supposed to work so diligently for another as he will for himself (witness all the statute work which is done upon the Roads) whereupon I have sent to my Stewards, that no such persons, who do not work for their own profit entirely, shall be taken into the Groves. I am etc W[alte]r Blackett

**25 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at  
Newhouse in Weardale

Newcas[tle] 25<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered me to write to you and to Mr Westgarth and Mr Hunter that, after this quarter, he will not have the hired servants either of his Stewards or any other person put into Bargains or employed in any shape in any of his Groves. For he is satisfied that the Groves will work with more spirit and with more advantage to him when they are to have the full Benefit of their own Earnings, than when other people are to have the Benefit of them. I am etc H R

**26 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at  
Newhouse

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> July 1764

Sir I have sent by Matt Watson one doz[e]n of Simpson's Claret, one doz[e]n of Port, marked (1) half a doz[e]n of Brandy marked (1) half a doz[e]n of Rum marked (x) and one doz[e]n of meddling Beer; which you will unpack and set upon their Bottoms in a cool place.

I have also sent one pound of coffee & one pound of Tea & a Loaf of sugar and also a Gloster cheese: all which you will take care of till Sir Walter Blackett comes to Newhouse; which I expect will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month. I am etc H R

**30 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr W[illia]m Westgarth at  
Coalcleugh

30 July 1764

Sir Sir W[alte]r Blackett has ordered me to write to you & to Mr Maughan & Mr Hunter that after this qua[rte]r he will not have the hired serv[ant]s either of his Stew[a]rds or of any other person put into bargains or employed in any shape in any of his Groves. For he is satisfied that the Grovers will work with more spirit & with more advantage to him when they are to have the full benefit of their own earnings than when other people are to have the benefit of them.

J[o]n[athon] Ritson of Limestone Brea died lately intestate & left an estate, for wch there are sev[era]l claimants. One of whom called J[o]n[athon] Liddell alledges that he is descended from Mary Ritson sister of old W[illia]m Ritson of Kersley, who was G[ran]d Fat[he]r of the s[ai]d intestate John Ritson. But I am told that it is a question whether if s[ai]d W[illia]m Ritson had such a sister, or whe[the]r she was married to Edw[ar]d Liddell the G[rea]t G[ran]d Fat[he]r of the claim[an]t J[o]n[athon] Liddell as is by him alledged As Karsley where the s[ai]d old W[illia]m Ritson lived is in your neighbourhood you are desired to enquire of some old people whether they remember any such person as this Mary Ritson. Sir W[alte]r is very willing to admit the claim[an]t if he can prove his pedigree; but as he proposes doing it only by hearsay Evidence S[ir] W[alte]r thinks it necessary that you sho[ul]d make this inquiry: wch you will do before the head court at Hexham in Octo[be]r next. You will take down in writing what you can learn that you think will be of any consequence. I am etc Hen Richmond

**31 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn

Newcas[tle] 31 July 1764

Sir I spoke to Mr Newton sometime ago to draw a plan of St Nicholas' Steeple and expect it will be done in a week or ten Days. Mr Fawcett is preparing a draught of the Deeds to be inrolled to compleat the Grants of Ninebanks & Whitley Chapel yards.

Inclosed I return you the copy of the Petition to the Archbishop of York for consecrating Ninebanks Chapel Yard which I suppose was signed by Sir W[alte]r Blackett and has been



presented to His Grace. If so, I am sorry that you have therein called the Living of Allandale a perpetual curacy; for it is a Donation, and has never been liable to presentation or lapse. The stiling it a perpetual Curacy in this petition may occasion Disputes hereafter, and be of prejudice to the prescription which has invariably been preserved as to this donative. P.S. I hope you will have an answer soon from Mr Chester. I am etc H R

**31 July 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 31 July 1764

Sir The List you have sent me is only a part of what I want, for I must if possible also have the names of the several freehold & copyhold Estates in Allandale, Catton, Forest park, West Allan, Acomb and Wall Grieveships; together with the sums which each Estate pays to the Lord by the hands of the different Grieves and which make up the Gross sums mentioned in your List. I wonder that there are not such lists in your office. They are necessary on the present occasion and therefore I beg you will get them if you can from the Grieves; unless there is some other way of making them out. As to Old Town and Broads I suppose they are part of Catton Grieveship. You say that Grottington Spittle & 13 other freehold Estates pay no fee farm Rents to Hexham, but yet owe suit and service to the Courts, pray have they Time immemorially Done this suit & service?

Sir Walter thinks we should not neglect getting information whether old William Ritson had a sister called Mary, that was married to Edw[ar]d Liddell as is set forth by Mr Lowes: lest Mr Lambert and the others of the halfblood should not bester themselves sufficiently. If it is so, Sir W[alte]r will very readily admit Mr Liddell. But you know hear say Evidence is of so doubtfull a quality sometimes that one cannot, nay ought not, to receive it implicitly. I have wrote to Mr Westgarth to make inquiry and you may make what falls in your way.

I desire I may have Mr Ellis's Rental as soon as possible. I am etc H R

P.S. Mr Fawcett says that the pretensions of Fra[nci]s Bell the parish clerk of Hexham to dues for Burials etc at Whitley Chapel are vain & without foundation. For he can claim no dues but where he actually officiates, & he has no right or power to officiate any where but in Hexham church only.

**2 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Dalton**

To Mr William Dalton at  
Blaydon

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug[u]st 1764

Sir I desire you will carefully consider once more the acco[un]t of your stock of Lead and Litharge remaining the 31 Dec[embe]r last. For I am sure you are still wrong and must have had more remaining than £37094.0s.14d for if you had not you have made a sad years work, and a waste of about 700 w[eigh]t of lead more than should have been in working the 8772 cwt 3q 0lb refined in the last year.

	cwt	q	lb
For you had remaining on the 31 Dec 1762 in lead & litharge	43641	0	14
Mr Reynaldson weighed to you in 1763	32325	3	0
	75966	3	14

	cwt	q	lb			
You delivered in 1763 in lead & lith[ar]ge	37930	3	7			
& you say you only had on 31 Dec last	37094	0	14			
	<hr/>			75024	3	21
Wanting				<hr/>	941	3 21
The Waste in working 8772cwt 3q 0lb should not	]	cwt				
Have exceeded (as so much has been sold in litharge)	]	400				
From wch deduct the lead made by Chas						
Allan on washing the slags		212.2.21				
	<hr/>			187	1	7
So that there is a Deficiency, to be accounted for, of				754	1	14

Consider therefore whether you are not wrong in the 480 p[iece]s you reckoned it at first as part of your stock; but have left it out of the Acco[un]t you brought me last. Pray let me hear from you soon. I am etc  
H R

**2 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t  
at Newhouse in Weardale

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug[u]st 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir Inclosed is a List of what is sent by the Weardale Carriers. Mr Blakes Boa is come by the Fly and will be sent to Wallington on Saturday.  
The Vicar of Warden has not any right to the Tithe of Sir Ralph Milbanks Allotment of Hexham Common. The case was laid before Mr Wilson and Mr Fawcett in Octo[be]r last and they were both of that opinion of which I have acquainted Mr Bell.  
The Bishop of Chester still draws his bills for the Tithe ore upon Mr Joseph Richmond; tho[ugh] I wrote his Lordship of the alteration. He will perhaps mind better if you think proper to mention to him that they should be drawn upon. Etc  
H R

[WRITTEN AT THE SIDE- THE LIST REFERRED TO AT THE START OF THE LETTER]

Seal of Cuth[bert] Bainbridge  
6 Loaves of Bread  
7 pineapples  
7 bunches of grapes  
3 melons  
A bag of shott  
6 potts for moor grouse  
Letters H R

**3 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in

Newcas[tle] 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug[u]st 1764

Hexham

Sir I had taken both Mr Wilson's and Mr Fawcett's Opinions, in Octo[be]r last, upon the case about the Tithe of Sir Ralph Milbank's Allotment of Hexham Common, copy of which case with their Opinions I herewith inclose you. They are very clear that the Vicar of Warden can have no right to any Tithes arising within the Parish of Hexham; tho[ugh] from grounds allotted for Estates within his Parish of Warden. I am etc H R

**6 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Hutchinson**

To Mr William Hutchinson Attorney at Law  
in Barnard Castle

Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1764

Sir I rec[eiv]ed your Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t and am sorry for the sake both of Mr Bowes and Mr Loftus that it is necessary for me to repeat my Evidence. But since it must be so, I shall take care to be at Durham on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> instant between 9 & 10 o'clock in the morning; or sooner if you write me so. And hope it will be in your power to hasten the Tryal; and that I may return that Evening in good time.

I have no objection to being served with a subpeena, if you think it necessary. I am etc H R

**7 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at Hexham

Newcas[tle] 7 Aug[u]st 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir There has been so much intrest made among the Freemen within these few days in favour of Messrs Jobling & Whitby; & so great an Animosity is raised against Mr Ord that I am told all the Companies except the merchants Hostmen & Mariners have joined in petitioning the Mayor for the Corporation to assist them; giving chiefly this for reason, that the Rights of the Corporation are attacked by Mr Ord & that it is hard for private persons to defend them. Mr Mayor tells me they are to wait upon him this Evening with the petition & that he certainly shall call a Comon Council on Monday next to consider of this point & that he does verily believe it will be carried in the Comon Council in favour of the def[endan]ts Whitby & Jobling. For if current at present sets so strong that way that many of the better sort are hurried down with it. He does not know that I have this opportunity of writing to you; but I thought it right to apprise you of the present ferment; that you may alter the Rout you have laid down in case you should judge it necessary to be at the Comon Council that morning. I am etc H R

**11 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Thompson**

To Issac Thompson Esq

Newcas[tle] 11<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1764

Sir Inclosed is the copy of the submission deed and Award for the division of Ingo Moor & which you asked me for some time ago : but which I only got yesterday : When you have done with it you will please to return it to. Etc H R

**16 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To the Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at Hartburn  
near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 16<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1764

Sir Mr Newton has finished the plan of St. Nich[ola]s' steeple which you desired me to get done; and I have paid him four Guineas for the same : which seems to be a high charge tho[ugh] he declares it ought to have been five Guineas considering the time and expense he has been at in doing it with accuracy. You will please to let me know which will be the best Way of conveying it to you.

I am sorry we hear nothing yet from Mr Chesters about the Title of Mollersteads : for Mr Thirlwel begins now to charge us with delay. I am etc H R

**21 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 21 Aug[u]st 1764

Sir Sir Walter Blackett desires that as soon as the Judges come to Hexham you will wait upon them with his Compliments, and that he will be glad if their Lordships and any Gentlemen with them and a couple of their servants will lodge at the Abbey. But as he has no servants there, Good Beds are all the accommodation he can offer their Lordships. And you will give directions to have them aired and in readiness.

I beg that I may have Mr Ellis's Rental as soon as you can; for I am quite at a stand for want of it. I am etc H R

**24 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Will[ia]m Alvey Darwin Gray's Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 24<sup>th</sup> August 1764

Sir I rec[eive]d your Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me a copy of the account between us signed by you and in return you here receive one signed by me. As to the balance of £4.18s.2d due to me, and which agrees exactly with my book, I have carried it to our new account. Your letter also inclosed me extracts of the Grants you have met with at the Rolls, none of which seem to convey any mines. Must not those mines then remain with the Lord of the Manor; who hath an express Grant of them from the Crown? It is a pity you could not meet with the Lease to George Whitfield, as that would explain the right the Crown had to work in inclosures. But pray will not the Auditors Constat, of wch I sent you a copy, be of some use? As to the presumption that may arise against the Lords of this Manor by ocason of their not having wrought the mines in the inclosed freeholds during the space of 100 years, it may be removed by answering that they were not wrought because not discovered, for if any veins of the ore or seams of coal had even made their appearance in the inclosed freeholds they would soon have been wrought by the Lord or the Tenants and the right would not have been dispatched at this day. As to Aldum Shields alias Aydon Shields, it was in the 1 Edw[ard] : 6, in the tenure of George Ogle p[er] copy of Court Roll at the Rent of £4.19s.8d a year. But not being in the survey of the copyholds in Hexham Moor in the 6 James 1 it must have been sold in that Interval.

I shall make you a remittance soon on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments.

I am sorry that I am not to have the pleasure of seeing you at Newcastle this year.  
I am obliged to you for receiving my half year's dividend. P.S. pray is Mr Hill paid for the  
Banns he sent Sir Walter. I am etc H R

**24 Aug 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[io]r  
at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 24 Aug[u]st 1764

Sir If you will come to Town on Wednesday my Brother will go with you next morning to  
take down the Testimony of such persons as you think can prove the Road from Blaydon to  
Edmondbiers to be a Highway. Sir Walter has ordered this to be done therefore you will be here  
that Evening: and in the mean time it will be proper to be considering who will be the best  
Evidence & to collect them at some convenient place or places on Thursday which will save a  
good deal of time and riding [.] As to any expense that this may occasion you must pay it and  
charge it in your quarters Acco[un]ts. I am etc H R

**4 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 4 Sept[embe]r 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Caleb Hunter says that the ore found near Nubbuck must have been dropt  
there by the carriers; for there is not the least appearance of any vein.  
I hear, tho[ugh] not yet from Mr Maughan, that the partnership Grove in Weardale called Seraith  
Head, and which is let for a term of years at 30s a Bing, is likely to turn out very well; the  
Tackers, who have carried up an expensive Level, having at last met with a good vein.  
Inclosed is the usual Letter of Invitation to the Guild; if you chuse to have your's in the same  
form, or in any other, the Sword bearer will get a sufficient number of them printed.  
The man recommended by Mr Collingwood for a place in your Hospital is dead. The next in  
turn is Thomas Bailiff, a Tanner; who was applied for by the Stewards of the Company and is  
ready to accept It, if you please.  
William says there will not be four pine apples, fit to send to London, these 10 days. When they  
are ready I shall send them and advise Mrs Gordon of them.  
I believe Mr Henry Isaacson is a very proper person to have part of the Town's business, as  
Surgeon.

Dr Brown preaches at St. Nich[ola]s on Thursday morning. I am etc

H R

Sir

The favour of your Company is desired,  
to dine with the Right worshipfull  
Mayor, on----- the -----

Newcastle

I am, Sir,  
Your Humble Servant  
R. Bayles – Sword Bearer

**4 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**



To Mr William Robson at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 4 Sept 1764

Sir I am glad that Thomas Thompson's stock is worth so much; but as to what he owes Sir W[alte]r separately I cannot say, having never kept the Acco[un]t between them : for you know William Cook is answerable for the whole. All I can tell you is that they owe jointly £84 due May d[a]y last; and that only half a years Landtax is to be allowed out of it (at £1.9s.5d a half year). As to the Adminis[tratio]n to his Effects you need have nothing to do with that; for the farm will of course be intirely W[ilia]m Cook's : unless they have executed a deed to prevent survivorship, which is not likely.

As to Dixon's half of Fenwick hall farm I suppose his son and James Dodds will settle it between them; if not, Dodds will be intitled to the whole farm, unless the same sort of deed has been executed between Lessees also. I am etc H R

P.S. The Law directs you to pay T. Thompson's balance into the hands of the sheriff undersherif. or constable.

**7 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Will[ia]m Alvey Darwin  
Grey's Inn London

Newcas[tle] 7 Sept 1764

Sir Inclosed you receive Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Vere Glyn & Co for One hundred and sixty seven pounds fifteen shillings; for which I desire you will send me by the return of the post, a receipt as usual, on Acco[un]t of the quarterly Payments made and to be made by you for Sir W[alte]r Blackett between the 30<sup>th</sup> June & 30<sup>th</sup> inst.

Yesterday I rec[iev]ed the forty pounds for Jane Hunt's annuity; according to her receipt which came in your Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultim; and inclosed you receive Bell, Cookson & Cos bill on Vere Glyn & Co for Thirty five pounds one shilling & ten pence which I desire you will place to my acco[un]t & advise the Receipt of and then our acco[un]t will be even. I am etc HR

12 Sept 1764 Advised R[ober]t Thompson Esq. upon the Terras in St. James's Street London that I have sent him 2 pots of Moor game by last Saturdays Carrier & have paid the Carriage.  
H R

No. 12241 £167.15s. Newcastle 28<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1764  
Twenty Days after date Pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond One hundred sixty seven Pounds, fifteen shillings.

Value received

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Avery & Self  
Jos Saint

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax  
London

Pay the contents to Mr  
William Alvey Darwin or  
Order value in Accts  
Hen[ry] Richmond

No. 12296

£35.1s.10d Newcastle 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1764

Twenty five days after date Pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Thirty five Pounds, one shilling & ten pence.

Value received

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Avery & Self  
Jos Saint

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax  
London

Pay the contents to Mr  
William Alvey Darwin or  
Order value in Accts

Hen[ry] Richmond

**18 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglas  
at Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Septem[ber] 1764

Sir In answer to your Letter, desiring me to send you 200 p[ieces] of Sir W[alter] Blackett's Lead, or that I will apply to Messrs Surtees & Burdon to ship it for you, I beg leave to repeat what I mentioned to you last year; that I never concern myself in shipping lead, neither can I sell it to any but our merchants here. Therefore whenever you happen to want any lead if Messrs Surtees & Burdon will apply to me for it I shall let them have it upon the lowest terms. I am etc  
HR. P.S. I hope you have good fishing this year.

**18 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To the Rev[erend] Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1764

Sir The purchase of Mollarsteads is now completed & I should be very glad to have full instructions from you how this Estate is intended to be settled upon Whitley Chapel; and then I will give directions for drawing the writings.  
I sent the plan of St Nich[olas] church ten days ago directed to the Archbishop, as you desired; & paid 1s.6d for the same. I am etc  
H R

**18 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1764

Sir Sir Walter does not chuse to have any further Opinions taken at present about the Tithe of the Allotment of Hexham Comon claimed by the Vicar of Warden: & bids me write you that whenever any tithe becomes due for this Allotment it is to be taken by his Tithers, till you have other orders. No corn nor hay tithe I think will be due for a year or two but I should be glad to know how the petty tithes, if any have arisen, are or have been disposed of.  
Sir Walter desires to know what Articles in Mr Ellis's List of fee farm Rents, amounting to £42.2s.7 ¼d, can in your opinion be got, & what not.

I have received the three receipts which you sent me from Mr Ellis; to whom pray give my compliments & am  
H Ric

**24 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to Gordon**

To Mrs Gordon in upper Grosvenor Street  
London

Newcas[tle] 24 Sept 1764

Madam By Sir W[alte]r Blackett's orders I have sent four pine apples, by the Flying Coach, in a box directed to you; The Coach set out early this morning & will be in London I believe before this Letter. I have paid the carriage & am etc H Ric  
P.S. The coach comes to the black bull in Bishopgate Street in case there sho[ul]d be occasion to inquire after it.

**28 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1764

Sir Inclosed I return you Mr Douglas's Letter; I had one from him to the same purpose & answered it by the return of the post, that I never concern myself with shipping Lead, but only sell it to the Merchants in the Town. I told Mr Douglas so last year and that if he ever wanted any of Sir Walter's Lead he must employ some merchant here to buy it. Accordingly he employed Messrs Surtees & Burdon last year and he must do so again or he cannot have it. I am etc H Ric

**28 Sept 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcas[tle] 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1764

Sir Inclosed is Peareth & Sorsbie's bill on Freeman & Hainbanks for Two hundred & Eighty Pounds; which I desire you'll place to my acco[un]t for the present and advise the Receipt of.

This bill is intended for Messrs Viner & Glover's & Mrs Lambert's half year's intr[es]t of their mortgage on Kenton due 27<sup>th</sup> inst. I am etc Hen Richmond

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> September 1764 p[e]r £280

Thirty Days after date pay Mr Henry Richmond, or order Two hundred & Eighty Pounds, value in account with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t, which place to account as p[e]r advice.

Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Hainbanks  
London

Pay the contents to Mr  
William Alvey Darwin  
Or order, value in acco[un]t

Hen Richmond

**23 Oct 1764 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1764

Sirs On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> instant I sent you by Will[ia]m Laycock the carrier a piece of silver weighing seven hundred and three ounces which I desire you will place to acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett at the price and advise me on your Receipt of it. P.S. you forgot to sign your name to your last Letter advising of the 670 ounces at 5s.8 ½ d. I am etc H R

**27 Oct 1764 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

Newcas[tle] 27<sup>th</sup> Oct[obe]r 1764

Sirs I have this day drawn a bill upon you for thirty six Pounds payable to Mr George Lowthian or order at 25 days from this date which I desire you will accept and place to acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc Hen Richmond

**3 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov[embe]r 1764

Gentlemen I have two Bills on you, the one for ninety five Pounds payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order at twenty days from this date; and the other for ninety Pounds Payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order at twenty five days from this date; both which I desire you will accept and place to account with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc H R

**3 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1764

Sir Inclosed you receive William Clayton's bill as above for Four hundred Pounds and my Bill on Plumbe and Browne for Ninety five Pounds which two bills will enable you to pay Mr Savage's interest due 6<sup>th</sup> instant and till you pay it I desire you will place them to my account. Inclosed you also receive another bill of Mr Clayton's as above for three hundred Pounds and another of mine on Plumb and Browne for Ninety Pounds which I send you on acco[un]t of the quarterly Payments and for which you will send me a receipt as usual on Sir W[alte]r Blackett's Acco[un]t.

Thirty days after date pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his order Four hundred Pounds, value received, and place it to account, as advised by. - Wm. Clayton  
To Mr Robert Machell Merchant in London Pay the contents to  
Mr William Alvey Darwin  
or order value in acco[un]ts  
Hen Richmond

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order Ninety five pounds, value in  
acco[un]t and place the same to account as per advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

Thirty five days after date pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his order Three hundred Pounds, value  
received, and place it to Account as advised by Wm Clayton  
To Mr Robert Machall Pay the contents to  
London Mr William Alvey Darwin  
or order value in acco[un]ts  
Hen Richmond

Twenty five days after date pay.....Mr William Alvey Darwin or order Ninety Pounds, value in  
acco[un]t & place the same to account as per advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> Novem[ber] 1764

Sir I beg you will never deliver more Lead to any Person than I give the tickett for; nor trust to their telling you they will come directly and pay for it. No accident indeed has happened in this case; but you must be sensible it is not regular to run any such risks. I am etc H R

Newcas[tle] 11<sup>th</sup> November 1764

Sir John Renwick has complained to Sir Walter that he and 5 more got 99 Bings of ore at Hackford Grove at 18d a Bing yet as soon as their bargain was out you took the best of the

ground from them where she was  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a yard clean ore in width & let at 17d a Bing, and put them into the worst ground where no ore was to be found & where they had 9d a week to pay for drawing water so they were obliged to leave that bargain or ruin themselves. He has also told Sir Walter that the workings would not have been liable to be drowned out by Wards & Bakers water if there had been no level from devils water but you had begun the grove in Hackford burn and wrought her towards Devils water leaving a sufficient Barrier against Wards & Bakers water. Now Sir Walter desires you will give an answer to these articles as soon as you can. Sir Walter consents that his Stewards and Parson Stokoe may employ any persons not engaged in ore bargains to be their servants during their extraordinary hours only, that is, after shifts or days work is over paying them for such extraordinary time and taking care never to let their business as servants interfere with the shifts or work that ought to be done for him. I am etc H R

**23 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t M.P. in  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov[embe]r 1764

Hon[our]d Sir I hope you are well after your journey.

I acquainted Mr Ord with what you had settled as to the Bailifs place and he is very thankful, and I went on this dayse' night to Mr Collingwood and he promised to make a draught of the instrument to be signed by Mr Heron; but he has not yet sent it.

I have been at Wallington receiving the Rents; the Tenants paid up pretty well, excepting 3 or 4 of them, and the receipt amounted to £1680 but on the other Hand the allowances, & bills paid amounted to £859 odd, which is more than usual; and left me less to bring home than I had this time twelve months.

Mr Peareth says you will have £30, as Mayor, to dispose of at Christmas to poor freemen etc, please to give directions about it. Inclosed is Caleb's Hunters Answer to John Renwicks charge. J Collinson the Shipwright, whom you put into your Hospital very lately is dead suddenly and the vacancy will be filled up by William Woodifield the pavior, to whom you promised the first that should happen; unless you now please to order otherwise.

Mr Ellison has been here about his appointment, as Librarian; yesterday being Mr Brewsters last day but I have herewith inclosed it, because you intended to make some alteration and to grant the office only during his continuance in the curacy of St Nicholas. I am etc H R

P.S. since I finished my Letter Mr Collingwod has sent me the dra[ugh]ts but he thinks it necessary for Mr & Mrs Rastel to join in the appoint[en]t; & as there are some blanks to fill up etc they cant be settled till I see Mr Heron & hear from Mr Bell, after that I shall send them up & Mr Darwin may ingross them if you think them right. Mr Ord said he w[oul]d write to you ab[ou]t speaking to the judge concerning his accounts.

**23 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell Hexham

Newcas[tle] 23 Nov[embe]r 1764

Sir Inclosed you receive a copy of Mr Collingwoods dra[ugh]t of the Appointm[en]t of a Bailif & deputy Steward or Clerk of the Regality of Hexham etc wch I send for y[ou]r perusal & desire you will return it me by Sundays post. I want to know wher[e] the deputy Stewards & the clerks offices are the same or they are different offices. Mr Collingwood you see makes them one & the same by inserting the word or. I am etc H R



**25 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 25<sup>th</sup> Novem[be]r 1764

Sir I shall be glad to see you soon, about the road from Edmondbiers to Blaydon: for the first step ordered to be taken is to indict the inhabitants of Woodhead quarter for not repairing the Road. But then before we can do this we must be able to prove that it wants repair, that is, that it is not passable without great danger & difficulty. If you can obtain such proof, we must then collect our other witnesses, to prove it a highway, against Christmas Sessions. So that you had best come by Mr Surtee 's and talk the matter over with him and then we can judge better how to proceed when you come hither. I am etc Hen Richmond

**26 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to Edward Collingwood**

To Edw[ar]d Collingwood Esq  
at Chirton

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> November 1764

Sir As I had some doubt whether the Deputy Stewards and the clerk's were the same office, which the word *or* insirted between them in the draught seems to imply; I wrote to Mr Bell: & inclosed you have his answer, that they have always been considered as distinct offices. Therefore I submit it whether *and* should not be put in instead of *or* in the 17<sup>th</sup> Line of the 1<sup>st</sup> page and the 10<sup>th</sup> Line of the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the draught. As to what Mr Bell says about Mr Herons having a power to appoint a deputy Bailiff; it does not appear by Mr Ords appointment or any of the patents ever to have been granted; tho[ugh] he says it is necessary to have a deputy Bailif to pass surrenders out of court this I am no judge of. Nor of what he says about a deputy clerk. But desire you will please to consider these points and favour me with your answer and the return of the draught and Mr Bell's Letter as soon as convenient and then I shall transmit them to Sir W[alte]r Blackett. I suppose it is necessary for Mr & Mrs Rastal to execute tho[ugh] the appointment is only during the pleasure of Sir W[alte]r Blackett or the Lord or Lords of the Manor. Iam etc HR

**26 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Half moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> November 1764

Hon[our]d Sir Inclosed is Mr Collingwood's dra[ugh]t of the appointment of Mr Ralph Heron to be Bailiff of Hexham, and also of the instrument he is to sign to allow Mr Ord to receive the salary and profits. If you approve of them, they can be engrossed by Mr Darwin on the proper stamps, for I find Mr Collingwood is not clear whether the high duty will not be necessary for the appointment, tho[ugh] Mr Ord's was only on an eighteen penny stamp- Mr Collingwood says Mr & Mrs Rastal must sign the appointment so when you have executed please to let Mr Darwin send it to Mr Rastall with directions and request to forward it hither as soon as executed by them.

I cannot yet send the advertisement about Woodcroft for want of knowing the quantity of the copyhold part of it. For the survey takes no notice of a parcel of Land called Bitchburn in the abstract, and the close called Riding & said in the abstract to be 6 acres is by the survey made to contain 31 acres. 2 roods. 0 perches; and what is become of another parcel mentioned in the abstract to have been formerly R[ober]t Roshton's and to contain 26 acres I cannot find: perhaps Mr Darwin by looking into writings may learn something that may help us. & I shall get Mr Hunter to enquire of some of the old people in the Neighbourhood of that Estate. I am etc HR

**27 Nov 1764 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 27<sup>th</sup> November 1764

Gentlemen On the 23 inst[an]t I sent you by Matthew Lee the London Carrier a piece of offline Silover weighing four hundred & twenty eight ounces; which I desire you will place to account with Sir Walter Blackett at the market price and advise me of the Receipt of. I am etc H R

**8 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
in Durham.

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1764

Sir Sir W[alte]r Blackett has some parcels of copyhold Land near Woodcroft in the parish of Stanhope which are held of the Top according to the custom of the Halmot Court of Wolsingham; to which copyholds one Dr John Smith was admitted Tenant on the 20<sup>th</sup> Augst. 11<sup>th</sup> year Ann. & the description of the said parcels is as follows.

One parcel of Land called Bitchlaw next Woodcroft and one close called Rideing and also one parcel of Land containing by estimation six Acres of Land lying on the South side of the tenement or close called Beedburn als Bedburn extending towards the waste of the Lord called Bollihope, upon the surrender of Sir W[illiam]m Blackett B[arone]t.

To hold to the said Dr Smith & his sequels in right etc I desire you will be so good as let a search be made whether these estates were ever surrendered back again to Sir W[ilia]m Blackett or any in trust for him; and if you meet with any such thing that you will send me a copy of it as soon as you conveniently can.

At the same time please also to let a search be made whether there has been any surrender since 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug[u]st 2<sup>nd</sup> Geo[rge] 2<sup>nd</sup> of two acres of Land parcel p[art] [o]f twenty acres of Land leading from a certain place call Hall Pasture Nook and descending towards a place called White Ridge and from thence to a place called Brownley hills and so on to the South of Hall burn and a parcel of Land called Hot burn Sheals towards Stanhope burn with a Lead Mill called Stanhope hope Mill and all other Edifices & structures built upon the premises with all ways waters water courses passages Librties privilidges profits & comodities to the said Mill belonging. Which premes were then surrendered by Sir W[ilia]m Blackett & Ralph Featherstone to Lancelot Allgood to hold to the said Lanc[elo]t Allgood & his sequels also.

The expence attending these searches you will place to Sir W[alte]r Blackett's Acco[un]t till an opportunity offers of discharging it. I am etc. Hen Richmond

**9 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Rich[ar]d Ellis's  
in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1764

Sir Inclosed I send you two papers which I received from Sir W[alte]r Blackett, being the findings of the Juries upon the charge given them upon the decease of John Richardson the younger of Nether Limestone Brea and Cuth[ber]t Roddam of the same place and shall be glad to hear that you receive them safe.

Mr Heron's deputation is sent to Mr Rastall to be executed by him and his wife; as soon as I get it you will hear further from Mr Heron or me. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decm[be]r 1764

Sir I rec[eiv]ed your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me Mr Sam[ue]l Savages receipt for four hundred and ninety five Pounds for half a y[ea]rs int[e]r[es]t due 6<sup>th</sup> Novem[be]r last which I have given you credit for. I have also given you credit for one hundred and forty pounds for Mr Glover's receipt for the ½ y[ea]rs int[e]r[es]t due to him and Mr Viner the 27<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r last, which I rec[eiv]ed in your Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Novem[be]r last and thought I had advised you of by the return of the Post.

As to the Copyhold part of Woodcroft Estate, it lies so intermixed with the freehold part that I believe they must be sold together, or not at all: But I shall be able in a few posts I hope to write with more certainty, as I expect to hear soon from the Steward of the Estates in that part about it. And as to the surrender I wrote immediately on the receipt of your Letter, with the extracts from the title deeds, to Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson the Steward of the Halmot Court to search for the surrender from Dr Smith and if he can find any such thing to find me a copy of it; as soon as I hear from him you shall know what he says.

I shall remember to give Sir Walter the assignments you mention when he returns again to Town after Christmas. I am etc. Hen Richmond

**12 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Halfmoon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1764

Hon[ou]rd Sir I received and have given to Mr Heron the appointment to the Bailiffs Office; and he has signed the instrument in favour of Mr Ord. I hear Mr Lowes is disappointed!

Mr Graham the Curate of Hexham died on Sunday last: the Curacy I believe is worth better than £50 a year.

A Fire happened at Dukesfield on Sunday last, during the time of service at Whitley Chapel; which burnt down four of the Out houses and as the wind was high the other buildings were saved with great difficulty, and only by the help of the people from the Chapel. These are the particulars I have received of this Accident.

Mr Peareth has got the Order for the payments. I wish you a good Journey. I am etc HR

**13 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens St Andrews**

To the Churchwardens  
Of St. Andrews

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1764

Gentlemen Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blackett's usual Charity I desire you will Tickett one hundred & Fifty of your poor and bring them all together to Sir Walter's exactly at eight o'clock that morning. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**13 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens All Saints**

To the Churchwardens  
Of All Saints

Newcas[tle] 13th Decem[be]r 1764

Gentlemen Monday the 24th instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blackett's usual Charity I desire you will Tickett two hundred & Fifty of your poor and bring them all together to Sir Walter's exactly at ten o'clock that morning. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**13 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens St Nicholas**

To the Churchwardens  
Of St. Nicholas

Newcas[tle] 13th Decem[be]r 1764

Gentlemen Monday the 24th instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blackett's usual Charity I desire you will Tickett one hundred & Fifty of your poor and bring them all together to Sir Walter's exactly at one o'clock that afternoon. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**13 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens St Johns**

To the Churchwardens  
Of St. Johns

Newcas[tle] 13th Decem[be]r 1764

Gentlemen Monday the 24th instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blackett's usual Charity I desire you will Tickett one hundred & Fifty of your poor and bring them all together to Sir Walter's exactly at Two o'clock that afternoon. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**14 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq at  
Leeds

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1764

Sir Inclosed are two parts of my Acco[un]t of your half year's rent of west Kenton estate due Mayday last: One of which I have signed and the other I desire you will please to sign & return me and also that you will advise me of Joseph Kings bill on Henton Brown & son for two hundred & seventy eight pounds one shilling & sixpence which I here inclose you for the balance of the said Acco[un]t. As to the arrear of the £100 and int[e]r[es]t he shewed me your

Letter giving him to Candlemas for the payment of it. Inclosed also is Miss Headlam's receipt for nine Pounds for her half Year's int[er]est.

Dr Brown, Vicar of Gosforth has demanded of Mr King tithe of turnips and potatoes and agistm[en]t. The modus of 8s.4d which you pay him is expressed to be a modus for hay tithe only - you will please to give directions how Mr King is to conduct himself.

Inclosed are abstarcts of two deeds that were shewn me lately by a shoemaker in this Town who expected that one of them was the deed for which the reward of £100 was offered some years ago. I satisfied him of the contrary. But if you think they are worth your having I believe they may be got for a trifle.

Please to seal and direct your Letter to me and then inclose it in a cover directed to Sir W[alter] Blackett B[aronet] MP in Newcastle upon Tyne and write *Free* under the word Tyne and it will be a mark to prevent its travelling further.

I wish you the compliments of the ensuing season. I am etc Hen Richmond

£278.1.6

Newcastle Decem[ber] 12<sup>th</sup> 1764

Twenty five days after date pay to Henry Richmond or Order Two hundred and Seventy Eight Pounds one Shilling and sixpence value received as advised by.

Jos. King

To Henton Brown & Son  
Bankers in London

Pay the contents to Richard  
Wilson Esq or order value  
In Acco[un]t  
Hen Richmond

## 22 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas

To Mr George Douglass at  
Berwick

Newcas[tle] 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1764

Sir Sir Walter Blackett relying upon the assurances you have given him about the payment agrees to let you have two hundred pieces of his refined Lead at fourteen pounds p[er] fother tho[ugh] it is inconvenient and out of the usual course of his trade: so you will please to write whom it is to be delivered to, and direct that person to call upon me for the Tickett. P.S. Sir Walter is now here and desires to hear how you go on in parliamenteering. I am etc Hen Richmond

## 24 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter jun[ior] at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 24 Decem[ber] 1764

Sir I forgot to tell you to let Mr John Bell have a pig of Lead from Dukesfield Mill if he sends for it- it is for the repair of Hexham Abbey so that he need not pay for it only you will mention it as delivered for that purpose in the Monthly and Quarterly Acco[un]ts. I am etc HR

## 28 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richard Wilson Esq in  
Leeds

Newcas[tle] 28<sup>th</sup> Dec[embe]r 1764

Sir On the 14<sup>th</sup> instant I sent you Joseph Kings bill as below for two hundred and seventy eight pounds one shilling and sixpence, endorsed by me; which as I have had no letter of advice from you I am apprehensive has miscarried and therefore beg to hear from you by the return of the post, that if it is not come to your hand I may get payment stopt. I am etc Hen Richmond

**28 Dec 1764 From Henry Richmond to Hill**

To Mr Hill at Mansfield near  
Durham

Newcas[tle] 28 Decem[be]r 1764

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bid me give his Complim[en]ts and that he will be obliged to you if you can procure him a Dozen hams and half a dozen cheeks such as he has had from you before; which he says are better than any he meets with else where. I am etc HR

**1 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Christ[ohe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas[tle] 1<sup>st</sup> January 1765

Sir On the 8<sup>th</sup> Ultim I wrote you desiring you would search for the surrenders of two Estates in the Manor of Wolsingham belonging to Sir W[alte]r Blackett and gave you the particulars: But as I have not had any answer to that Letter I give you the trouble of this to acquaint you that Sir Walter Blackett is now here and desires to know whether you can meet with the surrender from Dr Smith of the parcels at Woodcroft, or no? this surrender being more immediately wanted than the other. I hope you will favour me with an answer by the return of the post if possible. I wish you many happy years & am etc Hen Richmond

**5 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Will[ia]m Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765

Sir This morning and not before I rec[eive]d a Lre from Mr Christ[ohe]r Johnson Steward of the B[isho]ps Halmot Court, that he cannot find that there has been any surrender made by Dr Smith of the Copyhold Lands at Woodcroft since 11 yr [Queen] Ann. Since the receipt of his Letter I have found in the abstract no 5. That Dr Smiths Mortgage was paid off by one Ralph Featherstonhalgh according to the following abstract (viz) – 18 & 19 May 1719 a mortgage interalia to the said Ralph Featherstonhalgh for £9000 & £4000: which £4000 was due to the said Dr Smith and the said Sir W[ilia]m Blackett by the deeds of this date empowered the said Ralph Featherstonehalgh to pay off the said mortgage to the said Dr Smith. 20 May 1719 an Indenture of defeasance between the said Ralph Featherstonhalgh and Sir W[ilia]m Blackett reciting that the said Sir W[ilia]m Blackett had according to the custom of the



Manor of Stanhope & Wolsingham surrendered and conveyed to the use of the said Ralph Featherstonhalgh the said Copyhold Lands at Woodcroft as therein specified.

18 & 19 Decem[be]r 1719 an Ind[entu]re made between Sir W[ilia]m Blackett of the 1<sup>st</sup> part, Geo: Smith Eldest Son & heir etc of the said Dr J[o]n[atho]n Smith etc of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part and the said Ralph Featherstonhalgh of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part witnesseth that the said Geo Smith etc had released etc the premes to the said Featherstonhalgh.

After you have considered the title as contained in the said abstract No. 5 (and deduced down to Greys Hospital) you will let me know what is further to be done. Whether it will be necessary to enquire after the Heir of the said Dr Smith and if he can be found out to get a surrender made to the said Ralph Featherstonhalgh's heirs if they can be found out and then to get them to surrender to Sir W[alte]r Blackett or what else is to be done. I doubt there will be very great difficulties upon us at this time of day & even if they are Surmountable will very much retard the Sale intended by Sir Walter.

Sir Walter is gone to York, where Mrs Hudson is dangerously ill after her lying in. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**8 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr W[illia]m Robson at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 8 Jan[ua]ry 1765

Sir George Brown of Fenwick p[ai]d me one hund[re]d & forty seven p[oun]ds ten shillings on Saturday last so that his arr[ear]s due Mar[ch] quarter last is £420.0s.0d.

As to Anth[on]y Hunter he never comes near me tho[ugh] his arr[ear]s due Mar[c]h last is no less than £512.0s.0d pray take Sir W[alte]r's directions again or else act under those he gave you in Nov[embe]r last. I am etc HR

**14 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765

Gentlemen I have drawn a bill upon you for Four hundred Pounds payable to Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t or order twenty five days after this date; which I desire you will accept, and when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett as usual.

I wish you many happy years & am etc Hen Richmond

**18 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Christ[ophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765

Sir I must trouble you again and beg you will make another Search among the Rolls for the manor of Stanhope whether the parcels of Copyhold lands wch I described to you in my Letter of 8<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r last were not surrendered about the 18<sup>th</sup> May 5 Geo: 1<sup>st</sup> & admittances granted between Sir William Blackett and Ralph Featherstonhalgh and Also whether the said Ralph Featherstonhalgh did not surrender the said premises about the year 1724 to Sir William. I desire also to know whether it is the Custom of the Manor of Stanhope for Copyhold Estates to be

surrendered to the uses of the wills of the Tenants or how otherwise and in case surrenders are neglected to be made either to those uses or upon other occasions how such neglects are to be remedied.

The favour of your answer to this Letter with all convenient expedition will oblige Sir W[alte]r Blackett, upon whose Account these enquiries are made.

P.S. on the other side you have the description of the Copyhold Estates lest you should not readily find my Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r aforesaid. I am etc Hen Richmond

**18 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Gray's Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765

Sir Sir Walter sate out yesterday morning for London and I have sent by him the assignments relating to the £5000. vizt the original assignment and counter part, and Mrs Esther Allgoods assignment of the Trusts devolved upon her relating to that money.

I spoke to Sir Walter about the particulars of Woodcroft and Slater's farm and he said when he came to London he would look for them & if he had them not he would write.

I have wrote to Mr Johnson about the Copyholds at Woodcroft and as soon as I hear from him I will acquaint you. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**18 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765

Sir I have received by Mr William Robson the Eighteen pounds you were so good as receive for me of Mr. John White and inclosed I send you my receipt for the same, which you will please to give him.

Sir Walter has given Mr Robson some directions about Brown's close; which he is not to have any longer than Mayday next. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**18 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir I have sent under another cover by this post the petition for the Bridge at Hexham which by a Letter from Mr Heron I find the Justices have ordered to be wrote over again with the addition of the word considerable. I have got it signed to day by such of the Commissioners of the Military road as I could meet with in Town.

Mr Blake did not come.

I see by the Memorandum relating to the rights of the Corporation that there was a Agreement made in 43 Hen 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Prior and Convent of Durham *among other things*, that their Tenants at So[uth] Shields should bake and brew only for themselves and not for Strangers.

What the other *things* are that are contained in this Agreement I cannot tell. perhaps the Town Clerk may be able to find this Agreement, if you chuse to order him to search for it. If South

Shields is allowed a Market the next thing will probably be an application for one for North Shields which is a more considerable Town. But as judgement was given against the Prior of Tinmouth, with respect to his claiming a Market at North Shields, in the Kings bench 7 Ed[ward]:1<sup>st</sup>; I should apprehend the same reason or Custom will hold against one at So[uth] Shields and that the Town of Newcastle will be prejudiced thereby by lessening the markets here. But of this you are the best judge. I acquainted Mr Clayton yesterday of the contents of your Letter from Durham and he promised to speak to the ushers of the Head School and let me know their answer before post time, which is now so near That I must close my Letter expressing only the satisfaction I should have in knowing you are well after your Journey. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**22 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1765

Sir Sir Walter Blackett did not say any thing to me about Liddell's Affair, and therefore I do not know what to say in answer to your Letter. But it appears to be the safest way to postpone the admittances till the Head Court, as you propose; especially as Sir Walter will be back again before that time. I am etc Hen Richmond

**27 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to Gawen Aynsley**

To Gawin Aynsley Esq  
at Little harle

Newcas[tle] 27<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765

Sir I have sent you by this post the two parts of the new Lease of the prebend of Thockrington and inclosed is Sir William Lowther's receipt for £77.8s.8d for the Fine & for renewing it : which were sent to me by Mr Barber of Ferry bridge. I shall get a new agreement of the tithes of Sweethope, part of this prebend, prepared in a little time, and send it you. I am etc HR

Jan[ua]ry 22<sup>nd</sup> 1765

Then received of Gawin Aynsley Esq by the hand of Mr John Barber of Ferry bridge Seventy seven pounds 8s.8d being for a Fine, a years prebendal Rent ending at Michaelmas last and for my Clerk's writing the Leases.

W[ilia]m Lowther

**26 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 26 Jan[ua]ry 1765

Sir Inclosed you have a copy of what I have received from Mr Johnson Steward of the B[isho]ps Halmot Court; containing all that he says he has been able to meet with relating to Sir W[alte]r Blacketts Copyhold Estates in Stanhope: by which it appears that only the Six Acres

has been surrendered; for the other parcels do not relate to Woodcroft. This is very strange, and shews either great negligence in those concerned for Sir W[illia]m Blackett or in the keeper of the Rolls or else in Mr Johnson's searches. For you see the parcel of Land called Bitch Lane and the close called Riding are not mentioned in the Surrender of 5 Geo: 1<sup>st</sup> I have wrote again to Mr Johnson to desire he will search more particularly and as soon as I hear any thing will let you know.

I hope you have got the particulars of Slater's farm at Fenwick, which you mentioned Sir W[alte]r either had not given you or you had mislaid; Sir W[alte]r had it from Mr William Robson and I did not see it. but I have just now received a valuation from Mr Robson copy of wch is inclosed. As to Woodcroft Estate Sir W[alte]r had no Acco[un]t of it that I remember except the Rent which is £90 a year. But I was to have sent him the dra[ught] of an advertisement; which was not done because I could not ascertain how much was freehold and how much was Copyhold. Neither, after all the Enquiry I can make, am I able to do it now: for the old names of the Copyhold are lost and the limits thereof confounded with the freehold part of the Estate and the oldest Tenants & people in the Neighbourhood know nothing of them. But the whole lies in the manor and parish of Stanhope and contains 215a.3r.27p. as per plan given Sir Walter and the outgoings besides the Landtax are one shilling a year as a modus for hay tithe 13s.8d a year called a freehold rent & 7s.8d a copyhold rent.

I hope the Attorney general will soon give you his answer about the information which my Brother says he wrote to you about, for perpetuating the Evidence of some old witnesses who prove that the Lead way from Blaydon to Edmondbiers is a Highway: That being the best way, according to Lawyer Rudd's Opinion of proceeding in this Affair. I am etc Hen Richmond

**26 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Christ[ophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law      Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765  
In Durham

Sir      As you have found the surrender of the six acres part of the copyhold Estate at Woodcroft I am in great hopes you will be able upon a more particular search to find a surrender of the same date of the other parcel called Bitchlaw and the close called Riding as I cannot conceive the people concerned at that time a day could possibly surrender one without the other especially as the writings of Woodcroft Estate mention the surrender of them all three and that the rent was 8s.8d. I shall be glad to hear from you again as soon as you can. I am etc HR

**29 Jan 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at      Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765  
Wallington

Sir      Inclosed is a copy of the paper Mr Dockwray left with me of the sums he claims for Hay tithe from the Tenants of Ryal Ingo and Kearsley from the time of his Entry upon the Living.....

Inclosed also is Mr Henry Atkinson's Note of Raff sent to Wallington in the year 1764 which I desire you will examine and am etc H R

**2 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Febr[uar]y 1765

Sir I have sent by the cart the blew cloth that belonged to the pew in St. And[re]ws Church. If you would find me William Hepple's Article, & also a proper description of the ground taken off Fenwick Estate and laid to William Mason's farm at Ingo I may perhaps be able by and by to get the Leases done for them. I am etc Hen Richmond

**2 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb[ua]ry 1765

Sir Inclosed herewith is a copy of the full abstracts, which I received last night from Mr Ch[ristophe]r Johnson, of the surrenders of Sir William Blacketts Estates in the manors of Stanhope & Wolsingham and which I hope will enable you to make out the title to the Copyhold part of Woodcroft.

I find my Brother has got the Attorney generals opinion about the Lead way; but unluckily he has given no answer to the principal Query that was put to him, to wit, whether we could, by the way of Information, proceed to perpetuate the testimony of our old witnesses. This is what will answer Sir W[alte]r Blacketts purpose better than indicting the road or bringing particular Actions against those who have taken acknowledgements within these 12 or 13 years from the Lead Carriers. This \_ is a matter of great – consequence to Sir Walter, and therefore I suppose you will hear further from my Brother about it, in order to have an answer to the principal Question contained in the case. I am etc HR

**2 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t M.P. in  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb[ua]ry 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Clayton spoke to the Ushers of the Grammar School and they have agreed to take the Additional Salary and confine themselves to the business of the School and not seek after Lectureships & crusades.

I have by this post sent Mr Darwin abstracts of the surrenders of the copyhold part of Woodcroft estate, which I got last night only from the Steward of the Halmot Court for the manor of Stanhope and hope Mr Darwin will be able now to make out the title.

But after the best enquiry I can make I cannot get any acco[un]t, to be depended upon, of the Quantity of the Copyhold part; or where it lies, the old names Being entirely unknown to the oldest people on the farm or in the neighbourhood of it. I have sent Mr Darwin all the other particulars necessary for an advertisement. I am etc Hen Richmond

**4 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Halfmoon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 4 Febr[uary] 1765  
being Monday

Hon[ou]rd Sir      Your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> of last month, tho[ugh] it has the General post office stamp of the same date upon it, did not come to my hands till this day at 20 minutes after 2 o'clock. I immediately sent the Letter inclosed in it to Ald[er]man Simpson who is in Town; & then went to Mr Bell the post master to know the reason of this extraordinary delay.- his answer to me is, that the London bag which should have come to this Town on Thursday last the 31 of January did not come to his office till this day about 12 o'clock. & that missing the said bag on Thursday he wrote on Friday to the general post office about it; and this is all he knows of the matter.

Mr Simpson upon the receipt of your Letter has called the Magistrates together to consider of the contents of it; & tomorrow they will have a meeting with the recorder and Mr Fawcett; and let you have an answer as soon as possible; in the meantime they think it would be right to retain the Attorney General and such other Councill as you may think proper.- And in case the papers that concern the former hearing of this matter before the House should be wanted, the Town clerk desires me to mention that they are in Mr Darwins hands. Mr Peareth says the prices of carting ballast on the different Quays are from 9d. to 14d. a ton, but adds that all this matter will be found particularly stated in the papers in Mr Darwins possession. P.S. The other London bags were received regularly here on Fryday Saturday & yesterday. I am etc Hen Richmond

**6 Feb 1765    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Halfmoon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 6 February 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir      Inclosed is the Schedule of the Tolls that were proposed to be taken at Mr Jurins intended Bridge over the Tyne.

The Easter Sessions for Northumberland will be held at Morpeth on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> April. The Town clerk says he wrote to you on Fryday; and Mr Peareth says he will write to you to Night.

I wrote last night to Mr Robson about another farm or part of a farm to be parted with along with Slater's and to reconsider his valuation which I sent Mr Darwin an exact copy of, without examining the original, I own.

I have sold 3000 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead lately, of the common sort, at £13.12s.6d. a fother; which I compute will answer all payments for six months. If there should be any trade in the spring, the money arising by any sales then may either go towards the great pays in Septem[be]r or be disposed of otherwise as you think proper.

Weardale mines continue much the same; and I suppose that Allanheads, Hackford and Coalcleugh afford nothing new as I have not heard of any change for the better or the worse since you left Newcastle.

We have a good deal of snow upon the ground; part of which the gardeners are now conveying into the Icehouse here, and I wrote about doing the same at Wallington.

As to some coals having been sold so low as £1.9s.0d. in the pool; I am told they must have been of an inferior sort; but the computation I sent the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec[embe]r 1763 was made upon the best sort. 2<sup>nd</sup> The freights were then 12s. a London Chald[ro]n but now I am told that the price of coals is so low nobody will engage ships upon freight at all: & that the Masters & Shipowners, who must employ their ships and take the chance of what they can get at market for the coals, cannot make above 8 or 9s. a cha[ldro]n for the carriage of them; and that at this time they are losers by the trade. 3rdly The Coal buyers probably apprehending a parliamentary enquiry may not insist upon the discount and premium mentioned, with a <N 3> upon them, in



my computation; and which come to about 1s.1d. a London chal[dro]n.4thly The metage which comes to 8d a chal[dro]n should have been deducted, as I am now told, out of the 1s.8d. charged in the said computation for the chal[dro]n given in, in every score, to the Buyer that being the general practice. When all these articles are put together they may amount to about 7s.od. a Lond[o]n Chal[dro]n and will account tolerably well for the inferior sort of coals having been sold at £1.9s.0d. I will observe your directions about Mr Leeke. I am etc Hen Richmond

**8 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1765

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by David Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine silver weighing six hundred and fifty five ounces; which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the market price and advise me of your Receipt of it. I am etc Hen Richmond

**9 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1765

Sir Inclosed you receive a Letter from Mr William Dalton of Blaydon to his Tenant Henry Hemley at Acomb: directing him to shew to any person you shall send to him, the part of his farm that has been damaged by the Floods since Mich[ilm]as 1763 to the End that a computation may be made how much Earth and other strata has been carried away into the River since that time, from that place. Now you are desired by the Corporation of Newcastle to employ some man of judgement who can measure and compute the number of solid feet of Earth and other strata so carried away and can make a plan of the alteration that has been made there since Mich[ilm]as 1763 by the floods; & let him do all this as soon as he possibly can and then come to Newcastle, along with Mr Hemley, to Mr Ald[erma]n Simpson who will satisfy them both for their trouble. I fancy Mr Marriott is well qualified for such a job, if he has time: But this is left entirely to your own choice. I am etc Hen Richmond  
P.S. May acquaint Mr Hemley that he is desired to come to Newcastle to Mr Simpson along with the person you employ.

**11 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 11<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1765

Sir I have sent by William Forster the £17.14s.2d for the garden bill.  
Your Letter is not full enough to answer Sir Walter's purpose as you will see by mine to you dated last Tuesday, containing nearly his own words, which I shall repeat lest you should have mislaid that Letter "I desire you will acquaint Mr Robson that there must be another farm or part of a farm that is most conveniently parted with along with Slater's to make up the sum of about

£5400. And let him draw out such particularz of the number of acres, Rent, and outgoings for Tithes etc as the case may be, proper to be shewn to a purchaser.

And at the same time in another paper I would have him put down his opinion of the real value & improvements which he thinks may be reasonably made of the present Rents; (that I may be the purchasor if others do not bid up to near the value"). I desire you will send an answer to this part of Sir Walter's Letter as soon as you can, either to himself or to etc. Hen Richmond

**13 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e MP in  
Half moon street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir Inclosed are two Letters from Mr Robson; the one contains the number of acres he proposes to add to Slater's farm from either Thomas Masons or Anth[on]y Hunter's; with his valuation of the same, so as may be shewn to a purchaser. The other contains his opinion how much you may give in case others do not bid enough.

I should think the addition ought rather to be from Mason's than from Hunter's farm; because Slater's and Mason's farm's were formerly called South Shields, and there is a modus of £0.10s.0d a year paid for the corn tithe of both. But Hunter's farm, which is half of Fenwick Town, pays corn tithe in kind. Besides the Vicar has the sweepage of three Acres in the former, in lieu of hay tithe: & but a modus of 0s.10d for the hay tithe of the latter. These are all the outgoings of these farms, except the Landtax. I am etc Hen Richmond

**15 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse in  
Weardale

Newcas[tle] 15 Febr[uar]y 1765

Sir I have just now received a Letter from Mr William Rutter, Mr Bacon's Steward, acquainting me that he has fixed the partnership pay to be made on the 25<sup>th</sup> of next month; which will be on a Monday: and he desires I will write to you of this resolution that you may satisfy the people. Now all I have to say is that Sir W[alte]r Blacketts money is ready and will be so whenever it is called for and this you may safely satisfy any body of whom it may concern. I have sent Mr Milburn back to Mr Rutter to tell him that a Wednesday will be a better day to make the pay on than a Monday and that he may chuse either Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of next month and I shall give you his answer in a postscript. P.S. Mr Rutter has sent me a card that he agrees to make the pay on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March. I am etc Hen Richmond

**19 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 19<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir I have sent under this and another cover one of the former Bills for the division of Bulbeck Comon altered according to what Mr Robinson informed me was to be carried into the House this sessions. I have examined it and do not see any thing amiss in it except the two or three articles mentioned in the margin.

As to the Bills for dividing Bollihope & Wolsingham Commons I have neither seen nor heard any thing of them; wch is to be sure very strange, considering that you are so much interested in both these commons as being Moor Master By the Lease for Lives under the Bishop. By the custom of that office of Moor Master you can work the Lead mines in these Comons without paying any thing for damages the same priviledge ought to be preserved after the inclosure; otherwise you may be a sufferer, tho[ugh] the Bishop will be a Gainer, by his sixteenth, or his 4d an acre, for his consent to divide Woodcroft, let at £90 a year is the Estate for which you claim Common upon Bollihope; and Wolsingham closes, let at £6 a year, is the whole Estate for which you have Common on Wolsingham Fell. It would be right if you please, to send down copies of these two Bills as soon as they are printed.

With regard to Crawcrook Common, I cannot find that you are concerned therein? Nor that Sir William Blackett ever was, tho[ugh] I have examined all the abstracts I have of writings and all the Books of Acco[un]ts of the Family since the year 1670. You have 1/12 of Stella grand Lease Colliery, but Mr Simpson and some other Owners who know the Limit's of that Lease tell me it does not extend to Crawcrook. Mr Silvertop who has farmed and wrought most of the shares of that Lease can tell best whether it extends to Crawcrook: if not, I am satisfied you are not concerned in that division.

Mr & Mrs Blackett desire their compliments to you; He and the children are pretty well, but Mrs Blackett continues in the same way as when you left Newcastle.

I acquainted Mr Simpson of Mr Liddel's petition: people in general seem averse to his Hoppers, and sorry for the trouble they occasion you. I was sorry to hear you had got a cold, but hope it is gone off as you say nothing of it.

A good deal of snow fell here yesterday, since which it has froze hard; but I hope it will not be long continuance as the Winter is so far spent. I am etc      Hen Richmond

### 23 May 1765      From Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1765

Sir      Inclosed herewith you receive Bell Cookson Cos bill on Vere Glyn & Hallifax for to hundred and ninety five Pounds payable at 30 days from 15<sup>th</sup> instant which I send you on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments you are to make for Sir W[alte]r Blackett in London between 31 Dec[embe]r last and 31 March next. I desire you will place the same to your acco[un]t with him and send me the usual receipt for this sum as a voucher to my acco[un]t with him.

I have this day received for you of Mr John Ord one hundred and fifty one pounds eighteen shillings and two pence (being the balance of the acco[un]t of his Bond to Mr C Denton which you sent me last post) and gave him up the Bond and the acco[un]t as you directed. I have also received of him this day for your use thirty five pounds eighteen shillings for which I gave him a receipt accordingly and for both these sums I have given you credit in your acco[un]t with me. On the other hand I have as you desired made you Deb[to]r for ten pounds for my half years dividend in the 4 p[er] quarter 1762 due 5 Jan[ua]ry last, for which I am obliged to you, and inclosed herewith you receive Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Vere & co for one hundred and seventy seven pounds sixteen shillings and two pence being the balance of this transaction & also of the acco[un]t between us to this day and I desire you will advise me of the receipt of this Bill accordingly.

I shall get an affidavit made soon of the Register of Lady Blacketts Burial & send it you. In the mean time I am etc Hen Richmond

No 13241. £295          Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup> Feb[rua]ry 1765

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Two hundred and ninety five pounds

Value received

To messrs Vere Glynn &  
Hallifax London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
Jos Saint

Pay the contents to Mr William  
Alvey Darwin or order value in account  
Hen Richmond

No 13276. £177.16.2          Newcastle 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb[rua]ry 1765

Twenty five days after date Pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond One hundred & seventy seven pounds sixteen shillings & two pence

Value received

To messrs Vere Glynn &  
Hallifax London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
Jos Saint

Pay the contents to Mr William  
Alvey Darwin or order value in account  
Hen Richmond

## **25 Feb 1765    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[iu]r at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 25<sup>th</sup> Febr[ua]ry 1765

Sir          You will see by the newspapers that there is a meeting advertised to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of next month at Stanhope on acco[un]t of Bollihope Comon; I desire you will attend it and let me know what is done at it. I suppose the Bill will be produced to be signed; if so, pray read it over and let me have your observations upon it. It is an unusual way of proceeding in the Gentlemen, that manage this affair, not to let Sir W[alte]r Blackett have a copy of the intended Bill, nor even the perusal of it, either by himself or his Agents. They can never suppose a general cursory reading, at such a meeting as is now advertised, can satisfy those who are so much int[e]rested as Sir W[alte]r Blackett is in this Comon: not as a freeholder only, but as Moormaster by Lease for Lives under the B[isho]p by which office he has a right to work the Leadmines without paying for damage done thereby and that privilege he cannot give up. But I have wrote to Mr Maughan about this point and he will no doubt be at the meeting.

Fra[n]cis Jacques rented Stanhope hope Mill and the Ground belonging to it for many years as you know or must have heard, but no rent could ever be got of him by reason not only of his poverty but by a perswasion we had that this mill and ground was held of Lord Carlisle for a term of years granted to Mr Hump Wharton and that being expired it was never imagined Sir W[alte]r had any further right thereto: my Father never undetsood otherwise neither could I ever find any writings, till about a month ago, to clear up this matter; but now I have met with a surrender of it which shews that Sir William Blackett's Trustees bought it of Lord Carlisle in 1707 and it is described as follows

Two acres of Land parcel of 20 acres leading from a certain place called Hall pasture Nook and descending towards a place called White ridge and from thence to a place called Brownley hills and so on the south of Hall burn and a parcel of Land called Holburn Sheels down to Stanhope

burn with a Lead Mill commonly called Stanhope hope Mill and all Edifices etc thereto belonging.

Who is now in possession and by what right he is so of this Mill etc is the thing I want you to enquire after and inform me: for Jacques I suppose is dead. I think I have heard that he sold it to one Hopper of Stanhope, But nevertheless Mr Hopper or whoever has it must take a Lease of it of Sir Walter Blackett or quit it or expect an Ejectment. Therefore when you go over to Stanhope about Bollihope I desire you will bestow a little time in examining into this matter, I hope all are well at Dukesfield. P.S. Mr Reynaldson will find you the Ticketts for Allanheads and Dukesfield Lead. But as to a pay I do not see how it can be made, or what purpose it would answer to make one, till we can take in all the Rookhope Lead into the acco[un]t- Above 1000 p[i]lgs of that Lead are in Joblings Yard and at Hedley; and none of the people that have used that yard can safely be paid till all is got in.

Will it not therefore occasion clamour as much as to pay those who have brought their Lead quite thro[ugh] and leave the others out, as to postpone the whole pay till it is all got in? And how can we without confusion deliver more lead from that Mill till what was delivered last year from it is all brought in? You will consider of this. & am etc Hen Richmond

**26 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at  
Newhouse

Newcas[tle] 26 Febr[uar]y 1765

Sir You will see by our newspapers that a meeting is advertised to be held at Stanhope on the 7<sup>th</sup> of next month about Bollihope Comon and another at Wolsingham on the 8<sup>th</sup> about Wolsingham Comon. Now you know Sir W[alter] has a right on the former of these Comons for his Estate at Woodcroft and on the latter for his closes at Wolsingham let at 6d a year to Geo Stobbs But besides This Sir Walter is considerably interested in both these Commons as Moor master, By that office he has a right to work the Leadmines there without making any satisfaction for damage and care must be taken to have this priviledge preserved to him at all Events. Therefore as the Gentlemen who busy themselves about the Inclosure of these two commons have not given Sir Walter a copy of the Bills nor any of his Agents the perusal of them tho[ugh] they have presented petitions to the House of Comons for the Inclosure of them. I must desire you will attend at these meetings and take care that this priviledge is preserved by a proper clause to be inserted in each of the Bills. For it is certain Sir Walter will not make himself liable to damages by working the mines either now opened or hereafter to be opened; and unless this is provided for in the bills they must expect an opposition.

Sir Walter did upon Mr Westgarths application to him, sign a deed to pay his proportion of the charge of the Act and division of Bollihope Comon. But that certainly was never meant to subject him to an improper Bill. Whether the intended Bills are drawn consistent with the Priviledge, I am speaking of, neither Sir Walter nor any of his Agents know.

I have wrote to Mr Hunter to be at the meeting about Bollihope Comon, because he is concerned for Woodcroft Estate; but the Moormasters rights are under your case.

I hope you have received my Letter about Mr Rutter's appointing the partnership pay to be made on the 27<sup>th</sup> next month. I am etc Hen Richmond

**26 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t MP in Halfmoon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 26 Febr[uar]y 1765



Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Colnitts received an acco[un]t last night of the death of Mr Sorsbie at Bath of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t, As by the Charter another Alderman must be chosen in his room within 20 days in the presence of the Mayor; and as this is the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the 20 I thought it best to send an Express of it that you may have as much time for your journey as possible.. In the mean time I shall speak to some of the Electors not to engage their notes. I am etc Hen Richmond

**1 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newcas [tle] 1<sup>st</sup> March 1765

Gentlemen Inclosed are two copies of your account with Sir W[alte]r Blackett, one of which I have signed; the other if you find right, I desire you will sign and return to. Etc Hen Richmond

**1 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law in  
Durham

Newcas[t]le 1<sup>ST</sup> March 1765

Sir Inclosed is a copy of the abstract of the surrenders of Sir Walter Blackett's copyhold Estates in Weardale, which I received from you about a month ago; and which I send in consequence of what passed between you and me yesterday; that you may get any thing you see deficient rectified. I have wrote Mr Darwin of Gray's Inn that you will do so and that you will correspond with him as occasion may require. I am etc. Hen Richmond

**1 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Gray's Inn  
London

Newcas[t]le 1<sup>st</sup> March 1765

Sir Inclosed you receive my affidavit of the Registry of Lady Blacketts burial as you desired. I saw Mr Johnson, the Steward of the Bishop's Halmot Court, yesterday and he told me it is absolutely necessary to have Dr Smith's heir admitted Tenant to the Copyholds at Woodcroft and the other places, contained in the abstract I sent you; and that he must Surrender them again to the Heir of Mr Lan[celot] Allgood; But as Dr Smith's Heir is an infant it will be necessary to get an order out of the chancery at Durham for him to make such Surrenders. He has promised to get all this done and to write to you upon the subject as occasion may require. Inclosed I send you a Copy of an Exemplification of judg[e]m[en]t for def[endan]t in the suit John Thompson against Sir J[o]n[atho]n Fenwick touching the right to the Leadmines in the parishes of Hexham and St John Lee dated 1 Nov[embe]r 1657 and should be glad to know whether you think we could learn from the record what particular mines, or whether all the mines in those parishes, were recovered by Sir J[o]n[atho]n Fenwick possibly the pleadings in this cause may furnish us with some materials to mind the case which Mr York gave so unfavourable an opinion upon, as to Sir W[alte]rs right of working the mines in the freeholds in Hexham Manor. I am etc H Richmond



**3 March 1765    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter jun[io]r at  
Dukesfield

Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1765

Sir    Inclosed herewith you receive Mr Reynaldson's ticket for the Dukesfield and Allanheads Lead received at Blaydon to this day. And now I should be glad to have your opinion how we are to get a pay made to 31 Decem[be]r last. Whether we should we wait till the Rookhope Lead at Joblings yard and at Hedley is all brought in or make the pay without those that have used Joblings Yard: I could wish to have the pay made as soon as possible; but you will consider as I said in my last whether we can safely deliver any more Lead from Rookhope Mill till the last year's Lead is brought in. If we cannot, then the making the pay before that is done will be of no advantage to Sir Walter, except the making an example of those who have used Jobling's Yard for the Rookhope Lead. But as this may create a clamour, there having been great quantities brought thither and if not being easy to ascertain whose lead is brought to Blaydon and whose not, it deserves mature consideration whether to begin to reckon now, or no; I shall be glad of your opinion. I am etc H R

**9 March 1765    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street    Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> March 1765  
Piccadilly London

Hon[ou]rd Sir    I hope you are well after a week of so much fatigue. Inclosed I return Capt[ai]n Stephenson's account of the ships that have delivered at Newcastle Key; for tho[ugh] he has signed one of the petitions to parliament, and I have acquainted him of your Letter, yet he is determined to set out for London on Monday morning: & Mr Bell and Mr Simpson think he may be of some use in London. So I shall send the Book of the Corporation's rights by him as you ordered at first. So many interruptions have happened from your own business that I doubt I shall not be able to get through with the marginal abstracts you ordered me to make in that Book.

Inclosed is Mr Jona Sorsbie's Acco[un]t of the 26 ports that pay only threepence a chaldron town's duty.

A Letter came here last night directed to the Mayor or Chief Magistrate which I carried to Mr Simpson and wch he will answer. It is from a Committee of the house of Lords desiring to know the prices of corn in our Marketts in the month of February. I am etc Hen Richmond

**12 March 1765    From Henry Richmond to John Cross**

To Mr John Cross in Leeds  
Yorkshire

Newcastle    12<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Sir    Sir Walter Blackett has agreed to let Mr Fenwick have three hundred pounds in further part of his and Mr Peareths bond for £2000 on the 12 of May next. But previous to this there must be an Endorsement made upon the Bond, and another upon Mr Fenwicks assignment of it to Mr Wood, in the same form as those you made last year on the payment of the 500. Mr Fenwick proposes calling upon you to do this, and Sir Walter desires you will take the trouble of it, and of letting me know as soon as it is done. Sir Walter came hither last Tuesday,

made Mr Blackett an Alderman on Wednesday and sate out again for London on Thursday. He was very well; I hope you are so. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**13 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grays Inn London

Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Sir Inclosed is my Bill on Plumb and Browne for two hundred and eighty pounds to enable you to pay Messrs Vince & Glover's and Mrs Sambroke's ½ Years intr[es]t of their mortgage on Kenton, which will be due the 27<sup>th</sup> instant. You will please till you can send me their receipts to place this sum to my acco[un]t and advise the receipt of the bill. Mr Johnson is of opinion that the deficiency in the Title of the copyhold part of Woodcroft, by the want of the Surrender from Dr Smith, ought to be remedied now that it is discovered and the heir of Dr Smith is known; especially as it must be done hereafter, when any Title is wanted to be made out; besides he says Mr L Allgood being dead the Lord wants a Tenant. And I doubt whenever a Tenant is offered, the Officers of the Court will require this surrender to be made from Dr Smiths Heir; But of all this you are a better judge than I can be.

As to the quere you put "what relations[hi]p there was between Sir William Blackett Merchant and Sir W[ilia]m Blackett B[arone]t cotemporary with him in 1676 and whether Sir William Blackett the Nephew and Heir of Sir W[ilia]m Blackett was not son of William Blackett Merchant"? the best answer I can give is that W[ilia]m Blackett Merchant in Newcastle 28 Cha[rle]s 2<sup>nd</sup> was the 4<sup>th</sup> son of Sir William Blackett; that he got Woodcroft Estate by his Father's will, and was created a Baro[n]e 36 Cha[rle]s 2<sup>nd</sup> after his Fathers death whose Title of B[arone]t descended to the Eldest son Edw[ar]d G[ran]dfather of the present S[i]r Edw[ar]d Blackett.

As to the word Nephew, it must be a wrong translation of the later word Nepos For the Sir W[illia]m Blackett in 1712 (that is the late Sir W[ilia]m Blackett) was the Grandson of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sir W[ilia]m and Heir of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sir William. How so many Blunders could have happened in the title of this little Estate is surprising.

I suppose you know that the Heirs of Mr L. Allgood are his two daughters Esther and Mary. The former is married to Mr William Hunter, the other is unmarried. I am etc Hen Richmond.

Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> March 1765 £280.0.0

Twenty five days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order two hundred and eighty pounds value in amount and place the same to account as by advice from Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Gentlemen I have drawn a Bill upon you for Two hundred & eighty pounds, payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order twenty five days after the date hereof; which I desire you will accept and when paid place to account with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc Hen Richmond

**15 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter jun[ior] at

Newcas[tle] 15 March 1765

Dukesfield

Sir I have got you a stock of Boneashes already for your Refining house, tho[ugh] I do not suppose you have yet made any preparations for building it; but I would now have you proceed with all expedition and as to the boneashes they will be at Blaydon and you can send for them when you have opportunity. I wish you would acquaint Mr Crawhall that I want the General Account of the produce at his Mill in the last year- it ought to have been sent before this. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**15 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
half moon street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 15 March 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir At the meeting held at Stanhope on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant it was resolved to proceed no further this sessions with the Bill for dividing Bollihope common. But to call a general meeting in August next, and have the interests of all parties then more maturily considered. It was expected that the same resolution would become to the day after, at Wolsingham with regard to that common But I have not yet heard from Mr Maughan about it; which, as no carriers are come in this week, must be owing to bad weather. I find by Mr Seymore that the corn market, which has lately been held twice at Corbridge, was only the attempt of the people in that town and neighbourhood to establish one; & that it is not at all countenanced by Lord Northumberland. The erecting such a market at this day within three miles of Hexham, where markets have been held for time beyond the memory of man, is a nuisance that I should suppose you can get removed, and have remedy by law for the prejudice done thereby. I am told they are discontinued, and will be dropt; unless his Lordship gives his assistance; but Mr Seymour says no application is yet made, and if any should be he will let me know. PS Mrs Taylor & Mr Plaskett, or one of them should be here in a fortnight to prepare for the Guild etc. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**16 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[ui]re  
In Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 16<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Sir Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Vere Glyn & Hallifax for One hundred and five pounds two shillings: One hundred pounds of which is the Arrears of rent due to you from Jos King and partners at Mayday last and the rest is the int[er]est of a hundred pounds for a year and eight days. And I beg you will favour me with advice of the receipt of this Bill by the return of the post.

Mr Cramlington one of Mr Kings undertenants, is inclined to build upon his farm which was J. Forsters; and wants to win the stones in the quarry in the field No. 57 in the plan, and wch has been much wrought for the turnpike road. To his doing this I suppose you will have no objection. But he wants also to win about 1200 fother more for buildings for the use of a colliery that he and Mr Beaumont have in the neighbourhood and for so many as he shall get for this purpose he is willing to pay you two pence half penny a fother; which is as much as is usually paid. He desires an answer as soon as you can.

Dr Brown's demand for the tithe of public Gardens, of Turnips and potatoes and of agistment is a thing his predecessors never claimed; but for which he is for filing his Bill directly, tho[ugh] I find he does not mean to include your Tenants as parties. The first of these articles I suppose he will recover, as also the tithe of potatoes and turnips when served for sale, or eaten upon the Ground by barren cattle or sheep or even by cattle or sheep fattened thereby for sale, tho[ugh] such cattle or sheep may within the year have produced him tithe of calves, wool or lamb. He claims also Agistment tithe for all Horses that are depastured within his parish, whether saddle or Coach Horses except so far as they are used in husbandry. How far he will succeed in this attempt you can best judge. Another point that he insists upon is that a modus for petty tithes will not cover potatoes and turnips, whether sever'd or eaten on the Ground as these are inventions since the commencement of moduses.

Your part of Kenton pays only a modus for hay tithe; Sir Walter Blacketts part pays a modus for both hay and petty tithes.

I find the value of a pint of wine will not purchase the deeds I mentioned to you in my last Letter. I am etc Hen Richmond.

No 13367 £105.2.0 Newcastle 16<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Thirty days after date Pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond One hundred & five pounds two shillings. Value received.

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey Avery & Self Jos Saint  
Pay the contents to Richard Wilson  
Esq[ui]re] or order Value in  
Account Hen Richmond

### **18 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Half moon street Piccadilly  
London

Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir By your Letter of Tuesday last, and by what I learn from some here who sent Bills to London on Saturday senight and have not yet received advice of them. I apprehend some accident may have happened to the Newcastle bag of that Post: therefore lest you should not have received the Letter I wrote the 9th instant in answer to that you sent from Northalerton, I have here inclosed a copy of it. and am etc Hen Richmond.

### **19 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Sir With regard to what you wrote me sometime ago of the corn marketts held at Corbridge. I have enquired of Lord Northumberlands Auditors and they assure me that his Lords[hi]p has not countenanced any such attempts; and that what has been done has been only the scheme of the people in that Town and Neighbourhood to establish a market and that it is too near Hexham for his Lordship to think of giving them any support. If you should hear of any further attempts after this to erect a Markett at Corbridge I desire you will let me know of it.

Dukesfield pay will be soon and I shall be glad to know how much money you can furnish me with towards it, and how much silver you can muster and whether you can bring or send it to Dukesfield or Mr Hunter must call upon you for it. I am etc. H R

**22 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Half moon street Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Maughan writes that at the meeting about the division of Wolsingham Common their appeared a majority for having an Act this sessions; but he finds there is a strong party against it, who are determined to give all the opposition they can. Which way soever is determined cannot affect you much with regard to your Estate, as you will only get a small Allotment for a farm of 6d a year; and as to your priviledges as Moor master they are proposed to be secured by a clause of wch the inclosed is a copy and which is strong enough in favour of the Bishop But I think it would be an Amendment if your name could be inserted as Lessee for Lives of that office under his Lordship. For now you claim an Exemption from damages as incident to that office of Moor Master but perhaps as the clause now stands, in his Lordship's name only, it may be found necessary hereafter to have new powers or grants from his Lordship to intitle you to the same exemption. But Mr Darwin can advise whether any such amendment is necessary or no.

The partnership Pay is to be made next Week; your half of which will be about £3000.  
I shall send a Bill in a few posts for three hundred pounds as you ordered and am etc. Hen  
Richmond

**25 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Rutter**

To Mr William Rutter in Westgate  
Newcastle

Monday 25 March 1765

Sir I desire to know what time to day I may wait upon you, or send, for Mr Bacon's proportion of weardale rents & for the years 1762 & 1763; which comes to £258.15s.11d. I am etc Hen  
Richmond

**26 March 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr W[ilia]m Robson at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 26 March 1765

Sir Inclosed I return you Mr Douglas's letter complaining that Mr ord of Longridge threatens, unless an acknowlegem[en]t is paid him, to pull down the bridge that Sir W[alte]r Blackett has built over the Burn between West Ord & Lane End in the room of the plank; wch I suppose S[i]r W[alte]r had a right to have there. You can judge best of this matter as you know what authority or licence there was for building upon Mr Ords ground.  
You say Mr Ords Leave was asked- to be sure that was necessary. Otherwise it would have been a trespass- But now that the bridge is built Mr Ord wants to make his advantage of it, or at least to present a prescription. It is a pity that a p[iec]e of ground & a liberty of building a Bridge, or a part of it, thereon was not purchased & secured to Sir Walter by some writing; For at this rate





To Mr Nath[anie]l Johnson at Flass  
Near Durham

Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1765

Sir I received a Letter last Post from Sir Walter Blackett, in which he bids me acquaint you that he is obliged to you for the kind preference you offer him of your half of Ryal; but that he does not chuse to be a purchaser. I am etc Hen Richmond

**8 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[i]o[r] at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[t]le the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1765

Sir I have received your Acco[un]ts and shall be very glad to have your pay made on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> instant if it will not interfere with Hexham Head Court. If you think any objection will rise to the having it that week then you may fix it the Wednesday following which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. So take your choice, only let me know which you pitch upon, by the return of the post.

I hope you will get the balance of your Father's General Acco[un]t against the Pay; & pray have you got any part of Angus's arrear. I am etc Hen Richmond

**10 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr John Fenwick in Robert's Place  
York

Newcas[t]le 10<sup>th</sup> April 1765

Sir I rece[ive]d your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me the two Receipts signed by you; and have now no objection to your drawing a Bill upon me to Mr Hull for any sum under Three hundred and thirty five Pounds twelve shillings & sixpence to become due on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May next, provided you give me a Letter of Advice how much you do draw for & mention that it is in part of the two receipts you have sent me one of which was for Thirty five Pounds twelve Shillings and sixpence in full for int[e]r[es]t to the 12 May 1765 and the other for £300 in further part of the principal due on Sir W[alte]r Blackett's and Mr Peareths joint Bond; when this is done I shall send you a bill as you desire for the remainder, whatever it may be, of the value of the said two receipts. I am etc Hen Richmond

**16 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcastle 16 April 1765

Sir Inclosed you receive William Claytons Bill on Robt Machell for four hundred and ninety five Pounds to enable you to pay Mr savages half year's int[e]rest which will be due the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month. In the mean time please to place this bill to my Acco[un]t & advise the Receipt of it. Inclosed also you receive the Letter of Attorney executed by my Brother and me, to impower Mr Marmaduke Langdale of Temple Barr jointly with Mr Matt Lowthian to accept all such transfers as are or may at any time be made to us of any int[e]rest or share in the capital

or joint stock of Consol : 4 p[er] cent[iu]m Annuities 1762 which you will please also to advise the receipt of.

Sir Walter proposes to set out for London on Thursday morning; He brings with him two bundles of writings relating to an Estate called Mollersteads which he has purchased with an intention of conveying it to the Governours of Queen Anns Bounty. He paid £1070 for it, But £70 of this purchase money is to remain a charge upon the Estate, as the purchase of an annuity of £2.10s.0d for the repairs of Whitley Chapel. The rest, to wit, £1000, I understand Sir Walter is to receive of the Governors on transferring the estate to them to be settled on the said chapel to the Bounty and the whole is to be secured upon this Estate. If Sir Walter should give this affair into your Hands you may get some further information from Mr. Chesters, Sollicitor to the said Governors, for I am not sufficient master of it, It having been chiefly transacted between Dr Sharp and Sir Walter. Only the £1000 I understand is to be paid Sir Walter on co[n]veying the Estate. There were two deeds executed relating to this affair and sent up to Mr Chesters the one dated the 8<sup>th</sup> and the other the 9<sup>th</sup> of Octo[be]r last, which will give you some insight into this affair; the first was a deed of severance of Whitley Chapel a foresaid from the Mother church of Hexham and the other a Grant of the patronage of that chapel to Sir Walter. This last deed after being executed by the Governors was to have been delivered to Sir Walter; so you will please to inquire about it & send it me; otherwise some doubts may arise hereafter to whom the advowson belongs. I am etc Hen Richmond

£495 Newcastle 27<sup>th</sup> March 1765

Thirty five days after date Pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his order Four hundred & ninety five Pounds, Value received, & place it to Account as advised by

To Mr Robert Machell  
Merchant in London

Endorsed  
pay the contents to Mr  
William Alvey Darwin or  
Order, Value in Account  
Hen Richmond

Wm Clayton

**16 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at  
Hexham

Newcastle 16 April 1765

Sir I have communicated your Letter about the Tolls of Hexham Manor to Sir Walter and expect to send you his directions in a Post or two whether he will defend the taking these Tolls or give them up intirely. I am etc Hen Richmond

**16 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham

Newcastle 16 April 1765

Sir Since I sent my other Letter to the post I have seen Sir W[alte]r Blackett and he has considered the several opinions which have been taken upon the cases stated concerning the custom of taking toll for all Goods cattle etc passing thro[ugh] the Manor of Hexham and tho[ugh] in one of them he is advised that the custom may be capable of a defence yet as the other council think it cannot be supported he is determined not to struggle any longer with the

people but give up the claim intirely, But as to the Tolls of the Marketts and fairs they can be supported and therefore you will take case that they be paid punctually.

As to the Tollers you must adjust the deficiency that this alteration may occasion in an equitable way such as the nature of the case after a due examination may require. I am etc Hen Richmond

**20 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Half moon street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> April 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir Inclosed is a List of the Sherif peers, in their order.

The inclosed Advertisement was inserted in our papers today about the stallions; which made it unnecessary for me to say any thing to the serjeants.

Mr Peareth has advised me to give Henry Forster only a Guinea; and that it will be better to let his wife have the rest, when he is gone.

I shall tell Mr Newton to apply to the Aldermen; if he wants to win the stones for the chapel in any of the Town's Quarries. I hope you are well after your journey & am etc.

Hen Richmond.

**27 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 27<sup>th</sup> April 1765

Sir Upon second thoughts it appears to me the best way for you to publish the Tolls to be let against the 12<sup>th</sup> May next; & then if nobody will give more than what W[ilia]m Robson has bid for them I do not doubt but Sir Walter will give him the preference. However I have wrote to Sir Walter by this post for his directions: only in the mean time, if you see no objection to it, I think they should be called. I am etc Hen Richmond

**27 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP at his house in  
Half moon street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 27<sup>th</sup> April 1765

Hon[ou]rd The Pay for your Leadmills, amounting to £3514.14s.9 ¾d was made on Wednesday last.

W[ilia]m Robson, who farmed Hexham Tolls at £50 a year, declares that he cannot, now the passage Toll is dropt, give more than £17 a Year for them; that is for the markets and fairs.

Both Mr Bell and Mr Ellis are of opinion that they are not worth above £20 a Year but I have desired Mr Bell to publish that they are to be let against the 12<sup>th</sup> of May next which is the usual term day for them. And as that is so near at hand he will want to know whether in case no more can be got than the £17 you will chuse to take that for a year or to take the Tolls into your hand and hire persons to collect them.

The cloaths for John Williams W[ilia]m Dodds & Geo Liddle were sent yesterday by the London carrier.

I am heartily glade that there is an end of the Hoppers and your trouble from that Quarter & am etc Hen Richmond

**27 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglass Plumber in Newcastle 27<sup>th</sup> April 1765  
Berwick

Sir Inclosed is an Account of the 200 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead delivered you in Jan[ua]ry last: and as Sir Walter Blackett has already given you more than the usual credit allowed in the Lead trade I hope you will let me have the money very soon.

P.S. The deeds you left here are executed; and I shall give them to Mr Robson when I see him & am etc Hen Richmond

**28 April 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 28 April 1765

Sir I have reci[ev]e[d] your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t inclosing me a Receipt for £140 for Messrs Vener & Glover's ½ year's int[e]r[es]t & another for £140 for Mrs Sambroke's ½ year's int[e]r[es]t; both w[hi]ch sums I have given you cred[i]t for in your acco[un]t with me. And I have debited you therein for the £18.4s.0d wch you have reci[ev]e[d] of Mr Mw Lowthian as the balance of the purchase you made of stock on my bro[the]r Lowthian's acco[un]t & thank you for your trouble in that affair. I made no doubt but my bro[the]r Lowthian wo[ul]d communicate to you my Lre to him in relation to the estate wch he wants to purchase near London & therefore did not trouble you with any Letter about it & I now only mention it to desire you will charge him for whatever business he applies to you about & then I shall have more satisfaction in writing to you upon such subjects. I congratulate you on the issue of the Hopper cause & am etc HR

**1 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass plumber in Newcastle 1<sup>st</sup> May 1765  
Berwick

Sir Mr Wm Brown says you want three fothers of ref[in]d Lead to enable you to compleat the Lead work at Unthank fire engine. I shall readily let you have it if you will write me by the return of the post, to whom I am to deliver it. The price is now £14 ½ d p[er] foth[e]r. I am etc HR

**3 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Cross**

To Mr John Cross in Leeds Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1765  
Yorkshire

D[ea]r Sir I have sent you by Warburton thirty Pounds fourteen shillings and have kept the Twenty nine Pounds six shillings, which you desired me to pay to Mr. Robson, these two sums make up the Sixty Pounds you sent me a Receipt for. Mr Robson says you owe him £41.6s.0d and has made out an acco[un]t of it, which is here in closed but I did not chuse to pay him more than you ordered and have left the rest to be adjusted between him and you against the next payment.

Sir Walter is obliged to you for your trouble in getting the endorsements made, about the £300, on his Bond to Fenwick and the Assignment thereof to Ward.

I am glad you are so well recovered of your long indisposition. I am etc. Hen Richmond

**6 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to Rutter**

To Messrs J[o]o[nathon Matt & Henry Rutter

Wallington 6 May 1765

Messrs Rutters This is to acquaint you that if you do not come soon and pay the Money you owe Sir walter Blackett you must take the consequence for you are sensible you have had the utmost Indulgence granted you. I am etc Hen Richmond

**7 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Elis's in  
Hexham

Wallington 7 May 1765

Sir I am now here receiving Rents, and have just now got a Letter from Sir Walter dated the 4 inst[an]t in which he says "if £20 are not bid for the Tolls of Marketts and Fairs I do think it would be right to appoint an honest diligent person to collect them; nor do I think it would be at all improper, even without trying to let them, to try what they do amount to; if an honest person can be appointed" so that if you have time before the 12<sup>th</sup> you see it is Sir W[alte]rs inclination to have them in hand a Year. But if there should not be time to get a person you can depend upon I cannot tell what you can do other than let them for a year for the most you can get for them and then provide a proper person against the next Year. But this must be left to your discretion to act up as near as the present circumstance will allow, to Sir Walters Letter, as above. P.S. I send a person on purpose with this & shall be glad to hear from you by Frydays post. I am etc HR

**10 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t MP in  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> May 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir I shall send Mr Darwin a bill for £400 in a few posts, to be placed to your account, as you ordered: and shall at the same time send him one for £300 on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments.

I have been at Wallington this week receiving the rents; but had a very poor receipt, and the arrears are still increasing.

The Mr Isaacson that applied to byou for a place, is the Younger & lesser of the late collector Isaacsons Son's, that married the late Recorder Isaacson's Daughter.

I doubt it will not be easy to meet with such a servant here, as you want in John Williams's room; but I will make inquiry.

We had all last week very cold, pincing, Easterly winds: but the weather has been more favourable this week; and things looked very well at Wallington, all but the apricock trees, which Mr Duffield thinks have suffered.

Stephen Dial, who is in Goal [sic] on acco[un]t of the robbery of Capt[ai]n Jubbs Ship and the promisory note given by him for the value of the things which it was supposed he had taken, is now discharged on common bail: only is detained for his Goal fees, which are about 11 shillings. I am etc HR

**10 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> May 1765

Sirs I have this day sent you by Matthew Lee the London Carrier a piece of fine silver weighing Four hundred & twelve ounces: which I desire you will place to acco[un]t as usual with Sir Walter Blackett at the Markett price and advise me on the receipt thereof. I am etc Hen Richmond.

**10 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham

Newcastle 10 May 1765

Sir As you say you have met with a person that may be trusted to collect the Tolls of the Fairs & markets for a year, for £10 & to be at all incidental expence of collecting them out of that sum; & to pay you the whole amount of the Tolls without any deduction. I think you must employ him & that in so doing you will act according to Sir W[alte]r's intentions, as contained in the Extract of this Lre wch I sent you from Wallington: especially as nobody offers you above £17 a year for them. I am etc. HR

**11 May 1765 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[ui]r[e]  
In Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] 11 May 1765

Sir Inclosed is Bell Cookson & o[th]ers bill on Vere Glyn & Hallifax for two hundred ans seventy eight pounds nine shillings & ten pence for the balance of the inclosed acco[un]t of your rents to Martin[ma]s last. I desire you will favour me with advise of your receipt of the Bill by the return of the post and that you will sign and return me the inclosed duplicate of the account, & at the same time acknowledge the receipt of Miss Headdlam's receipt for the nine pounds which is also here inclosed.

That East and West Kenton may originally have been enjoyed under one title is very probable; but, I doubt, at this day the modus of 13s.4d which is paid by Sir W[alte]r Blackett for the small tithes of East Kenton cannot be extended to cover your Estate at West Kenton. As to the hay tithe Sir Walter pays the Vicar a modus of 8s.0d and you pay him one of 8s.4d for It. The corn



tithe of both Estates is paid in kind to Mr Ridley as Lessee, I believe, of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle.

Please to direct your Letter to me and then inclose it under cover to Sir Walter Blackett at his house in Newcastle to the care of Henry Richmond. who is etc    Hen Richmond

No. 13729    £278.9.10    Newcastle 11 May 1765

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Two hundred, seventy eight pounds nine shillings & ten pence. Value received.

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax    For Bell Cookson Carr Avery & Self

London

Endorsed

Pay the contents to Richard Wilson Esq    or Order

Value in acco[un]t    Hen Richmond

### 12 May 1765    From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr John Fenwick in Roberts's Place

Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> May 1765

York

Sir    Inclosed herewith you receive Jona[tho]n Sorsbie Jun[i]o[r]s bill on Robert Sorsbie for One hundred and forty nine pounds twelve shillings and sixpence payable at 40 days from 22<sup>nd</sup> of last month; which with the bill for one hundred and eighty six pounds that you have drawn upon me to Mr Hall & which I have accepted makes up the value of your two receipts. I desire you will by the return of the post advise me of the receipt of this bill for £149.12s.6d & that you will mention that it is the residue of the £335.12s.6d for which you sent me two receipts.

Whereof one was £35.12s.6d for int[e]r[es]t due to you to this day and the other was for £300.0s.0d in further part of Sir Walter Blackett's & Mr Peareths joint Bond. I am etc    Hen Richmond

Newcastle 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1765 p[e]r £149.12.6

Forty days after date pay Mr Henry Richmond or order One hundred forty nine pounds twelve shillings & sixpence, value in acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t; which place to acco[un]t as p[er] advice.

To Mr Robert Sorsbie in    Endorsed    Jona[tho]n Sorsbie Jun[i]o[r]

London

Pay the contents to Mr J[o]na[tho]n

Fenwick or order, value in acco[un]t

Hen Richmond

### 13 May 1765    From Henry Richmond to Thomas Ornsby

To Mr Thomas Ornsby

Newcas[tle] 13 May 1765

In Sunderland

Sir    Sir Walter Blackett received your Letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst[an]t and in answer to it has ordered me to send you Ten Guinness; which I shall give to Mr Alderman Peareth, who will bring it to Sunderland on Wednesday knight and says you will find him at Michael Harrisons, the innkeeper, I am etc    Hen Richmond

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To Mr William Alvey Darwin

Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> May 1765

Greys Inn London



**2 June 1765 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[ior] at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 2 June 1765

Sir I think it would be right to fetch as much of the Rookhope refineable Lead to Dukesfield Mill as with what you now have and can get from Allanheads Mill will make so much as to keep your refining House employed till this time 12 months- for this purpose I reckon 2000 p[iece]s from Rookhope will be sufficient: for your 2 furnaces will not refine more than 4000 p[iece]s in a year the rest you may order to Blaydon and the sooner it is done the better. For I shall lay the carriage off very early this year that we may not have so much Lead in the Way next winter as there has been the two winters past. I am etc Hen Richmond

**4 June 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Dalton**

To Mr William Dalton at Blaydon

Newcas[tle] 4 June 1765

Sir I would have you now make Lithage as fast as you can; for the quantity of refined Lead which I had sold is now completed; and I find we shall have orders for Litharge by and by. I desire you will let Peareth and Sorsbie have nine hundred p[iece]s of RWBL [possibly RW3L] Lead in part of the 3000 p[iece]s which I have given them a Tickett for. it being intended so when the bargain was made but was forgot to be expressed in the Tickett; and along with the other part of the said 3000 p[iece]s let them have their proportion of slag for 900 p[iece]s RWBL as well as for the common Lead.

I am very sorry to hear Mr Reynaldson has got a feverish disorder. I am etc HR

**4 June 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcastle 4<sup>th</sup> June 1765

Sir I must now beg you let me have your Rental with all expedition; in which you may charge the £42.2s.7 ¼ d which Mr Ellis took credit for in his Rental, as the Arrears of fee farm Rents in his time; and which Sir W[alter] Blackett has now agreed to allow him. As to the Balance of £252.4s.6 ¾ d due by his last Rental, Sir Walter has ordered One hundred pounds to be allowed Mr Ellis in consideration of what he has sett forth at the conclusion of that Rental. the residue Mr Ellis will pay as soon as it is convenient to him. I am etc H R

**5 June 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> June 1765

Sir I have received of Mr Greenwell the three pounds nine shillings and four pence for Roger Crosby's out rent according to his receipt which you sent me and have placed the same to your credit. Dr Brown, Vicar of Newcastle, lays claim to the petty tithes of West Kenton which belongs to Lawyer Wilson of Leeds; who apprehends that the modus of 13s.4d which is paid by

Sir Walter Blackett to the Vicar for the petty Tithes of East Kenton will cover West Kenton Estate also the two Estates having as he supposes been held originally under one title. For satisfaction in this point he has asked Sir Walter to let the title deeds of his part of Kenton be examined by any council or persons in Law employed by Sir Walter; being willing to pay all expence attending the same. Sir Walter therefore desires you will examine the abstracts and let either Mr Wilson or me know how it appears to you. And as Mr Wilson is to pay for this examination I desire you will let me know, after it is made, what he is indebted to you for it. I am etc      HR

**10 June 1765    From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcas[tle] 10 June 1765

Sir    I have acquainted Mr Hunter who is now with me, of Sir W[alte]r Blacketts desire of having a view made this month of Allanheads Grove and also of Wolfcleugh and Hackford; and he thinks that the 24 instant will be a convenient time to them: but any day within this month will do, and he has promised to let you and Mr Maughan know certainly at the time he sends you this Letter if he finds any other day will be more convenient to Mr Allgood and him than the 24<sup>th</sup>. Sir W[alte]r desires that when you have gone through these Groves you will let him have your opinions in writing of the present state of them and what is proper to be done towards the carrying them on effectually. I am etc    Hen Richmond

Wrote Mr Thos. Maughan the same day to the same Effect    HR

**15 June 1765    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[ior] at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle]    15<sup>th</sup> June 1765

Sir    Yesterday Mr Isaac Thompson shewed me a Letter from Sam[ue]l Swalwell acquainting him of the notice you had given him that you would set on the Lead carriage and come along the road from Edmondbiers to Blaydon without paying him any acknowledgement and I see he (that is Swalwell) is endeavouring to stir up Lord Northumberland to defend the road to be a private one: But Mr Thompson tells me he has not given him any orders neither will support him as yet in stopping the carriage. But that he will order the matter to be enquired into & the testimony of the old people in the neighbourhood to be taken & that before he acquaints his Lordship or engages in any dispute with Sir W[alte]r Blackett about this matter he will let me know; that some further consideration may be had about this matter. Therefore if any obstruction is given by stopping up the Way, in locking Gates or erecting Barrs, they may as Mr Widdrington advises me, be removed or broke down provided it can be done without tumultuous or riotous proceedings: so that if any such obstruction is given and should be supported by force the Lead must be laid down and the carriers must take care to inform themselves of the names of the persons that withstand their passage along the Highway or at least what is proved to us to be a highway by the several old witnesses that we have examined.  
I must beg you will give a particular attention to the conduct of the Mill clerk of Rookhope Mill; for besides the blunders that were made last year in the delivery of the Lead I have such repeated complaints from all parts of the badness of Sir Walters Lead that I am sure there must be some very great mismanagement at that Mill in the smelting of the Lead. There may possibly

## 17 June 1765 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

Sir I acquainted Sir Walter Blackett that you desired he would, at your expence, let his writings be looked into by his own council; to see whether the modus of 13s.4d paid for East Kenton small Tithes will cover West Kenton; He readily agreed to it, and ordered me to write to Mr Darwin of Grays Inn accordingly, (the writings being in London) and on the other side you have a copy of the answer I received from him last post.

P.S. I have no receipts for the small tithe of East Kenton older than 1731. Pray am I to pay Mr D[arwi]n the Guinea wch he charges & place it to y[ou]r acco[un]t? am etc Hen Richmond

Sir Sir Walter tells me he has given Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood an order in writing directed to Mr I. Hunter to cut peats on the moors near Blackhall Mill for smelting some Lead ore that he has there; But now doubting that there may be some impropriety in such an order he bids me advise with you; for if it should be wrong he will get it back again from Sir Lanc[elo]t Imediately. I spoke to Sir Walter about the Coach house built against the old Goal [sic] House and he bids me tell you that the man who now has it should be required to pay an acknowledgement of 6d or a shilling a year to prevent his obtaining a perpetuity in it. Mrs Jurin says she will examine about the watercourse when she comes up to the Hermitage. I am etc HR

Gentlemen I sent you yesterday by William Laycock the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver weighing four hundred and sixty five ounces which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the market price and advise me on your receipt thereof. I am etc HR

Dukesfield

Sir I desire you will let me know if you can how many Bings of S[i]r Lanc[elo]t Allgood's ore go to a fother of Lead for he wants Sir Walter to buy it, or to smelt it for him; and as Sir Walter does not chuse the latter he would offer S[i]r Lanc[elo]t as good a price as the quality of the ore & other considerations will allow him to give for it; therefore let me have an answer by Fryday's post, if possible. I am etc. HR

**26 June 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> June 1765

Sir To what I wrote you in my Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> April last about the conveyance of Mollarsteads to the Governours of Queen Ann's bounty on their paying Sir Walter Blackett £1000. I have now to add, by his directions, that he did on the 21<sup>st</sup> instant execute a deed of Gift of £200 for the augmentation of Ninebanks Chapel and another of £200 for the augmentation of Hexham curacy; which two sums are to be detained out of the said £1000 by the Governours so that Sir Walter will have to receive of them only £600 & some acknowledgement I suppose that he has paid the said two sums of £200 and £200.

You will observe what I mentioned in my Lre of the 16 April of the deed containing the Grant of the patronage of Whitley Chapel to Sir Walter; which deed when executed by the Governours was to have been delivered to you. I desire you will enquire of Mr Chesters, their solicitor, about it, for if we do not get it Sir Walter will have nothing to shew that the patronage is in him. I am etc HR

**30 June 1765 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter J[unio]r at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 30 June 1765

Sir I desire you will send me a computation what you think S[i]r W[alte]r ought to ask S[i]r Lan[celot] Allgood a fother for smelting his Lead ore at Dukesfield Mill & you will take into consideration whe[the]r ashis ore is so difficult in fluxing it will not take both more workmans[hi]p & fuel than S[i]r W[alte]rs own ore; & let me have all the particulars of the charge & add these to what you think ought to be charged per foth[e]r for wear & tear. Let me also know whether any sort of inconvenience will arise to Sir Walters own business by his accommodating Sir Lance[lo]t with smelting 500 bings at Dukesfield Mill. I desire you will let me have an answer hereto as soon as possible that is by Tuesdays post if you can, or else you must send somebody on purpose with it; for Sir W[alte]r wants to hear from me about it on Thursday. I am etc HR

**2 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1765

Sir I have shewn Sir W[alte]r Blackett the Report of the state of Allanheads Hackford & Coalcleugh with the joint opinions of the several Stewards concerning what is proper to be done



towards carrying on these Groves effectually: wch report is dated the 26<sup>th</sup> ult[im]o. Sir Walter approves of what is therein proposed to be done & orders that it be executed without loss of time. I am etc HR

**4 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP at Morpeth

Newcastle 4 July 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Hunter writes me that the smelting 500 Bings of S[i]r Lan[celot] Allgoods Ore at Dukesfield Mill will stop your business there for two months. He says further that there is not a bing stead but what has ore in it & that the Refining house which is now building there has left no room for Laying this ore & the slags of it distinct from your own, so that I do not see how it is possible to accommodate Sir Lance[lo]t this way. As to buying his ore, I am sure you have offered him enough for it. I find he had tried others before he offered it to you, & could not get a price to his mind. I am Hon[ou]rd Sir Y[ou]r Faithful & Mo[st] Obed[ien]t Serv[an]t HR

**5 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Sir Sir Walter Blackett desires you will give General retainers to Mr Weddersburn and another of the most eminent council that come this circuit. I am sorry to find that Mr Wedderburn is already engaged for L[or]d Northumberland, but notwithstanding that Sir Walter chuses to retain him against others. You will be so good as let me know whom he excepts out of S[i]r Walters retainer.

Mr William Robson of Wallington has paid me sixteen pounds on your account & I have placed it to your credit. I am etc HR

**5 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at Wallington

Newcas[t]le 5<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Sir I have sent by Thomas Thompson six pounds eight shillings which with the Sixteen pounds you desired me to keep to remit to Mr Darwin on your acco[un]t makes up the amount of the Gardin bill. I have accordingly written to Mr Darwin by this post.

I wrote as you desired to Mr Reynaldson about some old fishing nets, & am etc HR

**7 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcastle 7<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir According to the present price & prospect 46s a bing wch you have already offered Sir Lan[celot] Allgood is the full value of his ore & of all the Silver in it, for tho[ugh] his ore yields pretty well in Silver yet it is so difficult to flux into Lead that nobody that knows the quality of it will give more than you have offered, that is 46s. a bing. The Tryal wch I make my computation upon was of some of S[i]r Lan[cello]ts ore from Blackhall mill whither it was sent to be smelted on his own acco[un]t & consequently as much pains as possible wo[ul]d be

taken with the washing it. If less sho[ul]d be taken after it is sold more Bings will be requisite to make a fother of Lead; & in that case whoever sho[ul]d buy it even at 46s a bing w[oul]d be a loser. Therefore if Sir Lan[celot]: sho[ul]d sell it you at 46s a bing he must engage that the ore shall be wellwashed.

I shall speak to my brother about Robson's burning the Ling. The 24<sup>th</sup> June is by the Alteration of the stile become the 5<sup>th</sup> July. I am etc HR

**8 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Sir I find by the Charletons of Welton that some alteration is intended to be made in the pews in Ovingham church; and that a notice has been read in the church for all who disagree to the alteration to appear at Durham to shew their reasons. Pray do you know any thing of this: if not, it would be proper to ask Sir Walter if he has ever been spoke to about it. For as he has the best pew in the church, as to the situation etc, and has a burial place in the North porch which it is supposed is to be covered with pews ans so made useless, care should be taken to have some Equivalent for these Rights before they are given up.

Mr Reynaldson has sent a doz[e]n old fishing nets which will be sent the next time the cart comes in.

I hear Ant[hony] Hunter is taking advantage of his farm having taken 3 Lee crops off the field next to William Masons and off the field behind the house he has taken a Lee crop of oats and another of mustard and then after putting a little manure into it, without summer fallowing he has taken another crop of mustard off it. If this is true he is very unworthy of the indulgence Sir W[alter] has given him as to payment of the rent. I am etc HR

**9 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alter] Blackett B[aronet] at Wallington

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Hon[our]d Sir Mr Widdrington & my brother having some doubts abo[u]t the method of proceeding ag[ain]st Rob[ert] Robson for burning the Ling at Harwood I consulted Mr Fawcett; & inclosed is his opinion that nothing can be done.

The cook sho[ul]d be here on fryday Evening to make market the next day for the Sessions entertainment. I am etc HR

**13 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Gregson**

To The Rev[erend] Mr Gregson at Ovingham

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Sir I am told tha there is a design of altering the pews in Ovingham Church & that some steps have been taken to carry the same into execution. Now as Mr Robson of Wallington tells me he does not think Sir W[alter] Blackett knows any thing of what is intended I should be glad if you wo[ul]d take the trouble of of informing me; that I may take his directions about this matter when he comes to town. I am Sir Yo[u]r etc HR

**19 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to Matthew Reynaldson**

To Mr Matt Reynaldson at  
Blaydon

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Sir Mr George Dunn tells me that Edward Chicken Cuthb[er]t Nixon & John Wilson of Barloe, have notwithstanding all woods are reserved out of their Leases, cut and sold corfrods openly upon their farms at Winlaton; that John Barras of Whickham bought part of them and the Corver upon Barloe fell the rest; that they do not deny their having cut and sold them for they say they are allowed so to do; which is a very extraordinary thing and I desire you will enquire into it & try if you can get any account of the quantity they have cut!

Mr Dunn says that Thomas Graham, who cut his corfrods cut those that Edward Chicken sold. I should be glad to have a ticket of the Lead you have weighed to Mr Dalton as soon as you can. P.S. I should have wrote to you two or three days ago if I had not expected you in Town with your Ticket & am etc  
HR

**20 July 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> July 1765

Sir Sir Walter Blackett thinks it will be very right to give Lawyer Stanhope a General Retainer; so if you can conveniently do it I should be glad of it; if not, I must think of some other way. Lawyer Wilson has desired me to pay you the Guinea for your trouble in examining the Title deeds of East Kenton in relation to the modus for the petty tithes; and I have placed the same to your Credit. I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in Newcastle this vacation & am etc  
HR

**4 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1765

Sir Neither Anthony Hunter nor George Browne have yet been with me and therefore I think you have good Reason to doubt their principles, after so many breaches of their promises. Anth[on]y Hunter owes Sir Walter £598.0s.0d due at Mayd[a]y last & George Brown owes him £542.10s.0d due at the same time! I am etc HR

**7 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> August 1765

Sir Sir walter desires that when the Judges come to Hexham you will wait upon them with his compliments and acquaint them that he will be glad if their Lordships and a couple of their servants will lodge at the Abbey. But as he has no family there Good beds are all the

accommodation he can offer their Lordships. In the mean time you will order the Beds to be got ready. P.S. The Housekeeper tells me there is sheeting sufficient. I am etc HR

**10 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[io]r at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> August 1765

Sir You will see by this days newspaper that there is a meeting to be held at Stanhope the 15<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t about the Division of Bollilhope Comon; which I desire you will attend and let me know what passes and what is resolved on and get me a copy of the Bill for the intended Division if you can, as soon as it is settled. We are all clear that it is not Sir W[alte]r Blacketts int[er]est to divide upon the plan that was proposed last year but you know he waved that consideration as he was told the majority were for it; which Mr Westgarth assured him of so that if they still continue of the same mind Sir Walter will acquiesce provided there is nothing amiss in the frame of the Bill.

Pray do not neglect to speak again to Mr Hopper; who I could wish would make an amicable end of a matter wherein it is clear that he is wrong; otherwise it will be put into Mr Widdrington's hand to recover possession by Law. I am etc H R

P.S. You must remember to give in in writ[ing] to the Bulbeck Com[o]n in Nov[embe]r next S[i]r W[alte]rs claim to a share of that Comon.

**12 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Gray's Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1765

Sir Inclosed is a duplicate of the Acco[un]t between us, signed by me, in return for that which I received signed by you, in your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant. As to the balance, I have for the present carried it to our new Account; and when I have received Jane Hunt's and Mary Macmorran's Money I shall send you a bill for the whole. I am obliged to you for receiving my ½ Years dividend and am sorry you think you will not get to Newcastle this Year I am etc HR

**14 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr Caleb Hunter at  
Allanheads

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1765

Sir I have sent by the Bearer Robert Archer two dozen of Stepheeson's port Wine, one dozen of Brandy, one dozen of strong Beer and one dozen and 3 bottles of middling Beer. Mr Turner tells me ther is a bag of shot no. 4 at Allanheads and another at Newhouse As to Tea, Coffee, Sugar etc I had no orders to send any; but lest you should not be provided with what is good I have sent a pound of Coffee half a pound of Tea two pound of Lump Sugar and 3 pound of soft sugar and a Gloster cheese all which I hope you will receive safe I am etc HR

**17 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn  
London

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1765

Sir I have rece[ive]d 40s for Jane Hunts receipt & £12.12s.0d for Mary Macmorans bill; both wch sums I have placed to your credit & by them & the balance brought from our old acco[un]t I stand indebted to you £63.2s.4d; in discharge of wch I send you herewith inclosed Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Vere Glyn & Hallifax at 25d p[er] [centu]m this day for £63.2d.4d wch I desire you will place to my credit & advise me of the receipt of. I am etc HR

No. 14479 £63.2.4

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1765

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond sixty three pounds two shillings & four pence value received

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & self Jos saint  
London

Endorsed

Pay the contents to Mr Will[ia]m

Alvey Darwin or order value in acco[un]ts

HR

**18 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Dalton died on Thursday last, and another should be appointed in his place as soon as possible; his son, who is about three and twenty, is not qualified; and no other has yet offered but one Mulcaster, whom Mr Westgarth gave a good character of, and who has been employed for several years as a Refiner under the quakers company. If you chuse to engage him, Mr Westgarth can send for him when you are at Allanheads, and the sooner he comes to Blaydon the better. He told me he could have a recommendation f[ro]m Mr Tweddle the q[uake]rs Chief agent which would be well enough as it would imply a consent to his quitting their service. I am etc HR

**23 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Will[ia]m Westgarth at  
Coalcleugh

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug[u]st 1765

Sir Mr Dalton is dead and I have acquainted S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett that you think Rob[er]t Mulcaster of Acton Mill is a good Refiner and qualified to succeed him. Sir Walter therefore desires you will tell him to come down to me as soon as he can get a recommendation from Mr Tweddle as he told me he could. I desire you will let me have also a line from yourself about him, as that will have greatest weight. I am etc HR

**23 Aug 1765 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[ior]  
At Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1765

Sir        On receipt of this I desire you will send a special messenger with the inclosed letter to Mr Westgarth.

Mr Swinburn has desired Liberty of Sir Walter to get stones in Woodcroft Estate; for the building or repairing a wear upon his estate; Sir Walter readily agrees to give him this Liberty, & you are desired to see Mr Greenwell, his agent, and tell him so; but you will enquire of him where he proposes getting them & tell him he must satisfy the tenant for the damage that may be done; if the stones are to be got out of any quarry it must be wrought fairly. Mr Swinburn says he gave leave formerly for Sir Walter to get stones in his estate on a like occasion; pray when was that? P.S. You may tell Mr Hopper that Mr Atkinson has given me a satisfaction about the matter. As to the Division of Bollihope it is put upon every good footing I think, & I hope the Gentlemen will give their opinion as requested how much of the common is worth the expence of an Act etc. I am etc HR

**30 Aug 1765    From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr Caleb Hunter at  
Allanheads

Newcas[tle] 30<sup>th</sup> August 1765

Sir        Sir Walter bids me send you the inclosed letter & desires you will consider the case as set forth by Isaac Stephenson and let me know what truth there is in it and whether the farm can conveniently and advantageously be divided into two as he desires. I see by your Rental that the whole farm is only £8.8s.0d a year, and this man says he pays £3.10s.0d for a part, wch you see he represents to be only about a quarter part of it. You will return me his letter along with your answer as soon as you can. I hope you are far on with your acco[un]ts.  
P.S. Let me know, as soon as you can, what your pay will come to & am etc HR

**2 Sept 1765    From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr. Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
in Durham

Newcas[tle] the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1765

Sir        Sir Cha[rle]s Howard who was one of the Lives in the Lease of Redburn Estate, which Sir Walter Blackett holds of Dr Gregory as Master of Sherborn hospital, being dead I should be glad if you could inform me what the Dr Expects as a fine for inserting another Life. The fine paid him on the [last] renewal in 1760 was £35. When I have your answer I shall get the certificates signed, that Sir Walter & Geo Robson (who are the other Lives) are now living; if you think it is necessary to have them both certified for.  
I am told that about 12 or 13 Years ago there was a surrender made by one Francis Jaques of Stanhope hope mill of a piece of Ground there to one John Hopper of Stanhope. I shall be obliged to you if you will let a search be made, and if it can be found, that you will send me a copy of it; & charge the expence etc to Sir Walter Blackett's Account. I am etc HR

**2 Sept 1765    From Henry Richmond to Robert Mulcaster**

To Mr Robert Mulcaster  
at Blaydon

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1765



Sir Robert Pearson agrees to wash John Mcessay's old wastes and the furnace bottoms and old lead bottoms which have been washed by John Hawdon and all lying in the road, for six pounds a Ton of 22 cwt So if you have no objection you may let him go to work, only see that he goes fairly through them all and not take away the best and what lyes nearest to his hand and leave the others. I am etc HR

**11 Sept 1765 From Henry Richmond to Edward Fairless**

To Mr Edward Fairless Attorney at Law  
in Bishop Auckland.

Newcas[tle] 11<sup>th</sup> September 1765

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you, in answer to your Letter to Mr Robson about the division of Keenley Common; that as soon as he has considered the matter you shall hear further from & etc Hen Richmond

**12 Sept 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> September 1765

Sir You will see by the inclosed Letter wch I desire you will return me, that a Division of Keenley Common is resolved on by the Copyholders; in case they can obtain favourable terms of Sir Walter Blackett, as Lord of the Manor. Sir Walter desires you will consider the situation and circumstances of this Common, and what he should ask for his consent, and as an Equivalent for the restraints that may, by this inclosure, be laid upon his working the royalties. And whether it would not be better for him to have a certain annual sum, suppose 4d by the acre, or even less according to the general quality of the common rather than to take a sixteenth; as he has not, that I recollect, any Estate adjoining, to which his allotment can be laid- also you will consider what reservations are necessary whether the Limestone quarries should not be reserved, as Sir Walter has a draw kiln built there at present? Whether this common will be exempt from tithes for 7 years as barren heath within the meaning of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Edw[ar]d 6. Cap.13? Whether there are any freeholds in the Grieveship, or that will be intituled to a share of the common? Whether Sir Walter ought to make satisfaction for damage by working his Royalties; and if he ought, how the same is best to be ascertained? which with any other observations that may occur to you upon this matter I desire you will send me as soon as you conveniently can. If you are not well enough acquainted with the common you may write to Mr Westgarth of Coalcleugh for any Information you may want. I am etc HR  
P.S. Sir W[alter] has appointed Lawyer Wilson to be the Steward of your Lead Courts in the room of Mr Collingwood who has resigned on acco[un]t of the precareousness of his health.

**23 Sept 1765 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
in Durham

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1765

Sir On the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant I wrote you about renewing the Lease of Redburn estate with Dr Gregory, desiring you would take the trouble of inquiring what sum he expects for it. The last

fine that Sir Walter paid was £35; which was high enough. I shall be glad to hear from you soon about it, for I hope you received my Letter. I am etc HR

**24 Sept 1765 From Henry Richmond to Edward Fairless**

To Mr Edward Fairless Attorney at Law  
In B[isho]p Auckland

Newcas[tle] 24<sup>th</sup> September 1765

Sir In answer to your Letter desiring to know upon what terms Sir W[alter] Blackett will agree to a division of Keenley Comon. I am to acquaint you, that He expects a sixteenth part to be allotted him as Lord of the Manor, and that the same be laid in one plot, contiguous to his tithe barn. That the allotments be liable to tithe from the time of the division. That all mines and minerals & also the Limestone Quarries be reserved to him: with Liberty to work the same, without payment for damage. That in case any allotments shall be sold and separated from the old Inclosures a small Rent shall then be payable to the Lord for the same, and the Copyhold rent be reserved intire and unbroken; but nothing to be paid while the Allotments are held along with the old Inclosures & that he be allowed to name a Commissioner. I am etc HR

**25 Sept 1765 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

Mr Thomas Maughan at  
Newhouse

Newcas[tle] 25 September 1765

Sir I desire your pay may be made on the 23 Octo[be]r next so you will come hither on the 20 and receive the money on the 21 go home on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and pay it the 23.  
Mr Westgarth writes Sir W[alter] that the Commissioners for dividing Wolsingham Comon held their first meeting on Friday last but no body appeared to put in any claim for his Estate at Wolsingham. He says that by the Act notice must be given to some one of the Comm[issione]rs within a month from Friday last or else Sir W[alter] will lose all right in the Common so pray go immediately to one of them & deliver him the inclosed form (after you have wrote it over & signed it) or else if you can hear of a better follow it only keep a copy and take somebody to be a witness pray get one two or three of the Acts for I have not yet seen any of them.  
I hereby give notice pursuant to the Act of Parliament for the division of Wolsingham Comon that Sir W[alter] Blackett claims a right of Comon on the said Comon in respect of his Estate at Wolsingham called & let to for  
A Year For S[i]r W[alter] Blackett T.M.  
To Mr one of the Comm[issione]rs for dividing Wolsingham Comon.  
N.B. Put in the Dale and fill up the blanks. I am etc HR

**27 Sept 1765 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[ior] at  
Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 27<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r 1765

Sir I desire you will not omit waiting upon the <the> Commiss[ione]rs for the division of Bulbeck Comon at their first meeting, & deliver them a notice of Sir Walter Blackett's claim of

right of Comon on Bulbeck Comon, according to the <the> inclosed or any other better Form that you may hear of. And you will put a date to it and sign it, and keep a copy of it. I am HR

P.S. Pray has not some part of Sir W[alte]rs inclosure of this Comon been made above 40 years?

1765 I hereby give notice pursuant to the Act of Parliam[en]t for dividing and inclosing Bulbeck Comon that Sir Walter claims a right of Comon on the said Comon in respect of his Estates at East Dukesfield, West Dukesfield, Middle Dukesfield, Colpitts and Slaley For Sir Walter Blacketts I Hunter jun[ior]

To the Com[issione]rs for dividing &  
Inclosing Bulbeck Common.

**27 Sept 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Rutter**

To Mr William Rutter Attorney at Law  
In Westgate

Newcas[tle] 27 September 1765

Sir I have now a large sum to raise for S[i]r W[alte]r Blacketts pays and hope you can let me have the £300.12s.11d due from Mr Bacon for his proportion of the Weardale rents & for the Years 1762, 1763, & 1764. I am etc HR

**10 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to George Robson**

To Mr George Robson at Halnaby near Darlington

Newcas[tle] Octo[be]r 1765

Sir Inclosed is the form of certificate which I mentioned to you; and if you will please to fill up the Blanks and get ----- it signed by the minister & Churchwardens of you parish and the return it to me, Sir Walter Blackett will be obliged to you.  
I am etc HR

To all whom it may concern

These are to certify that George Robson of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of  
Son of Geo[rge] Robson of the Heugh in the county of Northumberland is now living Witness  
our Hands this \_\_\_\_\_ octob[er] 1765.

..... Minister of  
Churchwardens

**5 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Will[ia]m Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Sir Inclosed I send you Bell and Cos bill on Vere & Co for two hundred and Eighty pounds; to pay Messrs Viner & Glover's and Mrs Sambroke's ½ years int[e]r[es]t the 27<sup>th</sup> ultim [of last month]; and desire you will in the mean time place this bill to my account.

I shall in a few posts, or however against you get to London make you a remittance on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments in Sept[embe]r & Dec[embe]r quar[ter]s.

The deeds relating to the conveyance of Mollersteads will be completed very soon; and then I shall send you them, and Sir Walter's Bill on the Governors of the Bounty pursuant to your Letter.

We have been made very uneasy here for six weeks past by the obstinacy of the Pittmen in refusing to work in the Collieries: But they are now falling to work again, all but 3 or 4 collieries who still stand out. I think coals must bear a very high price in London this winter. P.S. Sir W[alte]r has got his Mayoralty over, and is succeeded by Mr John Erasmus Blackett, whose Sheriff is Mr. Chas. Atkinson Meritt

I am etc

Hen Richmond

No. 14904      £280.0.0 Newcastle 5 Octob[er] 1765.

Twenty days after date Pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond, two hundred & eighty pounds

To Messrs Vere Glynn  
& Hallifax London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & self

Pay the contents to Mr W[ilia]m

Jos Saint

Alvey Darwin or order value

In Account

Hen Richmond

#### 6 Oct 1765    From Henry Richmond to John Bell

To Mr John Bell at Mr. Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> Octob[er] 1765

Sir      Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you in answer to your Letter to him of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultim [ last month] that he meant that the present agreement for Stubblock colliery should be superseded by a lease, to be granted Mr. Wilson for 21 years from Mayday last at £12.10s.0d a year for which certain rent Mr Wilson is to be allowed to get 2000 fothers of coals being only 1½ a fother but for all he shall get above that quantity yearly. to pay at the rate of 2d a fother. I have fixed the pays for the 21<sup>st</sup> inst [this month] and if you can furnish me with any money either against that time or soon after my return home which will be the 25<sup>th</sup> it will be acceptable. I am etc

HR

#### 9 Oct 1765    From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
Durham

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Sir      The rent of Redburn Estate has been advanced since the last renewal to £48 a year; but the Tenants are seen so much in arrear since their taking it, and complain so of the dearness of the farm, that I doubt Sir W[alte]r Blackett will not let it so well again however it is now let at £48 a year, if no better terms can be had we must submit to a renewal at that rate: only there is a rent of £4 a year paid out of it to the master, and the Landtax is £1.3s.6d a year, so that the neat rent is £42.16s.6d a year.

Inclosed are two certificates of Sir W[alte]rs & Geo[rge] Robson's being alive: and the new Life to be added is John Blackett Es[q] the second son of S[i]r Edward Blackett of Matfen in the County of Northumberland Baronet, who is now about nine years of age. I should be glad to know whether you can find any surrender made by Fra[nci]s Jaques, as I wrote you the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Septem[be]r last. I am etc  
HR

To all whom it may concern.

These are to certify that [i]r Walter Blackett of the parish of St Andrews in the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Baronett, is now living. Witness our Hands this sixth of October 1765.

John Ellison Minister of St. Andrews

James Purdy  
Tho[ma]s Rippon Churchwardens

To all whom it may concern

These are to certify that George Robson of the parish of Croft in the County of York son of George Robson of the Heugh in the County of Northumberland is now living.

Witness our Hands this 5<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Francis Milbanke Minister of Croft.

John Wetherell  
John Weighill Churchwardens Croft

#### **10 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

To John Westgarth Esq[ui]r  
at Unthank near Stanhope Weardale

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Sir        You were very obliging in mentioning the omission of delivering notice at the first meeting of the Com[missione]rs for dividing Wolsingham Comon of Sir W[alte]r Blackett's claim thereon; which to be sure Mr Maughan forgot to do : but I wrote him immediately on Sir W[alte]rs giving me your Letter; and make no doubt but he has before this waited upon one of the Commissioners. Whoever was the Solicitor or manager for this Act of parliament has neglected to give Sir Walter or any of his Agents any of the Acts. however I have not seen one; and if it had not been for your Letter should perhaps not have known how to have remedied the omission you were so good as acquaint us of. Sometime ago you gave me a piece of paper relating to a piece of ground at Stanhope hope which Fra[nci]s Jaques formerly rented of S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett and about 12 or 13 year's ago sold to on Hopper of Stanhope; which paper I then could not tell what to make of But I should now be very much obliged to you if you could make out from any old people in your neighbourhood the Limits of what Fra[nci]s Jaques had I am etc  
HR

#### **10 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Tho[ma]s Maughan at Newhouse  
In Weardale

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Sir I hope you got my Letter about your pay wch I fixed to be the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant [this month] indeed I make no doubt but Mr Caleb Hunter would take care to send it you safely & I only mention that Letter now again because a request that you would deliver notice to the Com[missione]rs or any one of them of S[i]r W[alte]rs claim of right of Common on Wolsingham Comon within one month from their first meeting for if this is neglected to be done Sir W[alte]r will get no Comon for his Estate at Wolsingham I am etc HR

**10 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 10 Octo[be]r 1765

Sir When Sir W[alte]r Blackett comes to Hexham I desire you will carry him the inclosed bill, and ask what time he would please to have Mr Brown of Whitley sent for to be a witness to his signing it; which is a piece of Form required by the Governors of the Bounty: and when Sir Walter has signed it, and Mr Brown witnessed it, you will either leave it with Sir Walter, or return it to me as he chuses: only let me know when it is done, that I may send the purchase deeds away to Mr Darwin. P.S. It will be proper for Mr Brown to add after his Name Curate of Whitley. I am etc HR

**12 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to Geoffrey Elwes**

Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765 £1000.0.0

Sir Pray pay to Mr William Alvey Darwin, or order, the sum of one thousand pounds, being the consideration money to be paid by the Governors for a purchase to augment the Curacy of Whitley in the County of Northumberland and Diocess of York and for which I have signed receipts on the back of the purchase deeds.

To Sir Geoffrey Elwes, Treasurer to the Governors  
of Queen Ann's Bounty at Messrs Fuller & Cope's  
Bankers in Brick Lane London  
Witness

**15 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Sir Inclosed I send you an answer, delivered me today by some of the Keenley people, to the terms offered them by S[i]r W[alte]r for a division of their Comon; copy of which terms I have also here inclosed you. Sir Walter desires you will consider of them and let me know what objections or observations occur to you upon this answer of theirs. In support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Article they say the copyholders of Keenley have always enjoyed a right of getting Limestones on this Common; which I did not suppose had been the case, as Sir Walter has built a kiln there for burning them for sale.



I hope to be at Allenheads pay and if you could without inconvenience in any respect, come thither on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. [this month] we might take a view of the Comon the next day; or at least we could talk over the matter, and come to some judgement of what Sir W[alte]r ought to insist upon. They talk of giving Sir W[alte]r some Equivalent in money for his tithe barn as they say it is not practicable to lay his 1/16<sup>th</sup> contiguous to it. I am etc      Hen Richmond

**18 Oct 1765    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvery Darwin  
Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Sir      Inclosed is W[ilia]m Clayton's bill on Robert Machell for Four hundred pounds and mine on Plumb & Browne for one hundred and fifty eight pounds ten shillings; - which two bills I send you on Account of the payments made and to be made by you in London for S[ir] W[alte]r Blackett between 30<sup>th</sup> June last & 31 Decem[be]r next and I desire you will place the same to his Account and send me the usual sort of receipt for these bills to be a voucher to my Account with him. I am etc    Hen Richmond

£400.0s.0d    Newcastle 21<sup>st</sup> September 1765

Forty days after date pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his order Four hundred pounds value received, and place it to Account as advised by    W[ilia]m Clayton

To Mr Robert Machell Merch[an]t    Indorsed  
In London      Pay the contents to Mr Will[ia]m  
                         Alvey Darwin or order value in  
                         Account    Hen Richmond

Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765    £158.10.0

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of one hundred & fifty eight pounds ten shillings value in Account & place the same to Account as p[er] advice from Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Fosters Lane  
London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Gentlemen    I have drawn a bill on you for one hundred and fifty eight pounds ten shillings dated this day & payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order at twenty days; which I desire you will accept, and when paid place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc

Hen Richmond

**29 Oct 1765    From Henry Richmond to Edward Fairless**

To Mr Edw[ar]d Fairless Attorney at Law  
In Bishop Auckland

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Sir As I do not chuse to engage in the disputes which I find the division of Keenley Comon is likely to be productive of, I must desire to change the plan upon which I will consent to a division, & substitute the following terms viz

Not to be at any Expençe whatsoever

To have no hand in passing the Act of Parliament

To have a reasonable sum for my present tithe barn, & a proper place for Building another

To have, in lieu of the sixteenth, an Annual rent of fourpence an Acre for so much of the Comon as shall be divided.

To have the allotments titheable from the date of the award.

To have a sufficient quantity of the Comon left for freestone and Limestone quarries for my use and for the copyholders; provided they do not sell any stone, nor erect any drawkilns.

Not to be liable to damages on working my Royalties in any case; except I should work freestone or Limestone quarries in any of the Allotments: and then I shall agree to make reasonable satisfaction for spoil of ground occasioned thereby.

These terms I desire you will communicate to the Gentlemen concerned and am etc

W[alte]r Blackett

### 30 Oct 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Gray's Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 30<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Sir Having occasion now for the money which I have in the 4 p[er] cent[u]m consol[idated]: I shall be obliged to you if you will send me, as soon as you can, the form of a Letter of Attorney with proper Instructions for the execution of it, so that no delay may happen from a non-compliance with the method required by the Bank in these cases.

Sir Walter bid me ask you, the first time I wrote, whether any part of his Bond to Mr Thornhill for £800 of his note to Messrs Lascelles for £571.14s.6d and of his note or bond to Mr Denton's Ex[ec]utors for £200.0.0d is paid and what int[e]r[es]t you reckon is due upon each of them.

The first time Sir W[alte]r goes to Hexham I expect all will be completed about Mollersteads and then I shall send the Deeds and the bill to you. It is an uncommon form required by the Governors to have the Minister a witness to a Bill.

I hope you are well after your vacation I am etc HR

### 3 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell

To Mr John Bell at Mr Elis's  
In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov[embe]r 1765

Sir I have rec[eive]d your Letters of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult[im] [last month] & 1<sup>st</sup> inst [this month] & think what you say about the proposed division of Keenley common is very right; especially about the tithe barn. I have spoke again to S[i]r Lan[celot] Allgood & he has taken a mem[oran]dum to enquire about the coach-house built adj[acen]t the Old Gaol. However when you see him in Hexham I desire you will ask him for 6d for a year's rent of it due May 8<sup>th</sup> last & you may say if you think proper that I desired you to do so. He wants a Lease of Mr Bacon's Leadmill, as I mentioned to you, wch will be got done here: but he asked me about a peathouse adjoining that mill for wch 5s a yr is p[ai]d to S[i]r W[alte]r & wch I do not know any thing of

neither can I find it in the list of fee farm rents & therefore should be glad if you can tell me any thing about it. I am etc HR

**6 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> Novem[be]r 1765

Sir Inclosed I send you W[ilia]m Clayton's bill on Robert Machell for hundred pounds, and my bill on Plumb & Browne for Ninety five pounds to enable you to pay Mr Savage's half year's int[e]r[es]t of his mortgage on Wallington due this day & till you do pay it I desire you will place these bills to my Account and advise me of the receipt of them.

Pray is any thing yet done towards perfecting the title of the copyhold part of Woodcroft Estate; for Sir Walter talks of having that Estate sold first & afterwards of selling so much of Fenwick as will answer the remainder of his demands upon the trust estate. P.S. I am afraid the D: of Cumberlands Death will occasion a considerable alteration in the stocks; for I think a carte blanche must now be offered Mr. Pitt, and that he will not refuse it, & then the stocks will up again. Only I should be glad to know whether the Letter of Attorney, that I desired you to send me, to empower you to sell, will do as well two or three months hence as now; and when I have your answer to this point I will determine what to do. I am etc Hen Richmond

£400.0.0 Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1765

Forty days after date Pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his order Four hundred pounds, value received, & place it to Account as advised by

W[ilia]m Clayton

To Mr Robert Machell

Merchant in London Pay the contents to Mr W[ilia]m Alvey Darwin or order  
Value in account

Newcastle 6<sup>th</sup> Novem[be]r 1765 £95.0.0

Twenty five days after date Pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of Ninety five pounds value in acco[un]t and place the same to acco[un]t as advised by

Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

1765 Nov[embe]r 6<sup>th</sup> Advised Plumb & Browne of the above ord[e]r on them to Mr Darwin for £95.0s.0d HR

**9 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[ui]r in  
Leeds

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Novem[be]r 1765

Sir Sir Walter Blackett inclines still to part with East Kenton; and as it is an Estate that lies more convenient for you than any other person he has ordered me to send you a Rental of it, as it now stands; and to offer it you, together with his moiety of the colliery at twenty four thousand pounds; which considering that the Estate is still capable of advance & that the colliery

is now of greater value than formerly, as you will see by comparing the old valuation by Mr Peek with the late one by Mr Newton, he thinks is not too much to ask for it. I am etc HR P.P. Mr Peek valued the coal at 13s.6d p[er] ton. Mr Newton reckoned it worth 15s.0d and there is that diff[eren]ce at least in the value of coal between the time of the former valuation and the latter.

**10 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

1765 Nov[embe]r 10<sup>th</sup> Advised Mr Darwin of my having rec[eive]d the rec[eip]t for Viner & Glovers ½ y[ea]rs int[e]r[est] & returned him the Lre of attorney to sell my stock; executed the 9<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t [this month]. HR

**13 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to Edward Fairless**

To Mr Edw[ar]d Fairless Attorney at Law in  
Bishop Auckland

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r 1765

Sir I find it is thought that I am the promoter of the division of Keenley Comon; so far from that, I most sincerely wish that none of the Comons within the Mannor of Hexham were to be endeavoured to be divided during my Life: for I am content, and like peace & quiet much better than any advantage which can arise to me through so many disputes & difficulties as I know will ever be arising in matters of this kind. So that I only enter into the consideration of any proposal made to me, because people may think it not right in me to put a stop, by my negative, to their plan for improving their Estates.

But to keep clear as much as possible of the difficulties I foresee, I shall give my Consent upon the following terms.

That I shall not be at any Expençe in the Act of Parliament, nor have any trouble about it: nor be at any expence in any point relating to the division.

That the Act shall give me sixpence pr acre annual rent in lieu of a sixteenth part for my consent to the division for so much Comon as shall be divided.

That the Allotments shall be titheable from the date of the award.

That An acre of Ground shall be laid to my Tithebarn for a stackgarth.

That a sufficient quantity of the Comon be left for freestone and Limestone quarries for my use and for the use of the Copyholders; provided they do not sell any stone, nor erect any drawkilns.

That I be not liable to any damages on working the Royalties, in any case, except of working freestone or Limestone quarries in any of the allotments: & then to make reasonable satisfaction for spoil of Ground occasioned thereby. I am etc W[alte]r Blackett

NB This Lre was sent by Frydays post the 15 Nov[embe]r 1765 instead of the Lre of the 29<sup>th</sup> October last.

**12 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at  
Wallington

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir Inclosed is a copy of your Letter, for Mr Fairless. Mr Maughan has been here today & got £700 on acco[un]t of Weardale Leadmines. He brings no news of consequence from thence; but says things are nearly in the same state as when I was in Weardale.

Mr Westgarth, of Unthank was here yesterday he says the division of Bolihope Common is postponed till he gets to London and can see Mr Mayor & two other Gentlemen who are largely interested in this Comon. And when he has their answer he will wait upon you in London; whee he make no doubt you will be before he leaves it I am etc HR

**13 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn  
London

Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> November 1765

Sir I am favoured with your's of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant [this month] inclosing me Mr Lambrooke Freemans receipt for one hundred and forty pounds for the half year's int[e]r[es]t on Sir W[alte]rs mortgage due to the late Mrs Lambrooke the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r last and have placed the same to your account.

I shall be glad to know what Deeds you sent Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson and then I shall endeavour to get them from him. He is not so regular & expeditious in business as I could wish and I doubt he has not done much towards rectifying the title of the copyhold part of Woodcroft Estate. I am etc HR

**14 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Swinburne**

William Swinburn Esq[ui]re to S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t D[ebto]r for Eleven years quit rent for Longwitton Estate due Michaelmas 1765 at £1.6s.8d a year £14.13s.4d

To William Swinburn Esq[ui]re at  
Longwitton

Newcas[tle] Fryday 14th Nov[embe]r 1765

Sir Above you have the account of what is due from you to Sir W[alte]r Blackett for Longwitton quit rent at Mich[aelm]as last and which I hope you can conveniently pay me at Wallington on Tuesday or Wednesday next; when I shall then be, and where this sum will be very acceptable I am etc HR

**15 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> Novembe[r] 1765

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by David Jackson the London Carrier a box containing two pieces of fine Silver Bullion weighing as below wch I desire when they come to hand you will place to acco[un]t with Sir W[alte]r Blackett at the market price and advise me of the receipt of. I am etc HR

Ounces

478 ½ silver at	p[er] ounce
485 ditto at	p[er] ounce

**23 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn

London

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov[embe]r 1765

Sir I rece[ived] your favour of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t [this] month giving an acco[un]t that you had received five pounds for the quar[te]rs dividend of my 500 in the 4 p[er] cent: consol: 1762 due mich[aelmas] last and that you had sold the said stock for £572.10s.0d from which the Letter of Attorney and Brokerage wch are 16s.6d being deducted there remained £571.13s.6d so that I have made you D[ebto]r for £576.13s.6d. Your said Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant [this month] inclosed me ten Bank post bills for £50 and one Bank cash bill for £15 in all five hundred and fifteen pounds in part of the said Dividend and sale and I have given you consideration for that sum in the acco[un]t between us. I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have had about this affair. P.S. S[i]r W[alte]r is to be at Hexham next week when the Mollersteads deeds and also the Bill will be finished. I have been abroad this week: but shall apply to Mr Johnson soon about Woodcroft and the deeds relating to the Copyhold part of it, having got your Letter about them. I am etc HR

**24 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[ne]t at

Wallington

Newcas[tle] 24<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r 1765

Hon[ou]rd Sir When you are at Hexham Mr Bell will bring you the dra[f]t of a bill for £1000 upon the Gov[erno]rs of Qu[een] Anns bounty, which you will please to sign before Mr Brown of Whitley: who is to witness it and then it is to be sent to Mr Darwin.

I think it is a pity that there should be a practice of applying to the Justices of the Peace when at Hexham to redress nuisances there wch your court can take cognizance of and can remove or punish for as effectually as they can. For this practice will in time lower the authority of your court very much. I am etc HR

**29 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law

In Durham

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r 1765

Sir Inclosed I send you a copy of the plan which as I think my Father got from some on the other side of Wolsingham disputed Ground: And also a copy of the Bounder Roll of the parishes of Stanhope & Wolsingham as riden in 1737. As to the papers that I have relating to this dispute you had copies of them sent you on the 18 Dec[embe]r 1759, with all that my Father could say about it.

I should be glad to hear from you as soon as any thing is done about the renewal of Redburn Lease.

I find the deeds which Mr Darwin sent you, relating to Woodcroft, will be wanted in London very soon; therefore when you have done with them Sir W[alte]r desires you will send them to me; or if you will let me know, I will wait upon you at Durham for them. I should be glad to know whether you have finished what was thought necessary to be done to compleat the title of the copyhold part of Woodcroft Estate, or how much remains to be done. I am etc HR

**29 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in



Hexham

Newcas[tle] 29<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r 1765

Sir I have just received your Letter inclosing me the draught, which is signed very properly; and I shall give it to Sir Walter or take his directions about it when he comes hither. If I do not hear any thing to the contrary by Sundays post I shall send Sir W[alte]rs Letters directed to him at Hexham Abbey, by that post boy. So if S[i]r Walter should be gone to Nunwick you will enquire after them and forward them to him. I am etc Hen Richmond

**30 Nov 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Brown**

To Mr John Brown at Kirkharle

Newcastle 30 Nov[embe]r 1765

Sir Sir W[alte]r Blackett having wrote me about getting Henry Hind of Bearl who in you applied for into the Lunatic hospital. I have spoke to Dr Hall about him; who says that the blanks in the inclosed petition must be filled up & then it must be signed by the Church w[ar]dens & overseers of the parish of Bywel St Andrews. And if after that it is sent to me I shall give it in to the comitee: & as soon as there is a vacancy in the house you shall be acquainted of it that the young man may be brought hither. P.S. I hope you will get this Letter time enough to do something in this matter tomorrow: & then you can return me the petition on Tuesday & I will present it on Wednesday wch is the day that the committee sits. I am HR

**2 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr John Fenwick in

Robert's Place York

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir Inclosed you receive Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Vere Glyn and Hallifax for Twenty Eight pounds ten shillings, which as it is at so short a date as 20 days I must beg you will advise the receipt of by the return of the post, or else I shall apprehend that it is not come safe to your hand. And in your Letter of Advice I desire you will mention that it is for the half years int[er]est of the £1200 remaining due to you and S[i]r W[alte]r Blacketts and Mr Peareths joint bond on the 12<sup>th</sup> of last month. I am etc HR

No. 15299 £28.10.0 Newcastle 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec[embe]r 1765

Twenty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Twenty Eight pounds. Ten shillings

Value received

To Messrs Vere Glynn &

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

Hallifax London

pay the contents to

Jos Saint

Mr John Fenwick or order

Value in acco[un]t Hen Richmond

**4 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin in Grays Inn

London

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir I have yours of the 30 ult[ last month] inclosing me Mr Savages receipt for four hundred & ninety five pounds for the half years int[er]est due on his late Brothers mortgage on Wallington the 6<sup>th</sup> ult [last month] and have given your Acco[un]t credit for the same.

I have sent you by the Fly coach, which sets out for London tomorrow, the deeds of the conveyance of Mollersteads from Sir W[alte]r Blackett to the Governors of Queen Anns bounty, for a perpetual Augmentation of the Curacy of Whitley. And Sir W[alte]r has drawn a \*Bill on the Treasurer payable to you the consideration money, which I suppose he will send you as soon as he comes hither from Wallington; and by the same post Letters of Advice will be sent to the Treasurer and to Mr Chester So that till you receive the bill you need not say anything to Mr Chester about the deeds.

I hope you will find them conformable to the instructions and shall be glad to hear that you receive them safe. I am etc Hen Richmond

\*Note at left hand side- 10th Dec[embe]r S[i]r W[alte]r sent this bill to Mr Darwin this day.

**4 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Brown**

To Mr John Brown at Kirkharle

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir The petition to the committee of the Lunatic Hospital for the admission of Henry Hind was presented this morning and there being a vacancy an order is made for his reception so that you will please to order him to be brought to the Hospital which is in Gallowgate, as soon as convenient, the sooner the better; where he will be taken in without further trouble to anybody; directions having been given accordingly to the keeper. I am etc HR

**8 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to Geoffrey Elwes**

To Sir Jeffrey Elwes, Treasurer to the Gov[ern]ors of  
Queen Anns Bounty at Messrs Fuller & Cope's Bankers  
<Bercken> Lane London

Newcas[tle] 8 Dec[embe]r 1765

Sir On the 12 Oct[obe]r last I drew a bill for £1000 payable to Mr W[ilia]m Alvey Darwin or order: being the consideration money to be paid me by the Governors for the purchase of Mollersteads Estate, to augment the curacy of Whitley & being the same sum for wch I have signed receipts on the back of the purchase deeds. Those deeds are executed & are sent to Mr Darwin; & Mr Chester will have advice of it by the post. I am etc  
W[alte]r Blackett – [Blackett's own handwriting]

**8 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to Chester**

To Mr Chester at the Rolls Coffee House  
Chancery Lane London

Newcastle 8 Decemb[er] 1765

Sir Pursuant to the instructions, wch came along with the deeds for the purchase of Mollersteads, I am to acquaint you of their being now executed & sent to Mr Darwin of Greys inn: who will wait upon you with them. Sir W[alte]r Blackett has drawn a bill on S[i]r Jeffrey Elwes for the considera[tio]n money, & made the same payable to Mr Darwin or order & has advised Sir Jeffrey of it by this post. I am etc HR

**9 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to Robert Robinson**

To Mr Robert Robinson Attorney at Law

in Durham

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir Not knowing that you were concerned for the master of Sherburn Hospital, I wrote soon after the death of S[i]r Cha[rle]s Howard to Mr Chr[istopher] Johnson, to apply for a Renewal of Redburn Lease; as he had transacted the last Renewal with Dr Gregory and the 9<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r I sent him the certificates of the Lives in being, and the name of the Life to be inserted, and have been waiting for an answer but have not received any from him therefore I am obliged to you for your Letter of the 7 inst[an]t and shall be glad to know what sum the Dr expects Sir W[alte]r Blackett to pay for this renewal, and whether you have got or heard of the certificates, and the name of the Life that S[i]r Walter proposes to have inserted. For surely Mr Johnson cannot have let this matter sleep all this while. I am etc. HR

**10 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to Gawen Aynsley**

To Gawin Aynsley Esq[uir]e

At Littleharle

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir The Trustees of the Ponteland turnpike road having at a meeting held this day, impowered me to pay off the sum of one hundred pounds of the money borrowed upon the Tolls of that road. I therefore desire to know if it is agreeable to you to take in the money due to you, and if so, the sooner it is done the better, as I have enough in my hands to do it and it will be a saving of int[er]est to the road. I am etc HR

**13 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[uir]e in

Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir If you should have any inclination for East Kenton upon the terms mentioned in my last, Sir W[alte]r Blackett will not be in haste for the money for a year or two hence will answer his purpose very well. You paying int[er]est from the time you enter to the rents, at 4 p[er]cent[iu]m. As to the enquiry what advance I think the Lands are capable of; I can only say in general, that if the leases were now out, I am satisfied every Tenant would be glad to take again at an advance; but what advance each person would bear I am not a judge of. But if you chuse to have a valuation by any person you can depend upon, that is conversant in such matters, I shall attend and shew him the several farms. As to the Colliery, Mr Peck and Mr Newton knew very well the quality of the coal; and no doubt took that into consideration when they made their Estimates.

Away to the River for these coals can be had through Benwel, as formerly; but I think there would be no difficulty of obtaining a better through the Corporations Liberty. The Town Moor belongs intirely to the corporation and Kenton has not any right upon it.

Mr King tells me you have granted him time for the payment of his rent; and that he is to pay int[er]est for the forbearance I should be glad to know from what time. I am etc. HR

**13 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 13 Decem[be]r 1765

Sir Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood wants to have a Lease of the Coach house or stable, I do not know whether it is, that is built against the old Tower formerly called the Goal in Hexham and S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett agrees to it and he is to have it for 21 years at 12d a year. So I desire you

will let me have such a description of it that it may be known at the End of the term. Sir Walter bids me tell you that he finds Mr Westgarth of Coalcleugh had been directed to make a survey of the incroachments by the copyholders on the wastes near Coalcleugh and that he has made some progress in it. I am etc HR

**14 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir I have your Letter acquainting me that the Bishop of Durham's Secretary, Mr Hodgson, has mentioned to you that there is a great part of Wolsingham Comon likely to be lost upon the present Division of it under the Act of Parliament thro[ugh] the indifference of the owners of the herbage, who think this part of no value to them; but wch if given up will be a considerable contraction of S[i]r W[alte]r Blacketts boundary as Lessee of the mines. In answer to this it may be proper when you have an opportunity to acquaint him. That S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett formerly was desirous of preserving this piece of ground and in the year 1736 applied to the then Bishop of Durham to join with him in disputing it with Mr Hutchinson who was working a grove therein but neither He nor the owners of the herbage would be at any expence about it. However Sir W[alte]r prosecuted the affair as far as in reason he could and the matter in dispute was referred to Mr Collingwood & Lawyer Rudd for Sir W[alte]r & Mr Ford and Lawyer Gill for Mr Hutchinson who examined writings witnesses & met at Auckland when the B[isho]p was there to examine his writings, but did not find any thing material in them.

On the other hand both Mr Collingwood and Mr Rudd told my father that by Mr Hutchinsons writings the Grove within this disputed ground was very clearly within the manor of Eggleston. But that no award was made because the bishop could not be concluded thereby. Mr Collingwood further told my father that after they had done they waited upon the Bishop and acquainted him how matters appeared to them, who returned them thanks for their trouble. Of all this I acquainted Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson the B[isho]ps auditor in 1759 and sent him copies of such papers as I had relating to this affair & in Nov[embe]r last I sent him also a copy of the plan of the Ground in dispute. So that Sir W[alte]r has done every thing that can be expected of him as Lessee of the Bishop. And as to his own int[er]est his Grove Steward thinks it will be little prejudiced by the loss of this ground, as there are no mines in it of any value.

I hope you have received Sir W[alte]rs dr[af]t on the Gov[eno]rs of Qu[een] Anns bounty for the purchase money of Mollersteads payable to you, and wch he sent on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t. I am etc HR

**17 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr. Will[ia]m Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1765

Sir The hospital for Lunatics in this Town is by an order lately made confined to such persons as are poor, and chargeable upon the parishes wherein they live: and even for these it is required that the Churchwardens & overseers of such parishes shall engage to pay about five shillings a week as I am informed, towards the maintenance of such persons in the hospital if it shall be demanded. Besides, this charity extends only to the counties of Northumberland, Newcastle and Durham; so that a person who is an inhabitant of the County of Cumberland is not intitled to the Benefit of it. I am etc HR

**24 Dec 1765 From Henry Richmond to Gawen Aynsley**

To Gawin Aynsley Esq.

Littleharle

Newcas[tle] 24 Decem[ber] 1765

Sir I received the favour of your Letter and inclosed is an account of the int[er]est due to you from the Trustees of the Ponteland Turnpike road: the receipt at the bottom of which you will please to sign and to take the trouble of indorsing and signing a receipt for the hundred pounds upon the Assignment to you of the Tolls of the said road according to the inclosed form and then I shall pay the money to any person you send these receipts by. I am etc HR

**3 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Goldsmiths in

Fosters Lane London

Newcas[tle] 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan[uary] 1766

Gent[lemen] I have this day sent you a piece of fine Silver containing four hundred and seventy three ounces: which I desire you will place to acco[un]t with S[ir] W[alter] Blackett B[aronet] as usual at the market price and advise me of the receipt of it.

I wish you many happy years and am etc HR

**7 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> Jan[uary] 1766

Sir I have receiv[ed] the two pieces of Silver by Rt. Little the weight of the larger is 4453 oz and the other 2772oz. Both sorts of Lead have yielded very well in Silver but the waste in reducing the Coalcleugh Lead is very great. You'll see it is a twelvth part whereas Hackford is little more than a fourteenth, pray how can this be accounted for ?

How the account stands of delivery of Lead from the several mills I cannot yet judge: for the monthly acco[un]ts are very incorrect especially Rookhope and Allanheads mills: for they do not particularise how much has been delivered for Dukesfield mill, for the Refinery there. I desire you will order the clerks to send me directly their General Acco[un]ts and that they will take care to specify how much they have sent to Blaydon and how much to Dukesfield. I wish you and Mrs Hunter many happy years and am etc HR

**14 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> 1765

Sir I desire you will look over the inclosed copy of a draught which was left with me by Isaac Thompson for confirming as he calls it the division of Ingo Moor, made about 70 years ago: and when we meet, which I suppose will be before Sir W[alter] goes for London, we will talk the matter over. In the mean time you may be recollecting whether Ingo Colliery is in any part of it wrought in the old Inclosures by D[uke] Northumberland whether any damages are paid for on acco[un]t of his workings in the New Inclosures whether any quit rents are payable for any part of the Township of Ingo to D[uke] Northumberland. And what manor Ingo is reputed to be in. I am etc

**14 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq in  
Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1766

Sir Inclosed is Jos Kings bill on Henton Brown and son for two hundred and seventy Eight pounds nineteen shillings & sixpence for the balance of your acco[un]t of West Kenton rents to Mayday last which is also here inclosed along with Miss Headlam's receipt for her int[e]rest.

I desire you will advise the receipt of the Bill by the return of post and that you will sign and return me the inclosed duplicate of the Account and at the same time acknowledge the receipt of Miss Headlams receipt. I wish you many happy years. I am etc HR

£278.19s.6d

Newcastle Jan[ua]ry 14<sup>th</sup> 1766

One month after date pay to Henry Richmond or order Two hundred and seventy Eight pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence value received by advice.

Jos King

To Henton Brown & son  
Bankers London

Pay the contents to Richard Wilson Esq  
or order value in account  
Hen Richmond

**17 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Foster Lane London

Newcas[t]le 17<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1766

Gentlemen On Fryday last, the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, I sent you by David Jackson the London Carrier a box containing two pieces of silver, weight as below; which I desire you will place to Account with S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett as usual at the market price, and advise me of the receipt of them. I am etc

oz	
445½ at	p[er] ounce
277 ½ at	p[er] ounce
723	

HR

**17 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn  
London

Newcas[t]le 17<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765[6]

Sir I have your's of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t enquiring after the deeds you sent to Mr Johnson: which I got from him after many applications, only the last week: and which I proposed sending you by Sir Walter when he comes to Town and that will be very soon. P.S. Mr Johnson says he hopes to obtain the Order very soon. I am etc HR

**18 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Ornsby**

To Mr Thomas Ornsby in Sunderland

Newcas[t]le 18<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1765[6]



Sir I have acquainted Sir W[alte]r Blackett that you had sent to repay the Ten guineas you gave me your receipt for on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May last: but he orders me to return you that receipt which is here inclosed, and begs you will accept of it without saying or thinking any more about the payment. I am etc HR

**19 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Christ[ophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law

In Durham

Newcas[tle] 19<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1766

Sir A few days ago I received the Lease and Release and the probet of the will which was sent you by Mr Darwin and shall return them to him by S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett who sets out for London on Tuesday next. Sir W[alte]r bids me give his service to you and desire you will as soon as possible procure the order about the Copyhold part of Woodcroft Estate which these deeds were sent down to enable you to obtain for till it is obtained some affairs which he wants to settle must stand still. I shall therefore be glad to have a line from you soon upon this subject for S[i]r W[alte]r's satisfaction. I have this day rece[ive]d your Letter inclosing me the new Lease of Redburn and the receipt for the fine etc and shall be glad to see you there that I may discharge what S[i]r W[alte]r owes you on this acco[un]t in the mean time I am etc HR

**21 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Francis Salkeld**

To Mr Francis Salkeld at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 21 Jan[ua]ry 1766

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has given me directions to make you a present of Thirty pounds; and you come down as soon as you will to receive it. I am etc HR

**21 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in

Hexham

Newcas[tle] 21 Jan[ua]ry 1766

Sir In answer to your Letter about Westwood & Highwood corn tithes, which you say are let at £13 a year and for which Mr Featherston of Blackhall has bid you £20 a year; Sir Walter orders that the same shall be let to Mr Featherston for tha sum for three years; if you think he is sufficient for the Rent and will stand to his offer. I am etc HR

**21 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 21<sup>st</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1766

Sir Sir Walter Blackett set out for London this morning and will I suppose be with you before this. I have given him the three deeds you sent down to Mr Chr. Johnson; and he will give you them, as soon as he sees you: if not, you may ask for him for them. I shall be glad to know that you receive them safe & am etc. HR

**26 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in

Hexham

Newcas[tle] 26 Jan[ua]ry 1766

Sir Sir W[alte]r Blackett, upon my acquainting him of what you had wrote about Westwood Corn Tithes, ordered that they should be let to Mr Featherstone if you thought him sufficient at £20 a year for 3 years, without saying any thing of offering them first to Mr Jefferson or giving him any preference on acoo[un]t of his being an old tenant of a farm so much below its value. But if you are satisfied that by giving public notice you can still get a further advance for these tithes I think it would be right to try tho I own Sir W[alte]r who is now in London did not when I proposed doing so take any notice of that or order it to be tried. I am etc HR

**27 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r Blackett MP. In halfmoon Street  
Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 27 Jan[ua]ry 1766

Hon[oure]d Sir I hope you are well after your Journey. The advertisement about Unthank Colliery was not inserted in the last Saturdays papers; because Mr Brown had not sent the plan of the Colliery as he promised, and which was to have been sent to Mr Grey previous to the publication. And it is well it was not inserted as Mr Brown declares, he would not have been answerable for it, as it was not according to truth. It is now altered, as in the inclosed copy, and will be inserted in the next Saturday's papers; and in the London and Edinburgh papers as you ordered.

I am afraid the Ship Masters petition against the Fitters, and which I understand will be in London before this, will occasion you a deal of trouble. I heartily wish you health to bear it. And am etc HR

**30 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law  
In Berwick

Newcas[tle] 30th Jan[ua]ry 1766

Sir By Sir W[alte]r Blacketts directions, I herewith inclose you Mr William Brown's plan of Unthank Colliery, and a paper containing a description of the bounds of the said colliery, with the terms upon which S[i]r W[alte]r is willing to let it. Which you may shew to any persons that enquire about it. The advertisement will be inserted in the next Saturday's papers, and will be continued only two Saturdays more. As to any proposals, you may receive in consequence of the advertisement, you will please to keep them sealed up till you hear further from Sir Walter about them. I am etc H R

**31 Jan 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 31 Jan[uar]y 1766

Sir As you think there is little doubt of getting more than £20 a year for Westwood tithes, by calling them to be let; it is my opinion Sir W[alte]r Blackett will make no objection to the trial; therefore I desire you will do so.. I am etc HR

**2 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To the Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at  
Hartburn

Newcas[tle] 2nd Feb[ua]ry 1766

Sir Since I received your Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1766 I have been expecting the parcel, which you the mentioned and desired I would forward to you. It is not yet arrived, but as soon as it does I shall take care to send it.

Inclosed is the copy of the deed of severance for Whitley; which business has prevented my getting made sooner.

Sir W[alte]r Blackett told me of the draught he had given you upon me; and which will be paid whenever you please to send it, with your receipt indorsed upon it.. but I am sorry I cannot give you a London bill for it. I am etc HR

**2 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at  
Dukesfield

Newcastle 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb[ua]ry 1766

Sir Inclosed is the form of an acco[un]t which I desire you will make up & send me at the end of every year of your workings at your refinery, & that you will order the Test bottoms to be wrought up allways at the end of the year & include the quantity Lead got out of them, & the Silver extracted from It, in the said acco[un]t & I would had you send me one for the last year, as soon as the test bottoms are wrought up.

Sir Walter ordered me to give Fra Salkald thirty pounds & I wrote him on the 21 last month to come down when he would & receive it. as I have not heard from him I fancy my Letter must have miscarried, tho for the greater safety I decided it to be left at your brothers, as yours are. I desire therefore you will acquaint Mr Salkeld hereof that the sooner he now comes the better. As I wrote you on the 7<sup>th</sup> of last month I should be glad to have the general acco[un]ts from the Mill clarks, without their waiting to work up all their ore, for a calculation of the quantity remaining may be made near enough for the purpose.

I hope you are in some forwardness with your Chr[is]mas qua[rte]rs acco[un]ts. I am etc HR

**4 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis in  
Hexham

Newcastle 4<sup>th</sup> Febr[ua]ry 1766

Sir Sir Lancelot Allgood has applyed to Sir Walter for a leave of the Lead Mill in West Allen formerly granted to Mr Bacon (according to the description here inclosed at sixpence a year) & whose Lease expires at Mayday next. Sir Lance[lo]t wants a further Liberty of erecting a Refining house upon the premises. Now what I would desire of you is to take a view any time between this & May day, of this Mill & the ground let along with it & to let me know whether the description inclosed is a proper one, & such as is known at this day whether the enjoyment is at present according to this description and whether the peathouse which I think you said is called waterhouse & for wch a rent of 5s.0d a year is paid amongst the rents of the Allendale grieveship can be deemed to be with in these premises with any other observations that may occur to you upon this matter. I shall think it necessary to have your answer to this letter before any Lease can be granted to Sir Lanc[elo]t. I am etc HR

**7 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[ne]t M.P. in  
Halfmoon street Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> Febr[ua]ry 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Alderman Partis died this morning; and the Magistrates in Town seem, by what I can learn, to be much divided who to have in his room; they all incline for Mr Stephenson, but there is little likelihood of his being here against the Election and they are none of them for Mr Baker, tho' the passing over him will certainly make him more violent than ever. Mr Simpson tells me that Mr Peareth and Mr Scafe are for taking the peers according to their Seniority, in case Mr Stephenson should not come in time, that Mr Surtees is for Mr T Partis but that Mr Mayor, himself, and Mr Mosley think Mr Hornbie will make the best Magistrate if Mr Stephenson cannot be had. I have not been able to meet with Mr Mayor as yet, but if I can see him before post time and can learn any thing material, that he does not write you of himself, I shall add it to my Letter.

Mr Wade has sent two boxes and a trunk which he supposes to contain writings belonging to you. I shall keep them in the state I have received them till you return hither.

Wm. Woodfield, who was lately put into your hospital is dead; and his place is filled up by Thomas Lock the Roper according to your order of the 16 Jan[ua]ry 1765 on the recommendation of Mr Clayton and Mr Surtees.

We havw had a great deal of snow here this week, & a hard frost, so it is likely to lye some time; but I hear there is very little at Wallington or to the Westward. I have got the Icehouse filled & am etc HR

NB. The following is a list of the peers in their order.

**7 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Wade**

To Walter Wade Esq. at New Grainge  
Near Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] 7 Febr[ua]ry 1766

Sir I have this day received by the Leeds Carrier two large Boxes and a trunk, agreeable to your Letter; which I shall take care of till Sir W[alte]r Blackett returns from London and then the contents of them will be examined.

I am much obliged to you for your kind invitation, & if I should ever come near new Grainge shall think it incumbent on me to shew that I am etc. HR

**8 Feb 1765 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP. In half moon street  
Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 8 Febr[ua]ry 1765[6]

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Mayor and Mr Mosley tell me that upon second consideration they are of opinion \_\_\_\_ if a junior peer should now be preferred to Mr Baker it will exasperate him sorely and that he will never accept of the Gown afterwards. So that tho' they believe Mr Hornbie would make a more able & discreet magistrate yet it may be more prudent, if you approve of it, to take Mr Baker in now; in case Mr Stephenson's acceptation of the office cannot be had in time.

The weather here is totally changed, it being now a down right thaw. I am etc HR

**9 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Christ[ophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Febr[ua]ry 1766

Sir In answer to your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t Mrs Marg[are]t Widdrington of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Widow of Henry Widdrington late of Colepark in the County of Northumberland Esq[ui]r deceased can prove that Sir W[ilia]m Blackett late of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne died on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1728. But if you should think it better to have the Register of his Burial I can obtain a copy of it at any time, as he was buried in this Town and can make an affidavit of the truth thereof. Mrs Widdrington can also prove that Major Allgood of Brandon in the said County of Northumberland Gentleman Ex[ecu]tor of the said Sir Will[ia]m Blackett survived Lanc[elo]t Allgood Charles Clark & Ab[raha]m Dixon and that he is since dead and has left Mary now the wife of the Rev[eren]d Mr William Rastal his only child and heir at Law.

Mrs Widdrington is now in this Town and the sooner her affidavit is taken the better as I do not recollect at present any one person hereabout that can so well prove all these particulars as herself. I am etc HR

**9 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law  
In Berwick

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1766

Sir As to the giving Copies of the particulars sent you relating to Unthank Colliery to any persons inquiring after them I should think it no way necessary, the advertisement only mentioning that they may be seen in your hands. And as to the other question what is to be done in case any persons should offer to take the colliery on the terms proposed for letting? There is no other way but for such persons to tell you what certain rent they are willing to give for a certain quantity or number of fother of coals and how much p[er] fother additional Rent they will give for every fother over and above that quantity. These articles were by Sir W[alte]rs order left blank in copy of the Terms sent you that people might offer according as they sho[ul]d think the Colliery might deserve. If you should happen to receive or have any proposals made you openly and according to the above plan, which I believe is the only one upon which Sir W[alte]r will let this colliery, you may if you please transmit them to me that Sir W[alte]r may if he thinks proper consider of them before the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

I suppose you know that the thickness of the main coal and splint coal seams are each three feet ten inches, as to the little coal <Mr Krown> has not told me the thickness of it but any who want to take the Colliery will satisfy themselves of these articles and not take our word about them I dare say. I am etc HR

**14 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t M.P. in half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 14th Febr[uar]y 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir I am not certain but expect to be able to send you bills for £1800, to become due about the 20<sup>th</sup> of next month, and Also to make the Mills pay, and other payments as far as Midsummer. And I hope that, before that time, there will be a good demand for Lead; though indeed none that are dependant on demands for that article will know how to regulate their hopes or expectations, if many such importations as you mention can be made from America! If the Leadmines there should prove considerable they will diminish the value of what are here, &

consequently your income, so much as will deserve Reflection. The last sale of Lead here was at £15 a fother for the common sort, & £15. 5s.0d for the refined; but none has been sold since Decem[be]r, nor are there as yet any enquiries.

Mr Johnson talks of getting the copyhold part of Woodcroft settled in a little time. He has this week got Mrs Widdrington's Affidavit of the death of S[i]r W[ilia]m Blackett, and that Major Allgood survived the other Trustees, and dec[ease]d leaving Mrs Rastal his only child and heir at Law.

Mr Russel, who was struck last Sunday with the palsy, is better and likely to live a while longer. Dr Askew is just come from Etal; and Major Carr, who desires his compliments, tells me he brings a very indifferent account of Mrs Carr, and that it is feared she cannot hold it long. I am etc HR

#### 16 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr William Robson at Wallington Newcas[tle] 16 Febr[uar]y 1766

Sir I sent you by Thomas Thompson yesterday the amount of the garden bill which I hope you have got safe.

Sir Walter wants a Rental of Ord Estate with the names of the Tenants; but before I can send it him I must desire you will let me know to whom his half of Needle Eye and White Sands fishings are let and for what sum and whether Boreham & Forster still have the Colliery in the Threap Ground for which they paid thirty pounds a year or when they quitted it and also that you will let me have an exact acco[un]t of the Cottages at East Ord, to whom they are let and for what sums annually and pray send me the Christian Name of each Tenant.

I shall be glad to have an answer to all this by Ned on Tuesday & am etc HR

#### 17 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> Febr[ua]ry 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Grey says he received the inclosed anonymous Letter by the Post on Fryday last, but makes no conjecture of the quarter it may have come from. If I do not mistake the author, he is more dissatisfied with the Colliery than the advertisement. Mr Brown thought enough was inserted to excite those, who might want such a Colliery, to look into it and its situation themselves; and that they certainly would do so and not trust to any particulars given thereof in the advertisement.

I had a Letter last post from Mr Westgarth about the advertisement for the sale of Woodcroft, expecting against mentioning the 8s.8d for the fine certain on admittances to the copyhold part of it. he says there is no fine payable, only fees, but I think he is wrong, however as Mr Darwin has the deeds of this Estate he can see what is right. And when Mr Chr[istopher] Johnson compleats the Title of the copyhold part there will be further evidence as to this point, and if there should be a small and invariable Fine payable on Admittances I should think it would be better to mention it in the advertisement.

I hear Mr Stokoe of St. John Lee is very ill, & that it is believed he cannot recover: the living is thought to be better than £100 per year.

I have wrote to Mr Robson to Mr Robson for some particulars and as soon as I get his answer will send a Rental of Ord Estate with the names of the Tenants and may then be able to send or say something about bills.



As to the Fitters defence against the Ship Masters petition I hear Mr Colpitts and Mr Baker are to set out for London on Wednesday or Thursday to support it. But before Mr Baker sets out I suppose he will be acquainted of what is intended in case Mr Stephenson should not arrive in London in time for Mr Mayor to hear from you by the post on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> for it will be necessary to proceed to Election on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> at farthest.

It is now near six o'clock and the post wch should have come in yesterday afternoon is not arrived. P.S. I have not seen Mr Peareth but hear he will not vote for Mr Baker: tho perhaps he may think better of it before the time. I am etc      HR

**17 Feb 1766    From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

To John Westgarth Esq. at Mr Jno Snaiths  
Banker in London

Newcas[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1766

Sir      I received the favour of your Letter about the advertisem[en]t for the sale of Woodcroft Estate, acquainting me that there are not any Fines paid to the Bishop upon Admittances to Copyhold Estates in the County of Durham. I own I did always understand there were, but I shall enquire & write Sir Walter Blackett what I find to be the case. I am etc      HR

**21 Feb 1766    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alter] Blackett B[aronet] MP in halfmoon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 21<sup>st</sup> Febr[uar]y 1766

Hon[our]d Sir      Inclosed is Bell and Cos bill on Vere and co for £1300 and Peareth & Sorbies bill on Freeman & Stainbanks for £500 together Eighteen hundred pounds; which please to advise the receipt of. As all the Lead at market and all that can be brought down this year, if it can be sold, will do little more than make the great pays about mich[aelmas] and keep down the int[er]est, good husbandry grows more necessary than ever especially as upon the best judgement that can as yet be made Weardale Leadminers will not clear themselves this year, and Allanheads and Coalcleugh will each want about £2000 more than the ore they are expected to produce will be worth.

Mr Westgarth will not take Prydale nor Mr Varsie Hackford as I apprehend in the usual way of so much a Bing, and you to have all the ore; but only mean to offer you 1/5<sup>th</sup> part of it as a Duty. It should be well considered before you submit to let your mines in that way; for as you have Leadmills & Agents and workmen it would be encourageing other manufacturers of Lead to your prejudice. As to trying Prydale, or working Hackford much further yourself at present, the principal mines are so expensive that it would be prudent to postpone these tryals even if they were hopeful.

Mr Wilson has not replied to the last Letter I wrote him about Kenton, by your direction.

Inclosed is a Rental of Ord Estate with the names of the Tenants. As to Woodcroft Copyhold, I can only say at present as I did in my last Letter, that Mr Darwin who has the deeds can tell, by the former admittances, whether any and what Fine is payable for It. Mr Stokoe of St John Lee died on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

Mr Baker was this morning chosen Alderman, is sworn in and since set out for London with Mr Colpitts. He refused the office on Tuesday as Mr Mayor wrote you but sent him word by Mr Gibson on Thursday that he had changed his mind, & would accept it, if it was not too late.

You are so good as to ask after my health; it would add chearfulness to it to know you preserve your's: for it is rumoured here that you are not well. P.S. Mr Peareth was not at the Election; but he says he will write you to night upon that subject. I am etc.      HR

No 15843 £1300 Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1766

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond, Thirteen hundred pounds

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Pay the contents to S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t

Or order value in Account

Hen Richmond

Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1766 £500.0.0

Twenty Eight days after date pay Mr Henry Richmond or order Five hundred pounds the value in acco[un]t with S[i]r Walter Blackett, place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from

Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks  
In London

Pay the contents to S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t

Or order value in account

Hen Richmond

### 21 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 21 Febr[uar]y 1766

Sir Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood and Mr Westall were with me on Wednesday last and from some deeds which the latter produced Sir Lanc[elo]t would infer that the Peathouse is what was anteintly called Cattonly mill which Mr Bacon bought of Fra[nci]s Shield whose Ancestors bought it of Cuth Hawdon liable to a Rent of 5s a year to the King. When you make the view I desired you will indeavour to inform yourself whether what is called the Kings Low Mill in the description I sent you, and the Peathouse and Cattonly Mill can be deemed to be one and the same thing.

If Mr Wastal should ask you to see the old Lease of Allandale Mill in or about 1706 which Mr Ellis had and from which he drew the present lease you may if you can find it readily let him see it to satisfy dome scruples that I find he has.

I received your Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant giving an account of Mr Stokoe's death and have written Sir Walter about it. I am etc HR

### 23 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> Febr[uar]y 1766

Sir I forgot in my last Letter to tell you how well I thought you had done in getting such an advance for West Wood tithes above what Sir Walter had ordered they might be let at and therefore now write this on purpose in approbation of your management and when an opportunity offers shall not neglect acquainting S[i]r Walter thereof. I am etc HR

### 28 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 28<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1766

Sir I concluded Mr Brown would have paid you the years Rent for Mollersteads before this. He ought however to pay you before you close your accounts. But whether he does or not you must charge it in your Rental, according to the form which I shall give you below, and in case you do not get the money in time then you must return him in arrear. Pray before you close your accounts be sure about Rookhope Lead, nay something more is necessary, for I ought to be made certain that all there is right. I wrote you to this purpose on the 7<sup>th</sup> of last month and wanted to have it distinguished in the General acco[un]t how much was sent to Dukesfield Refinery and how much to Blaydon. But you see here inclosed what sort of an acco[un]t young Harrison has sent : and pray observe the quere he makes about 20 p[ie]ce[s] in the delivery and let me know, if you can, the meaning of it, or who he expects is to answer it ? I must desire that before the pay you will go over and see him make out a better account and get him to say how much was delivered for Dukesfield and how much for Blaydon and then do you send it me and I will be obliged to you. I desire you will let me know as soon as you can, and as near as you can, about what sum will make your pays; otherwise when you send in your accounts I shall be perhaps under a necessity of taking more time than I would chuse for fixing the pay, as I may not have money enough. I am etc HR

Mollersteads Estate near Dukesfield, which was bought by S[i]r Walter Blackett in Septem[be]r 1764 in order to be conveyed to the Governors of Queen Anns bounty, for the augmentation of Whitley Chapel.

The Revd. Mr Ab[ra]ham Brown for one year's Rent from ]	£.	s.	d.
Mayday 1764 to Mayday 1765 when the said Estate was ]	33.	0.	0.
Conveyed as above mentioned ]	or whatever the rent may be.		

## 28 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Baro[n]e MP in half moon Street  
Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 28 Febr[uar]y 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Inclosed I return the case about the Crown of Denmarks Debt; and shall send the original Bill and all the other material papers relating to this claim by the Fly coach next week; but doubt that an application during the minority of the present King will avail little.

Mr Brown thinks the anonymous Letter does not deserve notice.

All that I can learn about Thomas Blair is that he was brought up in one of the charity schools in this Town on your subscription & lived afterwards as a stable boy or waiter at Ralph Cook's; but going to London got into the Wig making business, and now has good employment in it.

As to the Curacy of St. John Lee it is reputed to be worth more than £100 a year. There are two Chapels called St. Oswald's & St. Mary's in Bingfield that are nexed to it; and the Curate is to duty every other Sunday at St. John Lee's, and on the intermediate Sundays at those two chapels, alternately; I have wrote to Mr Bell, but doubt there cannot be any certainty of the annual value of this Curacy unless Mr. Stokoe has left behind him a regular Account of the Income of it. I have given directions for four Kitts of salmon to be sent. I am etc HR

Postscript to the above Letter

Since I finished my Letter I have received an answer from Mr Bell that he has learned from Mr Stokoe's Acco[un]ts that St. John Lee's Curacy is p[er] annum

	£	s	d
	29	6	8
St Oswald's Chapelry is p[er] annum	32	13	4
St Mary in Bingfield Chapelry p[er] annum	28	13	4

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Certain	90	13	4
And that the surplice fees re computed to be worth, comy Annis	6	0	0
And that there is a farm called St John Lee Kirk farm			
which has been let for many years to the Curate for			
£6.13s.4d a year but is worth between £12. & £15 a year But this farm			
does not belong to the Curacy & therefore ought to be advanced if you			
let it again to the Curate			
Suppose you should advance it to £8.0s.0d a year The Curate would			
have out of it about	5	0	0
And then the Annual income of the Curacy wo[ul]d be	101	13	4

A further postscript to the above Letter to Sir Walter  
 Near seven o'clock- I have received your Letter by this post and as I have herein sent as particular an acco[un]t of St. John Lee Curacy, both as to the income and Duty as can possibly be obtained I should think the sooner a new Curate is appointed the better for you hold the tithes of the whole Manor upon that condition and till you appoint one I apprehend the income of the Curacy will be under Sequestration and the Church Wardens will appoint or make provision for the cure during the vacancy.

**28 Feb 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
 In Hexham Newcas[tle] 28 Febr[uar]y 1766  
 Sir If you have a copy of any of the Nominations of Curates to the Curacy of St. John Lee and the two chapels belonging to it, I shall be glad you will send it me. And I wish you would enquire as to the Burials of those that dye within the Chapelries.  
 P.S. since I wrote the above I have received your Letter of this date which is as satisfactory an acco[un]t of the Curacy as can be expected and contains also an answer to the lattee paragraph of my Letter. Sir Walter is very well. I am etc HR

**2 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in Half moon Street  
 Piccadilly London Newcas[tle] Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1766  
 Hon[ou]rd Sir Yesterday I delivered Mr parker a small Box to go to London tomorrow by the Fly, containing the King of Denmarks original bill and all the material papers relating to that claim: which I hope you will receive very safe.  
 Mr William Harrison says it was his brother in Law Mr William Rowell that he spoke to you about; but he is since dead nevertheless Mr Harrison thinks himself much obliged to you for the Inquiry.  
 Four Kitts of salmon are shipd on board the Dove Will[ia]m Grey Master. I am etc HR

**2 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1766

Sir To what I wrote you in the postscript of my last Letter I have now to add that Sir W[alte]r is very desirous of having the duty done as usual both at St John Lee and the Chapels belonging to it till he fills up the vacancy and would satisfy any clergyman for doing it, only he objects to one Cook, whom he had heard preach at Hexham. He thinks Mr Laidman is the best person you can consult as to the choice of the person or persons to be employed in this interval and also as to what ought to be given them for officiating. But who ever they are he would have them acquainted that they are not to expect the Curacy in consequence of such officiating. Dukesfield pay will be in a few weeks – do you think you can spare me any money for it? I shall not need any Silver. I am etc HR

**3 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr W[illia]m Alvey Darwin Gray's Inn  
London

Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1766

Sir Inclosed herewith you receive my two bills on Plumbe & Browne as above, the bill for two hundred & ninety five pounds is on acco[un]t of the quar[te]rly payments made and to be made by you in London for S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett between the 31 Decem[be]r last & the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month, which I desire you will place to his Acco[un]t and send me your receipt for as usual. The other bill for two hundred and Eighty pounds is to enable you to pay Glover & Sambroke's Half yearly int[e]r[es]t of their motgage on Kenton due 27<sup>th</sup> instant, till when I desire you will place this bill to my Acco[un]t and advise me of your receipt of it. I am etc HR

Newcastle the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1766 £295.0.0.

Twenty five days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of Two hundred and ninety five pounds value in account & place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from  
Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

Newcastle the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1766 £280.0.0.

Thirty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of two hundred & eighty Pounds value in acco[un]t & place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from  
Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcastle 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1766

Sirs I have this day drawn upon you for five hundred & seventy five pounds, in two bills, payable to William Alvey Darwin or order, as above which I desire you will accept, and when paid that you will place them to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc HR

**4 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law in

Berwick

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Sir I received your Letter enquiring upon what terms Sir Walter Blackett will sell his Land and Colliery at Unthank. You know Sir W[alter] has in the printed advertisem[en]t said that any who want to take or to purchase are to deliver in their proposals accordingly to you, sealed up, on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> May next. Therefore I see no other way but for any that want to purchase first to view the colliery and consider what they think it worth; and as to the Land, the rent of it being published to be £110 a year, they can easily compute the value of that, and add it to their valuation of the colliery, and then proceed according to the method prescribed in the advertisement.

The proposals that you may happen to receive relative either to the taking or the purchasing, you may transmit hither; & Sir Walter may be considering them if he pleases before or against the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. I am etc HR

**4 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[aronet] MP in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Hon[ourable] Sir Mr Baker and Mr Colpitts understand the Interests of their Company so well, that what they agree to will most probably be right. Certainly it will be right that, if the Fitters are to be bound, the Masters should be so too. Otherwise they will enter their ships with half a dozen Fitters at a time but only load where they can get the best coals: And as at that rate no Fitter would know what quantities to contract for with the owners of the inferior sorts of coals, nor such owners be able to judge what their vend would be, they would of course be discouraged in their workings. For no man will continue to be so low Labour or Fortune upon perishable commodities, for which he cannot find a ready vend. the procuring that is as much the int[er]est of the city of London and the public in general as it is of the coal owners or the Fitters or the Masters themselves; but it matters little to the former whether coals are conveyed in Whitby ships or in Shields Ships; or whether the owners of them are Masters or Fitters, or any other sort of men; so the coals be but conveyed: unless indeed it is apprehended that the Fitters may in time engross all the shipping in the Trade and raise the price: but that is a thing the Masters are more likely to do- all the ships belonging to Fitters are I am told not amounting to a tenth part of what are employed in the Trade. If the Fitters do agree to loading in turn they should not be unwilling to let that agreement expressed in clear and precise terms, void of double meanings: tho I cannot think any terms whatever can be put together, or any Law made that will establish this method of loading in turn, when I consider that the Masters cannot possibly at all times bring money.

That the Fitters cannot be made to take any thing else than money for their coals, unless they chuse it- and that that option must give an opening for preference of one Master to another. Mr Peareth says he meant in his letter of the 21 ult[imate] to say that “surely Fitters have the same right to be Shipowners as any Masters have”. I am etc HR

**4 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
In Hexham

Newcastle 4 March 1766



Sir Sir Walter now writes me that Mr Tulip hath written him a Letter desiring Mr Stokoe's daughter may get the duty of St John Lee supplied till Mayday and have the profits till that time; which he has agreed to- and which I thought right to acquaint you of after what I have written you in my two last letters- only Sir Walter still excepts against Mr Cook's officiating and says he had much rather no duty at all done there. I am etc HR

**7 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> Mar[ch] 1766

Sir As to what you mention in your Lre of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t of Mr Heron's telling you Sir W[alte]r ordered him to employ a man to examine in to the particulars of the murder committed near Settling stones & to endeavour to find out the perpetrators of it & that he was to come to you for paym[en]t for his trouble & time spent there in. All I can say about the matter is that it w[oul]d be as well if it co[ul]d be let alone till Sir W[alte]r comes to Hexham. If not, Mr Heron must sign the man's bill expressing that it is right that it was ordered by Sir W[alte]r & then you may pay it & place it to S[i]r Walters Acco[un]t. I have fixed Dukesf[iel]d pay to be made on the morning of the pay day. I am etc HR

**8 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Gentlemen I sent you yesterday by David Jackson, the London carrier, a piece of fine silver, weighing five hundred & fifty eight ounces & half; which I desire you will place to Sir W[alte]r Blacketts account as usual, at the market price and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**8 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's  
In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Sir Your Letter yesterdays date about the boundary of the Ground let along with West Allan Lead Mill is satisfactory. As to what you mention in it about the two little cornfields belonging to St John Lee Kirk farm; which you say Mr Rumney wants you to plow and to deduct the Expen[n]ce of doing it out of the new Curates salary; It is to be considered that Mr Stokoe was only Tenant at will of that farm, and that therefore as his Ex[ecu]t[ri]x will be intitled to the way going crop she ought to plow and sow them, & not Sir Walter nor the Church Wardens. This is the Light it appears into me, but I desire you will consult Mr Ellis and if he and you think otherwise that you will let me know. Very probably Sir Walter will incline to let this farm to the new Curate; but I think he should advance it some small matter, at least, to prevent any claim in process of time to this farm as belonging to the Curacy. I am etc HR

**12 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir                      Mr John Brown of Kitkharle who was attacked about ten days ago with apleuretic disorder, died last night of it! he was a sensible, active, honest man and will be missed in this part of the country, very much.  
Mr Matt Stephenson has sent hither two peach trees, the one called the madeleine de courson, the other the gross violette: and also a pear tree called the Doyenne' greis, a pear which he says, he believes, is not known in England; and is only to be met with at the Carthusian convent at Paris. I shall send them to Walling[ton] by the cart on Saturday, and write Mr Duffield about them.  
Your Lead Mills pay, to the 31 Decem[be]r last, wch comes to £3316.18s.4 ¼ d is to be made the 20<sup>th</sup> instant. P.S. Inclosed is a Letter I received from Mr Grey with a copy of the answer I sent to it. If you think anything further should be said at present you will please to signify it.  
I am etc                      HR

Six o'clock. I have just now heard that Mr Armstrong S[i]r Ed. Blacketts steward died this morning.

**14 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo. Douglass Plumber in  
Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas[tle] 14 March 1766

Sir        I received your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me your Bill on Mr William Brown, at sixty days from that date, for sixty pounds; which as Mr Brown has accepted I shall place to your acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett, and when paid it will be so much in part of the Four fothers of refined Lead, which in that Lre you desire me to deliver to your Broker- Mr Graham. You will please to remember that when you spoke to me upon charge about that Lead, and said you would pay ready money for it, I then told you the price of it would on that condition be fifteen pounds five shillings p[er] fother: and yet you have sent me this Bill at sixty days for it! however I shall not for this time charge you higher tho' I get the same price & better payment for the largest quantities. P.S. The Broker has not yet been with me for the Tickett so you had better write to him about it. I am etc                      HR

**14 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Sir        Mr Stokoe's Executrix's taking a way going crop off the two little fields, that are part of the Kirk farm would have been publishing that those fields do not belong to the Curacy of St John Lee; which was all I meant. But as you think Mr Stokoe's predecessor left no part of this ground in tillage, or that it cannot be proved that he did, it may be as well to say no more about her plowing it; but on the other hand it certainly ought not to be plowed by the Church wardens for the benefit of the new Curate, as if it belonged to the Curacy; which I am clear it does not do

in any respect, not even in the way you suppose of a Life Estate in each Curate- but that they are tenants at Rack Rent, (at will) or may be so if Sir Walter Blackett pleases. For besides what we all know that Sir Walter is both Rector and vicar throughout his Manors and only pays a salary to his Curate, I find that S[i]r John Fenwick bought this very Kirk farm after it had been severed from the spiritualities of the Monastery, by the Crown; and that his Descendant sold it specifically to S[i]r William Blackett. I am etc HR

**14 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Sir I have such frequent Letters from London enquiring what is doing towards compleating the title of Woodcroft Copyhold, and when it may be expected to be completed; that I am obliged to trouble you with this, to request you will prosecute this business, or let me know where it now stops; that I may give some reason for the delay, or some conjecture when an end of it may be expected. I beg you will favour me with an answer hereto by the return of the post, or at furthest in a post or two, that I may give some sort of answer to the Letters I have received upon this subject. I should at the same time be glad that you would inform me what Fine is due to the Lord for this Estate according to the Custom of the Manor on the death of his Tenant and also on transfers or alienations of it.

P.S. I shall be abroad most of next week; which I mention lest you should intend calling upon me for the Bishops Rent etc. I am etc HR

**15 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street  
Picadilly London

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Peareth tells me the cEaster Guild will be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> April, and the sessions on the Wednesday after, & that you want to know this, as you propose to be here against that time. If so, I heartily wish you a good journey. P.S. I hope you received the box with the papers relating to the Crown of Denmarks Debt. & am etc HR

**15 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at Hartburn  
Near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Sir I have, according to your desire, waited, this afternoon upon L[or]d Northumberlands Auditors and they have made an Entry in their books for leave to win the stones at Lucker Quarry for the rebuilding Lucker Chapel for which I paid two shillings; and they have promised that Mr Maddison of Alnwick shall have directions to allow a sufficient quantity of stones to be won there for that purpose. I am etc HR

**18 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir            If I remember right- Grand the drummer married a sister or niece of John Ogle's and has often been dunning Mr Robson, as Ogle's Executor, for some money which he and his wife supposed was due to them. Mr Robson is gone to Berwick, and I go tomorrow to Dukesfield pay: but on my return will make enquiry about this man; and also about Spain and Snowball.

I cannot yet get any satisfactory answer from Mr Christ[ophe]r Johnson about Woodcroft Copyhold -So that the advertisement had better be postponed a while. He tells me in his Letter today that he has been obliged to send to York for the original will of S[i]r Will[ia]m Blackett. I am etc            HR

**26 March 1766    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir            Grand the Deserter married John Ogle's neice, and if he should come into this part of the country case will be taken of him.

I cannot yet learn whether George Spain, who is now at sea is a freeman of this corporation, but he has a good character and is deserving of either of the places he applys for. I remember he behaved very well at the last Election for the County of Durham tho' much teased by the other party.

Thomas Snowball is brother to John Snowball the mason at Wallington and is one of the watchmen in the Custom house of which place he makes about £20 a year. He has a very good character writes well and knows figures- he is a Widower of near 40 and has four children.

Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson now writes that the Guardians of the Infant heir at Law of Dr Smith have consented to the said Infants' surrendering Woodcroft Copyhold and says it may be expected this affair will be completed on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of next month.

He also writes that the fine to the Lord for this copyhold estate on the death of his tenant is six shillings & eight pence. I am etc    HR

**4 April 1766    From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 4 April 1766

Gentlemen    I have this day sent you by David Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine silver containing five hundred & sixty one ounces; which I desire you will place to acco[un]t with Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bar[one]t. as usual, at the market price, and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc    HR

**4 April 1766    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn

London

Sir I received your's inclosing me a copy of the advertisement for the sale of Woodcroft and a part of Fenwick Estates; which I shall get inserted in our next Saturdays papers: as to the particular you have left with the Master, and of which you have sent me a copy, it appears to be very proper; only with respect to Woodcroft Copyhold Mr Johnson said the fine to the Lord on the Death of the Tenant was 6s.8d as I mentioned in my Letter to Sir Walter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult[imate]; he said further that he expected to have this matter all settled on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month. But why he has had occasion for Sir William's will from York, when he had the probate of it from you, I cannot guess. And with respect to your saying in the said particular that the whole 150 acres of Fenwick is tithe free, I am not very certain about that; being afraid that in the projected separation of this Estate Mr Robson has intermixed tithe free & titheable ground together. But I have written to him about it and when I hear from him you shall know, as also when I hear from Mr Johnson. I am etc HR

**6 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 6 April 1766

Sir I have a Letter from Mr Darwin desiring to know whether all the 150 acres which you propose should be sold off Fenwick estate is tithe free? Now as I do not know what farms, or however do not know how much of each farm goes to make up this 150 acres it is impossible for me to say anything about the article of tithe. I should be glad to know by the return of the post what answer to give to Mr Darwin's question. I am etc HR

**8 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 8 April 1766

Sir I have received by the Hexham carrier the piece of silver mentioned in your Letter; which weighs no more than five hundred and twenty four ounces and a half.  
As to the Delivery of Lead from the Mills; I think it will answer little purpose to set on the Rookhope carriage before Mayday and also that the present high price of corn and hay will not allow of a reduction in the price of that carriage this year. But this I leave to your judgement; for circumstances may alter before Mayday.  
With regard to the delivery from Dukesfield Mill, you may begin that when you will; only take care to deliver the refined Lead first, for it will be wanted & you may be fetching Lead from Rookhope to Dukesfield as soon as you will. I am etc HR

**9 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn  
London

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Sir Mr Robson writes me that the 150 acres proposed to be sold off Fenwick is all out of Edward Slater's farm, and consequently is all tithe free. Pray how often is the Advertisement to be inserted in our papers? I have not yet heard from Mr Johnson, but I find the Chancery

sittings are this week at Durham; at which, probably, he expects to get matters settled. I am etc  
HR

**13 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Sir I have such complaints of your refined Lead from the people that have bought of it that I shall be obliged to have it all run down again before I dare sell any more of it. As this can only be owing to your reducing at a hearth by a blast instead of doing it by a reverberating furnace like what is used at Blaydon I must desire you will send one of your masons thither to examine the construction of that furnace that he may build one of the same sort at Dukesfield directly. And it would also be proper that one of your reducers should come down to learn the method of reducing at that sort of furnace. I am etc HR

**14 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to Robert Mulcaster**

To Mr R[ober]t Mulcaster at Blaydon

Newcastle 14 April 1766

Sir I have this day given Mr Isaac Wilson a Ticket for 20 p[ie]ce[s] of refined DWB1 Lead, but if you have none of that sort you must deliver him such as you have that is refined. The truth is, I suspect the quality of this lead; having complaints from abroad about it, and before I send any more think it better to have it tried at home, but this you will keep to yourself. It will be necessary, I doubt, to have all that sort of refined lead run through your reducing furnace, that there may not be any discredit brought upon S[i]r W[alte]rs Refined Lead at foreign markets. If Mr Isaac Hunter sends any masons or reducers to look at your furnace and examine your method of reducing you will let them have the necessary information in their respective branches of business for they must not go on reducing at this blast furnace any longer. I am etc HR

**14 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 14 April 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir I have received the schedule of the quarterly payments to be made in London; and shall be preparing a state of your affairs against your coming hither. I have not yet heard of any proposals delivered Mr Grey for Unthank Colliery; but by a Letter Mr Brown shewed me lately it appears Mr Douglas and some other Berwickers have thought of her; and have been sounding Mr Smith the Agent, whether heard be concerned with them. Mr Brown has now sent in his acco[un]t of the winning this colliery; which has cost above £1800. I have inserted the Advertisement for the sale of Fenwick & Woodcroft in our newspapers: and expect every post to hear from Mr C. Johnson about the copyhold. I am very glad of your good health & am etc HR

**18 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**



To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas[tle] 18<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Sir I was in hopes, upon what you wrote me in your last, of hearing something from you before this in relation to Woodcroft copyhold.

I expect Sir W[alte]r Blackett will be hear in a few days; and should be glad, before he comes to know what is done in this matter.

P.S. I shall be abroad for several days after the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. I am etc HR

**22 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Grey's Inn London

Newcastle 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1766

Sir Inclosed herewith are Bell and Cos two bills on Vere and Co as above; The first bill for £400, I send you on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments made & to be made by you on Sir W[alte]r Blacketts acco[un]t between the 31<sup>st</sup> March last & 30<sup>th</sup> June next; and you will please to send me the usual receipt for it, to be a voucher to my account with him. The other bill for £495 is to pay Mr Savage's half year's int[e]rest due from Sir W[alte]r Blackett on the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month; and till you pay it I desire you will place this bill to my account, and advise me on your receipt of it.

I saw Mr C. Johnson yesterday and he assured me that all was settled by the Court as to the title of Woodcroft Copyhold, and the order made at the last Chancery sittings at Durham for the infant heir at Law of Dr Smith to surrender the premes to Mrs Rastall; and that he would send you by this nights post a draught of the surrender for your perusal; and that; as soon as you returned it, the surrender should be made and this matter intirely finished. I am etc HR

No 16313 £400.0.0.

Newcastle 22 April 1766

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Four hundred pounds.

Value received

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey & Self Jos Saint  
Pay the contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin  
or order value in account

Hen Richmond

No 16312 £495.0.0.

Newcastle 22 April 1766

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Four hundred ninety five pounds.

Value received

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey & Self Jos Saint  
Pay the contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin  
or order value in account

Hen Richmond

**22 April 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Fosters Lane London

Newcas[tle] 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1766

Gentlemen      Inclosed are two copies of the account between Sir W[alte]r Blackett and you, one of which I have signed. And if you find them right I desire you will sign the other and return it to etc.    HR

**22 April 1766    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 22 April 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir      The advertisement for letting or selling Unthank Colliery was only inserted thrice in our newspapers and then discontinued, as you ordered; perhaps it may have a good effect to advertise it once more before the 12<sup>th</sup> May. If you think so, please to let me know by return of the post. I am etc    HR

**26 April 1766    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir      Tho[ma]s Hepple, one of the lives in the Weardale Leases, has had an ague for sometime; and has neglected it so much that it has thrown him into a bad state of health. He came to Town today and I have prevailed upon him to stay and have put him under Dr Lamberts care who thinks he can recover him if he will but be guided. If he should drop the Bishop will be more difficult to deal with than ever on acco[un]t of Mrs Marshall's age. There was a treaty on food with his lordship in Aug[u]st 1763 for an Exchange of Mrs Marshalls Life but it went off on his Lordships insisting on reckoning your profits by the value of some small parcells of ore sold by Mr Westgarth and some other Freeholders in Weardale, that was much better than your's.

To offer to renew that treaty now during Hepple's illness would I doubt be unsuccessful. Whenever a treaty is entered into it appears, from the experience we have had, that either Mr Halhead's terms must be submitted to or the real produce of your ore be laid before his Lordship or the whole be suffered to rest upon your own Life. At the worst therefore the Leases will last your time and his Lordship if he reckons right must see his own interest is to renew with you upon reasonable terms. When you come to Newcastle this matter may be entered into more minutely. In the mean time I wish you a good journey I am etc    HR

**28 April 1766    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 28<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Sir      I received your Letter of the 24 inst[an]t which inclosed me a receipt for one hundred and forty pounds for Viner & Glover's half year's int[e]r[es]t due from Sir W[alte]r Blackett the 27<sup>th</sup> ult[im]o and another receipt for one hundred and forty pounds for Mrs Sambroke's half years int[e]r[es]t due from Sir W[alte]r on the same day. For which two sums I have given you credit in your account with me. & am etc HR

**2 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1766

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by David Jackson the London carrier a piece of fine silver containing six hundred and seventeen ounces; which I desire you will place to account with Sir W[alte]r Blackett as usual at the market price and advise me of your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**8 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

To John Westgarth Esq[ui]re at Unthank  
Near Tanhope Weardale

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir I shall be obliged to you if you will desire John Jaques of Stanhope hope mill to come to Newcastle any time this month; the sooner he comes the better: for I want to ask him some questions, & will satisfy him for his journey. I am etc. HR

**9 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[ui]re in Leeds  
Yorkshire

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir Inclosed is Joseph Kings bill on Kenton Brown and son for two hundred and seventy eight pounds nine shillings and ten pence for the balance of my account of your half years rents due Martin[ma]s last of which account I have here sent you two parts along with Mrs H. Headlam's receipt for her int[e]r[est]. I desire you will please to advise the receipt of the above bill by the return of the post and that you will sign and return me a duplicate of the account and mention the receipt of Mrs Headlams receipt.

I find Mr Shafto of Benwell has locked up a way which has immemorially, as I have been told, been a public bridle road; and runs across from the Stannerton road near Slatyford to the great Carlisle road. He offered a Key of the Gate to Mr King who has refused it, and tells me it is your int[e]r[est] to have this road preserved; and I am clearly of his opinion. What evidence can be collected to support the public right I cannot yet tell; but I hear one Pearson, who has been stoppd, and who is a man of spirit, is determined to try Mr Shafto ; and has been collecting what the old people can say upon the subject. I hope to see him soon and to learn what he has gathered from them, and then if you think proper will speak to Mr Shafto. I am etc HR

£278.9.10 Newcastle May 9<sup>th</sup> 1766

Thirty days after date pay to Henry Richmond or order Two hundred & seventy eight pounds nine shillings & ten pence – value received as advised.

Jos King

To Kenton Brown & son  
Bankers London

Pay the contents to Richard  
Wilson Esq[ui]re or order value in  
Account. Hen Richmond

**10 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Greys Inn London

Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir        In a letter I received this day from Sir W[alte]r Blackett he bids me send you a bill for one hundred pounds; accordingly you herewith inclosed receive my bill on Plumb and Browne for that sum payable 25 days after this date; which I desire you will place to his acco[un]t and advise me of your receipt of it; to be a voucher to my account with Sir Walter. I am etc HR

Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> May 1766

£100.0.0

Twenty five days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of one hundred pounds value in acco[un]t and place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from Hen Richmond To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Foster Lane London

Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Gentlemen        I have drawn a bill on you for one hundred pounds payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order, twenty five days after this date; which I desire you will accept and when paid place to account with Sir W[alte]r Blackett. I am etc        HR

**10 May 1766    From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir    Master John Blackett son of Sir Edward Blackett whose name was inserted in the Lease of Redburn which Sir W[alte]r Blackett renewed the beginning of this year, is dead; I therefore desire you will apply to Dr Gregory the Master of Sherburn for a renewal and I shall in a little time send you certificates that Sir Walter and Geo Robson who are the two other lives, are living, and will also send you the name of the person to be inserted in the new Lease; which I hope you will be able to obtain for the same Fine as the last. I am etc

To all whom it may concern

These are to certify that Mr George Robson of the parish of Croft in the County of York, son of George Robson of the Heugh in the County of Northumberland is now living, witness our hands this

..... Minister of Croft

Church wardens of Croft

**10 May 1766    From Henry Richmond to George Robson**

To Mr George Robson at Halnaby  
Near Darlington

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir        Sir W[alte]r Blackett having occasion again to renew a Lease in which your name is inserted begs you will get the inclosed certificate signed by the Minister and two of the

Churchwardens of your parish which I think is Croft, if not, please to take the trouble of writing the certificate over again and when you have got it signed to return it to etc.

P.S. Any expense this may occasion I shall repay you when we meet. I am etc HR

**11 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Laidler**

To Mr John Laidler  
At Rothley

Newcas[tle] Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir Mr Rob[er]t Alder has this morning paid all the rent due from him to Sir Walter Blackett at Mayday last for Tarnilaw; £38.17s.8d. I am etc HR

**13 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 13<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir I wish Mr Harrison could confirm to work up all the ore he may have at Rookhope Mill, at the end of this month, distinctly from what he may receive after it; and let me know what lead he makes from it, both at the ore and slag hearth. If you think this can be done, by laying separately what he may receive after the 31<sup>st</sup> instant, pray order it accordingly; and let an account be sent me, signed by him as soon as it is completed. Pray ask Mr Salkeld if your Father ever sent him to demand rent of Fra[nci]s Jacques and what answer he got; for I suppose your Father is not well enough to give any testimony, if it should be wanted, of what Jaques ever said to him; when he as asked him for rent. I am etc HR

**14 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Rutter**

To Mr William Rutter Attorney at Law  
In Westgate

Newcas[tle] 14<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir I here send you an acco[un]t of Mr Forsters proportion of the rents etc for Weardale mines for the last year, and also a general acco[un]t of what he owes Sir W[alte]r Blackett in the whole, for these rents etc, to wit £315.6s.8d. and I beg you will please to acquaint Mr Forster of this debt and of the propriety of discharging it. I am etc. HR

**17 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Darwin has sent me a copy of the peremptory advertisement for the sale of woodcraft and Fenwick Burnside, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of next month, to be inserted in the newspapers here; and desires to know if you would have it put into any of the London Evening papers. Mr Mich[ae]l Pearson intends to bid for Fenwick, and has been asking whether all Edward Slater's farm, or what part of it is to be sold? For which I have refered him to Mr Robson; not having a plan, nor any description of it that is satisfactory to him.

Mr Lambert says Mr Ord of Fenham's eldest son is the best life he knows of for a Lease; so I shall write to Mr Johnson as soon as I can get the certificates completed. I am etc HR  
P.S. I have sent the p[ai]r of spar by the cart.

**19 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir I wrote you on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant of the death of Sir Edward Blacketts Son, whose Life was lately inserted in the Lease of Redburn, and I now send you inclosed the certificates, that the other two Lives are in being; and I desire you will endeavour to get the Lease renewed with the Doctor; inserting the name of William Ord son of William Ord of Fenham in the County of Northumberland Esq[ui]r in the room of the Life that is dropt. I shall be glad to know that you receive this Letter in due course & am etc. HR

To all whom it may concern

These are to certify that Mr George Robson of the parish of Croft in the County of York, son of George Robson of the Heugh in the County of Northumberland is now living, witness our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1766.

Francis Milbanke Minister of Croft

Church wardens of Croft

John Wetherell  
John Weighell

To all whom it may concern

These are to certify that Sir W[alte]r Blackett of the parish of St Andrews in the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Baronet, is now living  
Witness our hands this 18th day of May 1766.

John Ellison Minister of Croft

Church wardens of Croft

James Purdy  
John Green

**19 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 19 May 1766

Sir I rec[eive]d your Letter inclosing Roger Crosby's receipt, for wch I have rec[eive]d of Mr Greenwell £3.9s.4d & have placed the same to your acco[un]t.  
In the same Letter I rec[eive]d the copy of the peremptory advertisement for the sale of Woodcroft & Fenwick on the 19<sup>th</sup> of next month & shall get the same inserted in our papers. Sir Walter writes me from Wallington that he has wrote you to advertise this sale in one of the London papers. He is very well & I am. Sir Yours etc HR



**20 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr William Robson at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir I have sent you herewith your book of rents, received of the Ord Tenants, and have signed the same; as I found all very right.

You may be sure I am very glad of anything that is for your advantage and therefore congratulate you on the Expectation you have of a joint appointment with Mr Brown for the receipt of the Duke of Portlands rents; but as that must of course be connected with the management of other matters for his grace, you will I doubt have too great a hurry of business to be consistent with your health. In every case that I can be of service to you, and my business will allow, you may depend upon me. But as to what Bills I can have ready for you, in case you should receive the Rents that I cannot tell; till you can tell me your sum and your time. P.S. I shall endeavour to see Mr Brown and tell him what you propose about your journey to Berwick. I am etc

HR

**26 May 1766 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas[tle] 26<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Sir Master Ord is fourteen years old; which I did not mention, as I observed no notice taken of Mas[te]r Blacketts age, in the present Lease. I am etc HR

**1 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 1<sup>st</sup> June 1766

Sir If you have not set on the Rookhope carriage to Blaydon I desire you will now do it; & that you will give notice as you did last year, & in the same manner & form, to the persons who pretended a right of stopping the carriage between Edmondbiers & Blaydon. I am Sir yours etc  
HR

**4 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood at Nunwick

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Sir I received the favour of your two Letters and have got the Lease of Allandale Lead mill and of the coach house in Hexham both executed by Sir W[alte]r Blackett and shall send them to Mr Bell on Saturday next, ( when Sir Walter goes to Hexham) to be executed by you, and to deliver you a part of each of them.

I have not sent them by the Bearer because Sir Walter tells me he will not go to Hexham from Chollerford but to Wallington and so hither again on Fryday and then to Hexham on Saturday; when you may depend upon having them sent. I am etc HR

**5 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in  
Hexham

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Sir Inclosed I send you the Leases of Allandale Lead mill and the coach house in Hexham from Sir W[alte]r Blackett to Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood; both parts of each Lease are made originals and are executed by Sir Walter, & when Sir Lanc[elo]t calls upon you, you will get him a part of each and return me the others- those I mean which I have endorsed- only you will keep a minute of them that you may charge the rents properly in your Rentals; for I have told Sir Lanc[elo]t he must pay the rents to you, wch he is better satisfied with than paying them here. I am etc HR

**5 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo. Douglass at Berwick

Newcas[tle] 5 June 1766

Sir Sir W[alte]r Blackett bids me write you that he cannot conveniently be at Newcastle before Wednesday night the 11<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t & therefore desires you will put off carriage a day longer that is till the 12<sup>th</sup>, & then he will be glad to see you- the morning you knowing the best time. I have given Graham the Broker a ticket for the delivery of 42 p[ie]ce[s] of ref[in]d lead for you; wch I cannot charge lower than £15 ¼ p[er] p[ie]ce. I find you did not pay Mr Robson the balance of the former parcel. I am etc HR

**8 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Sir I desire you will order the common lead to be sent away first from the several mills for I now want it at market, but I would have a proportionable part of the slag lead sent along with it; about one wain of slag for nine of the common will do very well. I am etc HR

**9 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin  
Gray's Inn London

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Sir I have received your Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me Mr Savage's receipt for four hundred and ninety five pounds for the half years int[e]r[es]t of his brothers mortgage on Wallington due 6<sup>th</sup> May last, and have placed the same to your account. The balance of which, as I make it, is one pound fifteen shillings and ten pence due to you. I am etc HR

**15 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 15 June 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir The dra[f]t of the Lease for Unthank Coll[ie]ry was drawn & perused yesterday by Mr W[ilia]m Brown & also by Messrs Boram & Douglass who desire take it to Berwick for

Mr Stow's perusal & in the race week they are to be here & give a final answer. They expect to have the Land tax allowed, tho' that is not usual in colliery leases; & also to have a steath above bridge near to Ord mill & another below bridge wch belongs to you & wch they say is in possession of one John Brown. As to the coals to be wrought, case is taken in the dra[ft] that the whole shall be sent you; signed by their Agent, of the quantity wro[ugh]t & your Agents are to have Liberty of inspecting the books & workings whenever you chuse. Also the Lessees are to fill up all unnecessary pitts & secure all the others by rails or otherwise; & they are to make satisfaction for spoil of ground. It wo[ul]d be well if Mr Robson co[ul]d any way ascertain the Limits, or number of acres, of the ground called the Boghill; where the stoney coal is to be wro[ugh]t at the rate of 10s per tenn. Mr Douglass is to fix what day in the race week they will be here; & if you please, it wo[ul]d then be right for Mr Robson to be here, & when I know their day I will write to him.

I am in hopes Tom Hepple will be well enough in a few weeks to be weaned from the Doctor; & if against then Mr Robson co[ul]d provide lodging & a little work for him it might establish his health. I am etc HR

**25 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newcas[tle] 25 June 1766

Sir Tho[ma]s Vicars has made a proposal that in case Sir W[alte]r Blackett will give him a p[iec]e of ground anywhere in Kilhope he will build a house upon it for his nephew John Vicars, to serve both as an Alehouse & a house for miners etc to lodge in. If there is no objection, Sir W[alte]r inclines to let him a Lease of so many yards of ground as may be sufficient for this purpose, for the term of 21 years at 22s a y[ar]d. But Sir W[alte]r will have it in his power to put a stop to selling ale whenever he thinks proper under forfeiture of the Lease & can only let the ground for that term in case his own Lease from the Bishop shall subsist so long.

If you have nothing to say against this & Vicars agrees to the article about the ale & you may consider with Mr Westgarth & pitch upon a proper place & quantity of ground for him to build on. I am etc HR

P.S. Pray send the inclosed over to Mr Westgarth

**25 June 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr W[ilia]m Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcastle 25 June 1766

Sir Sir Walter has no objection to letting Tho[ma]s Vicars a Lease for 21 years of so many yards of ground, in any proper place in Kilhope as will do for building a house upon for an Alehouse & for the miners etc to lodge in, at the rent of 2 <c> a year. So Mr C. Hunter & you will consider about the place; only first acquaint T Vicars that S[ir] W[alte]r will have it in his power to put a stop to selling ale whenever he pleases under forfeiture of the Lease & that he can only let the ground for the above term in case his own lease from the Bishop shall subsist so long. I am etc HR

**1 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 1<sup>st</sup> July 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir                      I am sorry for the hurt you have received in your Leg. I have told Mr Lambert about it, and he has sent by the Bearer a box of ointment; which he desires you will make use of instead of Turners cerate, which he says is improper. The ointment is to be spread upon the lint sent along with it.- upon as much of it at a time as will cover the sore; and then over all a poultice, made of white bread, & milk, & oil, is to be laid; which must be kept on with a bandage of linen, not tyed over light. He recommends it to you to give your leg as much ease as possible till the sore is healed, & to dress morning & evening. I have sent Mr Douglas's letter to Mr Brown; who has not yet sent the ultimatum about the colliery. Mr Stoddard of Chollerton was gone about half an hour before I got your Letter. The cook is not yet come. I hear a good character of Stoddart, the weaver, who applied to you at Wallington for charity; and shall give him tomorrow what you ordered. I am etc                      HR

**2 July 1766    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1766

Hon[ou]rd S[i]r                      Mr Lambert says there will, by reason of the bruise, be a slough over the sore in your leg; & that all that can be done is to continue the Basilion & poultice & let your leg have as much ease as possible- if the bruise is deep it will require care & time to digest it. My brother expects Mr Carr & Mr Cookson will give you an ans[wer] in a few days. Inclosed is what Mr Brown thinks you ought to insist on from any Lessees of Unthank Coll[ie]ry. I think Tom Hepple had better now be at Wallington or as soon as Mr Robson can get him a lodging & any little employment in the gardens, or elsewhere. I am etc                      HR

**4 July 1766    From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas[tle] 4<sup>th</sup> July 1766

The original grant of the manor of Hexham is in London & cannot be had; but inclosed you have an extract of what there is in it relating to the manor and the courts. The view of Frank Pledge therein granted I should suppose extends to the preservation of the peace within the manor if you think it necessary to have an opinion upon the point I will speak to Sir Walter when he comes to Town about it. I am etc                      HR

**7 July 1766    From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr William Westgarth Of Coalcleugh

Newcastle 7<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir                      Inclosed I return you the List of Incroachments which I forgot to give you when you were with me: I should be glad to have a copy of it; of your own writing, with those in Keenley added to it, at your Leisure. I am etc                      HR

**7 July 1766    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter Jun[ior] at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir I have received the Box containing the two pieces of silver; the weight of one of the pieces is 418 oz and the other is 470.2 ounces. I am glad you have met with such good additional proof about the way, particularly Swalwells Lane and I hope Mr Marriot will be able to finish his survey of the road in time for the Assizes. I am etc HR

**7 July 1766 From Walter Blackett to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Wallington Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir Herewith I send you the Heads, upon which I am willing to let you and partners a lease of Unthank Colliery as settled by Mr Brown. There may be some other necessary articles perhaps for carrying on the colliery which have not been thought on, but the principal points as set down I do not intend to depart from, and I hope they will meet with your consent, when you have given them your consideration I desire to hear from you and in the mean time am etc W[alter] Blackett.

**8 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alter] Blackett B[aronet] at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Hon[ourable] Sir Inclosed is a copy of Mr Smiths Letter to Mr William Brown concerning the present state of Unthank Colliery.

Mr Leeke says you have given him St John Lee & St Oswald, and that I am to send you the form of a presentation for them, which accordingly is here inclosed, and if Dr Sharp thinks it right you will please to return it, that it may be ingrossed upon Stamp paper before you sign it. And if the Dr can tell what sort of stamp should be made use of in the case, it would be a satisfaction; for I do not find anybody here clear about it- Mr Fawcet thinks it should be an 18d stamp. P.S. inclosed is a petition, which must be signed by the Churchwardens and overseers in behalf of Hills the Taylor; and when it is returned I will present it to the committee. I have sent your Letter to Mr Douglass. I am etc HR

To the most Reverend Father in God Robert by divine providence Lord Archbishop of York, primate of England & Metropolitan

Whereas the perpetual curacies of St John Lee and St Oswald in the County of Northumberland and diocese of York are now void by the death of Alexander Stokoe the last incumbent of them & Do of right belong to my nomination: These are to certify your Grace that I do nominate The Reverend Brian Leeke, Master of Arts, to the curacies aforesaid, requesting your Grace to grant him your Licence for serving the said cures- In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the      day of      in the year of our Lord 1766.

**8 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Attorney at Law In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 8<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir It will be necessary before I apply for Councils opinion to know how the peace has been processed within the Manor of late years: whether solely by the justices, or whether high and petty constables have not been appointed by the Leet, and whether Mr Ellis remembers that any of the Bailifs or Stewards of the Manor have ever acted as Conservators of the peace, by binding to the good behaviour or taking surety for the peace as soon as I receive your answer I will get an opinion and send it to you. I am etc HR

**9 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir The Town, Township and Demesnes of Fenwick, mentioned in the abstract are within the parish of Stamfordham; and Fenwick Burnside is part of the said Estate, and within the said parish. I see the advertisement for the sale of Burnside, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Decem[be]r next, is inserted in the Gazette; but the printer has made a mistake in calling it the Estate of Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t dece[ase]d.

I think it need not be advertised in our papers till Octo[be]r. I am etc HR

**9 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[ui]re Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir I find Mr Thomas Pearson, who is a mason and rents some quarries at Warbottle, had not taken down in writing the Testimonies of any of the old people about the way from Slatyford to the Carlisle road, as Mr King told me he had, and therefore since I received your Letter I sent for three of them and inclosed you have all they can say about it; Mr Pearson says there are others that can speak to the same effect, but I do not believe any of them know aught of the repair of the way; or that there ever was any causeway along it. You will please to let me know your opinion of these Testimonies and how far you chuse to assist in supporting the public use of this way by Indictment, or otherwise. For Mr Pearson says he is determined to proceed at the next sessions against those who obstructs him in riding along it. I should have wrote you sooner; but have been waiting of an old witness that Mr King promised to bring; but he has not yet done it. I am etc HR

**9 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir It runs in my mind that I either wrote or told you that Sir Walter had promised Col[ne]l Clavering that when the term was expired, which I think is 7 years, for which the Allotments of Dotland Comon were to be tithe free he would, for an acknowledgement only, let the proprietors have their tithe for three years. So when that time comes you will call them together and let them sign a memorandum to that purpose.

Pray has Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood signed the two Leases which I sent you by Mr Turner the 5<sup>th</sup> June last.

I hear Mr Heron and you have been viewing the Incroachments on the wastes of the manor; and hope some steps will be taken to get acknowledgements for them. I am etc HR



**12 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London      Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Gentlemen    I sent you yesterday by Fryer Todd the London carrier a box containing three pieces of fine silver, the weights of which are below; I desire you will place them to acco[un]t with Sir W[alte]r Blackett as usual at the market price and advice me on your receipt of them. I am etc    HR

		oz		
A p[iec]e silver	q[uantit]y	418	at	p[er] oz
A p[iec]e ditto	q[uantit]y	470 ½	at	ditto
A p[iec]e ditto	q[uantit]y	567	at	ditto
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		1455 ½		

**15 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington      Newcas[tle] 15<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir      Inclosed is Mr Grey's Letter, and the abstract, which I have shewn my Brother; and he thinks the Title will do, if Mr Elgin will leave money enough in your hand to secure you against the legacies charged on the Fisheries by his Fathers Bill. You are to give him your bond for this money; and he is to give you his for the disposition of it only in discharge of those Legacies.

When I told Mr Gibson yesterday that Mr Carr and Mr Cookson had refused to buy Kenton, he said they did not know their int[er]est, and that he would write immediately to a Gentleman whom he thought it would suit and would leave no stone unturned to find you a purchaser. I am very sorry to find by Mr Smiths Letter that Unthank Colliery is of less value than I ever imagined her to be for he does not believe he can vend more coals than eleven Hewers will work, that is 150 Tons only a year without forcing a Trade; and that I never knew advantageous- besides he says ¼ of the coals are small and only 2d a boll; whereas Mr Brown reckoned only 1/9 th part at that rate; and Mr Robson none, but all at 4d a boll. I shall shew Mr Brown the Letter as soon as I can meet with him.

I have enquired at the Inns, but cannot find that Lord Tankerville is gone through this Town as soon as I hear any thing of him I will acquaint you. I am etc    HR

**15 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Ralph Heron Att[orne]y at Law In Hexham      Newcastle 15 July 66

Sir    Inclosed I send you a copy of Mr Fawcetts opinion about the preservation of the peace in Hexham & also about the assize of bread, & doubt we must drop our pretentions. I shall in a few posts return you the old warrants & am etc      HR  
Sent them by Mr Bell

**16 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law In Durham

Newcas[tle] 16<sup>th</sup> July 1766

Sir I received your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t inclosing me a copy of the admission of the Infant heir at Law of Dr Smith and of the surrender from him to Mrs Rastal.

I hope the Lease of Redburn is renewal and should be glad if you would send it me and also your bill. I am etc HR

**21 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr William Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcastle 21 July 1766

Sir I have received your Letter of the Necessity of shifting William Newton's house at Kearsley Row, on acco[un]t of the communication being cut off between it and the Common by the Hush and that you cannot build it any where to have a drift way to the common but through the grounds of one Mich[ae]l Hutchinson which lye mixed with Sir Walters, and that he is willing to change about an acre and a half with Sir Walter for this purpose, if Sir Walter pleases. Sir Walter is not here at present; but as you say it is necessary to have this done; & will I dare say, take care to have it done upon equal terms I am satisfied Sir Walter will have no objection, provided Hutchinson has a title and power to convey and an agreement in writing is drawn up and signed for carrying this Exchange into execution; which you must get done before you build the House. I am etc HR

**21 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[ui]re at Leeds

Newcas[tle] 21 July 1766

Sir Mr Pearson tells me that at the sessions last week at Hexham he indicted a man belonging to Mr Shafto of Benwell for making a cut cross the public bridle road from Slatyford to Denton bridge; being the communication between the two great high roads- that the bill was found – but that Mr Shaftos Attorney threatens that the matter shall be removed into the Kings bench: of the charge whereof Mr Pearson is rather affraid yet being a man of spirit he desires to know whether you think if it is to be tried at Law, it would not be better for him to remove it and so bring the matter to issue at our assizes. Or whether it will be equally the same thing if the defendant removes it? perhaps if Mr Shafto knew that you interested yourself in the preservation of this road he would not think of a removal but this you are the best judge of.

P.S. I find one Mr Adams of Alnwick was Mr Pearsons Attorney : and that he is reckon'd a man of ability. I am etc HR

**22 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1766

Sir It is since what you say passed between us, that Sir Walter gave me a memorandum of a promise he made Col[one]l Clavering in the year 1759 that he would after the expiration of the 7 years, for which the allotm[en]t of Dotland Comon are to be tithe free, let the

proprietors have them for three years longer at a small acknowledgement annually. But as to the allotments of Hexham Comon, Sir W[alte]r thinks it is sufficient that they have been tithe free for twelve years.

I have rece[ive]d the counterparts of the two leases to Sir Lanc[elo]t Allgood as to the rent of the coach house it may be charged next after Hexham Tolls; and as to the rent of the Leadmill it may be charged, as well as the Tithe of the Bush farm Allotment next after Keenley quarries. Mr Hunter said nothing about the Incroachments when he was here. I am etc. HR

**25 July 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London      Newcas[tle] 25 July 1766

Sir      Inclosed is a bill for two hundred and twenty pounds which I send you on account of the quarterly payments made & to be made by you for Sir W[alte]r Blackett between the 30 June last & the 30<sup>th</sup> September next and desire you will send me the usual receipt for it to be a voucher to my account with him.

I have at last got from Mr Johnson a copy of the admission of the Infant heir at law of Dr Smith, and of the surrender from him to Mrs Rastal.

I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you this vacation & am etc    HR

Newcastle 25<sup>th</sup> July 1766    £220.0.0

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of two hundred and twenty pounds value in account & place the same to account as by advice from

Hen      Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths

Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 25 July 1766

Gentlemen      I have drawn a bill upon you for two hundred and twenty pounds dated this day and payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order twenty days after date, which I desire you will accept and when paid place to account with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t.

I have this day sent you by David Jackson the carrier a piece of fine silver weighing five hundred and sixteen ounces which I desire you will place to Sir Walter's account at the market price and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc      HR

**1 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo. Douglass in Berwick

Newcas[tle] 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1766

Sir      Inclosed I send you Mr W[ilia]m Brown's remarks upon your last proposals for Unthank Colliery. S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett Mr Brown & Mr Robson will all be here on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t in the morning & if that time suits you & the Gent[lema]n to be concerned with you in this Coll[ie]ry to come hither, I think it is very likely all may be settled; as there now appears to be little difference between you & Mr Brown.

P.S. I wo[ul]d be glad to know whether that day will suit you, that I may acquaint S[i]r W[alte]r of it, who is now at Wallington. I am etc    HR

**1 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 1<sup>st</sup> Aug[us]t 1766

Sir        Inclosed is a copy of your list of the proprietors of the Allotments of Dotland Comon, with such terms add to their names as Sir W[alte]r Blackett thinks they should each of them pay annually as acknowledgements for their tythes for the <three> years.

As to the Hay of St John Lee Kirk farm, Sir W[alte]r desires you will get it valued and let me know what it is worth. Mr Robson talks of being at Hexham soon and that he will value it but as he may not come & Sir Walter wants it done directly I think you had better get two indifferent men to do it. Sir W[alte]r intends Mr Leeke shall have it but then he is to take the farm for 21 years from May d[a]y last at the old rent and execute a lease accordingly. I shall be glad if you will send me a description of the farm and any thing else that you think necessary to put into the Instruction for drawing the Lease. I am etc        HR

**2 Aug 1766    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir        Inclosed is the acco[un]t of the value of Ilderton Tithes at a medium for the years 1761 & 1764 & also John Snowden's account of them, which you left with me.

Mr Roddam was gone before I found out where he lodged.

I have written to Mr Douglass, and sent him Mr Brown's answers to his objections.

Mr Peareth promises to deliver the Box to Mr Bennett on Wednesday next. I am etc        HR

**6 Aug 1766    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1766

Sir        Sir Walter bids me send you the inclosed case: about Mr Ridley's claim to the coalminers in the part of Winlaton Estate which is called Thornaby; that if you have time before you leave London you may consider it; and after you have examined the title deeds, and made out a more compleat state of the matter, that you may let me have your opinion upon it. And when you are among those deeds I wish you would look whether you have a part of the division deed of 1632 mentioned in the inclosed case; for I never saw more than a copy of it.

I have received your acco[un]t which agrees with mine, and when I have the pleasure of seeing you here we will settle it: in the mean time I wish you a good journey & am etc        HR

**7 Aug 1766    From Henry Richmond to William Nowell**

To The Rev[eren]d Mr Noel at Wolsingham

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1766

Sir        Mr Peart says you bid him tell me that an acquaintance of yours in Liverpool would be glad to establish a correspondence, about the Lead Trade, with anybody in Newcastle; and that you desired to know if this would be of use to me. I am obliged to you for the enquiry and if your friend will write to me, I will give him an answer: tho' I do not think, from the situation of the two ports, that the correspondence can be of much use to either of us. I should be glad to know whether your friend is a Buyer or a Seller of Lead; & am etc        HR

**10 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham

Newcas[tle] 10 Aug[u]st 1766

Sir                                If you think the sums fixed in my last Letter, as acknowledgement for the tithe of the Allotments of Dotland Comon will not be satisfactory to the proprietors; because they are not exactly according to the no. of acres that each of them have; you may proportion them nearer but Sir Walter ordered that 5s.od should be the highest sum and I thought there was no occasion to descend to farthings in a thing of this nature and therefore set a penny as the lowest. Inclosed I return you the draught of the article for these acknowledgements & am etc  
HR

**14 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alter] Blackett B[aronet] at Wallington

Newcas 14 Aug[u]st 1766

Hon[our]d Sir        There will be no opportunity of sending liquor or other things from hence to Allanheads against your going thither next week; so that all necessary articles should be ordered from Hexham.

Robert Scott has sent some Grapes; but he has neither pine apples nor melons.

As Thomas Hepple is better and the Bishop in so good temper it may be right to try, before his Lordship goes out of the country, whether he will change Mrs Marshalls Life on reasonable terms.

Mr Robson would tell you, I suppose, that he met with Mr Brown: but could not get him to fix a time to consider Mr Douglas's last Letter: to which some answer should be sent soon. I shall probably see Mr Brown to day or on Saturday and will acquaint you of what he says about it. I am etc  
HR

**17 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alter] Blackett B[aronet] at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1766

Hon[our]d    I saw Mr Brown yesterday & he promised to send me his opinion of the Boghill Colliery, in writing, this morning: but it is not yet come. I find his opinion is that 10d a ten is a sufficient tentale rent for any coals the Lessees can get there, or others that it is too high: but that 5d is too low. I wish the colliery co[uld] be let for I do believe she will not turn to advantage in yo[ur] own head- they are still drawing money from me. I p[ai]d £30 the other day & now between 30 & £40 more is wanted. & if you are to build pitman's houses, before you let her, that will be a further sum cast away, I doubt. Inclosed is a receipt wch Mr Peareth took from Mr Bonnell for the little box he delivered him. I am etc        HR  
p.s. Inclosed is Mr Brown's Lre about the colliery

**21 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo. Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas[tle] 21<sup>st</sup> Aug[u]st 1766

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you, in answer to your Letter to me of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, that he will agree to your leaving the Boiler a current going Boiler without mentioning the value; but that he will not agree to your working any coals at the Boghill, without paying for them.

But, as the only difference between you and him in this treaty now is about this last article of the Boghill Colliery, he will go so low with you, for the coals that shall be got there, as five shillings a ten for them; and this is the lowest he will agree to take. So you will please to favour me with your answer. P.S. Sir Walter desires you will give Stephen Redpeth, the old collier, a Guinea. I am etc HR

**24 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Hexham Abbey Newcastle Sund[a]y 24 Aug[u]st 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir The Letter for Mr Shafto was sent by Fryday's post, & that for Jamaica too there being no better conveyance for such a Letter from hence.

Mr Heron, I am told, is at Hexham. Inclosed are Mr Fawcetts & Mr Wilson's opinions abo[u]t the Bailifs' power, & the assize of bread, in Hexham.

Mr Maughan thinks the Custom of taking off the money lent yo[u]r miners in Weardale, to the time of reckoning with them for the pay, ought to be continued notwithstanding the inclosed letter: But as to the manner of lending the money it may be altered, if you think proper, with respect to those to whom two months subsistence at a time proves a temptation to extravagance & they may have only one months money.

Please to accept my thanks for the venison. I am etc HR

**25 Aug 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Hexham Abbey Newcas[tle] 25<sup>th</sup> Aug[u]st 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Inclosed is a Letter from Mr Douglass, in which though he does not absolutely say he agrees to the 5d a ten for the Boghill Colliery, yet he Thinks an hours conversation would adjust every thing. If you please therefore to fix any time for a meeting I will acquaint him & Mr Brown of it: Thursday Senight the 4<sup>th</sup> of next month in the morning will probably suit Mr Brown best, if you think you can then be in Town- it is the meeting for the sons of the clergy. I am etc HR

**2 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to Benson**

To Mr Benson Wharfinger At Lee's wharf London

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept[embe]r 1766

Sir I have shipt on Board The Friendship, Geo Burrell, five potts of moor game; which Sir Walter Blackett bids me advise you of, and desires, that when you have delivered them according to the directions put upon them, you will send him a letter that you have done so. I am etc HR



**5 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to Benson**

To Mr Benson Wharfinger At Lee's wharf London                      Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r 1766

Sir            Sir Walter Blackett would have the potts of moor game, which I advised you the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst[an]t were shipt in the Friendship, Geo Burrell, mas[te]r delivered to the persons they are directed to without any expence and desires you will charge the freight, portorage etc to his Account. I am etc    HR

**6 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington                      Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir        Inclosed are the papers you left with me about Mr Elgin's fishery. It must be shewn that the £50 Legacy to James Elgin is paid, and that the Legacy to George Elgins wife was revoked by a codicil. As to the other Legacy's I see they come to £80 but do not find any mention of the value of the houses in Berwick. If they are sufficient, it will be better to take a collateral security out of them. But if they are old, are out of repair, or not of sufficient value, it will then be right to reserve so much in your hand even at 5 p[er] cent[u]m.

The new bond for Mr Laidman will be ready against the 25<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t which is the day it should be dated; at that time, or soon after, Mr Laidman may come and settle his int[e]rest & exchange bonds. Inclosed I return the old one.

The Girandolas are come & will be kept here as you ordered.

I have wrote to Mr Benson to deliver the moor game clear of charge.

Sir Tho[ma]s Clavering & his friends went about the town yesterday soliciting votes & left his compliments at your gate.

Ald[erma]n Peareth, Ald[erma]n Mosley & Ald[erma]n Scafe, with the Sheriff & Mr Hedley, have settled to set out for Wallington on Monday at 12 0'clock, in your Landau. I hear Mr Baker comes on Tuesday on horseback, & Mr Surtees on Wednesday on horseback. I don't hear of more visitors at present from hence. I am etc        HR

**6 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's In Hexham                      Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> September 1766

Sir            You did not mention Mr Lee's Christian name, I think it is Thomas, and have inclosed you an order for the thirty pieces of Lead, accordingly, for the shambles; if his name is not Thomas you must return the order, and I will send you another. The price will be £15 p[er] fother of 21 hundred weight and when Mr Hunter has delivered the Lead he will send me the weight of it & I shall in due time send you the charge upon Mr Lee for it which you will take care to detain when you pay him for the building & when you send me the money I will return you a receipt to be given Mr Lee. I am etc    HR

**6 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield                      Newcas[tle] 6<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r 1766

Sir Thomas Lee, joiner in Hexham, wants thirty pieces of refined lead for the covering the shambles he is building there for Sir W[alte]r; so I have by this Post sent Mr Bell an order, to be given Mr Lee, and you will deliver him so many pieces on his producing it, and order Mr Salkeld to weigh the lead and give Mr Lee a note of it, and send me another by the first opportunity.

I do not expect Mr Gofton will order his tenant to stop up the leadway; but if it should be done you must remove the obstruction according to the directions given you by my Brother; and if any thing arises upon it that you want further advice in you can come hither for it. I am etc. HR

**9 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq[ui]re In Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] 9<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r 1766

Sir One Thomas Harle, a mason, proposes to take the freestone quarry in the North West field of your estate at W[es]t Kenton, No. 57 in the plan for the term of seven years from Martin[ma]s next, at five pounds a year; which, as he will tye himself never to employ more than two cutters, is a reasonable rent. You will please to let me know whether you would have her let to him; or you rather chuse to reserve her for any buildings you may have occasion for hereafter. The quarry lies so near the turnpike road that that they have made free with her; and will probably do so still, unless she is let. This is the same quarry that you allowed Mr Cramlington to get stones in; who is not yet quite finished, but I expect that in about a month he will have got all he will want.

To the testimonies I have sent you about the way that Mr Shafto has stopt up, you may please to add the inclosed; which I think is still more against him. I told his attorney sometime ago that you did not approve of the step they had taken; and would think it your Int[er]est to preserve the road. He said he understood Mr Shafto could prove it a private road, & would remove the matter to a superior Court. I found he thought they would quash Mr Pearson's Indictment for want of form; but probably they will not proceed, as I told him, the want of form only, I believed would not decide the matter. They have nailed up the gate at So[uth] end of lane no. 5 in the plan; tho' that gate and the dike it is set in belongs to you. I am etc

HR

**12 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To the Rev[erend] Dr Sharp at Bambrough Castle Near Belford

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r 1766

Sir Yesterday afternoon I received your Lre of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant; but having no orders yet about the sums you mention I shall write to Sir Walter Blackett about them tomorrow, and shall send him, as I expect it will be done, the Ingrossment of the deed of Gift to Birtley chapel; pursuant to the draught you sent me: tho I doubt whether Sir W[alte]r will have an opportunity of acknowledging it before a mas[te]r extraordinary in chancery within the time you mention; as he is at Wallington, and will go from thence on Tuesday for the north and not return till the end of the month.

As I suppose Sir Walter will send me an order for the payment of the two sums in a day or two; I have, to save time, inclosed you the form of two receipts I should have for them, & when that order comes and you return these receipts signed I shall pay the money to the Bearer of them or otherwise as you shall direct.

P.S. I received from Mr Stoddart on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant the deed of severance of Birtley chapel; which, supposing you would be in Town at the meeting for the sons of the clergy, he desired I would shew you. As you were not, I forwarded his Letter to you about it. Please to let me know what I am to do with it. It is executed by Mr Stoddart & Mr Wastall & acknowledged before a mas[te]r Extraordinary in Chancery. I am etc      HR

**12 Sept 1766    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir    Inclosed is a Letter I received last post from Dr Sharp and also a deed of Gift, engrossed according to his instructions, for augmenting Birtley Chapel; which, after it is executed, is to be acknowledged by you before a mas[te]r extraordinary in chancery and then sent to London according to the directions in his Letter.

As perhaps you have not a mas[te]r at Wallington, I do not know how this deed can be completed in the time The Dr mentions, unless you call at Alnwick in your journey to the north and get it done there. As to the money that he writes for, if it is right, you will please to sign the inclosed order for my paying it. P.S. Mr Lanc[elo]t Stout, one of the Electors, died this morning. I am etc      HR

PS Mr Robson to his fixing with Mr Brown ab[ou]t the [the Boghill.  
The cook to come in about his bills.

**17 Sept 1766    From Henry Richmond to William Nowell**

To The Reverend Mr Noel at Wolsingham

Newcas[tle] 17<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r 1766

Sir              Sir Walter Blackett has ordered me to pay you Fifteen pounds for the use of Wolsingham School; therefore I have inclosed you a receipt which you will please to sign, & return me by any person you would have me pay the money to. I am etc    HR

**20 Sept 1766    From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at Hartburn Near Morpeth

Newcas[tle] 20<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r 1766

Sir      Inclosed is a Newcastle Bank bill for £100 payable to your order seven days after sight which sum is Sir W[alte]r Blacketts Benefaction for obtaining from the Governors of Queen Anns Bounty an augmentation for the curacy of Birtley. I had got this bill before I rece[ive]d your Letter that it might be in readiness; but as it is made payable to your order and advised of accordingly it cannot be sent away from hence to London as you desire till you have indorsed it. I hope however that it will be due in time to answer your intentions and shall be glad to know that it is come safe to your hand. I am etc      HR

£100              Newcastle Bank 17 Septem[be]r 1766

Seven days after sight pay to the order of the Rev[eren]d Dr John Sharp one hundred pounds  
Value received of Mr Henry Richmond.

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey, & self Jos Saint  
Messrs Glyn & Hallifax

No. 17429 London

**21 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to Granville Sharp**

To Mr Granville Sharp at the office of ordnance in the Tower of London  
Newcas[tle] 21 Sep[tembe]r 1766

S[i]r The inclosed deed of Gift from S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett for the augmentation of the Curacy of Birtley is sent to you by the desire of Dr Sharp; who said he would give you proper directions about the inrolm[en]t of it. I am etc HR

21 Sep[tembe]r Advised Dr Sharp of the bill I sent him yesterday & of the deed of Gift sent today to his Brother. HR

**23 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept[embe]r 1766

Sir Inclosed herewith are the Ingrossments of the articles of agreement between Rob[er]t Robson and Sir W[alte]r Blackett about his stall in the market place in Hexham; both parts of which are executed by Sir Walter, and when Robson has executed you may return one of them to me. Inclosed also is a note of the lead got by Thos. Lee.

You will let me know if this quantity is found sufficient, for if so, I shall send an order for him to pay you the money, and then you can give him a receipt and take his for so much paid him in part of his contract for building the shambles and send me the money when a safe opportunity offers.

I expect The pays will be in the second week in Octo[be]r, so should be glad to know in about ten days how much money I can depend having from you. I shall not have occasion for any silver. I am etc HR

**25 Sept 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev[eren]d Dr Sharp at Bambrough Castle Newcas[tle] 25<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r 1766

Sir Above is a copy of the Newcastle Bank bill, which I sent by Post on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, directed to you at Hartburn near Morpeth; whether you desired me to direct your Letter. As I have not had any advice of your receiving this bill, I am apprehensive it may have miscarried; and the more so, as it is payable at so short a date: at your particular desire. I beg to hear from you by the return of the post whether you have received it or no. I am etc HR

**3 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newcas[tle] 3<sup>rd</sup> Octo[be]r 1766

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by Fryer Todd the London carrier a piece of fine silver containing five hundred & sixty nine ounces; which I desire you will place to acco[un]t with S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett, as usual at the market price; and advise me on your receipt of it. I thank you for your Information about the maker of boneashes & am etc HR

**7 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcas[tle] 7<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1766

Sir Sir Walter desires to know how and by whom the Duty is done at Bingfield, at present. Mr Rumney wants to have the doing it after Mr Leeke comes, but Sir Walter thinks Mr Harrison had some directions about it. You will let me have an answer by return of the post, how it was settled.

By Dr Sharp's directions I am to send you by the next carrier a parcel of Deeds relating to Whitley Chapel. P.S. There are directions along with the Deeds how they are to be executed; & when they are done you will acquaint Dr Sharp of it, that he may order what you are to do with them. I am etc HR

**10 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas[tle] 10 Octo[be]r 1766

Sir I have received by the Hexham carrier a box containing two pieces of silver from your refinery; one of them weighs four hundred and forty two ounces and the other three hundred & eighty one ounces. I am very sorry you have not been able to get the Allanheads Lead away this year, if other people were advancing their prices we should have done so too if I had known it. Pray what is Mr Harrison about that he has not sent me his Aug[u]st acco[un]t yet. I would not have any more lead delivered from that mill, any more than Allanheads. As to what shall be delivered after this from Dukesfield Mill you must take care to see it does not lye & not to deliver faster than Mr Reynaldson can get it away, that we may have the ways as clear as possible this winter. P.S. The waste is very great by your new furnace; I hope it is only owing to the newness of it and that the next piece will answer better. If you find any of the lead refined made at your new furnace you should contrive to let Mr Mulcaster understand the marks that he may not melt it once again; as he is obliged to do all that was made at the hearth. I am etc HR

**11 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newcas[tle] 11 Octo[be]r 1766

Gentlemen Yesterday I sent you by William Laycock the London carrier a box containing two pieces of fine silver weight as below; which I desire you will place to acco[un]t with Sir W[alte]r Blackett and advise me on your receipt of them.

I have this day drawn a bill upon you for one hundred & thirty pounds, payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order, thirty days after this date; which I desire you will receipt and when paid, place also to Sir Walters acco[un]t. I am etc HR

Ounces

442 at p[er] oz  
387 at p[er] oz

**28 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 28 Octo[be]r 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Blackett says he has to write you today about the meeting next Monday; being the first in the month; and also that Mr Smeaton will be in town on that day & that he will send you at the same time Mr Holme's Letter.

Miss Ilderton expressed herself much obliged to you for your offer of the tithes; and as she expects to see her brother at the fair, who I find is interested in the Estate, she desires till Saturday to return an answer.

Mr Walton was not in town today. Messrs Kent & Lockley will come to Wallington tomorrow. I called at Wolsington about the chimney Doctor. Mr Bell said he had not cured his chimnies; only made them a little better- that his price is half a guinea a chimney & that he does not know where he is now. But if you chuse to try him I shall probably find him out in a few days.

Bowl[t] is determined to undergo the operation; & it wo[ul]d have been done before now, but for a looseness he has got- tomorrow is fixed for it, if nothing prevents.

By a Letter from Mr Jno Bell, I find, that Mr Leeke, who is at Hexham is under difficulty about stabling for his horse while he stays there; & proposes if you would let him a stall in the Abbey, to find corn & hay for it. But as there are many public houses in Hexham, I should think his horse might be guaranteed at one of them well enough. I am etc HR

**30 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcas[tle] 30 Octo[be]r 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mr Robert Ilderton of Westoe called upon me this morning about the tithes of Roseden & Flinthill- he agrees to give the £336 for them and thinks himself obliged to you for the offer of them to his sister- he will take them liable to Snowdens Lease and will pay the money as soon as the conveyance can be got done.

Bowl[t] underwent the operation yesterday, and behaved very well, tho it lasted near half an hour- the <wen> weighed two pounds and an half, and Mr Lambert tells me he is doing well.

I have sent the fifty pounds by Mr Robson.

I hope you are better & am etc HR

**31 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 31 Octo[be]r 1766

Sir Inclosed I send you three bills for fourteen hundred & forty five pounds, as above; the £495 bill is to pay Mr Savage's int[e]r[es]t due 6<sup>th</sup> of next month & in the mean time to be placed to my acco[un]t and advised of accordingly. The £450 bill is on acco[un]t of the quar[ter]ly payments you are to make for Sir W[alte]r Blackett to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec[embe]r next; & you will please to place it to his acco[un]t & send me a receipt for it after the usual form. And the £500 bill is to be placed also to Sir W[alte]rs acco[un]t, being sent you by his order; and I desire



you will give me advice of your receiving it & placing it so for this being a distinct article in my books from the quar[ter]ly payments requires a separate voucher.

If you should be called upon for £1.10s.10d for the inclosed note of candles I shall be obliged to you if you will pay it and place it to my acco[un]t.

Sir W[alte]r is very well again, all but the lameness left by the gout. I shall be glad to hear you are got well to Town & am etc HR

Newcastle 31<sup>st</sup> Octo[be]r 1766 £495.0.0

Thirty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin, or order, the sum of Four hundred & ninety five pounds, value in account, and place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from  
Hen Richmond

Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

£450.0.0 Newcastle Bank 31<sup>st</sup> October 1766

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond

Four hundred & fifty pounds value received

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey & self Jos. Saint.

Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	Pay the contents to Mr W[ilia]m
London	Alvey Darwin or order
	Value in Account Hen Richmond

£500.0.0 Newcastle Bank 31<sup>st</sup> October 1766

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond

Five hundred pounds value received

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey & self Jos. Saint.

Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	Pay the contents to Mr W[ilia]m
London	Alvey Darwin or order
	Value in Account Hen Richmond

### **31 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths Foster Lane  
London

Newcastle 31<sup>st</sup> October 1766

Gentlemen I have drawn a bill on you for four hundred & ninety five pounds payable to Mr W[ilia]m Alvey Darwin or order, at thirty days from this date, which I desire you will accept, & when paid place to acco[un]t with Sir W[alte]r Blackett. Turn over

I have sent this day sent you by Fryer Todd the London carrier a piece of silver weight six hundred & seventy one ounces & a half, which I desire you will place to Sir W[alte]r Blacketts Account at the market price and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

### **31 Oct 1766 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Alder**

To Mr Dan[ie]l Alder at Mountain Near Alnwick

Newcas[tle] 31 Octo[be]r 1766

Sir Inclosed I send you the acco[un]t of Mr Bacon Forsters proportion of Weardale rents, compositions for the last four years and hope it will be convenient to pay the amount of it soon, as Sir W[alte]r Blackett has occasion for money.

The Bishop and Rector are always very punctual in their calls upon Sir W[alte]r for these rents & compositions, as they become due half yearly; and it is hard that Sir Walter should lye so long out of Mr Forsters proportion of them. I am etc HR

**2 Nov 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov[embe]r 1766

Sir Inclosed under this and another cover I send you the draught of the conveyance of Standilane Tithes from Sir W[alte]r Blackett to Mr Selby as settled by Mr Thomas Davison, which Sir Walter desires you will peruse and return as soon as you can that we may get this matter settled if possible before Sir walter sets out for London. Any remarks or alterations that you think necessary you will please either to insert in the draught or send me in your Letter. I am etc HR

**7 Nov 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 7 Nov[embe]r 1766

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me a receipt for one hundred and forty pounds for Viner and Glovers half years int[e]r[es]t due from Sir W[alte]r Blackett the 27 Septem[be]r last, & have given you credit for the same in your account with me.

I shall insert the advertisement for the sale of Woodcroft and the farm at Fenwick in our newspapers tomorrow senight; it being too late to do it in tomorrow's papers I am etc HR

**12 Nov 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r 1766

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me Mr Freemans receipt; as Ex[ecu]tor to Mrs Sambroke, for one hundred & forty pounds for the half years int[e]r[es]t due 27 Septem[be]r last of her mortgage on Kenton and have given your account with me Credit for the same.

I am obliged to you for thinking about the candles; as to the note, which I sent you for those got of Hewet, you may burn it- for I have paid Lawyer Wilson for them; I have received back the dra[ugh]t about Standilane tithes and think the alterations you have made in it very proper. & I shall take some opportunity of talking with Mr Ridley about his claim to the coal in Thornley as you think he cannot have any exclusive right to it under the deeds he has communicated. Only I wait to see whether Mr Gill will tell me any thing further about Lady Windsors old deed.

I shall insert the the advertisement about Woodcroft etc in our papers this week & am etc HR

**28 Nov 1766 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcas[tle] 28<sup>th</sup> November 1766

Gentlemen I have sent you today by Fryer Todd the London carrier a piece of fine silver weighing five hundred & thirty eight ounces and a half which I desire you will place to account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the market price and advice me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**28 Nov 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 28<sup>th</sup> Novem[be]r 1766

Sir I was very sorry to hear of your illness; but glad to learn by a line from Mr Caleb Hunter that you were recovering: I beg you will take care and not venture abroad too soon. Inclosed is a note of Thomas Lee's lead, with an order for him to pay the same to you: & you will be so good as settle the same with him; & when you have an opportunity bRing or send me the money.

Pray how does Mr Ellis? I heard he was ill, but I hope he is better: pray give my service to him. I am etc & HR

**2 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Gott**

To Mr Gott, mason in Calverly Near Bradford Yorkshire

Newcas[tle] 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1766

Sir By Sir Walter Blacketts direction I send you the inclosed queries about the Bridge over the Tyne near Hexham; of which you made a plan & calculation sometime ago. Sir Walter says he may possibly have put the same queries, or some of them to you before; but if he did he has lost your Letter; & therefore will be glad of your answer directed to him in Newcastle. I am etc HR

**5 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Robert Lowes**

To Mr Robert Lowes Attorney at law In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 5<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1766

Sir I received the favour of your letter about continuing the Head Court Entertainments at the Blue Bell; & shall acquaint Sir Walter Blackett of your desire. I am etc HR

**5 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett B[arone]t at Wallington

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> December 1766

Hon[ou]rd Sir Mrs Collingwood of Chirton died yesterday of a cholical disorder; after 3 or 4 days illness: & is to be buried on Monday next at 3 o' clock, at All Saints church; the corpse being to be brought to his house in Pilgrim Street against that time.

Mr Collingwood has sent to desire you will be a Bearer, if it is convenient to you & would wish to have an answer by Sunday's post.

Dr Hall tells me that there is room in the Lunatic Hospital & that Joshua Forster may be admitted; only it will be necessary for you to execute a Bond for the payment of the usual sum for maintaining him in the house which I think is 5s a week which if you think proper to do I shall get the secretary to prepare one.

If Capt[ai]n Roddam should make any further difficulties about his part of the tithe of Ilderton parish I believe there is a person ready to give the same sum you have offered them for to him or perhaps more.

P.S. The person I mean is Mr Ilderton the attorney: but he wo[ul]d not chuse to have his name mentioned: unless you were at liberty for a treaty. Since the above I have received the inclosed letter from Mr Collingwood. I am etc HR

**10 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys inn London

Newcas[tle] 10<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1766

Sir I have your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me Sam[ue]l Savages receipt for four hundred & ninety five pounds for half a years int[e]r[es]t of £22000 due from Sir Walter Blackett the 6 of last month and have placed the same to your credit in the account between us. I have rece[ive]d a box of candles which are very good ones and I thank you for y[ou]r trouble of ordering them: to which you will please to add that of paying for them and letting me know what they come to that I may take some opportunity of discharging the Debt.

I thank you for your congratulation on my marriage and recommend that state to you & all Batchelors, as preferable to what you now enjoy. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens St. Andrews**

To The Churchwardens of St Andrews

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1766

Gentlemen Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blacketts usual charity, I desire you will Tickett one hundred & fifty poor persons of your parish & bring them all together to Sir W[alte]r exactly at eight o'clock that morning. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens All Saints**

To The Churchwardens of All Saints

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1766

Gentlemen Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blacketts usual charity, I desire you will Tickett two hundred & fifty poor persons of your parish & bring them all together to Sir W[alte]r exactly at ten o'clock that morning. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens St Nicholas**

To The Churchwardens of St. Nich[ola]s

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1766

Gentlemen Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blacketts usual charity, I desire you will Tickett one hundred & fifty poor persons of your parish & bring them all together to Sir W[alte]r exactly at one o'clock in the afternoon. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Churchwardens St Johns**

To The Churchwardens of St. Johns

Newcas[tle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decem[be]r 1766

Gentlemen Monday the 22nd instant being appointed for the distribution of Sir W[alte]r Blacketts usual charity, I desire you will Tickett one hundred & fifty poor persons of your parish & bring them all together to Sir W[alte]r exactly at two o'clock that afternoon. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's In Hexham

Newcas[tle] 12 decem[be]r 1766

Sir Sir walter has offered Mr Blake the use of the Abbey, in case he should have occasion for it; but says that as to the liquor etc he will send Mr Liddell over time enough to settle those matters.

Abatements are never made in the Lead Trade; so Mr Lee must pay the full of his note & am etc HR

**19 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas[tle] 19 December 1766

Sir Sir walter Blackett has executed the two parts of the Lease of Unthank Colliery; & Mr W[illia]m Brown will bring them & the draught to Tweedmouth on Sunday next in the Evening; to get them executed by Mr Stow, Mr Boreham & yourself and to settle every thing previous to your entry. He says he cannot stay longer with you than Monday; therefore I hope he will find you all at home. Sir walter has desired him to settle a place and plan for the pittmens houses. I am etc HR

**23 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Collingwood Forster Esq[ui]r at Alnwick

Newcas[tle] 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1766

Sir I have this day sent you by Fairbairn the Alnwick carrier the abstract of Sir W[alte]r Blacketts title to the Tithes of wool and lamb in Ilderton parish which he writes me your desire to have. So you may either draw the conveyance to Capt[ai]n Roddam, with a covenant only from Sir W[alte]r for peaceable possession; or else in the manner that Mr Selbys was done. But as Ilderton Tithes are all let together till Mayd[a]y 1768 a little variation, in that respect, from Mr Selbys Deed will be necessary & therefore I have sent you also a copy of a deed of sale, lately made, of a part of the Tithes of this parish to Mr Robert Ilderton; with a copy of a Letter of Attorney from him empowering Sir Walter to receive the rents till that time.

You will please to return me these things as soon as you have done with them. I am etc HR

**23 Dec 1766 From Henry Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr Willm Robson at Wallington

Newca[stle] 23 Dec[emb]er 1766

Sir Geo Brown of Fenwick has not yet been with me, notwithstanding all his promises to you. He owes Sir Walter, due Martin[ma]s last no less than £735 w[hi]ch is a monstrous sum & what I doubt his stock is not equal to I am etc HR

**1 Jan 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newcastle 1<sup>st</sup> January 1767

Honourable Sir

Mr Mosley says he has occasion for the £500, which you owe him; and desires to know whether it will be convenient for you to pay it in a little Time.

Tomlin and Anderson have agreed to give the £20 advance for their farms at Kenton for a Lease for 21 years from Mayday 1768.

Mr Brown got the Lease of Unthank Colliery executed and Matters settled for the Entry of the Tenants as on this day. I wish you many happy returns of this season.

I am etc. HR

Paid Isaac Thompson Esq. for advertising the Sale	£	s	d
of Woodcroft & a part of Fenwick Estate, several times	1.	8.	6
Paid John White & Co for advertising the same	1.	5.	6
Paid Thos Slack for advertising the same	<u>1.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>6</u>
	3.	19.	6

**2 Jan 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin in Greys Inn London

Newcastle 2<sup>d</sup> January 1767

Sir

Above you have an Account of what I have paid the several printers here for advertising the Sale of Woodcroft & Fenwick Estates in their Newspapers last year;

I wish you many happy Years I am etc HR

**2 Jan 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 2d January 1767

Sir

The weight of the two pieces of Silver you sent me last Monday is Eight hundred & Seventy Six ounces & a half to wit, the larger one 527oz & the Lesser 349 oz. I am etc HR

**2 Jan 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcastle 2<sup>d</sup> January 1767

Gentlemen

I have this day sent you by William Laycock the London Carrier three pieces of fine Silver containing 1607 oz as below; which I desire you will place to Account with Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on your receipt of them



I wish you many happy Years & am etc                      HR  
A p[iece] Silver    qty 527 oz  
A p[iece] do        qty 349  
A p[iece] do        qty 731  
                         1607

**10 Jan 1767    From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson Attorney at Law in Durham                      Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1767

Sir Walter Blackett desires to have the Bill of Law Business done for him about Woodcroft discharged, and therefore I should be glad if you would send it me and give me an opportunity of discharging it soon. I am with Compliments of the season etc                      HR

**10 Jan 1767    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London    Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1767

Sir, Mr Johnson has not yet sent me his Bill about Woocroft, tho' I have asked him several times for it. I have wrote him to day about it and as soon as I can get him paid will send you a Copy. I am obliged to you for the Candles and have placed the £3 2s 9d which you paid for them to your Credit & shall include it with the first remittance I make you. P.S. We have a severe frost and a great deal of Snow; and many of our roads are drifted, so as to be impassible by Carriages. I am etc                      HR

**10 Jan 1767    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt at Wallington    Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir  
Inclosed is a Letter from Mr Walton; in answer to the offer you made the Hospital of the Tithes of their Estate in Ilderton parish.  
Mr Joyce went with me to the Meeting of the Comm[issione]rs of the Carlisle road, and I staid there till after 12 o'clock; when only Mr Geo Delaval & Mr Tweddle were come; so it being 'change time, I left Mr Joyce and the papers, you sent me, with them. I am etc                      HR

**20 Jan 1767    From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law in Berwick    Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1767

Sir, By Sir Wr Blacketts direction and agreeable to your Letter to him of the 13 instant I have herewith inclosed you Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Three hundred pounds payable at Thirty three days from the 19 instant with which bill S[i]r Wr desires you will repay Mr Ralph Forster the Consideration Money that you say he has paid Mr Elgin for the purchase of his Moiety of Whitesand and Needle Eye fishings & Sir Wr desires you will transmit to me by the first safe opportunity the several deeds relating to this purchase.

You will please to advise me by the return of the post of your receiving this bill for £300 on Sir Wr's Acco[un]t; for on failure of such Advice I shall apprehend a Miscarriage and think it necessary to stop payment of the bill. I am etc HR

£300 Newcastle Bank 19<sup>th</sup> Jan[ua]ry 1767

Thirty three days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Three hundred pounds value received

For Bell Cookson Cass Airey & Self.

Jos Saint

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 18384

Pay the Contents to Mr John Grey or Order Value in Acco[un]t with S[i]r Wr Blackett  
HenRichmond

**5 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to Robert Mulcaster**

To Mr Robert Mulcaster at Blaydon

Newca[stle] 5 Febr[uar]y 1767

Sir, I see the lowest price we paid Chas Allan for washing the Litharge slags was £3 10s 0d for 22 cwt as Robert Pearson told you; so you may employ Barnet at that rate about the Litharge Slags, or in any other way you see occasion, till I see you here. I am etc HR

**14 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP In Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 14 Feb[rua]ry 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

I hope you are well after your Journey. As Mr Bell has given Notice to quit your ¼ of Winlaton Coll[ie]ry at Xmas next it wo[ul]d be right to have Mr Ridleys claim to the Coal in Thorneley settled if possible before that time for the new winning cannot be effected without carrying up a Level or drift thro' that part of Winlaton Lordship. Mr Darwin has a State of the case & also the title deeds of Winlaton & I hope will be able to satisfy Mr Ridley that the person his Father bought of had no right. Nothing has been done here in the Hexham bridge subscription since you left Newcastle. Young Robson, that was to have gone to Virginia in Capt[ai]n Blagdon's ship has by loitering here let it sail without him tho he had sufficient notice it was ready. I have not yet paid the Capt[ai]n so shall try whether less than the Contract will satisfy him HR

**16 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his ho[use]  
in Half moon Street, Piccadilly London

16<sup>th</sup> Feb[rua]ry 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

I am sorry Mrs Marshall is so ill; for I fear it will be difficult to meet with so good a Life, & more so to settle the Value of it with the Bishop. Mr Peareth & Mr Walton examined the Computations of the profits of Weardale Mines previous to the last treaty with the Bishop in 1763 & I cannot think of any fitter persons for it now only as Mr Halhead is prejudiced ag[ains]t

Mr Walton it may be as well to look out for another in his place. Mr Wm Brown I think will be unexceptionable, not only as he is conversant in computations of the like nature but also much relied upon both by Mr Halhead & Mr Wilkinson, when they have occasion to employ him. If you approve of him I shall speak to Mr Peareth & him & as soon as the acco[un]ts are ready get them set to work unless I find Mr Brown has a General retainer from the B[isho]p w[hi]ch I do not apprehend.

I shall send a bill for £200 to be due about the time you ordered.

The hamper with the Acorns is come & will be sent to Wallington on Saturday & I will write to Mr Duffield about them ps inclosed I return the paper of the fines etc p[ai]d the B[isho]ps I am etc

**16 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chr Johnson Att[orne]y at Law Durham

Newcastle 16 Febr[uar]y 1767

Sir On the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jan[ua]ry I wrote you that S[i]r Wr Blackett desired to have your bill about Woodcroft discharged & must repeat the request that you will send it me as soon as you possibly can: for S[i]r Wr has wrote me about it. p.s. If you do not send it me this week I shall be obliged to wait on you at Durham for it. I am S[i]r Y[ou]r[s] etc HR

**26 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne, Golds[mi]ths Foster Lane London

Newcastle 26<sup>th</sup> Feb[rua]ry 1767

Gentlemen

I have this day drawn three bills upon you for the sum of £920 payable as above; w[hi]ch I desire you will accept & when paid place to acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett Bt. On Saturday last I sent you, by Matt Lee the London Carrier a p[ie]ce of fine Silver contain[ing] 669 oz w[hi]ch I desire you will place to acco[un]t with S[i]r Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on y[ou]r receipt of it I am etc HR

	£	s	d
Bill pay[a]ble to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or Ord[e]r at 30d dated 20 Febr[uar]y 1767	320	0	0
Do to Messrs Bell Cookson & Co or Ord[e]r at 30d dated do	400	0	0
Do to Sir Wr Blackett Bt or Ord[e]r at 25d dated do	200	0	0
	920	0	0

**20 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richd Wilson Esq at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1767

Sir Inclosed are two parts of my acco[un]t of your half Years rents due May day last and also Joseph King's bill on Henton Brown & Sons for £291 8s 2d for the balance of it. You will please to advise me of the receipt of this bill by the return of the post & at the same time to return to me a part of my acco[un]t signed by you & mention that you have rec[eiv]ed M[ess]rs H Headlam's receipt which I have also here inclosed you. The indictment for the way stopd up by Mr Shafto was not tried last sessions. But Mr Pearson expects it will be done at Easter

Hasle, the Mason, has been at me two or three times for an answer to his proposal about the Quarry as mentioned in my Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept[embe]r last. I am etc HR

£291.8.2

Newcastle February 20<sup>th</sup> 1767

Thirty days after date pay to Henry Richmond or order Two hundred and ninety one pounds eight shillings & two pence value received as advised by Jos King  
Endorsed pay the Contents to Richd Wilson Esq or order value in acco[un]t Hen Richmond  
To Hinton Brown & Sons Bankers London

**23 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 23d Febr[uar]y 1767

Sir Inclosed are two bills as above. The bill for two hundred and Eighty three pounds two shillings & nine pence is to pay Messrs Viner & Glover & Mrs Lambroke's Ex[ecu]to[r]s their 1/2 y[ea]rs int[er]est on Kenton due 27<sup>th</sup> of next Month and yourself for the Candles you sent me (for which I thank you) so you will place it to my Acco[un]t and advise the receipt of it. The other bill for three hundred and twenty pounds is for the quarterly payments made and to be made by you in London on S[i]r Wr Blacketts Acco[un]t between 31<sup>st</sup> Decem[be]r last & 31<sup>st</sup> March next; and I desire you will send me a receipt for it accordingly.  
I wrote to Mr Johnson, as you desired, pressing for his bill; but have not been favour'd with an Answer yet. If I do not receive one in a post or two I shall send a person over to him about it! I am etc HR

Newcastle 7<sup>th</sup> February 1767 £283. 2. 9

Forty days after date pay Mr Henry Richmond or Order two hundred Eighty three pounds two shillings & nine pence the value in acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to Acco[un]t as by advice from Jonathan Sorsbie  
Endorsed pay the Contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order, value in acco[un]t  
Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks in London

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1767 £320. 0. 0

Thirty Days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of three hundred & twenty pounds value in Acco[un]t & place the same to acco[un]t by advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

**28 Feb 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in half Moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is my bill on Plumb & Browne for Two hundred pounds which please to advise the receipt of  
I sent Yesterday Morning by the Fly Coach the plan of Hexham bridge; which Mr Heron told me I was to do, and paid the Carriage of it.  
Mr G. Cuthbertson has Subscribed Ten Guineas towards the bridge.

The Man, Major Carr had hired as Butler for Mr Blake is much such a person as Mr Greenwood; tho Younger & more Active: he says he is 36 years of Age and has very good health - he has an Excellent character from Capt[ai]n B<osies> & Major Carr gives him a very good one – he agrees to be on the same terms as Dodds was, and to wait at the Second Table. He is married, but has only one child; who is put out Apprentice & he will wait for an Answer.

Mr Bacon's proportion of Weardale rents for the 4 Years past, which comes to £315 6s 8d, is at last paid; and his Agent tells me he will be ready for a partnership pay in April: & about the same time, or sooner, your Lead Mill pay must be made; which will, I think, make It impossible for me to pay the purchase money for Hawick: as I have sold no Lead yet.

Mr Wm Brown says he is a servant of the Bishops & cannot meddle in the Calculation – Mr Peareth thinks Mr Jno Cookson who is partner with Sir Edwd in Fallowfield is a proper person & that he will not have any Objection to the Employment: so if you please I shall speak to him. I am etc HR

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> Febr[uar]y 1767 £200. 0. 0

Twenty five days after date pay Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t or Order the Sum of Two hundred pounds, Value in Acco[un]t and place the same to Account as by Advice from Hen Richmond To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

### 3 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr William Robson at Wallington

Newca[stle] 3d March 1767

Sir Geo Brown of Fenwick has been with me just now and has paid me Two hundred & three pounds ten shillings in part of his arrear: so that there remains due from him to S[i]r Wr Blackett at Martin[ma]s last four hundred & fifteen pounds as below, He did not bring the Landtax Note; so that it may be proper to tell you that the last Land[ta]x Note that I allow'd him was due Ladyd[a]y 1764. The last <Reestone's> rent that I allow'd him was due Mich[aelma]s 1763 & the last Modus Mich[aelma]s 1765. I am etc HR

	£	s	d
Due Mayd[a]y 1765	47	10	0
Mart[inma]s do	122	10	0
Mayd[a]y 1766	122	10	0
Mart[inma]s 1766	<u>122</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
	415	0	0

### 4 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> March 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Capt[ai]n Blagdon required four guineas as Satisfaction for the provision and Accommodation he had provided for Robson's passage to Virginia; which I have paid him. The building a Bridge over the Tyne near Hexham would secure a comunication between that Town and the North, & North West parts of Northumberland; and would of course enlarge the Fairs & Markets, and in general the Trade, of that Town very considerably: and consequently tend directly to the improvement of the Estates in the Neighbourhood of it. Therefore it seems reasonable that the Comm[issione]rs of Greenwich hospital, who have very large Estates at

Dilston and elsewhere on the south side of Tyne, should subscribe towards the proposed Bridge. Besides they have some Estates up North Tyne which amount to above £300 a year; and expect a very considerable Allotment of Wark and Broadpool Commons on the division, which is now making of them: for which Estates this bridge would secure a Markett at all times. Moreover if any advantage is desireable to the Leadmines belonging to the Commissioners from the intended Turnpike road between Alston & Hexham; to which I understand they have subscribed handsomely, a proportionable one must arise from an Enlargement of the Fairs & Marketts & an increase of the Trade & populousness of Hexham, by this Bridge. I am Sorry you Complain so much of your Spirits: too much thought about Matters, either disagreeable or difficult, will unavoidably hurry them, & prevent your Rest. I am etc yrs etc HR

**11 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 1767  
Wednesday 12 o'Clock

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

I have just now rec[eiv]ed an Acco[un]t that Mr Robson died this Morning at 8 oClock – he was seized suddenly & expired in a Moment. I am going directly to Wallington & shall write further the next post. I am etc HR

**13 March 1766 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcastle 13 Mar 1766 (*sic*)

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

I returned from Wallington on Wednesday Evening; having found Mr Robsons Will & Sealed up his Closets till after the funeral w[hi]ch I left Lady Loraine & Mrs Brown engaged in settling. I shall go again & spend a day or two in sorting his papers with Mr Rd Brown of Kirkharle, who is his Ex[ecu]tor & intitled to all his effects after paym[en]t of a Legacy of £500 to a Woman near Morpeth £300 to Geo Robson Steward to S[i]r Rd Milbanke £250 to his Clerk son of Geo Brown of Cambo 40s to the boy that attended him & several other small Legacies. I never saw the Agreem[en]t for the farm Mr Robson was to have had at Cambo, but hope it will be met with among his papers. I heartily wish you had an able & a sensible Man in his place. I am sure your Landed affairs & other concerns there & at Hexham, Ord, etc requires one & would furnish him with suff[icien]t Employm[en]t besides the satisfaction you would have yourself in him. Major Carr says he discharged Mr Blake's Butler & that you may safely hire him. W[hi]ch I shall do when he returns from a Journey he is now upon with a Merch[an]t of this town. Mr Cookson will be engaged for a fortnight, but after that will go into the examination of your profits by Weardale Mines. I find it is generally allowed that the mischief w[hi]ch happened to the three ships on the Black middens was intirely owing to the unskillfulness of the Masters; & that those Rocks are the same as they have been for time imemorial. Gaul & two other Felons confined with him, who were masons, have broke the Gaol & got off; by working thro' the wall in the weak part of it next the new Lane; where it was only two feet thick

I am etc HR

PS here is not any demand yet for Lead!



**15 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcastle 15 Mar 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr James Smith tells me that he & Mr Newton were with Mr Robson the day before he died when the following terms were agreed upon for Hawick, tho not put into writing: but he is willing to stand to them till he knows (by the return of the post) that you approve of them & will call upon me to morrow se[ven]night for an answer – the terms were – that you should pay him £3300 for the Estate – should allow him the dwelling house to live in for one year from Mayday next & also two Cows grass for that time – the latter part of these terms I think you had best be clear of or that if he is to have a house & the Cows grass that he have it some where off the Estate. If you determine on buying this estate you will please to consider how the money is to be raised: for as I have sold no Lead I cannot do anything towards it. Josh[u]a Burn will not stay on his farm longer than Mayd[a]y so you will please to direct whe[the]r it is to be kept in hand or to be let. Mr Laidler thinks he can let it to a Stock Master. At the new Coll[ie]ry No[rth] of Rothley park there are two pitts down, & the drift for comunication between them will be finished in a day or two. & then this colliery may lye still till a new Agent is appointed. Mr Rd Brown says you agreed that he should be quit of Ryal Quarries at Mayd[a]y next w[hi]ch I sho[ul]d be glad to know & he desires now to be clear at Mayday of the Limestone quarries in Wallington & Leighton Estates & of the ground w[hi]ch Mr Robson held for the conveniency of his Kilns at Cambo. Nothing can be done in the Examination of Mr Robsons papers till the Will is proved & the Administrat[i]o[n] granted to somebody during Mr Browns Minority. I am etc HR  
ps Mr Robson was buried at Kirkharle.

**19 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass in Berwick

Newc[astle] 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 1767

I rec[eiv]ed your Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst[an]t about the road, the 40 Acres of ground & the pitmen's houses w[hi]ch you and your partners want on acco[un]t of the Colliery. As to the road & the ground I cannot say any thing at present but with regard to the Pitmens houses, whatever orders you have received from Mr Wm Robson about them you may carry into execution as I don't doubt but S[i]r Wr Blackett will approve of & allow the same on yo[u]r producing vouchers for your payments. I am sorry you have so bad a fishery. The price of refined Lead is £15 10s 0d p[er] fo[the]r but you know I cannot furnish you with any but my means of our Merchants unless you pay me ready money on giving the tickett. I am etc HR

**20 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chrisor Johnson Att[orne]y at Law Durham

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 1767

Sir I am sorry I am obliged to trouble you once more about your bill but as Sir Wr Blackett has some acco[un]ts to settle w[hi]ch cannot be done without it I must beg you will send it me in a post or two; for I am blamed for the stop w[hi]ch the want of it occasions tho' with little reason you are sensible. I am etc HR

**21 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Robert Alder**

To Mr Robt Alder at Woodhall near Harbottle by Rothbury

Newcastle 21 March 1767

Sir I have acquainted Sir Walter Blackett of what you said about an allowance for the way going Crop at Farnilaw; & he bids me acquaint you that he will allow you twenty pounds for it; provided you pay up the Arrear immediately; or at furthest before Mayday next; but not else I am etc HR

**20 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcastle 20 Mar 1767

Gent[leme]n I have this day sent you by Fryer Todd the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing seven hundred & twenty eight ounces; w[hi]ch I desire you will place to acco[un]t with S[i]r Wr Blackett as usual at the market price & advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**21 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 21 Mar 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Brown has proved the Will & has got Administration so I am going over to day to sort Mr Robsons papers & other things & deliver him what belonged to Mr Robson w[hi]ch he is very urgent for. Every thing relating to y[ou]r affairs I shall take care to keep & also all the Money till his Acco[un]t is made up, w[hi]ch I doubt will be difficult to do. Mr Douglas writes me he had rec[eiv]ed a plan with orders to go on with the pitmens houses according to it he says they must be built without delay or else they cannot go on with the colliery. I have wrote him that what directions Mr Robson had given him I believed you would have no objection to his executing. He says they want 40 Acres of ground & to have the road mended: but that must be postponed till you appoint somebody in Mr Robsons room. I have p[ai]d Mr Liddell the garden bill as the men cannot wait any longer & he will distribute the money among them. I shall keep the D[uke] of Portlands papers till I receive orders about them. then Mr Brown wants much to have them. Mr Fawcet says he should have Mr Robsons acco[un]ts with his Grace to enable him to settle with him. I doubt I shall not be able to get thro' with the papers to morrow but shall be obliged to go over again: for I cannot stay longer more this Journey than Monday Morn[in]g. I am etc HR

**25 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt in Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcastle 25 Mar 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I have delivered Mr Rd Brown all Mr Robsons papers, but what concerned Yours & the D[uke] of Portlands estate. The Latter he was rather dissatisfied at my detaining, as

he says his Grace has appointed him & Mr Geo Robson his Agents: but I shall keep them agreeable to your Letter till I hear further. On examining Mr Robsons Closets we found £586 5s 1d <.> in Money & bank notes: & as there might very possibly be as much due to you from Mr Robson at the time of his death I took that sum & gave Mr Brown a receipt for it on your Acco[un]t till matters can be settled. I have left all Mr Robsons acco[un]t books & vouchers with Mr Liddell that Mr Brown may have recourse to them when he pleases & that no time may be lost in bringing the Acco[un]ts to a balance: w[hi]ch it will not be very easy to do as they have been kept in a very perplexed manner. They will I doubt oblige me to go often over to Wallington & as the Weather is very indifferent & I, tho' well, not very strong I beg the use of the chaise & horses you allowed Mr Robson, till the hurry is over w[hi]ch his death has occasioned. Messrs Liddell & Laidler desire to know whether you would chuse to have the Barnflat in pasture this year. As to the Draw kilns they will take them if you please for a y[ea]r & furnish Lime on the same terms as Mr Robson did. But then they say the New Colliery at Rothley must be wro[ugh]t as they cannot get Coals else where for the Kilns. They say there are two Seams vizt an upper seam of 20 inches & an under one of 14 & that they are separated only by 18 inches of Stone that can easily be taken away in working the Coal. Mr Smith of Hawick is very ill of a Fever so that nothing can be done towards purchasing his Estate for the present. I was to have been with Mr Peareth on Monday about the Calculation of your profits by Weardale Mines: but Mr Brown kept me fully employed at Wallington till yesterday. I shall now try to fix ~~him~~ another day for him to go thro' the Calculation & then Mr Cookson, who is still engaged, will take the papers & consider them as soon as his business will allow – after w[hi]ch they will meet & come to some conclusion. Your Lead Mill pays are to be made in abo[u]t three weeks time; w[hi]ch Mr Hunter writes me will come to £3400. It would be a great Satisfaction to me to know that you are better than when you wrote your Last Letter I am etc HR

**31 March 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in Halfmoon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcastle 31 Mar 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir, My Brother will try if he can raise £1000 on yo[u]r bond at 4 pc & if he succeeds will send a bond up for you to execute. Mr Smith still continues ill: but I have seen Mr Newton his attorney: & as soon as an instrum[en]t for the Conveyance can properly be executed it will be got done. Mr Robson had made a kind of distress on the Goods of Geo Brown of Fenwick but had allowed him time to raise Money. He has as yet only raised £200 & there still remains £415 due to you are Martin[ma]s last. I sent Laidler to him on Monday Se[ven]night since w[hi]ch he has been with me & promised to bring £200 on Saturday se[ven]night – if he fails therein I shall give Laidler directions to proceed to sale. Mr Lisle says nothing material has passed between him & Mr Robson about the Threap Ground. As soon as Mr Liddell can be spared from attending Mr Brown with Mr Robson's books, in order to settle his Acco[un]t he will go over to Unthank & do what he can. I think it will be impracticable for Mr Liddell to serve in the two capacities of Land Steward & Butler.

Mr Peareth has looked over the Calculation of your profits by Weardale mines & the papers are now before Mr Cookson.

Six Kitts of Salmon will be sent in the first Ship – but as to the method of pickling them I doubt it will not be easy to obtain a good Receipt for it, those possessed of such being people who gain a Livelyhood thereby & will therefore think it their intr[es]t to be misterious – but I will try to get one.

I have rec[eiv]ed a Summons to meet Mr Brown & Mr Geo Robson to morrow at Wallington about Mr Robson's Acco[un]ts. I am etc HR

P.S. I have since I wrote the above received Your Letter mentioning that Mr Wray of Hexham has offered himself. I do not know him personally but I have heard him spoken of as a person very well qualified for the place; as having Experience in husbandry & a knowledge in building & Figures. I hear he was to have served Mr Ridley, but ill health at that time prevented him. I am etc HR

**3 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chr Johnson Att[orne]y at Law Durham

Newcastle 3 April 1767

Sir Last night I rec[eiv]ed a Letter from you that you wo[ul]d call upon me in two or three days if convenient. I shall be glad to see you on monday or tuesday next; if either of them suit you & hope you will bring your bill. I am etc HR

**4 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r Wr Blackett Bt MP in Halfmoon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 4 April 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir The Easter Guild will be on the 27 inst & the Sessions for this town & the County of North[umber]land on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We have made some progress in Mr Robsons acco[un]t & so far as I can judge at the present Mr Brown will not be intitled to much of the money found in Mr Robsons closet – he is abroad at present, but someday next week I shall go over & deliver him the D[uke] of Portlands papers & take a schedule of any things that appear material. The New Coll[ier]y near Rothley is about 8 fath[o]ms deep & no water in her to obstruct the workings. My brother hopes in a day or two to give an answ[e]r about the £1000 – he says the money for the purchase of Hawick will not be wanted for some months: as the mortgagees are intitled to some notice before the money is p[ai]d them. The title deeds he says are before Mr Fawcet & the dra[f]t of the Conveyance is preparing. As to Mr Smith he is still but indiff[eren]t, tho I don't find in any hazard. Mr Blackett is out of town today but I shall deliver y[ou]r message to him to morrow. I am etc HR

**6 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 6 April 1767

Sir I have rec[eiv]ed your acco[un]ts, & wish to have your pay made as soon as possible: on Wednesday Se[ven]night the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, if you can; & if you think that will be giving sufficient notice. If that day will not do, I do not know when I can fix it except the Wednesday follow[in]g tho' it will not be convenient to me. However take your choice & let me know what day you chuse & also let Mr Bell know it. for you are to have some money of him. You will be here on Sunday Evening, receive yo[u]r Money on the Monday, go home on Tuesday & pay on Wednesday. Let me hear from you by the first post. I am etc HR

**7 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r W Blackett Bt MP in Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> April 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir My brother cannot meet with £1000 at less int[e]r[es]t than 4 & ½ pc & desires to know whe[the]r you will take it at that rate. The Lead mill pay is to be made on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, but I expect to be home on the 16<sup>th</sup>; w[hi]ch will perhaps be before you will reach this place. however I shall leave the keys with Mr Liddell. I wish you a good Journey. I am etc  
HR

**11 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 11 April 1767

Sir I have this afternoon & not before rec[eiv]ed from Mr C Johnson his bill of Law charges in making good the deficiencies in my title of the Copyhold part of Woodcroft Estate w[hi]ch amo[un]ts to £32 14s 0d & w[hi]ch I have paid him. Pray has any steps been taken tow[ar]ds satisfying Mr Ridley that he has no right to the Coal in Thorneley, exclusive of the other Lords. I am etc HR

**14 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

1767 April 14<sup>th</sup>

Advised Mr Darwin that I had rec[eiv]ed Viner & Glover's & S. Freeman's rec[eip]ts for £140 each & placed them to his Acco[un]t – that in a post or two I would ans[we]r what he s[ai]d about Green Leighton - & that the purchase of Hawick co[ul]d not be compleated in time to answer his purpose. HR

**17 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to Samuel Marriott**

To Mr Marriot near Hexham

Newcastle 17 April 1767

Sir Below you have the Names of such of the places along the Lead Way as are the most Material to have expressed in your plan; which I send you lest any of them should happen to be omitted; if any of them should want explanation Mr Hunter can give it you. I am etc HR  
Edmondbyers – Fine Lane – Woodhead & the part of the road in that qua[rte]r – Swalwells  
Loaning – Snowballs Loaning – Edesbridge – Newlands & the p[ar]t of the way in that Liberty – Hilltop – The Way from Linnells towards Ravensworth – Hedley wood qua[rte]r & the part of the way therein – Hedleywood side Hedley Low wood - Sevy sike Lane – Chopwell Liberty & the p[ar]t of the way therein – Blaydon

**28 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London  
Gentlemen

Newcastle 28 April 1767

Inclosed are two copies of your Acco[un]t with S[ir] Wr Blackett, one of which I have signed; & if you find them right I desire you will sign the other & return it to Yrs etc HR

**28 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Hudson**

To Mr Hudson Esq in York

Newca 28 April 1767

Sir I have not had an opportunity of returning the Bags in w[hi]ch you sent the Malt last year for S[ir] Wr Blackett till now, that I have put them on board the Hannah John Wright, Ma[ste]r according to the inclosed receipt: who says he knows you will take care to deliver them at Bridlington, freight free. Sir Wr has been here for a fortnight & is gone again for London: he had a cold upon him when he came but was a good deal better before his return I am etc HR

**29 April 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[ir] Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 29 April 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I hope you are well after y[ou]r Journey. Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for £500 payable 25 days after date w[hi]ch please to advise the receipt of. Inclosed under this & another Cover is the case concerning Mr Ridleys claim to the coal in Thorneley, w[hi]ch I forgot to give you; & w[hi]ch I sho[ul]d think will satisfy him that he has no right exclusive of the other Lords. Inclosed also is a Copy of the Case concerning the poor cess demanded for Weardale Mines with Lawy[e]r Fawcets opinion thereon, that you are not liable to pay any. We have found by the Registrar at Bolam, where the Smiths family lived before they went to Hawick, that James Smith, the son of Thos Smith was baptized there the 2d April 1674: w[hi]ch clears up the doubts about the Thos Smith named in the recovery in 1727. So the writings will now be got forw[ar]ds with as fast as possible. ps I cannot find out Wid[o]w <Kenedy> that you gave me a mem[oran]d[u]m about I am etc HR  
ps I am told Mr Bacon is dead.

£500

Newcastle Bank 28 April 1767

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Five hundred pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self.

Jos Saint

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax, London

No 20141

**7 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Rd Heron at Hexham

Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> May 1767

Sir By this days post I have rec[eiv]ed a Letter from Sir Walter Blackett in w[hi]ch he desires I will send to you not to wait upon the Gentlemen, at their houses, whom you mention in your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst, nor to make any further mention of the Bridge to them at any time or place



for he does not think it proper to make so particular an application to them – at the Sessions it was of a different nature. I am etc HR

**8 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r Wr Blackett Bt MP in Halfmoon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcastle 8 May 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is a particular of Kenton Estate as it stands at present. I was at Wallington with Mr Wm Brown on Monday last when he viewed Rothley Shield & Deanham Collieries: the former he says promises to be the best Colliery in that part of the Country but before a right judgement can be made some boreholes must be put down w[hi]ch he will order to be done directly by people can depend upon. As to Deanham Coll[ie]ry he has a bad opinion of her but he had not time then to digest what he had seen, but has promised soon to give his report in writing. Tuesday was the Rent day at Wallington when the tenants paid up pretty well except G Tweddle J Spearman F & J Dixon & one or two more.

James Hills the Taylor was sent to the Lunatic hospital by Mr Robson in his own name & now the Treasurer asks me who is to pay for his board w[hi]ch comes to £2 12s 6d. I find Hexham Corn & hay tithes are let by Mr Wray & Mr Bell for 3 yrs at £102 a yr w[hi]ch is £32 a yr advance & the tithes of the Common are let for one yr at £120 a Year & the Tolls at £21 a Year for 3 Years. Mr Bacon of Adderstone is dead, his funeral was on Fryday last & you were invited to it as a Bearer. He has made a Will & left Mrs Bacon Ex[ecu]trix. Mr Heron was at Hexham when Your Letter came, but I sent Forster with one to him & inclosed is his answer.  
ps I have sold 3000 p[ie]ce[s] of common Lead at £14 15s 0d p[er] fother. I am etc HR

**8 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Willm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 8 May 1767

Sir Inclosed herewith are two bills for £895 as above. The first is to pay Mr Savage's half year's int[e]r[es]t due 6<sup>th</sup> inst on his Mortgage on Wallington & in the mean time to be placed to my acco[un]t & you will please to advise me accordingly. the other bill for £400 I send you on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments made & to be made by you in London for Sir Wr Blackett & to be placed to his acco[un]t & for it you will be so good as send me the usual receipt, to be a voucher to my acco[un]t with him. As to Green Leighton – Mr Wray will find Sir Wr a particular of it in a post or two such a one as I hope will answer your purpose - but we have no survey of it & therefore cannot be accurate & I suppose you are too much streightned for time to allow him to make one now. I shewed Mr Richd Brown, Ex[ecu]tor of Mr W Robson the acco[un]t you sent me & left it with him for Examina[tion] but kept the voucher - he says he will search for those you mention to have been sent on the 1<sup>st</sup> Febr[ua]ry 1766 & will call upon me soon. I am etc HR

£495

Newcastle Bank 28<sup>th</sup> April 1767

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Four hundred & ninety five pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Cass Airey & Self

Jos Saint

Endorsed to wit pay the contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Acco[un]t

Hen R[ichmond]  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London  
No 20142

Newcastle 8 May 1767 £400

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order the sum of Four hundred pounds value in Acco[un]t & place the same to Acco[un]t as by advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

**8 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcastle 8 May 1767

Gent[leme]n I have this day drawn a Bill on you for four hundred pounds payable to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order 20 days after this date w[hi]ch I desire you will accept & when p[ai]d place to acco[un]t with S[i]r Wr Blackett as usual. And I have this day sent you by Ma[ste]r Lee the London Carrier a p[iec]e of fine Silver which I desire you will place to ther same acco[un]t at such price as the Market will afford & advise me on Your receipt of it. I am etc HR  
A p[iec]e fine silver q[uan]tity 667 ounces at p[er] oz

**12 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Hutchinson**

To Mr Rd Hutchinson at Baxterwood near Durham

Newcastle 12 May 1767

Sir, I acquainted S[i]r Wr Blackett, as you wrote me, that the £6000 belonging to Mr Spearman's Estate could not be lent but upon Governm[en]t security or Mortgage & writes me in Answer that if you will accept, in security for that Money at 4 pct, of his freehold Estate at West Ord near Berwick of 150s a yr & the fishery there of 330s a yr a person shall come over to settle the matter with you on my receiving yo[u]r ans[we]r w[hi]ch you will please to favour me with as soon as you can. I am etc HR

**17 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r Wr Blackett Bt London

Newca[stle] 17 May 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I wrote to Mr Hutchinson about Mr Spearmans Money the same post I rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r letter but have not yet had an Answer. I cannot find the abstract of the title deeds of Ord Estate & do not remember receiving it since Mr Coll. Forster got it. The enclosed I receivd on Fryday from Mr Walton abo[u]t the tithes of Middleton hall w[hi]ch the Com[missioner]s are now desirous of purchasing & w[hi]ch he hopes it is not too late to do. Mr Peareth & Mr Cookson were to have met on thursday last at yo[u]r office to examine the acco[un]ts etc of Weardale Mines but Mr P was prevented. Mr Cookson mentioned that he thought Mr Peareth & he sho[ul]d be requested by you to make this Exam[inatio]n & the Estimate of yo[u]r profit or Loss by Weardale Mines in order to the forming a judgement what sho[ul]d be p[ai]d for renewing a Life so it may be right if you please to inclose me such a Letter as I can give if necessary to Mr Cookson to allay his scruples. I have ordered the 3 Kitts

of Salmon & will send the price of each. I am sorry you are not well & believe you will have better health in the Country than in London. I am etc HR  
ps inclosed is a Letter I have rec[eiv]ed from Mr Hutchinson.

**19 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 19 May 1767

Sir, Inclosed you receive John Laidlers Affidavit with the Schedule annexed of Sir Wr Blacketts Estate called Green Leighton East side, which is Engross'd & sworn to according to the directions you sent down; & which I hope will enable you to get through with this busines – John Laidler could not enable me to fill up the Blank you left in the draught for the old name of Southfield. I am etc HR

**18 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> May 1767

Gentlemen On Fryday last I sent you by Fryer Todd the London Carrier three pieces of Silver containing One Thousand and seven hundred and seventy one ounces, which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett as usual at the Markett price & advise me on your receipt of it.

I am etc HR

	ounces		
2 p[ie]ce[s] in a box with two bits broken off	q[ua]nti]ty	1106 at	p oz
1 p[ie]c[e] in a wrapper	q[ua]nti]ty	<u>665 at</u>	p oz
		1771	

**21 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Peareth & Cookson**

To Messrs Peareth & Cookson

London 21<sup>st</sup> May 1767

Gentlemen As it is probable in a few Years, or sooner there may be occasion to enter into Treaty with the Bishop of Durham for a renewal of a Life in the Lease of the Leadmines held under his Lordship, I shall esteem it a favour (as it must be of Service to whomsoever may treat with his L[or]ds[hi]p if you will take the trouble of examining all the Accounts necessary (which Mr Richmond will lay before you) to give You thorough information into that Matter, so that you may say what Sum in your Judgement ought to be paid for Such renewal & your Opinion will be a particular Satisfaction to

Gentlemen

Yours etc Wr Blackett

**26 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t MP in half moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> May 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is Mr Brown's plan & report of Rothley Colliery As he advises to Bore in the first place, in order to the making a proper discovery of the colliery, & as that can be done at a small Expense, I desired him to give directions about it.

The three kitts of Salmon are ship'd according to the inclosed Note, and the Ship is sailed.

My Brother Says the purchase of Hawick has been stopp'd by Mr Fawcetts Illness; who has had a Rheumatic fever; but is now thought to be out of Danger. I am glad you are like to raise the money in London for Lady Lorraines £6000; for I doubt it will not be easy to meet with such a Sum here at 4 p centum.

I shall deliver your Letter as soon as I can see Mr Cookson who is at present out of Town.

Your getting so little sleep, & the Effect that has upon your Nerves, gives me much Concern: I perswade myself you would be better at Wallington; or any where, abstracted from the business that occasions you so much Uneasiness. I am etc HR

**30 May 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> May 1767

Sir I have your Letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me Samuel Savage's receipt for Four hundred & ninety five pounds for half a y[ea]rs int[er]est of £22000 due from Sir Wr Blackett on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant & have given you Credit for the same in the Account between us.

Pray are all Matters settled before the Master about the purchase of Woodcroft, for if it is not too late there are some payments that I should think Sir Wr might be intitled to have allowed & which I forgot, They were for the Addition to the Office. I am etc HR

**5 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> June 1767

Sir I received your's of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant with the Calculation of the difference between smelting Kilhope Ore at Allanheads & Dukesfield Mills, & agree with you that notwithstanding there is a greater Expence attending the doing it at the latter than the former: Yet considering how liable Allanheads Mill is to be laid off by the drought in Summer and The Frosts in Winter & which is still of farther inconvenience how difficult we have frequently found it to get the Lead from that Mill by reason of the Mosses & the want of Carriage Men & how impracticable it has always been to get it to Market in time. I say upon these Considerations it is clearly for Sir Walter's intrest not to carry so great a quantity of ore to that Mill as 2000 Bings – I think about 1000 or 1200B is enough and the rest of the Kilhope Ore may be brought to Dukesfield.

It occasions some perplexity in your Qua[rte]rs Acco[un]t to have the Waste Lead charged among the Contingencies, as Mr Harrison has done it. so I desire all sorts of Lead, at each Mill, may be placed under the head of Lead Smelted & that you will give directions that the Clerks distinguish what is made from the Mill Wastes & what from the Grove Wastes. I am etc HR

**16 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Revd Dr Sharp at Hartburn

Newcastle 16<sup>th</sup> June 1767

Sir I have herewith sent, by your Servant, the deed of Severance of Birtley from Chollerton: which Sir Walter Blackett has executed.

I sent a parcell to Morpeth on saturday directed for you, to be left at Mrs Challoners; which came to my hand on Fryday & may be the Augmentation deeds for Beadnel – the Carriage from London was one shilling. I am etc HR

**19 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Hudson**

To John Hudson Esqr in York  
Sir

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> June 1767

I have seen a Specimen of the Sort of Chain, you enquire after, for concealed Fences; which are made at the rate of fourpence halfpenny a pound. It will take two pounds to make a Yard, so that it will come higher than you mention in your Letter. I shewed the specimen to Sir Walter Blackett, but he does not approve of it: he says he has seen a much handsomer sort of Chain in some of the Quadrangles at Cambridge, w[h]ich he would have you write to Mr Trevelyan for a draught of. inclosed is a Sketch of the sort made here: which if you should chuse to have any of, I shall with great pleasure procure for you. It seems to be strong enough for the purpose.

Sir Walter, I think, is something better than when he came from London: he sets out to morrow to ride about for three weeks or a month, & proposes to see You at York next week. I am etc HR

**17 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> June 1767

Sir What you said when I was at Hexham, about the disagreeable Situation you would be in when the new office was finished, and the records removed thither; by reason of Mr Heron's making it an Office for his private as well as public business; induced me to mention it to Sir Walter this morning, & he bids me acquaint you that you need not be uneasy – that he intends you at least your present salary - & that he will speak to you about it when he comes to Hexham. I am etc HR

**20 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> June 1767

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett desires there may be a View made of the present state of Allanheads by Mr Westgarth, Mr Maughan & you: so you will fix a time with them for the doing it & the sooner the better: only let the Water be got out of the low workings before they come. Pray send me an Account what Wine etc you have at Allanheads; for Sir Walter proposes being with you this Summer. I am etc HR

**22 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Mr Collingwood Forster in Alnwick

Newcastle 22d June 1767

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett, who has taken a ride into Yorkshire for a few weeks, bid me write you that tho not well enough to write you himself about business Yet he would be very glad if you would favour me with a Line what progress is made in the Conveyances to L[or]d Tankerville, to Capt[ai]n Roddam & Mr Ilderton & to Mr Pringle of the parts they are to have of his Tithes in Ilderton parish. And also that you would be so good as let me know whether any thing is yet done about settling the Disputes concerning the part of Lucker Common left to be divided among the freeholders And also whether the disputes about the Tithe of Lucker Common are in any way of being adjusted; or if not, what you would advise to be further done towards bringing these matters to a proper Conclusion; which Sir Walter is very desirous of & which you are the best qualified for obtaining for him of any body I know.  
I should be glad to know if you have the Abstract of the Title of Ord Estate with Mr Filmers opinion thereon I am etc HR

**29 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 29<sup>th</sup> June 1767

Gentlemen On the 26<sup>th</sup> instant I sent You by David Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Six hundred and forty seven ounces which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Markett price & advise me on your receipt of it I am etc HR

**30 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> June 1767

Sir As I do not know any Thing of the work done, either at the pitmen's houses or the roads; and as Mr Wray will be over sometime next Month to settle all these Matters with you; I must beg you will not draw any bill upon me, upon that Acco[un]t: but manage as well as you can till he comes. In the meantime you may send me an Acco[un]t of what is due to you; & to any others, on Acco[un]t of the pitmens houses etc that I may know how to order matters for the payment. I am etc HR

**30 June 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> June 1767

Sir The produce of the Ores smelted at Dukesfield and Rookhope Lead Mills, especially the latter, has been so very bad the last Year that it requires examination & therefore I desire you will enquire & let me know the Reason why it has taken 4.45/100 Bings at Dukesfield and 4.91/100 Bings at Rookhope Mill to make a fother of 21 hundred weight. The Ore must either come very badly washed from the groves, or must be mismanaged at the Mills, to make the produce so much worse last Year than usual. As to Allanheads Mill, the produce there seems to be much better than usual & to be about 4 Bings to a fother of 21 cwts, if I understand Mr Crawhalls Acco[un]ts; but he never mentions the quantity of Ore smelted in the 12 months and how much Lead is made from it at the several hearths; but stuffs his Acco[un]ts with nice and



useless particulars of Ore tails, Hearth ends, etc – pray give him instructions how to make out a general Acco[un]t as Mr Salkeld does. I should be glad to know how the Lead comes away from Rookhope Mill: for I hear very little of it at Blaydon as yet. P.S. pray has Mr Marriott done the plan of the Lead way for me as I desired. I am etc HR

**3 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Teasdale White**

To Mr Teasdale White at Humshaugh near Hexham

Newca[stle] 3d July 1767

Sir You have been so often asked for the money due from you to Sir Walter Blackett on your bond to Anthony Hunter since assigned to Sir Walter, that he ordered Messrs Widdrington & Co to write you: hoping their Letter would occasion the payment of this Debt; which I am sorry it has not done. As Sir Walter is unwilling to put you to Expence, I give you this further Notice, that if you do not pay me, without delay, the Eighty pounds remaining unpaid of the principal of the said bond; & also the sun of Fifty five pounds ten shillings for interest due from the Commencement of the said bond to this time, You must not be surprised if you meet with trouble for the Neglect. I am etc HR

**4 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir I think the Tithers are wrong in expecting that Sir Walter should try the Matter between them and Thomas Little of pryor thorns about his defrauding them of the Tithe of Lamb & Wool; by driving his Sheep, just against tithing time, into a place that has been deemed tithe free. Little does not, as I understand You, dispute their right to Tithe on Anick fell, only evades the payment by the removal. And this Evasion, I think, Sir Walter cannot reasonably be required to prosecute him for – it is the Tithers own affair. As to Little's refusing to pay his Easter Offerings, I shall take Sir Walter's directions about it as soon as I see him; in the meantime I think it would be right for you to speak to him (I mean Little) & tell him he will certainly be put to trouble if he does not pay these dues.

I will look into my papers, tho' I do not remember having any Opinion about paving your Markett place: pray by whom has it been repaired hitherto? I should be glad to know whether S[i]r Walter has done it. I am etc HR

**5 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq in Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of Thomas Pearson's Indictment of Edward Milburn for obstructing the highway leading from Slatyford to Denton bridge on the Carlisle Road, in that part of the said highway called Silverhill. The Evidence Mr Pearson has to support his Case as I understand is only his own Oath of the Obstruction and the testimony I sent you of the several old people as to its being a highway. I cannot procure you a brief in the Cause, as only Attorneys are pleaders at our sessions. I waited upon Mr Shafto as you directed, who desired his Compliments – said he should be sorry to have any difference with you – that he would examine his Witnesses & would

then be better able to judge of his right to the Way, which he understood to be a private one. I have not heard further from him, but Mr Pearson tells me to day that he has had notice served ~~to~~ upon him of Tryal at our next sessions, on Wednesday se'[ve]night. You will please to let me know in what proportion or in what manner you intend to contribute towards Mr Pearson's Expen<sup>ce</sup> that I may know how to conduct myself. Inclosed also, for your approbation, is a Copy of the Article signed by Thomas Harle & Wm Cramlington for letting to them the freestone quarry in the North Oxpasture. Mr Cramlington is a very sufficient Security for such an undertaking & with two Cutters no great consumption can be made of the Stone, especially as you have it your power at the End of any three years to determine the Contract. As to the price of 2d <.> a fother which Mr Cramlington paid for the Stones got last year at this Quarry, it is as high as is usually paid here for such stones by the fother, which contains only about 17 hund[re]d weight & is not above half the weight of a Cubic Yard.

Mr King does not yet offer to pay his rent tho I have sent to & spoke to him about it – he says he wrote you for forbearance and is to pay you interest for it. P.S. Your Clerk directed your last Letter For Mr Henry Richmond to the care of Sir Wr Blackett M.P. in Newcastle – so I paid six pence. I think you mist [missed] a good purchase in not giving the money Sir Walter asked for his Estate at Kenton – one of the farms is advanced £20 a year, & others will advance when the Leases are out, I make no doubt.

I think I mentioned formerly that Mr Pearson's Attorney is one Mr Adams of Alnwick, who is a Man of Ability, but whom I have not yet spokke to about this business, waiting your more particular directions. I have only told Mr Pearson you will contribute something towards his Expen<sup>ce</sup>. I am etc HR

**8 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Brown at Cambo near Wallington

Newca[stle] 8<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett desires you will give timely and proper Notice to the Commisioners of the Alemouth road for a meeting to be held at Hexham on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month, to consider of building a Bridge over the Tyne: and if then found expedient to enter into an Agreement for building a Bridge over the Tyne near that Town & about other Special Affairs. I am etc HR

**17 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Teasdale White**

To Mr Teasdale White at Humshaugh near Hexham

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir The Answer w[hi]ch I have received from Mr Lowes to the Letter I wrote you is not satisfactory to Sir Walter Blackett: & he hath ordered the Matter to be put into the hands of Messrs Widdrington & Richmond; so I can say no more but that I am etc HR

**17 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Robert Lowes**

To Mr Robert Lowes Attorney at Law in Hexham

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir I received the favour of your Letter in answer to one that I had written to Mr Teasdale White: but the Contents of it not being satisfactory to Sir Walter Blackett, to whom I have

communicated it, he has put the Matter between Mr White & him into the hands of Messrs Widdrington & Richmond. I am etc HR

**17 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq in Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir That part of your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant which related to East Kenton I communicated to Sir Wm Blackett and he agrees to let you have that Estate, and the undivided half of the Colliery belonging to it, for Twenty four Thousand pounds of which £10000 to be paid in Money in Newcastle on the 18<sup>th</sup> Novr next, or by good bills due & payable in London on that day: & the rest of the Money to remain in your hands on security of the Estate at 4 p[er] Cent[u]m This Estate is mortgaged for £14000 to two Gentlemen in London, who will concur in the Conveyance; & Sir Walter desires you will favour me with an Answer to this Letter in a post or two that he may write to Mr Darwin of London about this business; if it is to be proceeded in. Mr Pearson tells me he has lost his Cause about the road, which he says is adjudged to be a private one: but I expect to have a more particular Account from his Attorney in a few posts. I am etc HR

**18 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wm Blackett Bt at Hexham

Newcastle 18 July 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Newton says no opinion can be formed of the reasonable or Unreasonableness of Mr Gotts estimate without first knowing the quality of the stone, the distance of the quarry & the price of leading: & seeing the plan & the place where the bridge is to be built. So he comes to take your directions as to the informing himself of these particulars. The Wood at Kenton stands all in the hedge rows, except for some tall but slender trees in the two Nurseries & a few in the Yards: & has not been taken Notice of in the sev[er]al valuations that have from time to time been made of this Estate, further than as an Ornam[en]t or Shelter to it. Whether the value of such part of this wood as can properly be cut is considerable, I cannot judge. I wish Mr Wray was well enough to give his opinion of it. If he is not I shall endeavour, if you please, to get it valued, that you may know what it amounts to. I am sorry I wrote to Mr Wilson last night, agreeable to what passed at Wallington – tho considering how often this Estate has been offered for Sale & the backwardness of people about it It does not look as if it were cheap at £24000. I am etc HR

**25 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Hutchinson**

To William Hutchinson Esq at Eggleston near Barnard Castle

Newcastle 25<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir Upon coming to this Town Yesterday I found the favour of yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant of the same Tenour with one which I received when abroad from another Gentleman of your Name. The Matter you mention was referred to Arbitrators sometime since but was not settled or any Arbitration made, but broke off unfinished, & upon Advice and Consideration I do not apprehend the Usage of Law requires or that in reason I should produce Memorandums or Supposed Evidence at the instance of persons interested in supporting a Claim against the

Bishop of Durham and the Land holders in Wolsingham whose claim naturally and Equitably (in such manner as the Law will allow) I ought to support, and must rather be look't upon as a party connected with them in this point than voluntarily & officiously to produce papers or persons of supposed Evidence against their claim & I think you will upon reflection not only excuse my not complying with your request but be of opinion that I act with propriety; & you will also do me justice to believe that if I was not of that opinion I should readily comply with a request from you, being etc Wr Blackett

**26 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Nicholas Hallhead**

To Nichs Halhead Esq at Auckland

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir I was at Durham yesterday by Sir Wr Blacketts directions to wait upon you, & acquaint you of an application which had been made to him by Mr Hutchinson of Eggleston for some papers relating to the disputed grounds at Fleakbridge which he wanted Sir Walter to produce before the Arbitrators for the Division of Wolsingham Common. Sir Walter has declined doing a Thing of that Nature, being on the Contrary ready to concus with any Measures that his L[or]dship and the Land holders of Wolsingham shall think adviseable, for supporting their claim to this part of the Common.

Not meeting with you at Durham I waited upon Mr Wilkinson & Mr Johnson; to whom I beg leave to refer you for the particulars of what I had further to say to you. I am etc HR

**26 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Wallington

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Halhead was abroad, but I saw Mr Wilkinson and Mr Johnson; the former knew little or nothing of the dispute; but I acquainted him of the whole, & he thought if I was subpoenaed I sould bring the papers and hear what the Arbitrators had to say to me, but not produce them or answer any questions till I took advice. I found Mr Johnson was perfectly master of the Case and had taken a good deal of pains about it, in searching for Evidence and Acts of Ownership for the Bishop & the Wolsingham people; but he said he had obtained nothing of consequence and that the long Enjoyment of Fleakbridge groves would in his opinion satisfy the Arbitrators, that the ground in question, or most of it, belonged to Mr Hutchinson. He said he was very sensible and so was Mr Halhead, from the papers he had got from your office & had communicated to him that you had done all that could be expected from you in the dispute about that grove. He thought as Mr Wilkinson did as to the Subpoena. I have wrote to Mr Halhead, acquainting him that I had come to Durham by your directions; to wait upon him about this matter & have referred him to Mr Wilkinson & Mr Johnson for the particulars. P.S. Inclosed is Mr Walker's Lre who Mr Aubone says is a Quaker; and that the direction to him is to Captn John Walker at Whitby. I have no letter yet from Mr Wilson so shall write to him next post. I am etc HR

**27 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq in Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 27<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of a Letter from Mr Pearson's Attorney containing the particulars of the tryal about the Way thro' Silverhill; which the Justices have determined to be No highway. I wrote you on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant in reply to your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>, about Sir Walter's part of Kenton: & by his directions I now beg to know whether you agree to the terms upon which he then offered you that Estate. I am etc HR

**28 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Brown**

To Mr Richard Brown at Kirkharle

Newcastle 28<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir I have to write to Mr Darwin soon, & shall be obliged to you for an Answer as to Michl Archers Bond to Mr Robson for £18 10s 0d; which Mr Darwin says was only given Mr Robson in Trust for Mr Denton & him. & that he has a Letter from Mr Robson explaining this Matter, which he will send down to me, if you desire to see it before you deliver up that Bond. I am etc HR

**28 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Wallington

Newcastle 28<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I wrote to Mr Wilson last post and desired an imediate Answer, but did not fix a day. If I do not hear from him by Frydays post, at farthest, I shall write again and fix a short day for a definitive Answer. Mr Turner's taking a List of the plate at Wallington & writing me at the foot of it that he has received such plate from Mr Liddell will enable me to settle the rest when he comes to Newcastle; & to give him up his Schedule which was signed by him when he entered.

I shall take care to furnish Mr Bell with the Money & papers necessary for his Journey to Berwick. I am etc HR

**30 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle 30<sup>th</sup> July 1767

Sir I expect Mr John Bell and Mr Geo Brown will be at Tweedmouth on Tuesday next in the Evening to examine & measure the work done at the pittmen's houses for Mr Wray is not well enough to come. You may pay Mr Bell the half Years rent for the Colliery; and you may acquaint any of the other Tenants that they may pay their rents to him, particularly John Anderson.

Such work as is finished according to the Contracts, Mr Bell will I hope be able to settle, if Notes are ready for the same & are found right by him. I am etc HR

**31 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq in Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 31<sup>st</sup> July 1767

Sir I wrote you on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant in answer to your Lre of the 12<sup>th</sup> upon what terms Sir Wr Blackett would let you have his part of Kenton. Sir Walter expected to have had an Answer before this whether you agreed to those terms and he now bids me write you that unless he has a clear Definitive Answer that you will take this Estate upon those terms & that unless such Answer comes to my hands before this day Se'[ven]night he will not look upon himself as any way tied by the offer made You in that Letter of mine of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant. I am etc HR  
P.S. The Rheumatism has swell'd my right hand so that my Clerk writes this letter for me.

**31 July 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> July 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir The Rheumatism which has been flying about me for sometime has at last swelled my right hand, so that I employ Cuth Peart to write this for me. As the pain is over I hope I may get to Wallington on Monday – but if not then, I will come as soon after as I possibly can – I will take Care to settle with Mr Liddell and get an Acco[un]t of the Cellars. I have wrote to Mr Wilson for a Definitive Answer before this day Se'[ven]night. I am etc HR  
P.S. Please to let me know whether I am to pay Mr Liddell his Wages at the rate of £31 10s 0d or £50 since Mr Robson's Death

**4 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir Sir Walter intends to have a meeting of You, Mr Westgarth & Mr Maughan at Hexham in a little time of which I shall give you Notice as soon as he fixes the day; in the mean time you are to be considering the State of the Groves under your Management & how to lessen the Expencc of them. I am etc HR

**4 Aug 1767 File note from Henry Richmond**

1767 Augst 4<sup>th</sup>. Wrote Mr Maughan & Mr Westgarth to the same purpose as the above. HR

**4 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir I believe I have received two or three Letters from You since I wrote last, but having nothing Material to say deferred writing till now. Sometime ago I paid Mr Richard Brown Ex[ecu]tor of Mr Robson the sum of Six pounds being the Balance of the Acco[un]t between him and you & inclosed is the said Acco[un]t settled & signed by him as you desired. As this was done before I received your last Letter I think it best to return you your Letter to Mr Brown which came inclosed in it as you therein mention the said £6 as not yet paid him. The Direction to him is at Kirkharle near Newcastle. I have been expecting from time to time and Answer from Mr Brown about Archers Bond which at last he told me he had found & would send me soon; but it is not yet come.



I have received back from you Mr Johnsons receipt for Sir Wrs Costs about Woodcroft, and also a receipt for Crosby's Acc[oun]t sent & shall speak to Mr Greenwell the first time I meet with him.

I have been laid off writing for some Days by the rheumatism in my right hand and if I can set my Name to this Letter it will be as much as I'm able to do, tho' I am now a good Deal better of It.

I am etc      HR

**4 Aug 1767    From Henry Richmond to John Simpson**

To John Simpson Esq at Bradley

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir I understand that you have an old survey of Winlaton Lordship taken in Mr Anderson's time; if you have such a Thing or any old plan of that Manor a Sight of it any time this week would be of Service to Sir Wr Blackett and if it is at Bradley I will do myself the pleasure of waiting upon you any time this week that you will appoint & am etc      HR

**6 Aug 1767    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 6 Augst 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Col[one]l Maddison esqr commanding officer; but he happens to dine at Shields today. I have sent a Card to invite him & the Corps on Monday & Evans will wait his coming home this Evening & get an answer to it, w[hi]ch I will acquaint you of in a postscript. the Cook should come here tomorrow night. I have settled with Mr Liddell, and inclosed are the Schedules of the plate, w[hi]ch you sent me.

Inclosed is a Letter w[hi]ch I received by this days post from Mr Wilson in answer to the offer made him of East Kenton for £24000; of which £10000 to be p[ai]d on 18 Nov next & the rest to continue in his hand under the Mortgage; w[hi]ch he says he agrees to. I saw Mr Forster of Laverick hall on Tuesday who seems to be a sensible active healthy Man, tho inclined to fat: he took till to day to consider with his family about offering himself to your service, exclusive of all other employm[en]ts, at £100 a y[ea]r & has been with me this Evening to tell me he will wait upon you when you please, in order to see whether you will accept of him. I have told him you will be in town on Monday & he proposes to be here at that time I am etc      HR

P.S. <7th> day inclosed is Col Maddison's Card that he & the Officers will wait upon you on Monday – there will be Ten of them, but I can't get their Names till tomorrow. The Mayor, the Sherif & the Vicar will wait upon You.

**8 Aug 1767    From Henry Richmond to Matthew Newton**

To Mr Matt Newton at Burnopfield

Newca[stle] 8<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir I have this day received from Mr Robert Smith of Unthank near Berwick a Bill for Sixty pounds drawn by him on Messrs Samuel & Matt Newton of Burnop Field dated the 6<sup>th</sup> instant & payable to me or order twenty days after date. I beg you will favour me with a Line by the Bearer whether you will pay this Bill on its becoming due & am etc      HR

**9 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir In Answer to the postscript of your Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instt wherein you say that "You hope for Indulgence in the Arrangement of the payment of the Money" you are to give for East Kenton Sir Walter Blackett bids me give his Compliments to you and acquaint you that he has sold you that Estate very cheap and that his reason for doing so was an Engagement he is under to raise £10000 against the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr; so that he must expect your Answer by the return of the post agreeing absolutely to this condition of the sale and then he will write to Mr Darwin of Greys Inn to assist any Agent of your's in London in settling the Conveyance of that Estate. The Writings of which are all there. I am etc HR

**9 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr William Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir Sir Walter Blackett desires as soon as you can get an Opportunity (the sooner the better) you will go to Rock which is about 4 Miles from Alnwick & enquire for L<sup>or</sup>d Jerseys Steward who will Shew you a vein of Lead Ore about which His Lordship desires Sir Wr would get him the Opinion of some able miner & Sir Walter being desirous of obliging his L<sup>or</sup>ds[hip] would be glad if you would take a view and give him (I mean Sir Walter) your opinion of it & upon what terms it should be let with any other particulars that may occur to you relating to it. I am etc HR

**10 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Bates**

To Mr Bates at Matfin

Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir I am told Sir Edward Blackett has an Old Survey of Winlaton Lordship; if such a Thing is at Matfin & you can let me have it by the Bearer it will be of great service to Sir Walter Blackett in a Cause to be tryed at Durham Assizes this Week. I am etc HR

**11 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Robert Smith**

To Mr Robert Smith at Unthank Coll[ie]ry  
near Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir The bill which you sent me on Messrs Samuel & Matt Newton for Sixty pounds, & for which Mr Jno Bell gave you his receipt, is refused acceptance; I desire therefore to know what you would have done with with it and that you will contrive some way to remit me the value of it. for I have no body to send in the Country to Solicit the payment of bills. I am etc HR

**11 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir I received Yesterday by the Carrier two pieces of Silver one weighing Five hundred & Eighty eight ounces & a half, & the other Four hundred & forty three ounces. I should be glad to know how there happens to be so great a difference in the Yielding of the two Quantities of Coalcleugh to Lead of nearly the same weight. I am etc HR

**12 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir Inclosed is Michl Archer's bond for £18 10s 0d which I have got from Mr Robson's Executor.

Inclosed also is a Letter from Mr John Bell about Hexham East Boat Rake which Sir Walter bids me send you that you may consider of the Alteration he proposes to have made in the Articles for the purchase of it. As to what he says of two Boats I should suppose it best to insert general Words that will convey them both; for tho' there might originally have been but one within the bounds described Yet he says there now are two. Sir Walter understands he is not to pay the £1200 till after the last Arch of the bridge is finished and that the receipt for the Money is Then to be taken on the back of these Articles, & desires to know whether he apprehends this matter right.

Sir Walter bids me write you that he expects a definitive Answer in a post or two from Mr Wilson about East Kenton and therefore would not have you insert the Advertisement about Money till further Consideration. As it seems likely Mr Wilson will take this Estate and as if he does £10000 of the purchase money is to be paid on the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr next & the rest, i.e. £14000 is to remain in Mr Wilson's hand under the present mortgage Sir Walter would have you be considering how to expedite the conveyance as much as possible that no disappointment may happen in the payment of the money. I am etc HR

P.S. I have received of Mr Greenwell Three pounds nine shillings and four pence for Roger Crosby's receipt and placed the same to your Acco[un]t. He says he will consider & give me an Ans[we]r about purchasing this Out Rent; w[hi]ch I suppose Crosby can make a title to: tho' I see it is entailed.

**15 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett has agreed with Mr Wilson of Leeds for the Sale of East Kenton Estate for £24000, the Writings to be ready for Execution on or before the 18<sup>th</sup> of Novemr next, and £10000 part of the purchase money to be then paid to Sir Walter and the rest to remain in Mr Wilson's hand under the present Mortgage, if the Mortgagees choose it; which is what Mr Wilson desires to know. Mr Wilson also desires the Title may be communicated to Joseph Banks of Lincolns Inn Esq and Sir Walter bids me write you to do so; as it will save sending things backwards & forwards. I am etc HR

**15 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq in Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir Sir Walter Blackett, agreeable to what I wrote you on the 17<sup>th</sup> July last relies upon the payment of the £10000 on the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr next either in money in Newcastle or in Bank or other good bills due and payable in London upon that day, having as I mentioned in my last Letter a Sum to raise against that very day.

As to the Mortgagees of the £14000 Sir Walter does not know any thing to the Contrary but that they will continue the Money on the Security of the Estate. He has ordered me to write to Mr Darwin, and I have done it by this post, to communicate the Title of the Estate to Joseph Banks Esq of Lincolns Inn, as you desired. The rents of the Estate are all payable half yearly, at Martin[mas]s & Mayd[a]y. I suppose the present Articles & Leases are to be taken Notice of in the Conveyance Deed. I am etc HR

**18 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newcastle the 18<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir Sir Walter Blackett would have the Judges accomodated when they come to Hexham with the Beds at the Abbey as they have been for two or three Years past and desires you will give Orders for the rooms & Beds & Linnen to be aired for them & that on their Arrival you will wait upon them with his Compliments & acquaint them that he will be glad if They & a Couple of Servants will lodge at the Abbey – that there is no family there, so that good Beds is all he can offer their Lordships. Sir Walter thinks if Peter Bell's Daughter, or any other you approve of, could be got to assist the old Folks it would be right. Sir Walter desires you will speak to Mr Wray, or if not at home write to him for the key of the Closet in the Stewards room at Wallington and when you have got it you will seal it up & send it him.

The bill you send me is refused Acceptance; of which I wrote Mr Smith, and he desires me to keep it, and says when it is due that he will send somebody with the Value of it. I am etc HR

**22 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths, Foster Lane London

Newcastle 22d Augst 1767

Gentlemen I sent you Yesterday two pieces of fine Silver by David Jackson the London Carrier, the Weight of them as below. I desire you will place them to Acco[un]t as usual with Sir Walter Blackett at the Markett price, & advise me of your receipt of them.

I have this day drawn two bills on You, one for Two hundred & twenty pounds payable to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order twenty days after this date & the other for Two hundred and Eighty pounds payable also to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order Thirty days after this date, which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett. I am etc HR

a p[iece] Silver qty 558 oz at p[er] oz

a p[iece] Do qty 443 at do  
1031 oz

**22 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newcastle 22d Augst 1767

Sir Inclosed are two bills, one for two hundred & twenty pounds on Acco[un]t of the quarterly payments made or to be made by you in London for Sir Wr Blackett between 30<sup>th</sup> June last & 30<sup>th</sup> Septemr next and I desire you will place the Same to his Acco[un]t and send me a receipt as usual to be a Voucher to my Acco[un]t with him. The other Bill is to enable you to pay Viner & Glover's & also Sambrooke's intrest of their Mortgage on Kenton due 27<sup>th</sup> of next month and in the meantime you will please to place it to my Credit in our new Acco[un]t and advise me of the receipt of it – to the same Acco[un]t you will also please to carry the Two pounds ten shillings & Eight pence which is the balance of our old Acco[un]t; a duplicate of which I have signed and do return you herewith inclosed.

I shall send you under another Cover by this post the Draught of the Articles of Agreement for the purchase of Hexham East Ferry boat.

Sir Walter desires you will do every Thing you can to forward the Conveyance of Kenton against the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr next, & adjust with Mr Banks the several Matters mentioned in your last Letter to me. P.S. I find I cannot send you the Draught of the Articles about the Ferry boat as I mentioned above. I have seen Mr Ord about it, but Sir Walter is gone out of Town so the matter must remain till I have further directions from Sr Walter. I am etc HR

Newcastle 22d Augst 1767 £220.0.0

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order The Sum of Two hundred & twenty pounds value received & place the same to Acco[un]t as by Advice from Henry Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcastle 22d Augst 1767 £280.0.0

Thirty days after date pay to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the sum of Two hundred & Eighty pounds value received & place the same to Acco[un]t as by Advice from Henry Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

**23 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 23d Augst 1767

Sir Inclosed is a Letter I received from Mr Darwin which Sir Walter Blackett desired me to send you and which after you have perused I desire you will please to return to me.

I have wrote to Mr Darwin by Sr Wrs directions to acquaint Mr Banks with the particulars contained in this Letter of his and to do every Thing in his power to forward the Conveyance of the Estate to you against the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr next..

I hear nothing yet from Mr Joseph King. I am etc HR

**23 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 23d Augst 1767

Sir Yesterday I saw Mrs Jurins old Admittances in 1616 & 1654 and it appears from them that the Boathouse & Chamber's Close and Appart[ment]s are held under the rent of 2s a year and that the Ferry boat or Boat rake are held at 10s a year. so I apprehend they are distinct things. Sir Walter says he agreed for no more than the Ferry or Boat rake; so he thinks he has not any right

to the Materials belonging to the Boat as mentioned in your Lre to him or the 11<sup>th</sup> instt; and as to the old records touching the Boat being delivered up, as they relate I see to other Matters besides the Boat I doubt we cannot have them But if you have no Copies of them at Hexham it will certainly be right to have attested Copies of them taken before the writings are settled and this is all I fancy we shall be intitled to.

As to there being two Boats Mr Ord says they might under the Grant have employed two Boats or twenty if they pleased. but that if Mrs Jurin and the others interested sell the Boat rake within the Limits described in the Admittances all the Boats pass of Course.

If any material objection to what I have here said occurs to you I should be glad to hear from you by Tuesdays post about it, as Sir Wr has bid me write to Mr Darwin to get the Articles engrossed, which I shall put off doing till that day.

I suppose you are clear that there is not any Custom in your Manor to examine the <Fine> Coverts out of the Manor by deputation from the Steward or Bailiff.

I thank you for receiving the instr[uction]s of Mr White & inclosed is a receipt, which you will please to give him for it. if you have not an opportunity of sending the Money before the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month I may happen then to receive it of you myself, as I expect to be on that day at Hexham. I am etc HR

**24 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir I desire you will send a person on purpose to Allanheads with the inclosed Letter, and that you will let me know when you have done so.

As the Kilhope Ore it must be got away, and if you cannot get it to Dukesfield, it must go, (I mean what there is of it more than about 1200 bings) to Rookhope Mill. to be sure if the Quakers Co have advanced their price people will give them the preference; and there is no help for it, but our giving as much as them; but this I must leave to your Discretion who know all Circumstances and can judge better than I can how to proportion the Advance. You will let me know what you find necessary in this Matter. P.S. I hope the Allanheads Lead is coming from the Mill briskly - & what you get away will I hope be forwarded to Blaydon directly and not lye in the Way all the Winter. I am etc HR

**24 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir Sir Walter desires you will be at Hexham on Sunday Evening the 6<sup>th</sup> next Month, that he may have some talk with you about your Mines the next Morning.

I desire you will send the inclosed Letters to Mr Maughan & Mr Westgarth by persons you can depend upon & am etc HR

**24 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr W Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newca[stle] 24 Augst 1767



Sir Sir Walter desires to see you at Hexham on Monday Morning the 7<sup>th</sup> of next Month, to have some talk with you about your Mines. so you will come thither on Sunday Evening the 6<sup>th</sup> where I hope to meet you. and if before that you can view Lord Jersey's Leadmine it will be agreeable to Sir Walter to receive your report about it at that time. I am etc HR

**24 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse Weardale

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir, Sir Walter desires you will be at Hexham on Sunday Evening the 6<sup>th</sup> of next Month; that he may have some talk with you about your Mines in the Morning. I hope to meet you there and in the mean time am etc HR

**27 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Wallington

Newca[stle] 27<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir, I will write to Mr Wilson that you will be here from Fryday Evening the 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday noon the 6<sup>th</sup> of next Month & desire an Answer by the return of the post, and when I get it will send it to Wallington. I will write by Frydays post to Mr Bell to come to Wallington on Sunday; and if my coming will be any Service, I will do it when you please. So far as I have conversed with Mr Forster he seems a sensible man, and the Acco[un]t given of him by others is consonant to it; and therefore I hope when he is initiated & resident he will be able to adjust all matters at Wallington to your Satisfaction. Mr Wm Brown told me he would be at Wallington on Wednesday next and give full instructions about Rothley Colliery. My Brother told me sometime ago, when I mentioned to him that Mr Curry's wife was a likely person to give some Information about the Smiths family, that she could not give any Acco[un]t of the persons he was enquiring after.

I am very sorry you are not so well as when you were here. I hear the Mayor is ill of the Gout, or some other Disorder in his Bowels; tho' I hope in no hazardous way. I am etc HR

**28 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett is now at Wallington but I sent him your Letter and he will be glad to see you here any time between Fryday Evening the 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Noon the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month; after that He and I are obliged to be at Hexham for some days. You will please to favor me with a Line by the return of the post, that I may acquaint Sir Walter whether you propose to be here against that time; as he will come on purpose to meet you, if he comes then.

Mr King has paid me his rent to day; so inclosed are two parts of my Acco[un]t of your half Year's rents of West Kenton due Martin[ma]s last; and also Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Two hundred & Eighty two pounds Eight shillings & four pence for the balance of it. You will please to advise me of your receipt of this bill by the return of the post, and return a part of the Acco[un]t signed by you, & mention the receiving Mrs Headlam's receipt, which is also here inclosed. I shall be glad to see you in Newcastle & am etc HR

£282. 8. 4. Newcastle Bank 28<sup>th</sup> Augst 1767

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond

Two hundred & Eighty two pounds, Eight shillings & four pence value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

Jos Saint.

Pay the Contents to Richd Wilson Esq or order value in account Hen Richmond.

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London.

No 20236

**28 Aug 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] the 28 Augst 1767 Fryday

Sir Sir Walter writes me that he would be glad to see you at Wallington on Sunday Evening next.

As I am to be at Hexham on Sunday se'[ven]night I could wish to meet with Mr Wray there that Evening or on Monday, to put him in some way of settling his Acco[un]t with Sir Walter; which he must now be thinking of doing. if he is at Hexham I desire you will tell him so, and if he is abroad it would be right, I think, to send him a Line about it; that he may if he conveniently can, meet me there. I am etc HR

**18 Sept 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 18 Sepr 1767

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of the Articles of Agreement between Sir Walter Blackett and Mr Wilson for the Sale of Kenton: and to expedite Matters as much as possible against the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr next, when the Money is to be paid, I have given Mr Wilson the Abstracts which I had of the title Deeds of the Estate and told him that you could furnish him with all that is subsequent to those Abstracts; which I had from Mr Denton. Sir Walter desires, as I wrote you before, that you will do all you can towards getting the writings done against the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr, for Mr Wilson will then pay the Money upon Sir Wrs giving a receipt for it on the back of the Articles, & I suppose he will from that time enter into possession of the Estate.

Mr Green will give no more than £100 for Crosby's rent charge. I am etc HR

**20 Sept 1767 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1767

Mr Maughan, The inclosed three papers were brought to me at Wallington by Mr John Wallis of Westgate; and I desire you will return them to him with your own hand and at the same time give him the following Answer as to the demand of damages for working in East Black Dean pasture viz That it appears by an Examination of old Witnesses upon Oath One hundred and Thirty Years ago that the Moor masters had had, for time immemorial, a right of working the Leadmines in any of the Wastes, Fells or stinted pastures in Weardale without making any Satisfaction for damages done thereby. this power of Moor Master I hold by Lease under the

Bishop of Durham & Black Dean pasture falls within the Description of the exemption and therefore I shall not pay damages for working in that pasture. I am etc   Wr Blackett

**22 Sept 1767   From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 22d Sepr 1767

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of Mr Fawcetts opinion upon the Case you sent me concerning the Method of Tithing the Corn on Hexham Common; from which it is plain that Mr Dazie, and those who are following his Example are running into an Error. but which I hope they will not persist in: because Sir Walter Blackett will think himself obliged to Support the Custom of Tithing by the Stook as it has Subsisted time immemorially in the parish of Hexham and indeed in almost every other parish in the Kingdom. I am etc   HR

**29 Sept 1767   From Henry Richmond to Robert Mulcaster**

To Mr Robt Mulcaster at Blaydon

Newca[stle] 29<sup>th</sup> Septemr 1767

Sir I shall be busy on Thursday Morning therefore wish you would bring the Silver to morrow or put it off till Fryday.

I desire you will give Sir Wrs Compliments to Mr Geo Dunn of Blaydon, who has purchased Messrs Dalton's half of Acomb; and acquaint him that the new Bridge intended to be built at Hexham will abut upon his and Captain Davison's Estate there and a piece of new road, to be made, will also be laid thro' it; and some damage will unavoidably be done therein by leading the Material for the Bridge. But that case will be taken by the Commissioners of the Alnmouth road, who have full powers by the Act of Parliament, to make a reasonable Satisfaction for what damage shall be done. I am etc   HR

**29 Sept 1767   From Henry Richmond to Robert Smith**

To Mr Robert Smith at Unthank Coll[ie]ry near Berwick

Newca[stle] 29<sup>th</sup> Septemr 1767

Sir I have never been used to such a Want of punctuality in Case of Bills as I have met with in the bill you sent me by Mr Jno Bell.

I desire to have the Value of it without further delay & am etc   HR

**7 Oct 1767   From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett has executed the Deeds relating to Mr Midford; which according to your Letter of 29 Augst last will be kept in Sir Wrs possession till the recovery you mention is suffered: which I suppose will enable Mr Midford to reconvey the Estate at Green Leighton back again; for it appears to me that at present Mr Midford has no power by these deeds to part with the Estate it being sold "To the use of him and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully to be begotten and for default of such Issue to the right heirs of the Testator Michl Midford for ever"

& I should be glad to have it explained whether and how the proposed recovery is to give Mr Midford an absolute power of the Estate so as to reinstate Sir Wr in it in as full and clear a manner as he was before the executing of these Deeds & Sir Wr desires to know whether his will must not be some how altered or reexecuted on Acco[un]t of this transaction. You will let me know when it will be necessary for me to make the Affidavit about the Execution of these Deeds. I am etc HR

**8 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Robert Smith**

To Mr Robert Smith at Unthank Coll[ie]ry  
near Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 8<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir I am ordered to acquaint you that the Sixty pounds, which is the Value of the bill you sent me on Messrs Newton, must be paid me without further delay or else you must blame yourself for any disagreeable consequence. I am etc HR

**9 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir, Sir Walter is not here at present, but if when he was at Hexham he thought, for the reasons you mention, that the Head Court dinner should be at the old house I think you may without waiting for further direction give Notice to the people to provide for it and order the Wine as usual.

You shall hear from me about Mr Wilson's Lease as soon as I see Mr William Brown to whom Mr Wilson left it to fix the contents of the fother at Stublock Colliery. but as to the Lease being ready against the 15<sup>th</sup> inst I think there is no likelihood of it.

I shall write you soon about Redburn.

The Leadmine pays will be about the latter End of this month, against when I hope you will be able to furnish me with some Money, and a good deal of it in Silver and that you will come with it and go to the pays along with me. When the days are fixt I will let you know. In the mean time I am etc HR

**9 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett is inclined to let Robt Allgood the farm at Redburn which Pringle and he had in partnership. I suppose Mr Pringle intends to keep nothing but sheep upon it, if he gets it, and should be glad to have your opinion whether this would not be a prejudice to Sir Wr with regard to the Ore and Lead Carriage: for Pringle it appears by your Acco[un]t, has kept a number of horses for that business.

I don't imagine Pringle is able to manage the whole farm or to give Sir Wr sufficient security for the rent of it and doubt it will be difficult to meet with any that will keep horses there as Pringle has done; so that I fancy it will be let to Mr Allgood unless any material objection occurs to you. You will let me have an Answer hereto as soon as you can. P.S. I have received the p[ie]ce of Silver by the Carrier which weighs 295 <.> oz so that the Lead of Kilhope ore will bear

smelting. You should compare your Delivery of Lead from the Several Mills with Mr Reynaldson's receipt at Blaydon: that any Deficiency may now be inquired after, while the Ways are passable and I think no more should be delivered from this time. I am etc HR

**13 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 13<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir Inclosed is an Advertisement which Sr Wr Blackett and Mr Ridley desire you will get inserted in the daily Gazetteer and St James's Chronicle for one Week. I am etc HR

To the Gentlemen Clergy and Free Burgesses of Newcastle upon Tyne  
Gentlemen

The honour which was conferred upon us by the Free Burgesses present at the Guild held this day in unanimously approving of us as proper persons to represent you in the ensuing Parliament makes us hope for the approbation also of the rest of our Fellow Burgesses in again conferring that high Trust upon us which we shall take Care to execute with Diligence and Fidelity, We are with the utmost regard

Gentlemen Your much obliged and obedient humble servants

Wr Blackett

Matt Ridley

Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

**13 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Lowthian**

To Mrs Lowthian at Lady Loraines at Kirkharle

Newca[stle] 13<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Dear Sister Sir Walter Blackett has this day given directions for a Deed to be prepared, Granting you an Annuity of fifty pounds for your Life; to be payable quarterly: and my Brother John will get it ready against Sir Walter comes next to town, when it will be executed. I heartily rejoice at his goodness to you.

My Wife joyns with me in Love to you and in Compliments to Lady Loraine the Young Gentlemen Mrs Wood and Mr Clarkson.

~~P.S. Pray return our thanks to Lady Loraine for a fine Hare she was so good as send us.~~ I am etc HR

**20 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is Mr Paine's Letter and the drawing for the Cornice; which as it is to be executed in plaister Mr Lockley says must be all finished before his work can be put up. I have sent by the postman the Keys of the Office at Wallington and Mr Robson's Closet, lest they should be wanted before I can be at Liberty to come; being engaged in preparing for the pays, & expecting the Accounts and pay bills down every day. if you please, the Keys of the Office may be given to Mr Forster, and he may get it cleaned out, and have the Use of it immediately; there being nothing left in it that was thought of any Consequence.

Dr Fawcet desires his Compliments to you; he say's the Beadle's place is not yet disposed of, that there are several for it, but that his chief care is to find out a good Man – he says he will pay great regard to your recommendation and has desired me to enquire particularly into Bulmer's character. I have known him since 1741, and do not recollect any thing amiss in his behaviour. I am etc HR

**25 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is a Copy of Messrs Peareth & Cookson's Acco[un]t of your loss by Weardale Mines in the 16 yrs ending 31<sup>st</sup> Decemr 1765 and of your Gain by the two compositions in the same time. Robert Wilson who was recommended to you by Mr Cramlington for a Tideman's place will be thankfull for a Boatmans, which he is very fit for, being used to the Water business, as a Shipwright; but Mr Sunderland is abroad and will be so till Tuesday that I cannot learn whether the places are vacant that are mentioned in Collinson's petition.

Lawyer Wilson writes by this post to Sr Thos Wentworth, who is at Breton near Wakefield, about Mr Errington's request; and says that if Sr Thos agrees then a plan of the ground is to be drawn, and Arbitration bonds enter'd into and the Matter settled by an Award and by Sr Thos covenanting that if he ever comes into possession he will confirm the exchange by suffering a recovery at Mr Errington's expence. He says Mr Errington did not seem inclined to exchange the piece of ground adjoining Mr Harbottle's house; and that he thought Mr Errington was for transacting the Matter with an Accuracy that was improper where a favour was to be conferred. I acquainted Mr Mayor that you could not be in Town on Monday.

Nothing has passed between Mr Heron and me about Mr Bell since the Guild day; when he said he could never think of being Mr Ords deputy and accounting to him for the fees of the Courts – but talked as if he would be content to take the Deputy Clerks place and the Bailiffs together and give Mr Ord a certain sum annually. I tryed if he would offer two thirds of what the fees should be found to have amounted to annually but he said a half of them was enough and so the Matter was left till he saw Mr Bell and learnt what the Annual Average of them might be. I have not heard from Mr Bell nor had any talk with Mr Heron since that day but hoped something might have passed at Hexham. I am etc HR

**26 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 26 Octor 1767

Sir Inclosed are two bills, as above, for nine hundred and fifty five pounds. That for Four hundred and ninety five pounds is for Mr Savage's half Year's int[er]est due the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month and to be placed in the mean time to my Acco[un]t & advised of accordingly. The other for Four hundred & Sixty pounds is on Account of the quarterly payments which you have to make for Sir Wr Blackett to the 31<sup>st</sup> Decemr next and you will please to place it to his Account and send me the usual receipt for it. I don't doubt but you will get the int[er]est of the Mortgagees on Kenton discharged in time to save the additional intrest – the next payment to those Mortgagees will, I suppose, be made by Mr Wilson.

I have made the Affidavit of Sr Wrs execution of the Deeds for conveying Green Leighton Estate to Mr F Midford, pro tempore; & shall send it and the Lease and Release by the Fly



Coach and desire you will advise me on your receipt of it. I do not recollect any other expence that has been incurr'd here about this business but 4s.0d for Sadler's Affidavit and mine. I am etc HR

£495 Newcastle Bank 23d Octor 1767

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Four hundred & Ninety five pounds value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

Jos Saint

Pay the contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order value in Acco[un]t Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London

No 20587

Newcastle 26<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767 £460.0.0

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order the Sum of Four hundred & Sixty pounds value in Acco[un]t and place the same to Acco[un]t as by Advice from  
Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne

Goldsmiths in Foster Lane

London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths

Newcastle 26<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Foster Lane London

Gentlemen

I have this day drawn a bill on you for Four hundred & sixty pounds payable to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order twenty days after this day: which I desire you will accept and when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett Bt as usual. I am etc HR

### **27 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 27<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir Inclosed is Dr John Sharp's bill on Hoare & Co for Two hundred pounds; which Sir Wr Blackett desires me to send you to be placed to his Acco[un]t, and you will please to advise me that you have received it and placed it accordingly.

I have sent by the Fly Coach, which sets out to morrow, a box containing the deeds and my Affidavit relating to Sr Wrs loan of Green Leighton to Mr F Midford; which when you receive you will please to advise me of. I am etc HR

Hartburn Octor 23d 1767

Messrs

Thirty days after date hereof please to pay to Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t or order the sum of Two hundred pounds to be applied towards building a Bridge at Hexham; and place the same to Acco[un]t with the Trustees of Nathaniel late Lord Crewe by order of

Your Humble Servant

John Sharp

pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin of Greys Inn or Order

Wm Blackett

To Messrs Hoare & Co Bankers in Fleet Street London

**27 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] Tuesday 27 Octor 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I am very sorry that you are not well. I will come to Wallington to morrow morning by eleven o'Clock and stay till Thursday Morning: which, as the Acco[un]ts are not yet come from the Mines, I can do better to morrow than afterwards. I have sent Mr Darwin Dr Sharp's draught and desired him to place it to your Acco[un]t. I am etc HR

**30 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq Leeds

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir In so large a remittance I think as you do that it is right to guard against Accidents as much as possible and therefore have talked over with the Gentlemen of our Bank what you mention of paying your Money into the hands of Glyn and Hallifax which they have agreed to and upon your letting me know by return of the post that you will certainly do so they will empower Glyn and Hallifax to receive the £10000 for them and to draw a bill for it on them here payable at Sight to Sr Wr Blackett Bt or Order. This I suppose you will think safe as the Bank will not pay the money to any but me without particular directions. The Money should be paid into the hands of Glyn and Hallifax on or before the 13<sup>th</sup> of next month and then if their bill is sent down without Loss of time directed to Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t in Newcastle he will advise you or whom you please of the receipt of it. And this will enable me to receive the money of the Bank on the 18<sup>th</sup> as stipulated. I think there is not occasion for more than one bill for this money. You will please to let me hear from you by the return of the post and to direct your letter to me for the future under Cover To Sir Wr Blackett in Newcastle upon Tyne writing the word Free always under Tyne and then the Servant will know your Letters and prevent their travelling further. For they have taken it into their heads at the office at Weatherby to charge your Letters under a Notion that Sr Wrs residence is not at Newcastle & it is hardly worth troubling Sr Wr with a Complaint about it. I am etc HR

**30 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir I have fixed your pay to be on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of next month, so you will give Notice accordingly; and be here on Sunday Evening preceding, as usual; Receive the Money on Monday, go away on the Tuesday, and make your pay on the Wednesday and Allanheads on the day following.  
I am etc HR

1767 Octor 30<sup>th</sup> Wrote Mr Caleb Hunter and Mr Wm Westgarth to the Same Effect HR

**30 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Foster Lane London

Gentlemen I have sent you this day by Fryer Todd the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Six hundred & Sixty four Ounces; which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t as usual with Sr Wr Blackett at the Markett price and advice me on your receipt of it. I am etc  
HR

**30 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Hill**

To Mr Hill at Blackwell near Darlington

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir Sir Walter Blackett will be obliged to you if you will send him when it is convenient to you One dozen of hams & one dozen of Hog's Cheeks and he will pay you for them by any method that you please to order. I am etc HR

**30 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Octor 1767

Sir I have fixed the pays in manner following – the Stewards will be here on sunday Evening the 8<sup>th</sup> of next month, receive all their money on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> go to Weardale on the 10<sup>th</sup> make the pay there on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> and at Allanheads on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. So that what money you can spare will be very acceptable on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> as will also your company on Tuesday to go to Weardale with me. I am etc HR

**31 Oct 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> Octor 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Peareth has enquired after the younger Mr Bonnell & his Acco[un]t is that he lives with his Mother & Brother at Sunderland – is about 19 years of Age – has something genteel in his person & manner – behaves very well, & since his Master failed & they separated by Agreement, the Young man has applied himself to Writing, Arithmetic & Book keeping; and the person he learns with gives him a good Character & expects he will be fit for an Office or Shop against Christmas. But I find Mr Peareth does not think it will be easy to meet with an Employment for him in that way soon in Sunderland.

Mr Sunderland says that Mathew Adamson, Boatman at Howden panns, upon this Establishment, is dismissed; & that the first Lord of the Treasury is to be applyed for it.

Robert Wilson was the person that Mr Scott & Mr Cramlington recommended.

Ald[er]man Scafe is a good deal better & desires his Comp[limen]ts to you. I sent the five Guineas worth of Silver by Mr Forster yesterday. P.S. the pays will be the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of next month and the Stewards will be here for the Money on Monday Se've[n]night the 9<sup>th</sup>. The pay bills amount to £17290.18s.10d, Inclosed is a Copy of the Advertisement which was inserted in all the news papers for the Sale of the part of Fenwick which Sr Edwd Blackett has bought. The word messuage means the house Garth etc. But I have wrote to Mr Darwin for a Copy of the Deed of Sale to Sir Edward by which it will appear what he is to have. I am etc HR

**31 Oct 1767    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> Octor 1767

Sir If the Deeds relating to Sir Edward Blackett's purchase of the part of Fenwick Estate are still in your Custody I desire you will send me down a Copy of the Release, that we may be the better ascertained of what he is to enter to. For as Mr Armstrong and Mr Robson are both gone, I have been asked whether Sir Edwd is to have the houses, tho' I was no way concerned in the transaction; except about the Advertisem[en]ts, by which I see the Message was to be sold; and That I suppose means the houses, Garths etc.

I have wrote to Mr Hill for a dozen of hams & a dozen of cheeks for Sir Walter - and if he does not send for the Money hither I should be glad to know whether you will have any means of paying for them, as you have done before. I hope this will find you got well to London after your long vacation a part of which if you could have spent hereabouts it would have been very acceptable to etc    HR

**2 Nov 1767    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 2d Novr 1767

Sir I have received your Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o inclosing me Mr Glover's receipt for One hundred and forty pounds for his and Mr Viner's half Years intrest due 27<sup>th</sup> Septemr last from Sir Wr Blackett for their Mortgage on his Estate at Kenton and have given you Credit for the same in the Account between us. I am etc    HR

**3 Nov 1767    From Henry Richmond to William Hall**

To Mr William Hall in Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 3d Novr 1767

Sir Agreeable to your desire I have looked over the late Mr William Robsons Acco[un]ts and have found the £4 13s 0d mentioned in your Letter, charged by him in 1762; and expressed to be paid you for hay seeds got in 1761 for West Ord farm, & therefore make no doubt but he has done so, tho' I have not found your receipt for it. I am etc    HR

**3 Nov 1767    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 3d Novr 1767

Sir I have received your's inclosing me Mr Freeman's receipt for one hundred & forty pounds for the 1/2 yrs int[ere]st of Mrs Sambroke's Mortgage on Kenton due 27 Septemr last and have given your Acco[un]t Credit for the Same and have made you D[ebto]r for the 9s 0d on acco[un]t of F Midfords deeds.

Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you in answer to your Letter to him, about borrowing the £35000 of Mr Glover and his friend that he finds he will not have occasion for more than £30000 which he is willing to give 4 p[er] Cent[u]m for for seven years certain; if Sweethope Hawick and Green Leighton Estates are left out of the Mortgage; which they may very well be as the Rental of them amounts only to £385.0s.0d a Year and there will be above £3000 left as

security for £30000. Sir Walter says he does not chuse to give more than 5 p[er] Cent[u]m as procuration money in this affair.

P.S. Sir Wr says if Mr Glover agrees to lend the above Sum on those terms he would have you give Notice to Dr Blackett Mrs Frances Idle and Barnaby Darley to take in the money. And you will let me know of the Agreement that I may give Notice to some people here that Sir Wr would pay off. I am etc HR

*[in the margin]*

Sweethope	160
Hawick	85
Green Leighton	90
Leighton <Dike>head	<u>50</u> <u>140</u>
	<u>385</u>

#### 10 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Thomas Roxby has left his Cloaths and the Taylor is altering them for Jno Robinson who will come to Wallington as soon as they are done. Roxby says he is to have four Guineas in lieu of warning, which I do not remember you bid me pay him. You will please to give me directions about it. The Grove Stewards are gone with the Money & Mr Bell is gone with them. A Letter, which was to have come from Mr Wilson as Thursday last, about the payment of the money did not come till last post. I have been with the Bank to day about it and the Matter is now settled and the money will be paid here on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> on Glyn & Hallifax's bill being sent down to you, for £10000 which Mr Wilson will expect you to advise the receipt of by the return of the post. This Method, I think, I mentioned to you; but Mr Wilson's silence has suspended the Affair till now, as we did not know but he might chuse some other method of remitting the money. Mr Fenwick has fixed the meeting of the Trustees of the Ponteland road to be on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr Mayor talks of holding the Common Council on this day Se'[ven]night, but will let you know of a Certainty on Saturday or Sunday next. I am etc. HR

#### 14 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Brown

To Mr Richard Brown at Kirkharle

Newca[stle] 14<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Sir Inclosed is another Letter from Mr Hall of Berwick about the £4 13s 0d which Mr Robson has Charged in his Acco[un]t with Sr Walter Blackett as I shewed you but which Mr Hall says was never paid him. You will please to let me know what must be said further to him about it. p.s. I find he Compounded with his Creditors and has power to receive this Debt. I am etc HR

#### 17 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas

To Mr Geo Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Sir I should be glad to know whether the pitmens houses and other buildings for the Colliery are finished and whether you have done the road leading from the Colliery thro' Middle Ord

Grounds according to your Contract with Sir Walter. For Mr Bell & Mr Geo Brown will be coming to Berwick soon, & I could wish that not only the rents may be ready but also that these other Articles might all be ready to be settled while they are there. I am etc HR

**17 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Sir Your Letter inclosing a receipt whereof the above is a Copy is received but its being given on Acco[un]t of Sr Wr Blackett instead of the Newcastle Bank puts him to some difficulty in settling the Matter between them & Glyn & Hallifax. If your answer to my Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> Octor had come sooner or if the Method of drawing a bill for the Money on the bank as therein mentioned had been pursued it would have been easier to have negotiated this Matter. however we hope that this Nights post will bring a Letter from Glyn & Co proposing some method of adjusting the Affair and I believe the Bank will pay Sr Wr Blackett the Seven Thousand pounds, which he will then give you the Acknowledgement for that you desire, as on Acco[un]t of your purchase of the Equity of redemption of his Estate at East Kenton. this days post is not yet arrived, tho' it is now late and I am afraid of losing an opportunity of advising you of the above by waiting longer for it. I am etc HR

London 11 Novr 1767

Rec[eiv]ed of Richard Wilson Esq of Leeds pr Mr Jn Wm Planel Seven thousand pounds on Acco[un]t of Sr Wr Blackett Bar[one]t  
£7000 – first receipt  
For Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
Alexr Carleton  
Indorsed  
Pay the Contents to Sr Wr Blackett  
or order Ric Wilson

**18 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Glyn & Halifax**

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax

Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Gent[leme]n I desire that you will place the £7000 which you received of Richard Wilson Esq and gave a receipt for whereof the above is a copy to the Acco[un]t of Messrs Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Saint for they have paid me that Sum and I have given them a discharge for it on the back of your first receipt. I am etc WB

London 11 Novr 1767

Rec[eiv]ed of Richd Wilson Esq of Leeds per Mr Jn Wm Planel Seven thousands pounds on Account of Sr Wr Blaket  
£7000 first receipt For Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
Alexr Carleton  
NB The above rec[eip]t was Endorsed – pay the Contents to Sr Wr Blackett Bt or ord[e]r  
Rec[eiv]ed the within mentioned £7000 of Messrs Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Saint – Wr Blackett



**19 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

To Jno Westgarth Esqr at Unthank  
Near Stanhope in Weardale

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Sir In answer to your Letter enquiring whether Sir Walter Blackett will sell his Allotments of Wolsingham Common, I beg leave to acquaint you that I do not believe Sir Walter will do so but I shall Communicate your Letter to him when I see him & take some opportunity of letting you know his Answer. I am etc HR

**20 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> Novemr 1767

Sir Inclosed you receive my Affidavit of Sir Walter Blackett's executing the Letter of Attorney empowering you to receive the £3200 0s 1d of the Bank pursuant to the Order of the Court of Chancery in the Cause Midford against Bates and I am glad the Estate at Green Leighton, lent to Mr Midford is now conveyed back again to Sir Walter – would it not be right for the Deed of Reconveyance and the Title Deeds of Green Leighton to be sent back hither; now this Affair is ended?

The surrender of the Copyhold part of Woodcroft Estate to me in trust for the uses to be declared in Sr Wrs Will is completed, and by this post, under another Cover, I shall send you the Copy of the court roll to be put along with the writings of that Estate. I am etc HR

**27 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 27 Novr 1767

Sir I am just come from Wallington where I have been for several days and have met with your Letter of the 23d instant inclosing me a receipt whereof the above is a copy. I shall shew it to the Gentlemen of our bank to morrow and shall then learn what has passed between them & Glyn & Hallifax about the former receipt for seven thousand pounds which I advised you of on the 17 instant. Sr Wr Blackett received of Bell Cookson & Co (w[hi]ch is the stile of our Bank) the Money for that receipt and gave them a discharge on the back of it for that sum with an order for Glyn & Hallifax to transfer that Money from his Acco[un]t to their's but being abroad so long I have not yet heard whether they <.....> will approve of transferring this Three Thousand pounds also in the same way. When these transfers are made and Sr Wr who is now at Wallington is informed of it of a Certainty, which I don't doubt our bank will be able to do soon, he will advise you, as you desired, that these two sums amounting to Ten Thousand pounds are for the purchase of the Equity of Redemption of his Estate at East Kenton; of which I wish you a long Enjoyment.

Mr Grahams farm is to be let anew against next Mayday. He has not yet offered anything; but I look upon it as worth £10 a year more than he gives. I should be glad to know whether you would have this farm advertised or you would have me ask him any sum and what for it? I think when you were pleased to offer me the Care of this Estate along with your other you mentioned £25 a year Salary. I have considered it but cannot think of engaging in the Stewardship for less than 30 a yr. What you offered is not two p[er] Cent[u]m w[hi]ch is so low a Commission that it is not adequate to the trouble. I am etc HR

London 13<sup>th</sup> Novemr 1767

Received of Richard Wilson Esq of Leeds by the hands of Sam & Josa Crompton Esqrs three  
Thousand pounds on Acco[un]t of Sr Walter Blackett.

For Messrs Glyn & Hallifax

P Alexr Carleton

£3000 Indorsed Ric Wilson

**27 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Glyn & Halifax**

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London

Newca[stle] 27 Novr 1767

Gentlemen I desire you will place the Three Thousand pounds which was paid into you hands  
on my Acco[un]t by Richard Wilson Esq and for which you gave a receipt where of the above is  
a Copy, to the Account of Messrs Bell Cookson Carr Airey and Saint for they have paid me that  
sum and I have given them a receipt for it on the back of your said receipt. I am etc Wr Blackett

London 13<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Received of Richard Wilson Esqr of Leeds by the hands of Sam and Josa Crompton Esqrs three  
Thousand pounds on Acco[un]t of Sr Walter Blackett

£3000

For Messrs Glyn & Hallifax

Per Alexr Carleton

**30 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Hudson**

To John Hudson Esqr at Bessingby near Burlington Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

Sir The hundred and four Bushels of Malt you sent Sir Wr Blackett is arrived safe and I have  
returned the Sacks in which it came by the same Ship, called The Williams Increase John Cook  
Master.

Mr Graham has sent you in this Ship a parcel of <...> Staves which I shall pay him for and  
place to Sr Wrs Acco[un]t

I am etc HR

**30 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 30 Nov 1767

Sir I have had some talk with Mr Graham about his farm this Afternoon; and find it is so great a  
Convenience to him in his business as a Brewer that he is loath to part with it: & to secure it he  
has offered 100 a yr for a 21 years lease of it as I told him that was the likeliest way to prevent  
it being advertised.

I had it valued last Week by a good judge of Land who did not think it worth more than £90 a  
year. So that Mr Graham seems to have rated the Convenience very high.

If you approve of his offer, the particular Covenants may be talked of afterwards.

I have had an offer to day of £12 10s 0d a Year for a Quarry near Slatyford; in case you will allow a tryal to be made between this and Mayday – the rent to commence as soon as any Stones are led - & only five cutters to be employed for the rent – if any more are employed then £2 10s 0d a Year additional rent to be paid for each additional cutter.

I think you took both the plans away with you. I am etc HR

PS The bank have advanced the 3000 & will by the return of the post inform Sr Wr whether Glyn & Hallifax have agreed to the transfer.

**1 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 1<sup>st</sup> Decemr 1767

Sir As to your request of leave to make bricks upon the Threap ground, Sir Walter has no power to grant it you.

I should be glad to know as soon as all is done at the Agents house, that Mr Bell etc may come over & measure all off and settle both the Bills and rents at the same time. I am etc HR

**1 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 1<sup>st</sup> Decer 1767

Sir The Lease of Cadwell and Cadwell Shields expires at Ladyday 1772 and the Lease of the Intake at Mich[aelmas] 1773 So you will take care not to let those grounds for a longer term than Sir Walter has in them.

Inclosed is Robt Lumsden's note, with a Minute on it of what I have found charged in John Lumsden's bill paid him by me on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1765. It does not seem to me that Sr Wr owes Rt Lumsden any thing but the £1 1s 8d got in 1765. For the £1 5s 1d is either already paid him or must be paid him by John Lumsden.

As to old John Liddell, the Gardiner, whose Son's Wife is demanding a Settlement on Wallington, He was no hired servant by the Year, but only by the day, and his days wages were always charged in the monthly bills along with the other workmen's. I am etc HR

**18 Nov 1767 From Henry Richmond to Bishop of Durham**

To the Hon[ourable] & Rt Revd The Lord B[ishop] of Durham at Aukland

omitted – Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> Novr 1767

My Lord I was honoured with your Lordship's of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant in due Course; I beg leave to mention that the Calculation I delivered to you at Aukland was begun sometime since and it happened to be completed a little before Mrs Marshals Death and the intention of it was to be ready against any Life should drop that either myself or any other person might see the true state of that matter, & it being apparent that I have been a looser by the Mines in Weardale for the last 16 Years, except in respect to the Composition, I desire your Lordship will give me leave to make you a tender of a fine agreeable to the profit arisen from the Composition for your Lordships Ninth which amounts to £600 a year & I hope you will not think that an unreasonable manner of considering the Case & therefore if your Lordship pleases to accept of £700 for putting in a Life, that sum is at your Lordships Service. P.S. I shall be very happy if your

Lordship shall comply with this proposal, if not, you will be so obliging as to excuse my offering it. I have the honour to be with perfect respect Your Lordships etc WB

**4 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Bishop of Durham**

To The hon[our]able & Rt Revd The Lord B[ishop]  
of Durham at London

Wallington 4<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767

My Lord My delay in answering of your last Letter hath been occasioned by my desire to know perfectly how far I am obliged by the late Sr Wm Blacketts Will or in equity to the persons in remainder under that Will or by an Agreem[en]t with Sr Thos Wentworth to renew the lives which I might survive in the leases I hold under your Lordship and finding I am under no Obligation of that kind but at liberty to judge upon that Matter as I may think proper, I beg leave to say that I cannot think it prudent to comply with your Lordships demand of £1500 or to give more than £700 – the sum mentioned in my last to your Lordship for allowing me to put in a new life instead of the late Mrs Marshalls. I have the honour to subscribe myself  
Your Lordships etc Wr B

**14 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Horsley**

To John Horsley Esqr at Bolam

Wallington 14 Dec 1767

Sir As I find it convenient to pay off your Mortgage of Nine hundred and fifty pounds on the Estate at Hawick which I bought of Mr Smith I desire you will receive the money on the 24 June next. But if you should have occasion for it any sooner you may have it by giving Notice to Mr Henry Richmond at my office in Newcastle. WB

**14 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Davison**

To Mr Thos Davison Shoemaker in Morpeth

Wallington 14 Dec 1767

Sir As I find it convenient to pay off your Mortgage of Nine hundred and fifty pounds on the Estate at Hawick which I bought of Mr Smith, I desire you will receive the money on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June next. But if you should have occasion for it any sooner you may have it by giving Notice to Mr Henry Richmond at my office in Newcastle. WB

**13 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Wallington 13 Decr 1767

Sir I have received as Mr Henry Richmond wrote you on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of last month, of the Newcastle Bank Seven Thousand pounds & Three Thousand pounds; on Glyn and Hallifax's two receipts for those sums paid into their hands, by you, on my Account & have given discharges for those Sums on the back of those Receipts. And now agreeable to your desire I do hereby acknowledge the receipt of those two sums of you, amounting to Ten Thousand pounds in full for the purchase of the Equity of Redemption of my Estate at East Kenton; and that I will

execute good & sufficient conveyances of the same as your Council learned in the law shall advise & require. I am etc Wr Blackett

**8 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Hexham

Newca[stle] Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Decr 1767

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is the form of a Letter to Mr Wilson of Leeds acknowledging the receipt of the Ten Thousand pounds for the purchase of Kenton. And also the forms of two Letters to the two mortgagees of Mr Smith's Estate at Hawick giving notice that you intend to pay them off.

Mr Rd Featherston being gone to London I cannot get any good Acco[un]t about Extra Clerks in the Treasury Office. Mr Thos Henzel says there are some, but believes their Number is limited, - no body else here, that I can think of knows any thing of this Office.

I have a bill for £1200 ready to be remitted to Mr Darwin, which will be due on the 2d of next Month – if you will please to give me directions in your Letter to do so, as a Voucher to my Account. P.S. I will send the paper wax and Wafers to Wallington by the Cart on Saturday. I am glad the Matter is settled about Mr Bell.

I am etc HR

**11 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 11<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767

Sir Inclosed are two parts of my Account of your half years rents of West Kenton due Mayd[a]y last; and my bill on Plumb & Browne for two hundred & Seventy seven pounds seventeen shillings and Sixpence for the balance of It. You will please to advise me of the receipt of this bill by the return of the post and return me a part of the Account signed by you; and acknowledge receiving Mrs H.Headlam's receipt which is also here inclosed. Mr King asked me for half a Crown for an Act of Parliament he said he had bought by your Order? Mr Graham agrees to a Lease for 14 year's, at £100 a Year, from Mayd[a]y next, and to be subject to the same terms, as in his present Lease. The farm is all in grass; and he is not intitled to a Way going Crop. but as some of the fields may be the better for ploughing, he would like to be at liberty to do it, under a Covenant of laying them all to grass again three years before the end of the term. He had this liberty in the present Lease, and has improved the farm by it. If the form of the old Lease, which you saw, will do; I can get the new ones engrossed by it: or you will please to send a draught or the Engrossments at once, if you think your Yorkshire Forms will be agreeable.

All being settled with the Bank you will have a Letter in a post or two from Sir Walter who is at present abroad.

I shall send you the particulars of each farm at East Kenton in a little time. You talked of leaving me the small plan and Book of West Kenton, but did not; as you took the large plan away I am a little at a Loss sometimes.

When you offered me the £25 a yr Salary I neither refused nor agreed to it. I made you a Bow, and said I should be willing to do you any Service I could, but I meant to abide by the sum I then asked you, which was £30 a Year & which now I have considered maturely of it I find to be the lowest I can undertake to look after such an Estate for, and to receive the rents and remit them with punctuality. I am etc HR

P.S. I have a person looking after the Workings at Harle's quarry who tells me there are not any slates led yet.

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767 £277.17.6

Thirty days after date pay Richard Wilson Esqr or Order the Sum of Two hundred & seventy pounds seventeen shillings & sixpence value in Acco[un]t and place the same to Acco[un]t as by advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

**11 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767

Gentlemen I have this day drawn a bill on you for Two hundred and Seventy seven pounds seventeen Shillings and Sixpence payable to Richard Wilson Esqr or order thirty days after this date; which I desire you will accept and when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sr Walter Blackett Bt.

I have this day sent you a piece of Silver weighing seven hundred & thirty six ounces, by David Jackson the London Carrier, which I desire you will place to Sir Walters Acco[un]t as usual at the Markett price and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Robert Smith**

To Mr Robert Smith at Unthank Colliery  
near Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767

Sir Inclosed I return you Mr Bells receipt which you sent me and which I cannot alter otherwise than by the Endorsement, which I have made on it. P.S. Mr Bell and Mr Forster the new Steward at Wallington, will be over in a little time & then you may pay any of the Debts, you may have received, to either of them. I am etc HR

Memorandum 11<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767 That the bill drawn by Mr Robt Smith on Saml & Matt Newton for sixty pounds and for which Mr Jno Bell gave a receipt on the other Side was refused Acceptance: & therefore Mr Smith gave me in the room of It on the 19<sup>th</sup> Octor last, Mr David Lambs promisory Note for sixty pounds, payable to him or Order at 50 days and Endorsed the same to me; which promisory note was due & paid this day. Hen Richmond

**14 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Joseph Hutchinson**

To Mr Jos Hutchinson at Chillingham Castle  
by Belford North.

Newca[stle] 14 Decr 1767

Sir I received your favour of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant and should be sorry that Mr Snowden should make a difficulty of paying you the sixteen pounds four shillings for Lord Tankerville's proportion of the Years tithe rent due Mayd[a]y next. I gave him a particular Acco[un]t on the 30<sup>th</sup> Octor last,



how that years rent was to be proportioned and paid by him; and told him that it was now as much incumbent upon him to pay each Gentleman his proportion according to the Acco[un]t. I gave him, as it was formerly upon him to pay Sir Walter singly. He asked me by whom the Land tax was to be allowed; I told him by each Gentleman according to the proportion of his rent. And This there cannot be any doubt of: as Lands Tithes etc are known by every purchaser to be liable to Land tax. Perhaps Mr Snowden reckons that only one half of this Tithe rent was payable at Martin[ma]s last, and that the other will not be due till Mayd[a]y next & this appears to be the Case by the Article; and he certainly would not have paid Sir Walter otherwise. If he should be obstinaate, no doubt Mr C. Forster will know how to bring him to Reason. P.S. The Years Land tax for the whole tithe is £2 0s 9d and his Lordships proportion of it is just 10s 0d. I am etc HR

**14 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 14<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767

Sir Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn and Hallifax for Twelve hundred pounds payable to me or order at 25d from the 5<sup>th</sup> instant; which I have endorsed and send you by Sir Walter's directions to be placed to his Acco[un]t and desire you will advise me of your Receipt of it and that you have placed it accordingly for a voucher to my Acco[un]t.

Sir Walter has granted Walter Trevelyan Esq a Rent charge of £250 a year out of Hawick and Sweethope Estates; and I have paid him the first payment of it due 25<sup>th</sup> instant So that you will not have any thing to pay him this Quarter as the Annuity of £180 ceases.

I have no Copy nor Abstract of the Deed executed by Sir Walter & Sr Thos Wentworth 13<sup>th</sup> April 1748 respecting the Leasehold Estates particularly the Leadmines and which is recited in the deed of 5<sup>th</sup> Octor 1763 about the £2500. Sir Walter wanted to know, the last time I saw him, whether there is any penalty or Obligation of any sort now remaining in force by that deed; or all is superseded by the latter deed of 1763. So I wish you would at least send me an Abstract of that deed I am etc HR

£1200 Newcastle Bank 5<sup>th</sup> Decr 1767

Twenty five days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond, Twelve hundred pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order value in acco[u]nt

Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London

**15 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Decer 1767

Sir Inclosed I return to you Peter Bells three Bills, no part of which I can find charged in any of those paid him by Mr Robson or Mr Wray. As to the reasonableness of the Articles in the Bill for helping in the Kitchen and Stables I cannot judge of them. I should think, if the family was there and he had his meat, a shilling a day is over much; I never pay more that 6d a day, for that work when they have meat in the house. But you should make as good an End of such ravelled

reckonings as Mr Robson has left us. and afterwards clearer and perhaps more reasonable bargains may be made.

I apprehend Peter Bell owes £4 10s 0d for a Cow bought of Sr Walter; which money he should lead in your hand for Mr Forster, for I don't suppose Mr Wray has received it of him. I hope Mr Wray is doing something at his Acco[un]t and can settle the List of Debts standing out. that I may know certainly what to charge Mr Forster with. I hope you will be able to come hither on Wednesday the 23d instant in the Evening; because the Beef is to be bought the next day for the poor, as I mentioned to you. I am glad Sir Walter has settled Matters with Mr Heron about the deputy Clerks office & am etc HR

**18 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1767

Sir The inclosed Advertisement is sent you by Sir Walter Blacketts order to get inserted in the St James's Chronicle and daily Gazetteer for a fortnight; and inclosed you have a List of those who subscribed in London to the Bridge. Their first payment is to be  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Sum subscribed but if any should chuse to pay the whole, there can be no Objection to the taking it. I am obliged to Mr Midford & you for the three Guineas. It is what I did not expect and exceeds the trouble. I wish him long to enjoy his good fortune. I shall pay Mr Laidler his two Guineas when I see him. P.S. The Box with the Deeds of the East part of Green Leighton Estate; and a parcel directed to Messrs Widdrington and Richmond, is arrived, and I have sent the latter to my Brother & am etc HR

**19 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham

Newca[stle] 19<sup>th</sup> Octor (*sic*) 1767

Sir I am sorry Mr Malabar and Mr Wilson should have been so warm as you say – there was nothing meant to offend them. Sir Walter certainly agreed to the Terms of their proposal with the Alteration only of 17 years from Mayd[a]y next instead of the 21 years which the[y] required and that the Fother should be fixed by Mr Wm Brown and that they might be at Liberty at the End of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> years on giving Notice. These were all the Terms that were talked of; further than that they should be subject to proper Covenants for Working the Colliery. Therefore such alterations may be made in the draught as are Consonant hereto, and to the copy of Mr Wilsons proposal herewith inclosed you and the rest we can talk over when I have the pleasure of seeing you on Wednesday Evening next. Upon second thoughts the less you say to them the better till I have an Opportunity of talking the Matter over again with Sir Walter; which will be, I expect, before you come to Town. P.S. I think I gave you their present Lease. I am etc HR

**31 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> December 1767

Sir I have received by the Carrier the box containing the two pieces of Silver; the weight of the first is three hundred and ninety four ounces and the other three hundred and sixty four ounces. I wish Mrs Hunter and you the Compliments of the Season & and am etc HR

**31 Dec 1767 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> Decer 1767

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by William Laycock the London Carrier three pieces of Silver Bullion; the weight of which is below. I desire you will place the same to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett Bt as usual at the Markett price and advise me on your receipt of it. I wish you many happy years & am etc HR

one p[iec]e q[uan]tity 584 ½

ano[the]r q[uan]tity 394

ano[the]r q[uan]tity 364

1342 ½ at s. d. p[er] oz

**5 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768

Sir I have sent you by the post, Mr Robson's Debt Book, which I hope you will receive safe: and inclosed I send you John Shafto's two Agreements for burning Lime at Harterton & Green Leighton. I wish Mrs Forster and you many happy Years. P.S. I think I mentioned to you the bill which Mr Cookson has upon you from Yarm due 15<sup>th</sup> instant & am etc HR

**15 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to Barstow**

To Mr Barstow Town Clerk in Leeds

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768

Sir Sir John Fenwick has a bond from Sr Wr Blackett and William Peareth Esqr for £2000 dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 1758: of which he has got at different times £500 and £300 as will appear by the Indorsements made thereon; He now wants the further sum of Two hundred pounds, which Sr Wr intends to accommodate him with, if the proper Indorsements can be got made upon this bond and also upon the Assignment of it to Mr William Ward (who lives in Leeds or somewhere near it & who is Mr Fenwicks Father in Law) as a Security for an Annuity of £70 a Year: You will see there are already two Indorsements upon this assignment for the former sums, and Sr Wr will be obliged to you, if you will make others for this Sum upon the bond and the said Assignment according to the inclosed forms, and advise me thereof: for till I receive such Advice I shall not pay the Money to Mr Fenwick. I have wrote him this post that he must wait upon you; and satisfy you for any trouble that this Affair may occasion. I am etc HR

For the Bond

1768 Janry 22d Received of Sr Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t by Mr Henry Richmond the sum of Two hundred pounds in further part of the principal sum of £2000 secured by the within bond. I say received the same by and with the Approbation and Consent of William Ward Esqr testified by his being a party hereto: All intrest due on the said bond being paid me to this day.

For the Assignment

1786 Janry 22d I do acknowledge that the further sum of Two hundred pounds part of the principal sum of £2000 secured by the within recited bond from Sr Wr Blackett and William Peareth Esqr to John Fenwick Esqr which bond is assigned to me by virtue of the within written deed has this day been paid to the said Jno Fenwick Esqr by and with the Approbation and consent of me the within mentioned William Ward Esqr.

**15 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr Jno Fenwick in Roberts's Place York

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768

Sir I communicated your Letter to Sr Wr Blackett and he agrees to let you have the Two hundred pounds on the 22d of this Month in further part of his and Mr Peareths joint bond provided the Indorsements can be got made for it on the said bond and on the Assignment of it in the same forms as before for the £500 and the £300. For this purpose you will please to wait upon Mr Barstow, Town Clerk of Leeds; whom Sir Walter has desired to take the trouble of making these Indorsements and seeing them Signed; and whom you will Satisfy for his trouble. When Mr Barstow advises me that this is done and you return me the inclosed receipts signed by you I shall send you a bill on London at as short a date as I can procure one, or pay the money here to any one you shall order to receive it. I am very glad of your Success in Trade. P.S. My Letter to Mr Barstow is inclosed in one that Sir Walter has written to Mr Wade of New grange; which I mention lest he should not have received it when you wait upon him. I am etc HR

**16 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 16<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768

Sir I find by a Letter from Mr Douglas, that the work is all done at the pitmens houses etc at Unthank and that the people will want their Money: So, as the Colliery rent & other rents there are due, Sir Walter thinks Mr Brown Mr Forster and you should go over the week after next and settle all these Matters. You will please to let me know by return of the post whether you can be here on Sunday Evening the 24<sup>th</sup> instant to talk and consider of the several Articles and receive the papers that may be necessary to be carried with you and then proceed the next day to Alnwick where Mr Forster and Mr Brown will meet you and go on to Tweedmouth the next day. I have received the draught of the Lease to Mr Wilson & p[ar]tners and shall talk with my Brother about what you mention concerning the Commencement of it. I suppose you have the present Lease. Sir Walter agrees to your selling the few old Alders which you say are on Sams island; after you have consulted Mr Wray about the value of them. As to Gunnerton Colliery Mr Charleton of Leehall has agreed to be confined to the bounds of Gunnerton Fell; for the Coal to be got within which he is to pay £60 a year certain rent and 3d a fother as an Acorning rent – the rest of the particulars I shall acquaint you of when I see you – in the mean time I am etc HR

**20 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768

Sir In Answer to your Letter to Sir Walter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant He bids me write you that he would have Dr Blackett's £40 and Mr Cooksons £17 10s 0d paid out of the £460 which I

remitted you on the 26<sup>th</sup> October last – as they appear to be included in the list of quarterly payments for which that Sum was sent and then the balance due to him will be £793 12s 11 ½ d; unless that £460 is included in the £5007 1s 6 ½ d which you mention in that Letter. If that is the Case you will please to write Sir Walter so. I wonder you have heard nothing from Mr Wilson of Leeds about his purchase – he wrote me sometime ago, viz 9<sup>th</sup> Decr, that there were some inquiries which Mr Banks wanted to make, but that he had sent to you about them – since which I have not heard from him upon that Subject, but shall write to him this post. As to the purchase of Hexham East Ferry boat and Boat Rake, it seems to be agreed that it must be done by a proper Deed of Covenants to be executed by the heirs at Law of the late Mr Jurin who are unmarried together with Mrs Jurin, and also such of the heirs at Law as are under Coverture together with their husbands and the Trustees in Mrs Jurins Marriage Settlement – as to the Method by Deputation it is not thought adviseable.

Sir Walter thinks you may wait upon Sr Thos Salusbury for his Subscription to Hexham Bridge. I shall make you a remittance soon for the quarterly payments to the 31<sup>st</sup> March next. I wish you many happy years & am etc HR

**20 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768

Sir Inclosed is a particular of the Farms at East Kenton as you desired. Mr Graham has agreed to making the rent payable half Yearly at Micha[elma]s and Lady day and I shall get the Lease prepared accordingly. I should be glad to know how Leases are paid for with you, it is usual here for the Tenant to pay one half and the Landlord the other – but I shall wait your directions about it.

Sir Walter would be glad to know what progres is made in the deeds for the Conveyance of East Kenton to you – for as the Mortgage to Mr Viner and Mr Glover is to be assigned to Mr Plumbtree, who is intitled to the Money, all is at a Stand till they know how you proceed. You will please to favour me with an Answer hereto that I may acquaint Mr Darwin of it. I am etc HR

*In the margin*

PS. The p[er]son who wanted to take a quarry inter[es]t Kenton as I mentioned, has not yet brought me a Sufficient Security.

**22 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to Nicholas Walton**

To Mr Nicholas Walton at Farnacres

Newca[stle] 22d Janry 1768

Sir If the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital want any further Information about the Title of the Tithes of Ilderton parish Mr Darwin of Greys Inn is the person whom I told you could Satisfy them.

As to the £20 which Sir Walter paid as the Hospitals Subscription to the reparation of Warden Church; he did it in Consequence of a conversation between ~~him and~~ Mr Burrell and him, upon a representation by Mr Laidman that the Hospitals Tenants were not taxed to some part of the Expence; But Sir Walter would not have mentioned this payment, if he had imagined any Difficulty would have attended his doing so, and I find he will be as well pleased if there is an End of it, without further trouble to any body. P.S. I shall, I hope, see you to morrow upon 'Change about the Franks. I am etc HR

**23 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Goldsmiths Foster Lane London                      Newca[stle] 23d Janry 1768

Gentlemen I have this day drawn two bills upon you; one payable to Mr Jno Fenwick or Order for Two hundred and Eleven pounds one shilling and ninepence, at Twenty days from this date: and the other payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order for two hundred pounds at Thirty days from this Date. Both which bills I desire you will accept and when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e as usual. I am etc    HR

**23 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr John Fenwick in Roberts's Place York                      Newca[stle] 23d Janry 1768

Sir Inclosed you receive my bill on Plumb & Browne for Two hundred & Eleven pounds one shilling and Nine pence payable to you or Order Twenty days after this date which is the value of the two receipts you sent me dated Yesterday. It will be for your Security and my Satisfaction that you should advise me that this bill comes safe to hand: because if I do not receive such Advice, I shall of course apprehend that the bill has miscarried and think it right to stop payment of it. I am etc    HR

Newcastle 23d Janry 1768 £211. 1. 9

Twenty days after date Pay Mr John Fenwick or order Two hundred & Eleven pounds one Shilling and Ninepence Value in Acco[un]t & place the Same to Acco[un]t as by Advice from Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

**27 Jan 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London                      Newca[stle] 27<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768

Sir Inclosed you receive my bill on Plumb & Browne for two hundred pounds payable to you or order Thirty days after the 23d instant; which I send you on Account of the quarterly payments to 31<sup>st</sup> March; and desire you will send me the usual Sort of Receipt for it, to be a voucher to my Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett to whose Account you will place the said bill. I am etc    HR

Newcastle 23d Janry 1768 £200.0.0

Thirty days after date Pay to Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order Two hundred pounds value in Account and place the Same to Account as by Advice from

Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane  
London

**8 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Rastall**



To The Revd Dr Rastal in Newark

Newca[stle] 8 Feby 1768

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of Lawyer Fawcetts Opinion that with your Concurrence & Mrs Rastals a Lease can be granted for 99 years of a piece of ground in Sidgate a street in this Town containing one Acre and a quarter which was given by my Grandfather Sr Wm Blackett to the Church of St Andrews in this Town. Pursuant to this opinion the Minister and Churchwardens have agreed to let a Building Lease upon Terms which I am satisfied are according to the intention of my Grandfather and therefore desire you and Mrs Rastal will be so good as execute the same when Mr Richmond sends it to you. I am etc Wr B

**11 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos Maughan at Newhouse Weardale

Newca[stle] 11 Feby 1768

Sir When the Weather will permit, I desire you will enquire whether all workings of every Sort, are discontinued at Rispy W[es]t & E[as]t Brakensike, Longwell, West and East Searsike, all in Rookhope; being the veins which were let to Rogers Hudson and Ord and how long it is since they were so discontinued Also whether any and what additions or Alterations have been made to Featherstons house at Rispy since the said Groves were left off working – to whom it is that he pays rent for that house and how much it is Yearly – whether this house stands upon the Waist or in an inclosed pasture & lastly that you will let me know what use it is thought they are going to convert this house to for I think it was said they intended it for a public house. Inclosed is an Extract from the Lease of the above mines which I don't think is so worded that discontinuing working would forfeit them. I am etc HR

**12 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> Feby 1768

Sir Inclosed is an Extract from the Lease of Rispy Grove; by which you see Sir Wr Blackett has not any right to Featherstones house while these Leadmines remain in the possession of Mr Rogers etc and the Lease is so loosely worded that a discontinuance of working will Scarcely be deemed a forfeiture of them and till then as this house was allowedly build for the use of these Mines the rent of it will go, I suppose to Mr Rogers Representatives. But as to the Additions which I understand are designed to be made to it to fit it for a public house they cannot be allowed of; As they are not necessary for carrying on the Mines; at least at present they are not, while these Mines are not Working.

I shall write to Mr Maughan for some particulars concerning these Mines – and then shall talk with Mr Widdrington about this house – In the mean time No Assurances should be given Featherston, I think, of Support for the non payment; only, if any Additions have been made to the house since the groves were left off working, he may be discharged paying rent for them, to the Lessees of the Mines, for the present.

Pray who is the Tenant now of the Farm at Yarridge that John Johnson had; for by a Letter from him to Sir Walter it looks as if he had assigned it to one Banson, who he complains is using one Jane Bell unjustly? and was this Assignment made with the privity of Sir Walter or You? for Johnson wants Sir Walter to write to Banson to let Jane Bell have peaceable Enjoyment of her share of the Farm which he says is an Eighth part of it. I am etc HR

**16 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chrisr Johnson Attorney at Law Durham

Newca[stle] 16<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1768

Sir Inclosed is the Acco[un]t of the late Mr Forsters proportion of Weardale rent, Compositions etc for the Year 1766 which I mentioned to you, & which you said I might send to you: when it is convenient you will be so good as order the Money to be paid.

The Acco[un]t for the last year I cannot yet send you; not having got the Accounts down from the Mines. I am etc HR

**16 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Newca[stle] 16<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1768

Do Sent Mr Isa Hunter a copy of J Hopper's Lease of Stanhope hope

**20 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1768

Sir I think Mr Brown has drawn out the Account of Dunham Colliery very properly: only with regard to our Way of accounting, it will require some Variation. In the 1<sup>st</sup> place you must make yourself Dr in your Acco[un]t with Sr Wr Blackett for the £28 10s 9d paid by Mr Wray deducting from it the £6 he had received of Heighley – on the other side you may take Credit for the £21 5s 0d for Coals delivered to Wallington house and Cambo School in Mr Wray's time which will balance the other Article all but the £1 5s 9d which you have received. When you come to that part of your Account with Sir Walter where you insert Dunham Colliery I think it will not be necessary there to distinguish the Coals got in Mr Wray's time from those got in your's only carry half the profit into the outer Column as Mr Robson used to do. As to what Coals Sir Walter has got in your time you must take Credit for them in the house Account as Mr Robson did. You will endeavour to settle the Account with Heighley who owes £4 8s 6d as appears by Mr Brown's List of Mr Robsons Debts. I shall send you Mr Wray's Acco[un]t back in a little time; by which you will see that the debts standing out at your Entry amount to £174 9s 8d which you are to be made Dr for, but then you are to have Credit for what are not paid, at the End of the Acco[un]t. I have sent by T. Thompson the amount of the garden Bill & should be glad to know on what day the Servants at Wallington were put to Board wages. I am etc HR

**20 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1768

Sir Inclosed I return you Mr Marriotts bill; which I cannot say any Thing to, in the form it stands at present not being a judge of the Value of his Time – he is the best Estimator of that himself & it must be left to him to charge for each day he was employed, according to what he usually has in such Cases. I wish the bill could be settled before the Pay; but I would not have it charged in the Rookhope Mill Account, but in your general Account where all the other Expences that you have paid, should also be placed; in one Sum; but you may bring a particular

of them to annex to it. The Clark at Rookhope Mill makes sad work of the Delivery of the Lead: I never know how to depend upon his Account. It is plain he lets people take away Lead in his Absence; and what it worse never misses it till he finds by Mr Reynaldson's receipt at Blaydon, that it has been conveyed thither. I must beg that you will look a little closer after him, for if Lead is lost I know where the blame will lye. I should be glad to see Mr Marriots bill again after he has closed it, and before you pay it. I am etc HR

**25 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse

Newca[stle] 25<sup>th</sup> Feby 1768

Sir Inclosed herewith I return you the Act of Parliament for the division of Hamsterly Common; which was borrowed of Mr James Elliott, and for the Loan of which you will please to tell him I am much obliged to him.

As soon as the Weather will permit you to weigh off Mr Bacon's Share of the partnership Ore, or else to compute it, I beg you will let me have the partnership Account for the last Year. I am etc HR

**25 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 25<sup>th</sup> Feby 1768

Sir In Answer to your Letter about Thos Little's refusing to pay tithe, it appears to me now, from the particulars you have given me, to be a Matter that deserves Sir Walter's Consideration, and therefore I desire you will draw up a Case to be laid before Council and that you will therein state, besides the Facts contained in your Letter, whether prior thorns is Tithe free by means of a Modus or how otherwise; whether it is in the same parish as Anick Fell or in any other that Sir Walter has the Tithe of. Whether there is any Township or Village that enjoys a right upon the said Fell, and pays Sir Walter a modus for the Tithe of their Inground; and yet also pays or has ever paid him tithe of Wool and Lamb in kind, on Anick Fell. You mention that you think an Agistment Tithe is due for Little's Lambs; pray has there ever been such Tithe paid in the Manors of Hexham or Anick grange. I am etc HR

**26 Feb 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> Feby 1768

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by William Laycock the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Six hundred & fifty four Ounces; which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett as usual, at the Markett price; and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**6 March 1768 From Henry Richmond to Jameson**

To Mr Jameson Wine Mercht Leith

Newcastle 6<sup>th</sup> March 1768

Sir Upon returning to this town yesterday I found your Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> of last month. I readily take the hogshead of Claret you mention to have sent to Hexham & desire you will draw a bill upon Mr Hen Richmond my Agent in this town for the sum mentioned in the bill you enclosed me vizt £42 6s 0d. I am etc Wr Blackett

**8 March 1768 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Collingwood Forster Esqr at Alnwick

Newca[stle] 8 March 1768

Sir I have sent you this day by Jno Fairbairn the Alnwick Carrier the box with the Nine Deeds relating to Lucker Moor and the Tithes thereof executed by Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc HR

**15 March 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> March 1768

Sir Sir Walter bids me write in Answer to your Letter to him of the 3d instant about his granting a deputation to the take the Examination and Surrender's of such of the parties, to the deed for the Conveyances of Hexham E[as]t Ferry boat to Him, as are under coverture; which I cannot better do than by inclosing you a Copy of Mr Wilson's opinion, who is the Steward of Hexham Courts, & a Copy of Mr Fawcett's Letter to Sir Walter proposing an expedient which you see Mr Wilson does not approve of. By this opinion Sir Walter thinks he must abide; as nothing satisfactory has yet been offered to determine him to a deviation from the ancient usage of the Manor in these Cases.

Sir Walter tells me a young man in York spoke to him about Mrs Idle's £1700 and said he had wrote to you about it but had not received any answer. Sir Walter would pay off this Money, & desires you will give Notice accordingly & settle the time and place, & advise me of it that I may make a Remittance for the purpose in due time. Sir Walter desires you will pay Mr Ridsdale the inclosed bill of £31 1s 0d for candles and place it to his Account – to which also you will place such of the Subscriptions to Hexham bridge as you have rec[eive]d and I should be glad to know which they are, as I keep that Account.

Our Election I suppose will be on Monday next and Sir Walter rechosen – after which when you have occasion to write to me & have no franks, you may direct to Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Newcastle upon Tyne & write the word Free under the word Tyne. Sir Walter desires you will send Mr Porter or somebody to pay his Subscriptions at White's Boodle's and the Cocotree according to the inclosed order. I am etc HR

**20 March 1768 From Henry Richmond to Seymour & Widdrington**

To Messrs Seymour & Widdrington at Mrs Place's

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> March 1768

Gentlemen On the other Side you have Mr Wm Charleton's Resignation of Birtley Colliery; he being now satisfied, from the late Mr Robson's Acco[un]ts wherein the Receipts and payments for this Colliery from 5 April 1761 are all charged to Sir Walter Blackett, that Mr Robson contracted for the Lease of this Colliery only as Agent for Sir Walter. I was present when he was

ordered to do so: and Sir Walter is willing to abide by the Contract if his Grace will please to confirm it by Lease against the next Audit; or the Audit following. I am etc HR

1768 March 16<sup>th</sup> I do this Day resign all the Right Title and Interest which I have or may be intituled unto, in the Colliery and Coalmines in the Manor or Lordship of Birtley in the County of Northumberland to Sir Walter Blackett; as I am now satisfied that Mr Wm Robson of Wallington took this Colliery of Lord Northumberland for Sir Walter for the Term of Twentyone Years from the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1761. As Witness my Hand Wm Charleton

**20 March 1768 From Henry Richmond to Benjamin Blaydes**

To Benjn Blaydes Esqr at Hull

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> March 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett is obliged to you for the Trouble you have had in enquiring about Betty Atkinson & for your Readiness in offering to advance her the Money.

Sir Walter desires you will pay her Six Guineas as soon as you please, towards cloathing herself and Children and that afterwards you will pay her Thirteen pounds a Year in quarterly payments commencing on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant. You will please to draw upon Mr Wm Alvey Darwin of Gray's Inn London for such Sums as you may from Time to Time pay her & advise him of your Drafts. I have wrote him by this post to honour your Bills and place them to Sir Walter Blackett's Acco[un]t for whom I am etc HR

**20 March 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> March 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has desired Mr Benjn Blaydes of Hull to pay Six Guineas to a poor Woman of that place towards cloathing herself and three Children and also to pay her Thirteen pounds a Year in quarterly paym[en]ts commencing on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant; & he has desired Mr Blaydes reimburse himself from time to time by drawing upon you; as we have no direct intercourse between this place and Hull: Sir Walter desires you will pay such Bills as he may draw upon you, not exceeding the above Sums, and place them to his Acco[un]t.

Our Election comes on to morrow, & I hope, as I wrote you before, that Sir Wr & Mr Ridley will be returned Members for this Town before to morrow night.

The Morpeth people are to have a little Sportt; Mr Ayres and Mr Beckford were by Composition to have been chosen to morrow; but I find Mr Dixon of Belford & Sir Matt Ridley have been invited thither & are now actually in Contest with the Compounders. I am etc HR

P.S. I wrote Mr Hill in Octo: last for a Doz Hams & a Dozn Cheeks; w[hi]ch I don't find are yet come. I hope Mr Hill is well; because I am directed to write to him again upon the same Subject.

**2 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e at Wallington

Newcastle 2d April 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I shall write this post to Mr Thos Wilson & recommend some of our Lead Merchants to him for his Commissions as it is not consistent for me to Act both as Byer and Seller.



Mr Ellison, Minister of St And[re]ws ought to execute the Lease of the Charity Land before it is send to Dr Rastall: but he has been at Oxford and only got home a day or two ago: Mr Lambert will now get it executed & I shall then send it & write to Dr Rastall about it. I will enquire about Mr Smeaton, when I go down to Change, & write to morrow what I learn of his time of being here & whether he can go to Hexham about the Middle of the month or when.

The Keelmen are gone to work again on being promised by the Several Fitters not to be over loaded any more; but other difficulties are arisen in the trade, by many Masters of Ships refusing to take what they now reckon short Measure; having been used to such large Measure Sometime. Besides, the Sailors have made a Stop, demanding more Wages but I hope a little time will bring all to rights again. Dukesfield pay, which will be near £4000, is to be made on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> instant. I am etc HR

**2 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr at Leeds

Newca[stle] 2d April 1768

Sir Mr Darwin writes me by this post that Mr Freeman, having lately made a Considerable purchase is under a Necessity of calling in his £7000 & therefore has desired him to acquaint Sir Walter Blackett & You of it; that he may have an Answer & know when he can depend upon having his Money. Sir Walter would be glad to know what progress is made in the Conveyance deeds of Kenton, wishing that this Matter was brought to a Conclusion – there is half a years int[er]est due on the £14000 on the 27<sup>th</sup> of last month, which is £280 & if it is not paid in 40 days there is an Advance int[er]est due w[hi]ch £280 I suppose you will take care to discharge & that you will be intitled to a proportionable part from Sir Walter for what accrued between the 27<sup>th</sup> Septr & 18<sup>th</sup> Novr last.

Mr Graham has signed an Article for his for his farm & if he was under Lease, I think with Submission it would be better: but I would not chuse to employ any to engross It till it is settled how it is to be paid for as I wrote you in my last Letter. I am etc HR

**2 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Wilson**

To Mr Thos Wilson Merchant in Norfolk Street London

Newca[stle] 2d April 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has sent me your Letter, to him, about Lead & bid me answer it. Sir Walter has two Sorts of Lead – refined which I now sell at £15 a fother & Common at £14 15s 0d. Our fother consists of 21 cwt of 112 lb each. As to Litharge it is sold by the Ton of 20 cwt and the present price is £14 10s 0d. I should be very ready to execute your commissions for Lead & Litharge if it was consistent for me to act both as Byer & Seller. I always avoid it when Application is made to me, refer to our Lead Merchants here – the principal of whom are Mr Jonathan Sorsbie Wm Peareth Esqr Matt Waters Esqr Mr Thos Airey Aubone Surtees Esqr Mr Ralph Carr & Co Edward Mosley our present Mayor. I must therefore beg leave to refer to one of them, even for an Acco[un]t of the Charges and Commission as I am not certain what they are: & can only say that I shall sell to which ever of them you employ upon as reasonable Terms as the Markett will afford. I am etc HR

**2 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**



To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in  
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 2d April 1768

Gentleman I have this day sent you by David Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Six hundred & Seventy five ounces which I desire you will place to Account as usual with Sir Walter Blackett at the Market price & advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc  
HR

**2 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 2d April 1768

Sir Sir Walter bids me write you that if Mrs Idle's representatives are willing to take four per Centum he will give his bond accordingly with a Clause in it if they please that it shall not be paid or called in for the Term of four years. I have wrote to Mr Wilson of Leeds about Mr Freeman's wanting his money & will let you know as soon as I hear from him but I am as much a Stranger as you to what he is about & wonder he does not get forward with the Conveyances. I have also told him of the half Year's interest that will be to be paid soon to the Mortgages of the Estate. I am obliged to You for your News about Mr Wilkes. We have had a general Stop of our Keelmen for about a Week but they are gone to work again. We are now alarmed with a Stop of the Sailors at Shields who absolutely refuse to work except their Wages are mended – they have been very riotous I hear but as reasonable offers have been made them by their Masters I hope they will soon be calm again.

P.S. I find Mr Hill has sent the dozen of hams & Cheeks since I wrote you. When you write to me pray inclose your Letter & then direct it to Sir Walter as I mentioned putting the Word free under the word Tyne as you have done That being the best distinction I can think of & besides Sir Walter knows of it. I am etc HR

**3 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baronet at Wallington

Newcastle 3d April 1768

Honoured Sir Mr Smeaton is now in Cumberland attending the Election & the time of his being here is uncertain. Mr Nichols Walton says he believes his time is so set out that there is little probability of his going back to Hexham from this place & all that can be now done will be to write him of your desire of Meeting him there as soon as he can fix the day. but that he cannot do till the Election is over, so that there will scarce be time to give Notice to Mr Gott – Mr Walton has to write to him to day & has undertaken to get an answer from him by the return of the post as to the time he supposes he can be at Hexham.

It is rumoured that there is a great defection among Sir James's voters in the county & that there is a probability that the Duke will make both Members. The Sailors at Shields are very ungovernable & threaten mischief if their Wages are not advanced. they have committed some violence such as taking provisions out of the Ships breaking Windows and entering even the house of one Master of a Ship that is obnoxious to them, but I hope they will subside as the Masters had a Meeting Yesterday & offered them every thing that was reasonable. I am etc  
HR

**5 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> April 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Yesterday the Sailors broke loose again at Shields and a few Stragglers behaved audaciously here in carrying a flag about and threatening that they wo[ul]d pay us a visit in the afternoon from Shields & make the Mayor & every body sign the paper, containing the terms some Masters at Shields had come to with them to advance their wages. The Mayor thought it adviseable upon these Threats to order Softly towards Shields to reconnoiter then; who returned abo[u]t four o'Clock with an Acco[un]t that they were marching hither in a Body. Immediately Col. Maddison, who had doubled the guard before, ordered them by the Mayors desire to the Sand hill & gathered the rest thither by beat of Drum in half an hour. By an accident that happened in loading the pieces a Granadier was shot dead in his rank – whether this particularly, or the apparent preparation that was making for them intimidated the Mob is not certain but they halted a considerable Time near Byker gate & struck their Colour & came quietly into Town but being observed to be in great Numbers upon the Sandhill & Keyside some of them were asked what they came for & told if they wanted any thing with the Mayor he wo[ul]d hear them if ten or a dozen of them came in an orderly manner to him – presently nine of them appeared as Deputys from the rest who said they wanted their paper signed but the Mayor told them he had nothing to do with it & would not sign it & advised them to take Care of their behaviour & depart peaceably – just as this was over, between 20 & 30 of them came boldly near the Soldiers but by an unexpected movement found themselves surrounded & one of them being observed to have a Boatswains whistle slung about his neck with a red Ribbon was laid hold of & sent to prison where he still continues, as he is since found be a principal ringleader of them – about 3 or 4 more who were heard to use seditious expressions were also comitted. The Soldiers were under Arms most of the Night, and the rest of it in the Town Court. Proclamation was made for people to keep within Doors after ten o'Clock & by these & other regulations the peace was preserved and the Sailors obliged to return to Shields from whence there is no Acco[un]t yet of their committing any further disorders; tho' the Shields Masters of Ships who have been up to day are not without apprehensions I find – it is said confidently that about 20 Sail got to sea this morning & supposed that if the wind had continued fair all that were loaden wo[ul]d have gone & so there would have been an End of this disturbance but even as it is these people can now have nothing to do .... for here, except their ringLeader (whom the Mayor is determined to keep till all is subsided) because at a Meeting this Morning of the owners and Masters of Ships at the Trinity house the paper advancing their wages from 40s to 50s a voyage with other particulars demanded by the Sailors has been signed not from the reasonableness of the demand but thro' fear their ships may be damaged & with an intention as is acknowledged by the Masters to deviate from what they have signed as soon as opportunity serves. I have not heard that Mr Ridley or Mr Bell were in Town last Night. The rest of the Aldermen were all assisting to the Mayor who has conducted matters very much to the satisfaction of all the inhabitants. I do not apprehend there is the least occasion for your coming to Town, as there is an expectation that all will now remain in quietness. The Dragoons that are at Durham will be here to morrow in their rout[e] to Scotland & the Mayor expects orders, by the return of the express that was sent to the War Office last week, to detain them here awhile.

P.S. George Leafe Slater, who was an Elector, is dead & Ralph Smith has applied for your Business in his Stead. I am etc HR

**6 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Rastall**

The Revd Dr Rastall in Newark

Newcastle the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1768

Sir Pursuant to Sir Walter Blackett's Letter to you, of the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feby last, I shall send by the Fly Coach to morrow a Box directed to you, containing three parts of the Lease of the piece of ground in Sidgate, left by Sir Wiliam Blackett to St And[re]ws Church. One of the parts is intended for the Vestry, one for the Lessee, & the other for Sir Walter to keep with the Deeds of the family. The uppermost Seal of the three, in each part, is for you, the next for Mrs Rastall, & the Lowermost for Mr Wilson the Lessee. The reason that these deeds were not sent you sooner is that Mr Ellison, the Minister, was gone to Oxford and only returned last Week. & it was thought proper he should execute before they were sent to you.

After you and Mrs Rastal have executed, before two witnesses, you will please to return the Deeds to etc HR

P.S. I find the Coach does not go out till Friday.

**13 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Wallington

Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> April 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I met with Mr Smeaton yesterday at Hexham: who had pursuant to your Letter examined the plan & situation of the intended Bridge: & his opinion is that, if the Flood Marks shewn him by Messrs Gott & Brown are right, there is no doubt but their Arches will be high enough. he frankly owned he would not have made them so high. As to the Foundation of the piers he proposes two things. The first is, that instead of making them in six feet under low water mark they should without regarding the low water mark sink the foundation three feet under the Bed. that is the Bottom of the River; by wh[ic]h they will get so much hold of the Earth, with each Pier. This they agree to & are of opinion it will not cost more than their own Method. The other is, That instead of ramming down piles in a promiscuous Manner for the Frame to be founded upon, they should sink the 3 feet and then drive a compact Body of Piles, according to the Circumference of the frame so close to each other that no sand nor even water can pass through & so build within these Piles. But this Method I find they do not think so well of as their own; besides they say it will be a greater Expence & will quite alter the Contract. Indeed Mr Smeaton was candid enough to say to me that tho' his practice is as above stated yet he believed their Method would be very near as durable as his provided they would sink the 3 feet under the Bed of the River, as mentioned above, & then drive piles of the length & in the manner proposed in the plan. I have received the inclosed Letter from Mr Darwin, since I came home about a Bill Mr Walter Trevelyan has drawn upon him by a Misnomer – Mr Trevelyan told me he would draw upon me for rent charge – but it may perhaps be more convenient for him to draw upon Mr Darwin for it, while he is at Cambridge: he may do which way he pleases, if he will give Notice to Mr Darwin or me of his intention; that I may, if he draws upon Mr Darwin, have time to send money to answer his draughts – if you please to send me a Frank for Mr Trevelyan I will write him to this Effect, lest he should suffer any inconvenience for want of Money. I hope you are better than Yesterday. Mr Bell & Mr Wray will talk with Mr Errington's Steward about the Wood on the Ground to be exchanged. I am etc HR

**15 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esqr Queens College Cambridge

Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup> April 1768

Sir I am sorry to find by a Letter last post from Mr Darwin that he could not pay your bill; because you had called him Thomas instead of William Alvey Darwin. I understood you designed to draw upon me for the Rentcharge; and so did not furnish him with Money for it. but suppose you have found it easier to get Money at Cambridge for bills on London than on Newcastle – if so you will please to write me by return of the post, & I will send Mr Darwin money to pay your bills. When you draw any upon him you will please to write him that you have done so, & mention the Sum the date of the Bill – how many days it is payable at (w[hi]ch should be 30) & that it is for a qua[rte]rs rentcharge due at such a time out of Sir Walter Blackett's Estates at Hawick & Sweethope. If you should find it more convenient to draw upon me, at any time, you will please to give me advice of the bill in the same manner; that I may be authorised to place it to Sir Wrs Account. I am etc HR

**22 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 22d April 1768

Sir I acquainted Sir Walter of what you wrote of Mr Walter Trevelyan's draught on you; and he gave me a frank for him & accordingly I wrote him to Cambridge on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst desiring he would fix where he would have his Money paid; but have had no Answer. If he signs you such a receipt as you mention in my Name, & you send it me I shall remit you for your reimbursement: or if you do not obtain That you may place such sort of voucher as you can get to Sir Walter's Acco[un]t & I will remit you so much more than the quarterly payments to be placed to Sir Walter's Acco[un]t as usual upon your receipt.

I have not heard any Thing from Lawyer Wilson of Leeds since my last to you; tho' I wrote him as I mentioned to you I find he has been long & still is, in Cumberland attending the Contested Election; which is not yet over, by our latest Acco[un]ts from thence. The Numbers on Tuesday Night last were for Curwen 2182. Fletcher 2020. Lowther 1959. Senhouse 1872. I do not suppose in the present Case that the Mortgagees will take Advantage of the Clause for the high int[e]r[es]t; but if you think they will not wait a little I must remit you the Money & try to get it of Mr Wilson: tho' Mr Wilson has absolutely covenanted with Sir Walter to pay the int[e]r[es]t. I shall certainly hear from him in a few posts, so could wish to postpone making the payment of this half year's int[e]r[es]t till then.

Lawyer Wilson of this Town has also been in Cumberland & as I have been abroad since he came home I have not had an opportunity of talking with him about what you say concerning the Ferry boat, in your Letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o.

I shall send you a bill for the quarterly payments in a little time & am etc HR

**26 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> April 1768

Sir Inclosed I send you Jonan Sorsbie's bill on Freeman & Stainbanks for £500 & my bill on Plumb & Browne for £445 3s 4d which I desire you will place to my Acco[un]t & advise me of the receipt of. These bills with the £8 6s 8d which I make the balance of our Acco[un]t will enable you to pay the following Articles; to wit, £495 to Mr Savage for half a Year's int[e]r[es]t due 6<sup>th</sup> of next month - £333 for the quarterly payments to 30<sup>th</sup> June next - £62 10s 0d to Mr Trevelyan for his qua[rte]rs rentcharge due Ladyd[a]y last - £42 to Mrs Isab Sorsbie of Love

Lane E[as]t Cheap, Wid[o]w of Ald[er]ma[n] Sorsbie late of this Town for two Year's Allowance due Christmas last & £21 to Mrs Ann Eden of the same place wid[o]w of Ald[er]ma[n] Eden late of this Town for a year's Allowance due Mich[ael]mas last. I have wrote to Mrs Sorsbie & her daughter Mrs Eden to call upon You for their Money. You will please to make all these receipts in my Name & when you send them I will give you Credit for them & advise you accordingly. I have not yet heard any thing from Mr Wilson of Leeds; but if you find the Mortgagees will not wait for their int[er]est you may pay it them out of then £495 intended as above for Mr Savage; and on your advising me I will send you a bill to replace it. but Sir Wr does not think they will be so hasty.

Lawyer Wilson of this Town abides by his opinion, as to the Conveyance of Hexham E[as]t Ferry boat, of which I sent you a Copy. Sir Walter says you must give six months Notice to Mrs Idle's Representatives to take in their Money unless they will take £4 p[er]Centum. Sir Walter has ordered Fifteen pounds a Year to be paid to Elizth Atkinson of Hull in quar[ter]ly paym[en]ts being an Addition of two pounds a year. I shall write to Mr Blayds to pay it & draw upon you from time to time – the first payment will be due on the 12<sup>th</sup> July next. I am etc HR

Newcastle 30<sup>th</sup> March 1768 £500

Forty days after date Pay Mr Henry Richmond or order Five hundred pounds, the value in Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to Acco[un]t as by advice from

Jonathan Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks In London

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or Order value in Acco[un]t Hen Richmond

Newcastle 26<sup>th</sup> April 1768 £445.3.4

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order, the sum of Four hundred & forty five pounds three shillings & four pence value in Acco[un]t & place the same to Account as by Advice from

Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne

Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London  
Gentlemen

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> April 1768

I have drawn a Bill upon You for Four hundred & forty five pounds three shillings & fou pence payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order Twenty Days after this Date, which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc HR

## 26 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isabella Sorsbie

To Mrs Isabella Sorsbie in Love Lane East Cheap London

Newca[stle] 26 April 1768

Madam I thank you for the Method you have taken of furnishing me with directions to You, but at the same time I am sorry you should have put yourself to so much trouble – there are two year's Allowance due to You at Christmas last, which comes to Forty two pounds: & if you will call upon Mr William Alvey Darwin, Solicitor in Coney Court Grey's Inn London in about three Weeks from the Date hereof he will pay it you, on your giving him a receipt & shewing him this Lre, if he should ask for it.



If Mrs Eden is with you I desire you will give my compliments to her & acquaint her that there is a Year's Allowance of Twenty one pounds due to her at Mich[aelm]as last & that if she will go to Mr Darwin along with You he will pay it her. I am etc HR

**27 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 27<sup>th</sup> April 1768

Sir I desire you will let me know, by return of the post, at what time Sir Edward Blackett was to enter to Edward Slaters Farm at Fenwick – for having no Abstract of the purchase deed, and the affair being transacted in London, I don't know how to settle with the Tenant; who is now to pay his Martin[ma]s rent – part of it is to Sir Edward & part to Sir Walter – I should be glad also to know whether any thing is stipulated in the Deed, about the Modus: i.e. whether it is to be proportioned between Sir Edwd & Sir Walter, or Sir Edward is to pay the whole. I am etc HR

**28 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Collingwd Forster Esq in Alnwick

Newca[stle] 28 April 1768

Sir I find Capt[ai]n Roddam & the other Gentlemen, who bought the Tithe of their Estates in the parish of Ilderton of Sir Walter Blackett & were to enter at Mayd[a]y 1767 & receive their proportions of the Year's rent due Mayd[a]y 1768 of Messrs Snowdens, refuse to allow their Share of the Land tax for that Year; alledging to the Tenants, that Sir Walter must do it. This I cannot think reasonable neither do I remember that it was mentioned or understood so – on the Contrary as Land tax is chargeable on the Landlord, I should suppose these purchasers must pay it for the Year in question as well as for future Years. But as you were concerned for all the parties in the Conveyance I beg the favour of your opinion on this point & shall conduct myself according to it. I am etc HR

**30 April 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> April 1768

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me Mr Walter Trevelyan's receipt for Sixty two pounds ten shillings for his Annuity due Ladyday last from Sir Walter Blackett; but as he does not say that he received the money by me it is no voucher to my Acco[un]t; & therefore I must suspend charging it to Sir Walter or even giving your Account with me Credit for it till I see Sir Walter and try whether by an Endorsement on it he will give validity to it. I am etc HR

**6 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 6<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir Sir Wr Blackett, by an Indorsement, has enabled me to place Mr Trevelyan's Annuity to his Acco[un]t notwithstanding the omission he made of my name in the receipt so I have given your Acco[un]t credit for the value of it, to wit, Sixty two pounds ten shillings. I have also given your



Acco[un]t Credit, as I wrote you I would do in my Letter of 26<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o, for the three hundred & Thirty three pounds for which you sent me a receipt on Acco[un]t of the quarterly payments you are to make in London for Sir Wr Blackett to 30 June next. thinking as I had charged you with the whole Bill on Plumb & Browne, that this is a better Way than to divide the Bill.

As you say you propose to pay the Mortgagees of East Kenton their int[e]r[es]t of £280 rather than ask them to wait any longer time, & as I have not yet heard from Mr Wilson of Leeds upon the Subject tho' I wrote him on the 2 April about it; I have here inclosed you my Bill on Plumb & Browne for £280 payable Twenty five days after this date which I desire you will place to my Acco[un]t & advise me of the receipt of. this Bill will come in time to enable you to pay Mr Savage's half year's int[e]r[es]t due this day.

As Sir Edwd Blackett has bought his 150 Acres tithe free how will he in future time be able to support his Exemption unles he pays part of the Modus or can shew by his Deed that it is covered by the Modus for the other part of Fenwick? But then on the other hand can a Modus be divided without endangering the prescription? I am etc HR

Newcastle 6<sup>th</sup> May 1768 £280. 0. 0.

Twenty five days after Date Pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order the Sum of Two hundred & Eighty pounds value in Acco[un]t & place the same to Acco[un]t as by Advice from

Hen Richmond.

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London  
Gentlemen

Newca[stle] 6 May 1768

I have this day drawn a Bill upon you for Two hundred & Eighty pounds payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order Twenty five days after this date; which I desire you will accept, & when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc HR

#### **6 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq. Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 6 May 1768

Sir On the 20<sup>th</sup> January I wrote to you that Mr Darwin had been applyed to by one of the Mortgagees of East Kenton for his Money, & the 2d of last month I mentioned that an Application had been made to Sr Wr Blackett for it & at the same time acquainted you that half a year's intrest on that Mortgage, being £280, was due on the 27 of March & that there would be an Advance int[e]r[es]t payable if that sum was not paid in the time stipulated. But not having been favoured with any Answer from You Sir Walter has been obliged to remit £280 to Mr Darwin to discharge this int[e]r[es]t & save the advance of one p[er]Cent[u]m.

Mr King talks of paying his Rent in a little time. I am etc HR

#### **9 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir I have received Sambrooke Freeman's receipt for One hundred and forty pounds & Richd Glover's receipt for one hundred & forty pounds for their half year's int[e]r[es]t of their joint Mortgage on East Kenton due from Sir Walter Blackett on the 27<sup>th</sup> March last; which two sums I have given your Acco[un]t Credit for. & we must take Care, before Sir Walter executes the

Conveyance Deeds to make Mr Wilson repay this money, which we can the better do as he has not yet entred to the receipt of any Rents or profits of the Estate: but it appears to me to be a strange Way of proceeding in him, to pay his Money for the Equity of Redemption of this Estate & covenant to pay the Mortgage on it with all int[e]r[es]t from the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr last as soon as the Conveyances can be perfected and yet not give any of us the least answer or Satisfaction of any kind concerning them, tho' he has every thing he can desire to enable him to form a judgement of the Title and to expedite those conveyances – I have wrote again to him and hope I shall receive an Answer in a few posts.

I observe what you say about the Notice you have given to pay in Mrs Idle's money on the 2d Novemr next. I suppose it is to be paid in London & if so shall take Care to remit you accordingly But I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you here before that time & then we can talk of this & other matters. I am etc HR

£283. 19. 10 ½ Newcastle Bank 11<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Thirty days after date Pay to the order of Mr Heny Richmond Two hundred & Eighty three pounds nineteen shillings & 10 ½ pence value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self. Jos Saint.

Pay the Contents to Richard Wilson Esqr or order value in Account. Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London

**11 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 11<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir I send you herewith inclosed two parts of my Acco[un]t of your half year's rent of W[es]t Kenton due Martin[ma]s last and also Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Two hundred & Eighty three pounds nineteen shillings & ten pence half penny for the Balance of it, which Bill you will please to advise me of the receipt of, by return of the post, & return me a part of the Acco[un]t sigend by you mentioning the receipt of Mrs Headlam's receipt which is also herewith inclosed.

In the first column of the inclosed Newspaper is an Advertisement containing the particulars of Sr Arthr Hazlerigs Estate adjoining Kenton which is to be sold in Chancery in June next & which I take the Liberty of sending you, that if you please you may make an Addition to your Estate in Northumberland. The Lot, number'd 8, containing the Manor of Fawdon which adjoins to East Kenton is very improveable, as I am informed, & worth 30 years purchase at the present rent: only the reservation of the Royalty will be a discouragement to purchasers.

The Roofs of two or three of the farm houses at E[as]t KJenton will want some little reparation this Summer & the Season should not be slipped. Sir Walter Blackett has paid the Mortgagees of E[as]t Kenton their half year's int[e]r[es]t, to wit £280, & the same is placed to your Account. I am etc HR

**14 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 14<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir Inclosed I send you a copy of a Letter which I rec[eiv]ed from Mr Wilson last post, & think he is wrong in saying that his intrest in the Estate did not commence before the 12<sup>th</sup> instant as you will see by the Copy of the Articles of Agree[em]t which I sent you in Septemr last, unless

he means that no Rent was due and distrainable for before that day. I had received & remitted him Mr King's rent, which he mentions, before I got his Letter, & so shall write him to send me a bill for his proportion of the £280 for the ½ year's int[er]est due 27 March last. You see what he says about the Delay, & about Mr Freeman's Money; so you will desire Mr Freeman or his Solicitor, to acquaint him of the Day; for it is better it sho[ul]d be transacted directly between them than roundabout by this place. I shall write him who Mr Price is.

I wonder you never heard there was a Modus for the Corn tithe of Edward Slater's farm; for I gave an Acco[un]t of it to Mr Robson that it was ten shillings a year – however I should not think it wo[ul]d be looked upon as an Incumbrance but that every owner of an Estate would be glad to pay so small a matter to be exempt from the demand of Tithe in case any improvement should be practicable in any future time in the Estate.

I am sorry to hear of the riotous proceedings of the Sailors, & others of the lower sort, with you; but hope the Extremities they have driven the Executive power to make use of will convince them of their Error. We are all quiet here. I am etc HR

**20 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths London

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by William Laycock the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight hundred & Twenty ounces which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at Market price & advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**20 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir I desire that on the receipt hereof you will give directions that no more of your refined Lead be marked with a D – but only WBL like the rest of Sir Walter Blackett's refined Lead. and I think it would be better if the Lead made from the Litharge Slags were always cast in short pieces, like other Slag Lead and marked S.

The Marks on the Rookhope and Allanheads Lead are hardly distinguishable when they get to Blaydon; therefore you will please with to furnish those Mills with better Hammers or heavier hands to use them. Rookhope is the worst; so pray desire the Clerks to look after this Article.

P.S. I expected to have had two pieces of silver before this. I am etc HR

**20 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir Inclosed herewith I send you a part of your Rental for Mayd[a]y 1766, examined & signed; & desire you will let me have as soon as you conveniently can, your Rental for Mayday 1767 – pray when does Mr Heron intend to settle matters about the Deputy Clerks place. P.S. I should be glad to hear by the return of the post that you receive the Rental safe. I am etc HR

**21 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ra Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 21 May 1768

Sir I should be glad if you could name any person that lives near Gunnerton that would be proper to join with one of Mr Charleton's appointing, to value the Materials that are remaining at that Colliery; for the Lease is ready for executing & I expect he will be here soon. I think it would also be right to examine the Bankmans book and settle the quantity of Coals that were remaining at Bank on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May last and the quantity that has been wrought since and how much, if any, has been delivered since that day. For Mr Charleton is to take the Coals at 17d a foth[e]r that shall appear by the Banksman's book to be remaining at Mayday. But as he is not entred yet and the work is going forward at the Colliery it will not be amiss to know what is done at it since Mayday. To both Acco[un]ts when taken out of the book I would have the Bankman set his hand and then desire they may be sent me. I am etc HR

**22 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Brown**

To Mr Richard Brown at Kirkharle

Newca[stle] 22d May 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you that he is satisfied that the £40 which Mr Robson advanced in his own Name to one Simpson on the promisory note which you shewed him was nor Mr Robsons Money for it is charged and allowed him in his Acco[un]t with Sir Walter for the year ending May 1765 as you will see in your part of that Account under the head proper Account; therefore Sir Walter desires, if you are also satisfied about it, that you will endorse the Note to him by writing on the back of it pay the Contents to Sir Wr Blackett or order. I am etc HR

**23 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 23 May 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett desires you will pay Mrs Scott Ten Guineas which she writes him she has paid Mrs Vaughan for 14 Months from April 1767 to June 1768 & place the same to his Account. I am etc HR

**24 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir John Johnson has been again with Sir Walter about Benson of Yarridge turning Jane Bell off her part of That farm which Johnson took; desiring Sir Walter will write to Benson to let her continue and have peaceable Enjoyment of her Share, which he says is  $\frac{1}{8}$ <sup>th</sup> part. The complying with this request may prejudice the Lease as it will shew Sir Walter's privity to the Assignment of it to Benson and that he takes Benson for his Tenant; which I have told Sir Walter of. Yet he inclines to have something done in the Case; and desires you will draw up a Memorandum for Johnson to sign or execute Reciting the lease and the Assignment of it that it was so assigned without Sir Walters privity – that Johnson had requested Sir Walter to intercede with Benson to

let Jane Bell have her Share being  $\frac{1}{8}$ <sup>th</sup> part of the farm during the remainder of the Lease – that Sir Walter was inclined to do so on Johnsons covenanting that He his Ex[ecu]tors etc should nevertheless remain and be subject to all the Clauses and covenants contained in the said Lease as much as if no such Application had ever been made to Benson & that the said Johnson doth Covenant accordingly etc. Now if you can draw or get drawn up at Johnson's Expence such an Agreement as this and he will sign or execute it, if necessary; you may, on his doing so, try whether you can prevail on Benson to let the old Woman remain on the farm or some way to compromise this Matter for her. I am etc HR

**25 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Blaydes**

Mr Blaydes in Hull Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 25 May 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has made an Addition of Two pounds a Year to Eliz Atkinson's Allowance, so that she is now to have Three pounds fifteen shillings paid to her every quarter of a year; & the first payment is to be due to her on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July next. Sir Walter desires you will be so good as pay her according to this Appointment & that you will draw from time to time for your reimbursement on Mr William Alvey Darwin of Grays Inn London as I mentioned in my former Letter to you. I have wrote him to pay your Draughts & am etc HR

**25 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 25<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir I apprehend by your Agreement for the purchase of East Kenton that you are to pay all intrest, on the two mortgages that shall become due after the 18<sup>th</sup> Novemr last; and if so your share of the £280 for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  year's int[e]r[es]t due the 27<sup>th</sup> March last is £200 and Sir Wr Blacketts £80 & as to the rents of this Estate that were due the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, I should suppose in case the Agreement is carried into Execution, that they will be due to you; therefore you will please, if you find me right, to send me a Bill on London payable to me or order for this £200; because it may be 4 or 5 months before your Tenants will enable me to reimburse Sir Walter. I do not know what day Mr Freeman expects his money, but I wrote to Mr Darwin the day I rec[eiv]ed your Letter to inform either you or me of it and have been waiting for his answer before I wrote you; but as two or three posts are past since I ought to have heard from him & as a Bill for £200 would be very acceptable just now, I thought it best not to postpone writing to you any longer. I don't know any thing of Mr Price, further than that Mr Darwin says he is Mr Freeman's Solicitor & that he had wrote you that Mr Freeman wants his Money. Besides the Abstract of Kenton Title deeds you have another that is chiefly of Deeds that relate to Sr Wrs other Estates & which will be wanted soon: you will please to return it me as soon as you have done with it & if at the same time you send a plan of West Kenton it will be of use. I am etc HR

**27 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 27 May 1768



Sir I have rec[eiv]ed by the Hexham Carrier a Box containing two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery; the one weighing three hundred & Eighty four ounces & the other five hundred & twenty three ounces. I am etc HR

**27 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Teasdale**

To Christr Teasdale Esqr in Chichester Sussex

Newca[stle] the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Sir I received your Letter desiring me to pay the intrest money when due for the last Year to Mr Alcock and that his receipt shall be a sufficient discharge. I would readily have done so as soon as the intrest is due which will not be till 13<sup>th</sup> Augst; but Mr Alcock does not chuse to give me a receipt in the form that is necessary, such a one as is below; and therefore I see no other way but for you to sign it & return it to him against the time the money is due and on his producing it to me I will pay him the money. I am etc HR

1768 Augst Received of Sir Walter Blackett Bt by Henry Richmond the sum of Twenty pounds five shillings being a year's intrest of £450 at 4 ½ p[er]Cent[u]m due to me the 13<sup>th</sup> instt on his bond to my Brother Lieutt Wm Teasdale deceased dated 13<sup>th</sup> Augst 1764 - I say received the same as Ex[ecu]tor of my said Brother. As witness my hand  
£20. 5. 0.

**28 May 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Ridley came to Town on Tuesday Evening. I saw him yesterday & he looks very well; he proposes going to Blagdon the Beginning of next Week but promised to write you particularly of it and other Matters today – he says he finds by a Letter last post from London that all is quiet again. We contine so here, but the Mayor with Mr Ridleys approbation has inserted an Advertisement in the papers encouraging the sufferers by the late Riots at Shields to make Informations.

I will consult Mr Kent & Mr Brumell about the Stuff for the chair bottoms.

Mr Wilson is not in Town; when he comes I will ask him what is to be done with the Arbitration bonds; the part executed by Mr Errington should in my opinion be kept in your Office. I have not received any Answer from Mr Brown about the promisory note.

I hear Mrs Rastal is ill of a Fever & but little hopes of her.

Mr Bell writes that Mr Smith, Steward to Mrs Ord, has asked him for your permission to win stones on the Comon called Keenley Leazes, for a Bridge over West Allan on the road from Haltwhistle by Whitfield to Allandale Town. I do not find he applys in Mrs Ords name in the name of the Keenley people, who are Subscribers to the Bridge; but in the Name of the Country in general.

I have sent a Bible, a Dictionary and a history of England, as you bade me for the Servants; but cannot yet meet with a collection of Travels etc proper for them. I am etc HR

P.S. Almost 12 o'Clock.

I have sent herewith the Article & the Draught of the Lease for Archbolds farm w[hi]ch I have just got from my Brother & have not had time to read more than the first sheet of, without keeping the Cart too long. But I hope it is all right.



**28 May 1768    From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcastle 28<sup>th</sup> May 1768

Gentlemen I sent you yesterday, by David Jackson's Waggon, a box containing two pieces of Silver; the weight of which I make nine hundred and seven ounces; which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual, at the Market price; & advise me on your receipt of them. I am etc    HR

**3 June 1768    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart at Matfin

Newcastle 3d June 1768

Honourable Sir    People continue here in a peaceable State; and the Mayor says there is not any public business that requires your coming to Newcastle at present and that he hopes to meet you at Blagdon. Mr Blackett, who came home on Thursday last, talks of seeing you to morrow at Matfin. As to private business I do not know any thing to occasion your coming to Town sooner than you would otherwise chuse. Mr Coll. Forster is not yet returned from London: when he comes I will either see him here or, If I miss him, write him about Snowden's demand. On the 27<sup>th</sup> April last Snowden paid me his last Martin[ma]s rent, at which time he spoke of this claim as a thing the Custom of the parish would give him But on telling him he could have no right under you but by the Article, which came no lower down than last Mayday, & asking whether ~~the rent~~ he apprehended that the rent he was paying was for Tithe already received, or for what was not yet due, he answered that it was for Tithe that he had got; and admitted it was not customary to pay tithe rents before the Tithe accrued became due. So that I thought he had dropped the Demand.

I have received a Letter from Mr Seymour that the Duke of Northumberland agrees to Mr Charleton's resignation of Birtley Colliery to You & that the Matter will be further talked of at the next Audit. I am etc    HR

**4 June 1768    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 4 June 1768

Sir I have received your Letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ultimo inclosing me Mr Savage's receipt for four hundred & ninety five pounds for half a Year's interest of £22000 due from Sir Walter Blackett the 6<sup>th</sup> of last month & have given your Account Credit for the same. Inclosed in the same Letter I received Roger Crosbys receipt for three pounds twelve shillings which I shall call upon Mr Greenwell for; and advise you on my receiving the money. I see that in my Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ultimo wherein I mentioned the Ten Shillings paid for a Modus for the Corn Tithe of part of Fenwick that I said it was for the Corn Tithe of Edwd Slater's farm; but I must beg leave to make an Amendment to that Expression, for That modus covers the Corn tithe of two farms in Fenwick township, one called Burnside let to Edward Slater for £120 a year & the other called Fenwick Shield let to Thos Mason for £100 a year. this I thought should be set right lest any intention should hereafter arise of making any Deed in respect of this Modus, as in a former Letter you thought would be necessary. I am etc    HR

**5 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esqr Queens College Cambridge

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir Last Night I received the favour of your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o & as I wrote you on the 15<sup>th</sup> April last you may have your quarterage by drawing a bill either upon Mr Darwin or me. Either of us will pay your draughts with great readiness, if you please but to write a Letter, the same day you draw your bill, to the one or the other of us on whom you have drawn it. The form of the bill and of the Letter you have below; which you will please to vary in point of Date, direction and other Circumstances as the Case may require. If you should determine to draw upon Mr Darwin, I should be obliged to you to write me that you will do so, because He may not at all times have money sufficient in his hands to answer your draughts, unless I remit it him for the purpose.

Sometime ago I received a Letter from Mr Brutton as you mentioned but have not since that time heard of a Ship for Exeter: as soon as one offers I shall send him a Kitt of Salmon as you desire. I am etc HR

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London

Cambridge 24 June 1768

Sir

I have this day drawn a bill upon you for £62. 10s.0d payable to.....or order twenty days after this date for my Quarters rent charge due from Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t this Day I am etc WT

Sir

Cambridge 2 June 1768 £62. 10. 0

Twenty days after date pay to .....or order Sixty two pounds ten shillings value received & place the same to Acco[un]t as advised by

Your h[um]ble servant W.T

To Mr Willm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London

**7 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newcastle 7<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir I received your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instt inclosing me Mrs Sorsbie's receipt for forty two pounds for two year's Allowance & Mrs Eden's receipt for Twenty one pounds for a Year's Allowance: both w[hi]ch sums I have given your Acco[un]t Credit for.

As to the modus of 10s which is paid for Fenwick Burnside & Shields farms, it is plain that Mr Robson who transacted the whole matter respecting the 150 Acres has omitted to mention the Same to you tho' I told him of it. Whether he has valued this ground as Tithe free & intended it should be sold so I know not - but he always said Slater's farm was clear of all tithes - tho' it never appeared clear to me that it was so. The Corn tithe indeed I knew to be covered by this modus of 10s. Copy of which receipt you have below - but as to the petty tithes we only have the report of the Tenants that the modus of 5s 0d paid for the Hall farm covers the Shields & Burnside farm; which they say were demain Grounds. And as to the hay tithe they are our only voucher that Satisfaction was antiently made for it by about 3 Acres of ground called the Lizards being set off the demain farms, that is, as they say, the Hall farm Burnside & Shields farms. This Obscurity arises from the Tenants having been obliged formerly to pay the Modus & not having them allowed in their rent. I am etc HR

Rec[eiv]ed Septemr 9<sup>th</sup> 1767 of Edwd Slater the sum of Ten shillings in full for the modus of Corn Tithe of the Burnside & Fenwick Shields in the parish of Stamfordham for this present year 1767 by me George Bates.

NB S[i]r Ed Blackett has half the Tithes of this parish: & Bates is his Steward, & is receiver for the other half also.

**4 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Marley**

To Mr Jno Marley at Dunstan

Newca[stle] 4 June 1768

Sir The Lease of Sr Wr Blacketts part of Winlaton Colliery being expired & the Materials which belonged to it & are contained in the Schedule of the said Lease a Copy of which is below being now to be valued we desire you will take the trouble as soon as you conveniently can of making a valuation of the same . We are etc

For my Father Matt Bell Junr

For Sir Wr Blackett Bt HR

£ s d

5588 Yds of Waggon Way leading to Blaydon Staiths.....

Three Coal Gins.....

Sr Wr Blackett's <sup>2</sup>/<sub>8</sub> ths of which is worth.....

12 going Waggons – one lying Waggon.....

Three Keelrooms with a Trunk, The on gate  
from the Turnsail to the Spout – four shutts.....

one spout, 38 yds of <Cape> - two turn sails

7 barrows & 11 Yards of Staith floored

two spare Waggon Axletrees one Gavelock

one Wedging Chizel one great Mall one.....

wedging Mall

**9 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Snowden**

To Mr John Snowden at Fawden near Alnwick

Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you that he is satisfied you have no right to this Years tithe of Wool and Lamb in the parish of Ilderton & therefore desires you will make no Demand of them. I am etc HR

**10 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Forster & I waited upon Mr Wilson about your Minutes concerning the Exchange between Mr Errington & you; & find that the Arbitrators intend to award you 67 Acres of Mr Erringtons ground in the room of 45 of your's – they have valued his 67 acres at 8s an Acre at a Medium: & one of them said he thought it was worth more. On the other hand they have valued your Wood land at 8s an Acre. Some pasture ground at 12s an Acre & the best

ground at 16s an Acre; and in this way of proceeding they find the 67 acres to be an exact equivalent for the 45 a[cres] – whether they are mistaken, & have estimated Mr Erringtons ground too high & yours too low, I cannot judge - but they knew the intention was to accommodate him upon equal terms only. The Submission Deed expresses it so - & I think they could not avoid taking the adjacency of your ground to Hexham into Consideration Mr Wilson says his Errand to Durham to morrow is only to read over the Draught of the Award to the Arbitrators to be approved of or altered by them as they see proper, & that it is not to be executed till Saturday Se[ven]night; so that there will be an opportunity, if you please, any time the beginning of next week to talk the matter over with Mr Wilson previous to the Engrossing of the Award. Since the above was written Mr Wilson has sent me the inclosed copy of the valuation left with him by the Arbitrators.  
P.S. Inclosed I return Mr Wilsons Letter. I am etc HR

**10 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I think there is no necessity for your coming to Town imediately on Account of the intended Exchange between You and Mr Errington as there will be another week before the Award will be executed. I have communicated the Contents of your Letter to Mr Wilson & he is of the same opinion. He says he will make free to enquire of the Arbitrators what grounds they have gone upon – whether they have compared the Lands to be exchanged with other Lands in the Neighbourhood of each & whether they have duly considered the nearness of yours to Hexham & the distance of Mr Erringtons from That or any other Markett. If I hear nothing from you to the Contrary before tomorrow morning at 7 oClock I will then set out with Mr Wilson to Durham & act according to the Tenor of your Letter. I am etc HR

**10 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir I should be glad to have a copy of the Masters reports containing the Acco[un]t of the Trust Estate from the former Adjustm[en]t of it in 1758 when the balance was stated to be £43 14s 4½d due to Sr Wr till the last settling of the same when Woodcroft Estate & the 150 Acres of Fenwick were sold to pay him his £5000; & how the balance now stands. For it is proper that something of this transaction sho[ul]d be entred in the Family Leidger & I cannot do it accurately unless you supply me with materials. What I understand of it is that Woodcroft was sold for £2700 & the 150 Acres for £2700 together £5400. That of this money £5000 was paid to Sr Wr & the remaining £400 was applyed in paying the Costs & Sr Wrs old balance of 43. 14.4½ . Then there will be £5043 14s 4½d out of w[hi]ch Sr Wr p[ai]d £2700 for Woodcroft & the residue being £2343 14s 4½d must be placed I suppose to his proper Acco[un]t. Yo[u]r answer hereto in a little time will inable me to include this matter in the last yrs acc[oun]t w[hi]ch I expect to close in abo[u]t a fortnight I am etc HR

**12 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I was at Durham yesterday with Mr Wilson & the Arbitrators. Mr Bullock was there & begun with remonstrating abo[u]t the Quarry w[hi]ch the Arbitrators said they had not set off any Ground in lieu of having no power to do so. So they proposed a review w[hi]ch Mr Jephson said was the more necessary on acco[un]t of a doubt that had been raised in his mind of the Justness of their Survey. A Review therefore was resolved on and new bonds with a longer time & power to take the Quarry into Consideration are to be made. Mr Wilson the took occasion to recommend to the Arbitrators a carefull examination on their review of the value of the Grounds in the Neighbourhood of the parcels to be Exchanged as well as the Situation of the same in respect of Markets & upon the whole to Award You such an Allotment as would without expence or loss of time let for the same rent as the ground you were to part with to accommodate Mr Errington could now be let for. They hearkened to this with temper & owned they had not made any Enquiry how the adjoining grounds were let but wo[ul]d do so on their going again & it is agreed that your plan of Ryal w[hi]ch is at Wallington & the Articles for your two farms there, w[hi]ch I have, shall be sent to Mr Bell to be shewn them along with the Lease of Mr Harbottles farm when they come to Hexham. Mr Bullock is to let them see the Leases of Wallington & they are to make such further Enquiries as they judge proper. Mr F. Swinburne desires his Complim[en]ts to you – he hears that Mr Cass & you are going So[uth]wards & desires you will give him a Call at Durham & let him have as much notice as you can. Mrs Byne sent the inclosed this morning with a Message desiring I wo[ul]d give it to you. I am etc HR

**12 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Hugall**

To Mr Hugall Attorney at Law Durham

Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir I rec[eiv]ed your Letter inclosing me the Notice of Ld Darlington's riding his Boundary on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant. I wish I had had it sooner but I shall send it to Sr Wr Blacketts Grove Steward in Weardale & direct him to be as carefull as possible & to get proper Evidence to preserve the Bishop of Durhams Boundary. I am etc HR

**12 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos Maughan at Newhouse Weardale

Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir I have just now rec[eiv]ed the inclosed notice from Mr Halhead of Ld Darlington's intention of riding his boundary on Fryday next who desires that proper persons well acquainted with his Lordships boundary may attend and discharge them in Case they interfere with his Lordships boundary – he mentions one John Wilson who lives at Raerdion [?Rare Dean] near Lanchester who was formerly employed under Sir Walter and rode the Bishops boundary with Mr Whitaker as a person that can do service. If you want him I desire you will send for him & that you will not only in respect of Mr Halheads desire but also in Consideration of Sr Wrs intrest in the Wastes in Weardale take Care to preserve as much as possible the antient boundary. P.S. You may return me the Notice when you have opportunity. I am etc HR

**12 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**



To Mr John Bell Hexham

Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir There is an Advertisement in our Yesterdays paper that Ld Crews Trustees intend to perambulate their Boundary of Blanchland on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> instant.

As there is a Dispute between them & Sr Wm Blackett where they join the Manor of Hexham I desire you will procure some proper persons who are well acquainted with that part of Sr Wm's boundary to meet you that morning & where you find that they interfere in their perambulation with Sr Wm's boundary that you discharge them in Hexham. Some of the people that were at Sr Wm's riding the boundary of Hexham Manor will be very proper persons to take with you & if Mr Heron could go & discharge them as Bailiff of the Manor I believe it would be agreeable to Sir Walter.

The Arbitrators for the Exchange between Sir Walter & Mr Errington are to meet again to have a new Survey & a revaluation of the ground & for their Satisfaction the plan of Ryal & the Articles of the two farms there will be sent you to be shewn them along with Mr Harbottle's Lease I am etc HR

**14 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Forster at Wallington

Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir On Sunday last I wrote Sir Wm upon belief only, for I had got a Cold that kept me at home that day, that I had the Articles for both the farms at Ryal and that the plan was at Wallington but I find that was a Mistake for when I got to the office I found the plan & William Hepple's Lease here; but cannot find any thing of Richd Dunn's Article which is for 21 Years from Mayd[a]y 1764 at £135 a year. I desire you will search for it & if you meet with it that you will send it by the first opportunity to Mr John Bell at Hexham & I shall send Hepple's Lease and the plan thither also For there is to be another view and examination into the value of the grounds to be exchanged between Sir Walter & Mr Errington & it is agreed that the Arbitrators shall be furnished with these Materials to inform their Judgements in the Case.

I hope you have got something settled with Mr Charleton about the Coals on bank at Gunnerton Coll[ie]ry & the Materials that he is to enter to there – it is not his business to be in a haste about it but if he shews any backwardness I desire you will let me know.

P.S. If the Work mentioned in the inclosed Note has been done by Geo Bowlt I desire you will sign & return it. I am etc HR

**17 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir Inclosed is my bill on Plumb & Browne for Sixty two pounds ten Shillings payable to you or order Twenty days after this date which I desire you will, for the present, place to my Acco[un]t and advise the receipt of. It is to enable you to pay Mr Walter Trevelyan his qua[rte]rs rent chrg due 24<sup>th</sup> instt which he writes me he will draw upon you for & that he may do so properly I have sent him the form of a bill & the Letter of Advice.

Sir Walter desires you will let me know whether you intend coming to Newcastle this Vacation. I have asked Mr Greenwell thrice for Roger Crosby's Money but he makes a Demur about the Land tax: tho' I believe he will pay it at last. P.S. You may endorse Mr Trevelyan's bill to me in these words – Rec[eiv]ed the Contents of the within bill of Sr Wm Blackett by Hen Richmond for



a qua[rte]rs rent charge I paid Mr Trevelyan & due 24<sup>th</sup> instt & then on your sending it me I will give you Credit for it. I am etc HR

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> June 1768 £62. 10. 0

Twenty days after Date pay Mr Willm Alvey Darwin or Order Sixty two pounds ten shillings value in Acco[un]t & place the same to Acco[un]t as by Advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London  
Gentlemen

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> June 1768

I have drawn a bill on you for Sixty two pounds ten Shillings payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order twenty days after this date; which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e]t as usual. I am etc HR

**16 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Henry Brutton**

To Mr Henry Brutton at Cullompton Devonshire

Newca[stle] 16<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir I am very sorry that I have not been able since I rec[eiv]ed your Letter on the 1<sup>st</sup> of last month to answer your desire & Mr Walter Trevelyan's in sending you a Kit of Salmon from hence, till now. Yesterday was the first of my hearing of a Ship bound to your place, tho' I have had our Broker upon the look out for one these six weeks. Accordingly I shipt on board the Freedom of Exeter, Thos Hemson Master a Kit of Salmon directed for you to be left at the Half Moon Inn in High Street Exeter & hope you will receive it safe without further delay than what is necessary for the voyage. I am etc HR

**19 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 19<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir I am surprised as well as you at the mistake which My Brother has made in the Lease of Stubblock Colliery; because as you say the Draught was altered, & besides I acquainted him of the intention that the Lessees were to stand upon the old Agreement for the first 8 years. I shall see him to morrow about it & think you had better return the Lease to me by the Carrier. Mr Forster & Mr Ladler will be at Hexham the beginning of next week, if not sooner, to treat with Mr Harbottle – but as to the tithes Mr Forster thinks it too soon to value them I am etc HR

**24 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

Mr John Bell at Mr Elliss in Hexham

Newcastle 24<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir I desire to know, before I write to Mr Douglas, whether it will suit you to go to Berwick on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of next month – if so, you can go to Wallington on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> & take Mr Forster & Mr Brown along with you P.S. I have rec[eiv]ed Stubblock Coll[ie]ry Leases back again & have sent them to my brother, who says he can set all right by an Endorsement[s]. I saw

the dra[f]t w[hi]ch you had altered agreeably to the Sense of all parties, but my brother had struck out your alteration without saying any thing to me that he had done so or shewing me the Engrossments. I have also rec[eiv]ed your protest against Lord Crews trustees' manner of riding their boundary w[hi]ch is a very proper one. I am etc HR

**28 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Davison**

To Mr Thomas Davison Shoemaker Morpeth

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> June 1768

Sir Agreeable to Sir Walter Blackett's Notice to you and Mr Horsley that he would pay off your joint Mortgage on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant on the Estate he bought of Mr Smith at Hawick, I was ready then to have waited on you with the Money at Morpeth as your Attorney Mr Newton had appointed – but I was prevented coming by a Message he sent me by My Brother desiring in your Names that the payment might be postponed till the 27<sup>th</sup> instant. This Appointment has also been altered by Mr Newton's Letter that Mr Horsley could not be at Morpeth on that day on Account of some fair – had Mr Newton named another day for my waiting upon you I sho[ul]d not have troubled you with this Letter, the meaning of which is to acquaint you that Sir Wrs money is ready & I am so too to wait upon you & Mr Horsley with it whenever you please. I desire you will mention this to Mr Newton that there may be no further delay in this Matter & am etc HR

**28 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ra Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 28 June 1768

Sir Mr Bell writes me that he will be ready to go to Berwick with you on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of next month; so I shall write Mr Douglass that you will be at Tweedmouth on Tuesday Evening. I think it will be necessary for Mr Geo Brown to go with you that you may get the Turnpike road viewed & certified for, that Mr Bell may be able to settle that matter with Mr Douglass. I don't doubt but you have given directions as I mentioned to you from Sir Wrs Letter to have a Kiley & Sheep killed and other provision ready for a dinner for Sr Wr & some Company at Wallington on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month & beds to be prepared for them. I am etc HR

**28 June 1768 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass Plumber in Berwick

Newca[stle] 28 June 1768

Sir Mr Bell & Mr Brown will be at Tweedmouth on Tuesday the 12 of next month when I hope all matters will be got settled about the pitmen's houses & the Road. I hope also the Rent for the fishery will be ready & that you will be so good as acquaint the other Tenants of their coming that they may be ready also with their rents. If it sho[ul]d be convenient you may at the same time pay Mr Bell the Colliery rent. I am etc HR

**4 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> July 1768

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me Mr Walter Trevelyans bill on you for Sixty two pounds ten Shillings for his <.> rent charge on Hawick with your Indorsement of the same to me & therefore have given you Credit for that sum and I have at last received of Mr Greenwell three pounds twelve Shillings for Roger Crosby's receipt which I have also given you Credit for. I had a Letter last post from Mr Wilson by which I find he is dissatisfied either with his purchase or with me for pressing to know what is doing about the Conveyances or with the Mortgagee for calling for his Money. He says, "after putting himself so much in other peoples power no one can imagine he should be averse to having a Conveyance at a distance of 10 Months or thereabouts. The necessary Evidences of title are not produced. Mr Child 'tis now said is backward" (I desire to know the meaning of this) he goes on "I was told no part of £14000 would be wanted. I have Letters from Mr Darwin and you to that purpose; It is now called for (a moiety I mean) & imediate payment required. had I had Customary Notice I would have provided for the payment for thank God I do not want resources." I am etc HR

**9 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to Sambrooke Freeman**

To Sambrooke Freeman Esqr Berkley Square London

Wallington Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July 1768

Dear Sir Having several Months ago articted with Mr Wilson for the Sale of Kenton & received ten Thousand pounds from him I did suppose he had settled with you & Mr Glover or whoever is the other Mortgagee in respect to the remaining fourteen Thousand, so that I concluded I had nothing further to do in the matter; I always understood that some delay in getting the proper title Deeds or some deeds out of Chancery was the reason that the purchase had not been entirely compleated & a few posts ago I received a Letter from my Agent that those deeds were then got out of Chancery or some some Trustee's hands & that proper Deeds were then drawing to finish the whole Affair this State of the Case prevents me from giving you so explicit an answer to your favour of the 5 instt as I sho[ul]d otherwise do, so that I must beg you will receive this as a Sufficent Answer to yours till I receive a further Account from Mr Wilson to whom I shall transmit a Copy of your Letter; it is certain, as there is no Agreement between you & Mr Wilson to the Contrary you must receive your money from him or me upon proper Notice according to the Deed of Mortgage, but your above mentioned Letter is the first Notice I have received of your inclination to have your Money upon that Mortgage pay'd in. I am etc Wr Blackett

**9 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> July 1768

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of a Letter which Sir Wr Blackett has received from Mr Freeman, & which he desires me to send you. He does not know what answer to give to it, and would be glad if you would either enable him to give me, by sending him a Letter upon the Matter; or would take the trouble of answering Mr Freeman yourself. I am etc HR

**12 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Wallington

Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> July 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Errington has returned Mr Wilson the Draught of the Arbitration Bond, inserting only a Liberty of getting Stones for building Walls and fences, as well as houses: so it will be engrossed directly & one part sent to Sr Thos Wentworth.

I hear all the parties have now executed the Arbitration bonds for adjusting the dispute about Lucker Moor & Tithe: so I hope the Arbitrators will proceed in the business without delay. the time allowed Mr Coll. Forster, Arbitrator for the Moor, is till the first of August; & Mr Aynsley & Mr Fenwick, Arbitrators for the Tithe, till the 1<sup>st</sup> of October next.

Mrs Bell was brought to Bed Yesterday Morning of a Son, & I hear is in a fair Way of recovery. I am etc HR

**19 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S[i]r Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 19 July 1768

Hon[ou]r[ed] Sir Inclosed is the Order for the payments to Miss Robertses and the draught of another, as Mr Bell said it was to be.

I intended to have asked Mr Cookson which of them are concerned in Fallowfield; but he has not been upon 'Change for some days. I hear nothing yet of Sr Alexr Macdonald.

I find there is a dispute about a few Yards of boundary between Lord Darlington and You at Langtihead, a little to the Westward of where the grove is working; but Mr Maughan thinks it may easily be adjusted: in order to which he is to send down a plan of the ground, as soon as he can get it done – he says the grove is in a flourishing State, and has yielded already as much Ore as will reimburse the expence of the Level: but that there is nothing else, in his part of Weardale, that is good for aught. P.S. I have a Letter this post from Mr Wilson of Leeds & find he expects now to get forward with the Conveyances & to make up matters with Mr Freeman. He desires his Compliments to you, & says he thinks it will not be necessary for you to write to Mr Freeman. I am etc HR

**19 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richd Wilson Esqr at Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 19<sup>th</sup> July 1768

Sir I have received your Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instt inclosing me your Bill on Messrs T Wilson & Planel for two hundred pounds payable to me or order; which I have placed to your Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett; & which when paid will be in full for your proportion of the half Year's int[er]est due 27<sup>th</sup> March last; which Sir Walter paid to the Mortgagees of the £14000 on East Kenton. As soon as the hay and Corn are off the Ground the Surveyor will proceed to measure the several alterations made by Mr King in the Inclosures at West Kenton, & then he will be able to alter the plans & field Book of that Estate as you desire. I am etc HR

**22 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 22d July 1768

Sir In answer to your Letter to Sir Walter, about Hexham East Ferry Boat, he bids me acquaint you that he thinks there is no other Way of proceeding in this business than what is prescribed in

Mr Wilsons opinion dated 28 Decr last which I sent you a Copy of in my Letter of 15 March last; & which is for the parties who are not under Coverture to Surrender by Letter of Attorney, according to the Custom of the Manor; and for those that are married to covenant together with their Husbands and the Trustees in the Settlement, that Sir Walter shall have peaceable Enjoyment. Sir Walter is willing to accept this Sort of Title, but only thinks that a Clause may be added, that, if any of the married Ladies come within 20 miles or So of Hexham they shall Surrender also.

Mr Wilson of Leeds now writes me that Mr Child has communicated the deed which Mr Banks wanted a Sight of, and that Mr Banks will forthwith send down the dra[ugh]t of the Conveyance. He adds that he will write immediately to Mr Price about the £7000.

Inclosed is Bell, Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for one hundred & Fifty four pounds on Acco[un]t of the quarterly payments you are to make on Sr Wr Blackett's Account in London between the 30<sup>th</sup> June last & 30<sup>th</sup> Septemr next for w[hi]ch Bill you will please to send me the usual receipt to be a voucher to my Account with Sir Walter. I am etc HR

£154 Newcastle Bank 22d July 1768

Thirty days after date Pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond One hundred & Fifty four pounds Value received.

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey & Self. Jos Saint

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 22127

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Account  
Hen Richmond

**21 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos Maughan Newhouse Weardale

Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> July 1768

Sir Sir Walter desires you will send to Mr Wm Westgarth to come & view the ground in dispute at Langtihead and to consider the Situation of the Groves & veins there as well in his as Lord Darlington's Liberty and to enquire of the old people that were at the ridings of the boundary how it was ridden by both parties and to get a plan drawn as was talked of when you were here & that you & he will draw up a State of the Case as it appears to You. he desires this may be done as soon as you can if before Mr Westgarth comes hither for Subsistence Money it would be better. Sir Walter is sorry this Boundary was not adjusted before the Level was begun. I am etc HR

**26 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> July 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered Twenty one pounds a piece to be paid to Miss Mally, Miss Dolly & Miss Bella Roberts, now, as a present, and the same sum to be paid to each of them every Year in half Yearly payments, to wit at Chrmas & Midsumr. As it will be most convenient for them to have these Sums paid them at Hexham you will please to do so, and to take the receipts in your own Name & charge them in your Rental. I am etc HR

**29 July 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup> July 1768

Sir Sir Walter desires to know whether there is any Waste Ground on the North Side of the Tyne, near Hexham, which as Lord of the Manor he could, if occasion should require it, make use of for a Landing place & to build a Boat house upon. I am etc HR

**2 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 2d Augst 1768

Sir Inclosed is the Duplicate of the Acco[un]t between You and me; which being right I have signed and returned: and am only sorry you did not give me an opportunity of settling it with you in Newcastle. I am etc HR

**12 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcastle 12 Augst 1768

Gent[le]m I have this day sent you by Wm Laycock the London Carrier a piece of Silver containing 705 Ounces; w[hi]ch I desire you will place to Sr Wr Blacketts acco[un]t as usual at the Market price & advise me on the receipt of it. I am etc HR

**16 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newcastle 16<sup>th</sup> Augst 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr G Brown went to Hexham Yesterday in a Chaise & Mr Lambert thinks he will be quite well of the Fistula when the wound heals w[hi]ch will be in a fortnights or three weeks time – the cure has been a little retarded by his having the Piles. I have spoke to all our principal Merchants abo[u]t young Mr <Bonack> but cannot find any room for him, at present, among them – London is a more likely place for a Young Man to get into business as many go from hence to seek It there. Please to receive my Thanks for the Moor Game – My Wife may probably eat of Your present to Morrow & join in drinking your health tho I believe She has not many days to reckon on doing such things. I am etc HR

**17 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> Augst 1768

Sir Mr Darwin writes that the draught of the Conveyance Deed of East Kenton is right all but an exception that sho[ul]d be inserted in Sir Wr Blacketts Covenant against incumbrances, of the Outrent of 16s & the fee farm rent of 4s a Year & Leases and Articles for Leases for Terms of Years not exceeding 21 Years. And he thinks it will be proper that Sir Walter should have a Counterpart of the deed on Acco[un]t of your Covenant to pay off the Mortgages.



There is a Years Out rent of 16s unpaid Sr Arthur Hazlerig due Candle[ma]s last: pray will Sir Wrs paying  $\frac{3}{4}$  of it due 1<sup>st</sup> Novr last be proportioning it near enough? And as to the Fee farm rent of 4s a Year, it was paid by Sir Wr to Mich[aelma]s last. I am etc HR

**17 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin at Elston near Newark Nottinghamshire Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> Augst 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has given me the Copy of the draught you sent him of Mr Wilsons Conveyance deed of Kenton: and I have wrote Mr Wilson about the exception that you think sho[ul]d be inserted in Sir Wrs Covenant against incumbrances – touching the Out rent the fee farm rent & the Leases & also about Sir Walters having a Counterpart. In your Lre to Sir Walter you say the rents & intrest sho[ul]d be settled before the Deeds are executed & therefore I acquaint you that sometime ago Mr Wilson paid me £200 being his proportion from 22 Novr to 27 March last of the half Year's intrest then due & advanced by Sir Walter for him to the Mortgages of the Estate which I suppose settles all relating to the rents & intrest. as Mr Wilson is Owner of the Estate from 22d Novemr last and is to receive the half Year's rents due 12<sup>th</sup> May last. As to proportioning the Out rent & fee farm rent I have mentioned them to Mr Wilson & if there is any further directions to be observed I should be glad to receive them from You before the Deeds come; for I have nobody to confer with on Sir Wrs behalf but yourself about this Conveyance. I am etc HR

**19 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 19 Augst 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed herewith is the plan of Lucker Moor, and some Minutes concerning the Tithe of it. & I will send Mr Robsons Book in a few days. I have sent a deed which is to be executed by Mr Smith; it is an Assignment of a Term of 999 Years in the part of Hawick which you bought of him – all the parties have executed but himself and he is to do it at the 2d Seal before two Witnesses and then the deed may be returned to be put up along with the rest. Inclosed is a Ring which was found on Brushing your Black Cloaths. I am etc HR

**23 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 23d Augst 1768

Sir I have agreed with Thos Forster for Carriage of the Boat, (which Geo Bowlt has made) for two Guineas. he is to deliver it at Rothley Lake safe and Sound and to be at all Expences and Risks attending the Conveyance. I am etc HR

**23 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newcastle 23d Augst 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir The Mayor dines at Gibside to day & as Judge Yates leaves Durham to Night the opportunity of writing thither to him about Welch is over: but I find several of the Magistrates are ag[ain]st an Application to the Throne for this Man: but that they are willing to soften his Sentence by paying for his passage & letting him take his chance in America as a Servant for seven Years. Mr Cookson is going to London the latter end of this week: so will be obliged to you if you will postpone sending him to the half Buck till the latter end of next month. I have sent Mr Robsons book by the postman – Mr Westgarth has not been here yet as soon as he comes I will take care to let you know what he says about Longtyhead. Geo Bowlt has finished the Boat & I expect it will be conveyed to the Lake this week – I am very busy to day stacking hay and observing the Clouds w[hi]ch seem very heavy & threaten rain. Yesterday I was at Stella selling the old Waggon Way & Materials of Winlaton Coll[ie]ry. We got but bad prices for them but they are better sold for little than left to be carried off for Nothing by the bad people of that Neighbourhood. I am etc HR

**30 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Augst 1768

Sir Yesterday I received by Ralph Little the two pieces of Silver, one weighing five hundred & Eighty six Ounces and the other four hundred and Ninety Ounces and have given Dukesfield Refinery Credit for the same. P.S. pray what occasions the great difference of produce between the same ore on the 12<sup>th</sup> July & the 26<sup>th</sup> Augst. I am etc HR

**30 Aug 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse Weardale

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Augst 1768

Sir As it will be necessary to examine some of the Witnesses that were present at the riding the boundary of Weardale Mines by Sir Walter and the Bishops Agents in 1737, I have sent you herewith a Copy of the boundery roll; and desire you will, as soon as you can, collect the testimonies of such of them as you find have a clear remembrance of the riding that part of the Boundary which is between Middleton and Weardale and particularly at Langtihead – and that you will learn whether they remember any discharge given by the Raby family thereabouts, & what passed upon it, and whether they went forwards notwithstanding the discharge, or no. and it will be right to take the most intelligent of these people, that rember any Thing of this matter, upon the spot, on any day that you can fix with them; which will help their Memories as to the Course they took and enable them to speak more clearly to the questions you put to them. I could wish to have ten or a dozen of them examined. The Raby family rode their boundary a few months before Sir Walter and the Bishop: but the Notice they gave of their intention was too short for any body to meet them; so they had no opposition and rode as they pleased within the Bishpps Liberty & threw down the Stowces at Coldberry. I hope you have made a Memorandum of all that passed at this last riding of their's and of the discharge you gave them at Langtihead and who was present at the doing it. I am etc HR

**2 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 2d Sepr 1768

Gentlemen I send you here inclosed two Copies of your Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett – I have signed one and if you find they are right I desire you will sign and return the other. I am etc  
HR

**5 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richd Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1768

Sir I rec[eiv]ed your Letter from Scarborough inclosing the Draught of the conveyance of East Kenton which I shall get engrossed with a Counterpart inserting the exception about the Leases etc; as I wrote you and making some Additions to the parcels to continue them down to the present possessors.

The dra[ugh]t and Counterpart as Sir Wr Blackett desires me, I shall send as soon as engrossed and as to the expence of it he will agree to whatever is the practise in the like Cases. Mr Darwin proposes an Addition to one Clause in the draught according to the words scored under as follows “viz – All deeds Evidences and writings relating to or concerning the prem[is]es alone or any part thereof alone in the Custody or power of the said Sr Wr Blackett or which he can come at without suit at law or in Equity” And true Copies of all such other Deeds Evidences and Writings as concern or relate to the said prem[is]es together with other Lands Tenements & hereditam[en]ts such Copies to be taken at the Costs and Charges of the said Richd Wilson his heirs or Assigns. I sho[ul]d be glad to know whether you approve of such Addition as the Words scored under amount to. I believe there is a Misnomer in the dra[ugh]t Mr Sambroke Freeman being named Freeman Sambroke. But I shall inform myself certainly when I get to the Office from whence I have been kept a day or two by a Cold; which I think is now going off. Your Letter for want of the word free under Tyne went to Sir Walter w[hi]ch occasioned a little loss of Time. As to what Judgements there may be affecting this Estate with others, I know no more of them than what Mr Darwin says who has all the Writings that there is a Judgement or two against Sr Wm Blackett which affected the whole Estate But as they have already been assigned in Trust to protect the inheritance he imagines you will scarce think it worth the Expence to assign again in case the proper Representatives of the Trustee can now be made out. He says Vyner & Glover’s Mortgage is to be assigned to Mr Plumbtree’s Trustees it being now his Money, of which he supposes you are apprized. You will excuse my mentioning that the next payment of int[e]r[es]t due 27 instt must be made within 40 days from that day or else £5 p[er]Cent[u]m must be paid. P.S. As to the Bargain and Sale, if you think it necessary I wish Mr Banks would settle the dra[ugh]t of it with Mr Darwin. I am etc HR

**5 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin at Elston near Newark

Newca[stle] 5 Sept 1768

Sir Mr Wilson has sent me the dra[ugh]t of Conveyance of East Kenton agreeable to your Copy only he has inserted the Name of Freeman Sambroke which I think is wrong & that it sho[ul]d be Sambroke Freeman. He says there is no occasion to except the Out rent and the Fee farm rent which were payments before the Blackett’s family came to the Estate; for since restrained Covenants have come in fashion the general Ones, Contra omnes, have with propriety been left out. He says if Sr Wr Blackett has a Mind to have a Counterpart he will execute one at any time but expects it shall be at Sr Wrs expence as to the Engrossm[en]t.

He says further, As the Mortgagees will probably require the possession of the intended Conveyance he will trouble Sir Walter to execute a Bargain and Sale which may be inrolled – pray is there any Objection to this and is a Thing of Common form? But however it is I wish Mr Banks and you would settle the draught of it and I have wrote Mr Wilson so. He asks me whether there are any and what Judgements affecting this Estate of East Kenton with others and adds if there be any they sho[ul]d be assigned and Satisfaction Entred: but I have wrote him what you said on this head & that he must apply to you about them. I am etc HR

**10 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Dr Fawcett desires his Compliments and is obliged to You for the Venison which came just according to their wishes. A Little for our Christening dinner will be acceptable & as soon as I can fix the day I will acquaint You. I think it can hardly be in this Mayoralty but I hope early in the next and while you are in Town to avoid giving You a Journey on purpose. Your intention of being at the Baptism is an Additional instance of goodness for which I return my humble Thanks. Mr John Cookson will not be at home till the latter End of next Week and then I will endeavour to see him and fix about his Venison. I wrote to Mr Maughan to send the two Sheep to Wallington at different times – about ten days asunder. I have not spoke yet to the Plumber; not shall till your further Order. I wonder Mr Errington did not think of the Expence attending the Arbitration – You have paid every Thing but Mr Wilsons and the Surveyor's bills which are not yet brought in – so that your disbursem[en]t amounts to £59 18s 3d his half of w[hi]ch is £29 19s 1 ½ d The pine apple Suckers mentioned in the inclosed Letter are sent by the Cart; as Robin says he has not room for them here, without displacing others. I am etc HR

**12 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 12 Sept 1768

Gentlemen On Friday last the 9<sup>th</sup> instant I sent you by William Laycock the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver, the weight as below, which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Markett price and advise me on your receipt of them. I am etc HR

one p[iec]e	qty 586	at	p[er]	oz
the other	qty <u>490</u>	at	p[er]	oz
	1076			

**15 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Maughan was here on Tuesday last for Money; but had not finished his Examination of the people about the Langtihead boundary – he expects to do it in about ten Days or a fortnight. So far as he has gone affords but little Satisfaction, & what is worse the Grove is not so good as she was. But on the other hand he says Dawsons Grove is mended and

has yeilded 200 bings of ore; and that he has discovered a new vein in Middlehope between Newhouse and Rookhope which is very promising and likely to open an intire new field. Mr Hopper who is partner with Mr Monkhouse the Wine Merchant on the Side, and Son of the late postmaster in Durham has a Turtle which he intends to send you by the Cart on Saturday, if you will allow him. The present postmaster of Durham I believe is his Brother. Sir John and his Brother set out before five o'Clock this Morning. I am etc HR

**15 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 15 Sept 1768

Sir If you have not already got David Elliott over to view Westburnhope I wish you would do it as soon as you can and let Mr Bell know what his testimony amounts to – there were two or three more that were to be sought after vizt Jos Armstrong of Stobbilee, John Liddell some where near Hexham, Walter Elliott of Allanheads and John Green Brother of Thos Green Carrier.

I wish you wo[ul]d examine such of these as you can meet with and if you think it will be worth while take them to view the ground. As the Season draws near a Close I think you should be as alert as possible in getting the Lead down to Blaydon. I see there was a great quantity at Dukesfield the last of Augst.

I hope Mrs Hunter is well & am etc HR

**15 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1768

Sir Inclosed I return John Oliver's Case with Mr Fawcett's opinion thereon; for which I gave him half a Guinea & have placed it to Sir Walter's Acco[un]t and you will let me know whether it ought to be placed so, or you are to repay me.

I wonder Mr Hunter has not got Elliott over to view Westburnhope and give his testimony about the Ground taken in – I shall write him about it – but pray is not the Moor which Messrs Smeaton and Walton say this Incroachment is made on, one of the Wastes of the Manor of Hexham and if so, have not the hospital Tenants made some some inclosures from it?

When Mr Wilson returns from Yorkshire I will speak to him about the Suit and Service of the hospital Estates.

You may send me the Money you received for me of Mr White by any hand you approve of.

I shall be glad to hear what is done in the Arbitration concerning the Tithe of Lucker Moor. I am etc HR

**17 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Teasdale Gardner**

To Mr Teasdale Gardner of Castle Howard near Malton

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered me to pay your bill for the pines you sent him. You will therefore please to let me know the Charge and how I am to get the Money conveyed to You – and at the time you do so it will save trouble if you send a receipt on the Note according to the form below. I am etc HR

**30 Sept 1768 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chrisr Johnson Attorney at Law Durham

Newca[stle] 30th Septemr 1768

Sir Inclosed I send you Mr Forster's Ex[ecu]tors Acco[un]t of their proportion of the rents compositions etc paid by Sir Walter Blackett for Weardale Mines for the Years 1766 & 1767, w[hi]ch comes to £75 1s 10d and shall be obliged to You for the money when convenient – on the back of the Acco[un]t you have the particulars for the last Year – those for the year 1766 I sent you on the 16 Febry last. I am etc HR

**4 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Laidman**

To Mr Laidman Surgeon in Morpeth

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you that, having made presents to some of his distant relations, he is inclined to do something also for your family; & desires you will send me the names of your several children.  
I am etc HR

**15 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Hon[our]ed Sir Inclosed is the paper which Mr Walton gave me about the Corn tithes of part of Wallington Lordship; which he says the Comissioners of Greenwich hospital intend to sue for. If it could be learnt that Dr Sharp receives Corn tithe from any part of his parish it might be argued that the Modus you pay him covers the Corn tithe of such farms, or parts of farms, as you pay him that Modus for. but if he has no Corn tithes then I doubt you will be abliged to pay for all but Rothley. And as to that Township I hope it can be proved to have belonged to the Cistercian Monks; & so to be exempt: about which I shall write to Mr Darwin as soon as he gets to London.

There was not a Sufficient Number of Subscribers at the Lunatic hospital on Thursday to make any order about lowering the board of the patients, from 5s a Week to 4s.

I met with Mr H. Wilkinson at Durham on Wednesday; and he promised to lay the Langtyhead Dispute before the Bishop this week – he says he has given over the business of an Attorney – but advises that, as Lord Darlington the Bishop and yourself are all Tenants for Life, Endeavours should be used to settle this matter amicably, and thinks there will be no Difficulty in Effecting it. I am etc HR

**9 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr Bell at Hexham

Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768 – omitted

Sir I think Mr Kirsop cannot expect that Sir Walter should allow Mr Errington Landtax for the ground at Hallington that was exchanged for ground at Anick grange and is now to be let to Mr



Errington at £26 5s 0d a Year unless Mr Errington will on his Side pay his proportion of the Landtax that Sir Walter pays for the whole Estate at Anick grange.

I am sorry there is any uncertainty about the Out Line of Westburnhope but glad that the inclosure is agreed upon by all the Witnesses to be within the boundary.

Sir Walter thinks that if it is expected the Old Man at Ferrybridge can say any thing to the purpose you had better go thither in the Fly – so if you fix upon a Time of going you will let me know two or three days before and I will endeavour to take a Seat for You. P.S. I suppose Mr Ords Death has removed all Mr Herons difficulties – Sr Wr says nothing past between Mr Errington and him about Landtax. I am etc HR

**18 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir If you have not before the receipt hereof put a Stop to the delivery of Lead from all the Mines I desire you will now do it. I desire also you will send the inclosed to Mr Westgarth by a special Messenger; unless some opportunity offers, that you can depend upon, in two or three days after you get this Letter. I am etc HR

**18 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr Willm Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir Sir Walter Blackett orders me to write you that finding Mr Caleb Hunters state of Health but indifferent he is desirous of having a proper person, well skilled in Mining and Engineering, provided for the Managem[en]t of Allanheads Grove; in Case of Necessity. And as he has a Reliance on your Judgement, he could wish you wo[ul]d be considering, against I next see You, of some person that you would recommend. Sir Walter desires further that you will not mention the Contents of this Letter to any person whatever. I am etc HR

P.S. I sho[ul]d be glad if you could give me some computation of the Sum your pay will amount to.

**18 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to Henry Angus**

To Mr Henry Angus at Fenham

Newca[stle] 18 Octor 1768

Sir I was so particularly engaged when your Letter, desiring some Slates from the Quarry at Kenton was brought me that I could not answer it then. I now acquaint you that Sr Wr Blackett has sold that estate to Lawyer Wilson of Leeds and that the Slates now winning there are intended for his own use as occasion may require and that I have no power to dispose of them – however to accomodate Mrs Ord I will venture to let you have one fother as you desire, for which I suppose you will have no Objection to pay five shillings – if so, you may shew this Letter to Harle the Quarry Man, who will let you have a fother; and you may pay me when you have opportunity. I am etc HR

**21 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> Octor 1768

Sir Inclosed you have two bills as above, for Seventeen hundred pounds to enable you to pay Sir Wr Blacketts bond to Mrs Idle's representatives. I desire you will place them to his Acco[un]t and that you will advise me, by the return of the post, that you have received them for the purpose of paying the said bond and that you have in the mean time placed them to Sir Walter's Acco[un]t. I am etc HR

£700 – Newcastle the 17<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Fourteen Days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Seven hundred pounds & place the same to Acco[un]t as by Advice – Wm Peareth jr.

Endorsed pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Acco[un]t H. Richmond  
To Mr John Harbottle in Howford Court FenChurch Street London

Newcastle 21<sup>st</sup> Octor 1768 £1000.0.0

Twelve days after date pay Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order the Sum of One Thousand pounds value in Acco[un]t and place the same to Acco[un]t with Sr Wr Bt as p[er] advice from  
Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London  
Gentlemen

Newca[stle] 21 Octor 1768

I have this day drawn a Bill upon You for one Thousand pounds payable to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order Twelve days after this date which I desire you will accept and when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t. I am etc HR

### 21 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> Octor 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir According to the Notice given to Mrs Idles Representatives your bond to her for £1700 is to be paid off the beginning of next month – You will please to sign the inclosed order for me to send the Money to Mr Darwin.

The Boundary of the Corporation was ridden yesterday with the usual wrangling at Fenham Gate and two or three other places, but upon the whole with as little Irregularity and misbehaviour as I believe it ever was. Mr Ridley left them at Fenham Gate before Matters were settled there.

I postponed sending your Bond to Mr Laidman's children; thinking you would be here on Wednesday and give directions, which I forgot to ask for, whether I was to send it him.

Mr H. Wilkinson says Lord Darlington dined with the Bishop the day he mentioned Langtihead boundary so it was talked over, & Lord Darlington, when he meets you, will propose an amicable conclusion of the matter and the Bishop will concur in it. I am etc HR

### 22 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Richmond

To Mr John Richmond Attorney at Law.

Newca[stle] 22 Octor 1768

Dear Bro[the]r I should be glad, if you have settled the Conveyance of Kenton in such Form as Sir Wr Blackett ought to execute it, that you would let me have it to send to Mr Wilson as soon as you can. I am etc HR

**24 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir We are likely to have a Dispute with the Commiss[ione]rs of Greenwich hospital who have the Rectory of Hartburn; in which there is an Estate called Rothley that belongs to Sir Walter Blackett, and of which they are now demanding, in a peremptory manner, the Great Tithes – there have never been any tithes paid for this Estate, that I can find; It being always deemed exempt as having belonged to the Cistercian Monks. The inclosed Copy of a Letter from one Wm Green in 1640 is sent you by Sir Wrs direction; the original of which I suppose is among the writings of Wallington Estate as my Father had a Copy of it from Mr Denton. Sir Walter desires you will search for the Records which are mentioned at the bottom of this Letter to have been found in the Tower of London and in the Augmentation Office and to be sufficient to prove that this Estate did belong to those Monks; and that you will get copies of them and send them to me. For if such Evidence is to be had Sir Walter will dispute this point with the hospital. Sir Walter says Mr Hudson has returned him the bond for the £50 a Year during Sir G Trevelyans Life; w[hi]ch will make an Abatement I suppose of £12 10s 0d a qua[rte]r in the Sums I am to remit you, after the present: w[hi]ch I am providing for; as also for Mr Savage's int[e]r[es]t.

I hope you have rec[eiv]ed the two bills for £1700 w[hi]ch I sent you on the 21<sup>st</sup> instt, copies of which are inclosed. I am etc HR

**28 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Laidman**

To Mr Laidman Surgeon in Morpeth

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir Inclosed I send you Sir Wr Blacketts bond for One hundred pounds to each of your Children; with int[e]r[es]t in the mean time after the rate of 5 p[er]Cent[u]m. I shall be glad to receive a Line from you that it comes safe to your hand & am etc HR

**28 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir Inclosed is Bell Cookson and Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Eight hundred & Eighty four pounds, which I desire you will place to my Acco[un]t and advise me of the receipt of. This Bill is to enable you to pay Mr Savage's half yrs int[e]r[es]t which will be due the 6<sup>th</sup> of next Month amounting to £495; and to pay you the £3 12s 0d I owe you, & leave three hundred & Eighty five pounds eight shillings towards the quarterly payments between 30<sup>th</sup> Septemr last & 31<sup>st</sup> Decemr next. If you please therefore to send me a receipt in the usual form for this Latter

Sum I shall place it to your Credit and advise you so; and when you send me Mr Savage's receipt I reckon our Account will be balanced. I am etc HR

£884 Newcastle Bank 25<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Eight hundred Eighty four pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos. Saint

Endorsed Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Account Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No. 22757

**28 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richd Wilson Esq Leeds

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir On the 21<sup>st</sup> of Septemr I gave your Dra[ugh]t of Conveyance of E[as]t Kenton to Messrs Widdrington & Richmond to be engrossed, not apprehending any thing further to be done; but they objected to the Mode of it and my Brother wrote Sir Wr Blackett that some hazard would attend the letting his bonds for the two £7000 to the Mortgagees of the Estate stand out – Sir Walter therefore ordered Mr William Wilson's opinion to be taken, which concurs with their Objection. On Wednesday last, and not before, my Brother returned me your dra[ugh]t and sent me the proposed Alterations with Mr Wm Wilsons Opinion and a Close Copy of the dra[ug]ht pursuant thereto. If you think the proposed form admittable, or will please to point out any other that will obviate the objections to letting the bonds stand out against Sir Walter, I shall be glad of it; that this matter may be finished without delay. As the papers are two large for the post I have prevailed on Mrs Rayner to take them, who intends to leave this place on Monday next. Thos Harle has between 70 & 80 fothers of Slates, won at the quarry in the W[es]t Demain in E[as]t Kenton where he was getting stones for the road that Mr King undertook to make at the West End of the Town – he desires to know whether you will accept 12d a fother for them, which is the usual rent for a Slate quarry, or will reserve them for your own use, as occasion may arise in the Estates, and pay him 3s a fother for Winning and scappling them, which I am informed is a reasonable price. The Slates will grow worse I believe if not used in a Year or two, which I don't see any appearance of their being at present, so the 12d a fo[the]r seems eligible but you will please to favour me with your directions.  
I am etc HR

**28 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron in Hexham

Newca[stle] 28 Octor 1768

Sir Sir Wr Blackett bids me write you that he expects to be at Hexham in a little time and will then execute the Deeds between Mr Errington & him; but if he should find that he cannot come he will write you where to meet him for that purpose.  
As to the place to be set out for the Common Carriers, Sir Wr has no Objections to it; upon the Terms Mr Wilson has proposed – only desires that the present carriers may not gain a property in it, to themselves. In respect of which it may be best to make it a grant during pleasure only; with a small rent, by way of Acknowledgement. I am etc HR

**30 Oct 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newcastle 30<sup>th</sup> Octor 1768

Sir I rec[eiv]ed your Letter inclosing Johnson & Grahams proposal for Keenley Quarry & draw kilns. I suppose no more can be got than they offer which I see is the same that Stobbart paid; So lest Stobbart should complain to Sir Walter of the preference given to these folks by letting the quarry to them it wo[ul]d be right to acquaint Sir Walter of the charge against him when he came to Hexham which he talks of doing soon And if he agrees to the Lease you sho[ul]d I think tye them up to a certain Number of Cutters for the rent with so much more rent for every additional Cutter as you may be informed is reasonable. I wrote Mr Heron last post by Sr Wrs direction that he agrees to the place Mr Wilson mentioned for the Carriers Stand at 6d a year a piece as an Acknowledgem[en]t provided care be taken that they do not gain a property in it but that their possession be determinable at his pleasure. I am etc HR

**8 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 8 Novr 1768

Sir Inclosed are two bills for One Thousand pounds, as above, which I send you by Sr Wr Blacketts directions to be placed to his Account, and desire you will advise me that you have received then & have placed them accordingly to be a Voucher to my Acco[un]t with Sir Walter for this Sum.

I hope you are got well to London, and that I shall by this Nights post, or the next, receive advice of the two Remittances I made you, one for £1700 & the other for £884. I am etc HR

£300 – Newcastle Bank 8 Novr 1768

Twenty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Three hundred pounds value received.

For Bell, Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Indorsed Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Acc[oun]t

Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Halifax London No 22864

**8 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newcastle 8 Novemr 1768

Sir Inclosed are the two parts of the Agreement between Sir Wr Blackett and Mr Errington for the Land at Hallington both w[hi]ch Sir Walter has signed and when Mr Errington has done so, you may return me one part, to be kept here; and you will please to acquaint Mr Errington that the rent must be paid to me, as this Ground now belongs to Ryal Estate; which is in my receipt. Sir Wr desires if Mr Errington has not already paid for the first Survey of the ground exchanged that you will pay the bill to Marshall and Longlands, and if you bring it to Wallington I will repay it you on the rent day; which will be on the 24 instant & I propose being there the Evening before. I have fixed the pays, after waiting long for the Acco[un]ts, in the following manner – The Stewards to be here on Sunday Evening the 27<sup>th</sup> instant – receive their Money on Monday – to go Newho[use] with it on Tuesday – make Weardale pay on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> instant - & Allanheads and Coalcleugh on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of Decer – what Money you can furnish me with

on or before That Monday, will be acceptable & I hope you will be able to go to the pays with the Stewards as I doubt I shall not be able to go – I shall be glad to know whether you can meet me at Wallington. P.S. We will talk about Keenley when I see you at Wallington & am etc HR

**9 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup> Novr 1768

Sir Inclosed you have two bills, as above, for two hundred and Eighty pounds; which I received last post from Mr Wilson of Leeds, desiring I would apply them in discharge of the half year's int[e]r[es]t due 27 Septemr last, on the two Seven Thousand pounds, charged on the Estate at East Kenton, purchased by him of Sir Wr Blackett. Which bills therefore I have sent to You, and desire you will in the first place put then to my Acco[un]t, and advise me of the receipt of them; and then that you will, when they become due, pay the Money to the Mortgagees; and take the receipt in the Name of Mr Wilson, mentioning the payment to be made by me, that it may be a Voucher to my Acco[un]t with him. The purchase deeds are not yet engrossed; owing to some difficulties started by my Brother (to whom it was given to be engrossed) respecting Sir Walters two Bonds; which matter is now before Mr Wilson.

I received a Letter from you last Night, with a receipt for the three hundred and Eighty five pounds eight shillings which I sent you to make the quarterly payments to 31<sup>st</sup> Decer next, and have given you Credit for that Sum in the Account between us.

The Tithes of Rothley will be considerable, & well worth the Search if any thing can be found to our purpose. I apprehend the Additions to Mr Green's Letter were made subsequent to the date of it, and after the Success they had had in the Searches for the Records in the Tower of London and in the Augmentation Office; for which he directs them to search in St Mary's Tower in York. If you can meet with Them, Sir Walter would have Copies taken of what you think material in them to prove that Newminster was of the Cistercian Order – that it was founded before the third Lateran Council – That Rothley was given to it by Richd Gosebeck and the grant confirmed in Edwd the first's time – and that the Abby was above the value. As to the Lease which they let of Rothley for 40 Years; and which will be, I apprehend, the only Thing against us, if you meet with the above mentioned process, Sir Walter will take Advice whether that will defeat him or no – for before that Lease, of which there were only 12 Years gone at the dissolution of the Monastery, this Estate might have been appropriated to the furnishing the Monastery with bread etc; and might have been enjoyed as in their own Tillage, before the Third Lateran Council. I am etc HR

P.S. Inclosed I send you some Extracts from Tanners Notitia Monastica in which if you find any thing worth searching for the originals of Sir Walter desires you will do it – there is only the pat. 10 Ed 2 de limitibus dominicalium Abbatia that to me appears material.

Peter Birts bill on Jer Jno & Robt Royds at one Mon[th] dated 6 Novr	£140.0.0
Do on do as above	<u>140.0.0</u>
	280.0.0

Armin 6<sup>th</sup> Novemr 1768 £140

One month after date pay Richard Wilson Esqr or order One hundred and forty pounds, value received, with or without Advice from Peter Birt

Pay the within Contents to Mr Henry Richmond or order Ric Wilson

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order Value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Jer Jno & Robt Royds London



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Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Mesrs Jer Jno & Robt Royds London

**10 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richd Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire

Sir I received a Letter from Mr Hebden last post inclosing me two bills for two hundred & Eighty pounds, as above; to be applied in discharge of the int[er]est of the two Seven Thousand pounds, charged on East Kenton; which int[er]est was due on the 27 Sept last: I have sent these bills to Mr Darwin, desiring him as soon as they become due, to pay the Mortgagees the said intrest, and to take the receipt for it in your name & send them to me. For as I have not carried these bills to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett, but have made myself D[e]btor to you for them, in the Acco[un]t between us, these Receipts when got will be my Voucher to balance that charge. I am etc HR

**13 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newcastle 13 Novr 1768

Sir Sir Walter desires that Matt Bell's Stock may be distrained on for the £322 1s 4d due Mayday last and for the half Years rent also due Martin[ia]s but you will look to the date of the Lease, whether it is old or new Stile that you are to reckon Martin[ia]s by. I think Mr Forster or Mr Ladler should assist you herein. As to Messrs Marshall and Langlands bill you must pay it if they insist on the £4 9s 0d but you can tell them that it will appear very particular against them, to have the same work as well done by a Man that came from a Distance for so much less.

I think, as you say, that it may be as well to come from Wallington with me on Fryday or perhaps on Saturday as to return to Hexham & come hither so soon after I am etc HR

**14 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellises Hexham

Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> Novr 1768

Sir John Pringle of Redburn has solicited Sir Walter Blackett much, to remain on some part of Redburn farm; Sir Walter has considered his request but does not think it right to grant it, of this you will take the first opportunity of acquainting him. I have received the plan of Ryal and also Hepple's Lease and Dunn's Article & Mr Marriots plan of the East part of Westburnhope. I am etc HR

**15 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esqr at Nettlecombe near Taunton Somersetshire

Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup> Novemr 1768

Sir I have received your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing Thos Towills bill on George Rutt for Ten pounds payable by your Indorsement thereon, to your Servant William Leaver or his Order. he is now at Wallington; but I will, as you desire let him have Money for this bill, as soon as he comes hither and endorses it.

When your next quar[terly] rent charge is due you may have it by drawing on Mr William Alvey Darwin, in Grey's Inn for it; and writing him you have done so – or I will send you a bill on London for it, if you please to send me a receipt in the form below; to be a Voucher to my Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett.

Sir Walter and Lady Trevelyan are here, & very well; I hope you and Sir John are so, & am etc  
HR

**18 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 18 Novr 1768

Sir I have received by the Hexham Carrier a Box containing two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery; one weighing four hundred & ninety five ounces & the other Five hundred & fourteen ounces.

I hear Mrs Hunter is bro[ugh]t to Bed of a Son; I hope she and he are doing very well. I give you joy on the occasion & am etc HR

**19 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Duffield at Wallington

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> Novemr 1768

Sir I have sent you by Thos Thompson the pentagrapher; which I don't doubt but you will receive safe. I am etc HR

**19 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> Novemr 1768

Gentlemen I sent you yesterday by Matt Lee, the London Carrier, a box containing two pieces of fine Silver; the weight of w[hi]ch is below. I desire you will place them to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett, as usual, at the Markett price & advise me on you receipt of them. I am etc  
HR

                    ounces  
one piece qty 495 at     p[er] oz  
the other qty 514 at     p[er] oz  
                    1009

**20 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Novr 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I have sent by the bearer the Deeds relating to the Exchange between Mr Errington and You and also the Deed for the purchase of the Wood on delivery whereof either the Money or some Security for it must be given you by Mr Errington. The Money that I have paid on this Acco[un]t is £59 18s 3d to the Com[missione]rs & £1 11s 6d to Mr Wilson for the Carriage of the deeds to pomfret and sending to get them executed by Sr Thos Wentworth amounting together to

£61 9s 9d and there remains to pay the Surveyors bill which Mr Bell has and Mr Wilson's and Mr Heron's bills which are not yet delivered in.

I have also sent by the bearer the dra[ugh]t of the Deed for the purchase of Hexham East Ferry boat w[i]th Mrs Jurins and Mr Fawcetts Letters. As to Mrs Jurins desire of having the Money paid when a temporary bridge is laid so that foot passengers can pass over; Mr Fawcett thinks it sho[ul]d not be insisted on as Mrs Jurin or her Tenant can have their Action against any one that shall pass over by it to the Evasion of the Ferry & that all the Alterations necessary to be made in the dra[ugh]t will be to leave out the words "and finished" in the 4<sup>th</sup> page which Mr Wilson, to whom I mentioned the Matter, has agreed to.

Mr Wray entred to the Stewardship at Wallington on the 22 April 1767 at £100 a Year and Mr Forster succeeded him the 1<sup>st</sup> Septemr following so that the Salary due to him will be £36 but this will be best settled in his Acco[un]t & as to any thing further that you may intend him it may be done by order either to Mr Bell or me.

Mr Heron should give in a List of the Arrears due from the Subscribers to the Hexham Bridge who are within his Collection. Mrs Eden Widow of the late Ald[er]man Eden, to whom you allowed £21 a year, died at Bath on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. I am etc HR

**29 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron at Hexham

Newca[stle] 29<sup>th</sup> Novr 1768

Sir As Mr Errington has desired to have your bill relating to the Exchange of lands at Hallington for Lands at Anick grange I think it would be right, as you propose, to mention to him the Money that Sir Wr Blackett has expended on that Acco[un]t which is as follows vizt to the Com[missione]rs for their fees and expences £59 18s 3d to Mr Wilson for Carriage of the deeds to promfret and back by the Fly, and for a person going over to Sir Thomas Wentworth to get them executed £1 11s 6d and for the first Survey made by Marshall and Langlands £4 9s 0d in all £65 18s 9d besides this there is Mr Wilson's bill, if he will deliver one; or if not such a sum as may be deemed adequate to the trouble that has been given about this Affair; which Mr Errington and you can judge best of.

As to Mr Errington's note for the Wood I think you had best send it to me.

I have given the Deeds executed by Mr Errington, and which are to be inrolled, to Mr John Bell; who is gone to the pays, but will be at Hexham with them, I hope, on Friday next. I am etc HR

**30 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Hudson**

To John Hudson Esqr at Bessingby near Burlington Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Novr 1768

Sir Inclosed is Barthw Kents note and receipt for the Carpet; which I paid him with the £6 18s 0d you left me for that purpose.

Lady Trevelyan desired me to take of her £1 4s 9d which you paid on her Daughters Acco[un]t and to remit it to you; & I have paid, by Mrs Hudson's desire £4 10s 0d for some Cloth got of Mr Airey: so there is due to me £3 5s 3d which you may if you please send me a bill for on Mr Darwin: to whom I have wrote by Sr Wr Blacketts order to pay you the qua[rterl]y Annuity of £12 10s 0d which would have been due on the 5<sup>th</sup> October last if Sr Geo Trevelyan had lived so long.

Our Broker has not yet met with a Ship for Burlington; but by the first that offers he will return the Sacks, that the last Malt came in.

Please to acquaint Mr Trevelyan, when he arrives at Bessingby, where he says he will be soon, that I have sent his orders to his Servant, at Wallington; and have let him have ten pounds for the bill, as he desired me to do.

Sir Walter went from hence for London on Saturday last – he was very well – I hope Mrs Hudson, yourself and the young Ladies are so & am etc HR

**30 Nov 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> Novemr 1768

Sir I have received your Letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> inclosing me Mr Savage's receipt for four hundred & ninety five pounds for the half year's int[e]r[es]t due from Sr Wr Blackett on the 6<sup>th</sup> of this Month and have given your Acco[un]t with me Credit for the Same. You will probably get franks now from Sir Walter; but if you should direct any more Letters with the word "free" as was settled between us, I wish you would let there be an inclosure to me; for sometimes for want of That, your Letters of Advice of Bills make but an imperfect voucher for me.

There would have been if Sr Geo Trevelyan had lived till the 5<sup>th</sup> of Octor last, a qua[rterl]y Annuity of £12 10s 0d due to Mr Hudson on Sr Wrs bond: who bid me write you to pay this £12 10s 0d for which Mr Hudson will draw upon You, no doubt, as I have wrote him accordingly by this nights post. I hope Sr Wr is got well to London & am etc HR

**3 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 3d Decemr 1768

Sir Here is a Boat come from Burlington for Sir Walter w[hi]ch I wish you would contrive to get conveyed to Wallington; and the sooner the better, as it lyes exposed in our River to Accidents.

It is but a Small one, the length being 17 feet 4 in & the breadth 6 ft 6in. I think all the farms at & near Wallington belonging to Sir Walter, lye in Hartburn Parish except Cadwell Catcherside Sweethope & Hawick but I wish you wo[ul]d examine and let me know & also in what parishes these four lye. I am etc HR

**4 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron at Hexham

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1768

Sir I received your Letter yesterday inclosing me Mr Erringtons Note to Sr Wr Blackett for four hundred & Seventy pounds for the Wood on the ground at Anick grange which he got from Sir Walter by exchange & which Money is not payable I see till the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1770. I am etc  
HR

**5 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Hudson**

To Mrs Hudson at Besingby near Burlington Yorkshire

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1768

Madam I received the favour of your Letter acquainting me that you had sent a Yawl for Sir Wr Blackett. It came hither on Saturday, & I hope to get it conveyed safe to Wallington in a few days.

Please to acquaint Mr Hudson that the Sacks which the Malt came in are returned, directed to him, in a Ship called the Endeavour, Thos Chapman Master bound to Scarborough.

My Wife begs leave to present her Compliments, & to express with me our hopes that you Mr Hudson & your young Ladies are well. I am etc HR

**5 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> Decer 1768

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me Mr Glover's receipt for One hundred & forty pounds & Mr Saml Freeman's receipt for one hundred & forty pounds; both which sums were due on the 27 Novemr last from Mr Wilson for the half Year's interest of the Mortgage on Easht Kenton: and I have given your Account with me Credit for the Same. As to the £1 6s 8d for your trouble in making these payments I shall charge Mr Wilson with it & acquaint you as soon as I get it allowed; which I think he cannot make any demur in doing. There was a Year's Allowance due from Sir Wr Blackett to Mrs Eden at Michaelmas last, of Twenty one pounds; and the like sum will be due at Christmas next to her Mother Mrs Sorsbie: Mrs Eden is dead but her Mother or Brother or the proper representative will call upon you for it in due time; that is as soon as you get Cash for the inclosed Bill of Bell Cookson & Cos on Glyn and Hallifax for the £42 payable 30 days after to morrow. in the mean time you will please to place this bill to my Account and Advise me of. P.S. please to take the receipts as usual in my Name for these two Allowances.

I am heartily glad Sir Walter is well after his Journey. I am etc HR

£42 Newcastle Bank 6 Decr 1768

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen Richmond Forty Guineas Value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No. 23056

**6 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baronet MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 6 Decemr 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is a Rental of Wallington as it stood at Mayd[a]y last & a List of Annuities payable during your pleasure; both which I send according to your order. The present Tenants of Woodcroft have an Article for 15 Years from Mayday 1762. I told Mr Isaac Hunter about their management; but he thinks they are not doing any Thing irregular. The pays are made, and the people satisfied. At Coalcleugh pay old Robt Armstrong who was your Steward there formerly, & recommended his Son Thomas in his Stead, who died in your debt about £43, paid Mr Westgarth £17 9s 2 ½ d of it: being all he could ever be convinced was due – he was under no obligation to pay this Money, & never thought of doing it till lately – so it was taken readily – the rest will never be got. Mr Westgarth says he does not know of any person fit to manage Allanheads, but one Thomas Nixon; an under grove Steward to Lord Darlington, & who is employed also for Mr Hen Errington & some others, & would he believes readily accept the Employment, if his L[or]ds[hi]ps Allowance could be had. Mr Caleb Hunter is no worse, and the Grove by what he & Messrs Allgoods say of her, is better – they have let three ore bargains at the East End, at 20s a bing - & have further Expectations. Here is a Yawl come from Burlington from Mr Hudson; which I shall send to Wallington this week. The Servants boxes are shipt on board the John, George Robson Mas[te]r who I believe saild this Morning. Mr Heron has sent me Mr Errington's promisory Note to You for £470; for the Wood at Anick grange [illegible] Mr John Widdrington Junr & Mr John Smith Merchants desire me to acquaint you that they would have waited on you, if they had known of your going to London, to have requested your getting their Names inserted in the New Act, As Com[missione]rs of the Landtax for Newcastle. I have the pleasure of hearing you are well after your Journey. I pray for the Continuance of your health & hope long to have the Satisfaction of expressing myself etc HR

**7 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Hudson**

To John Hudson Esqr at Bessingby Near Burlington Yorkshire Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1768

Sir I received the favour of your Letter inclosing me your bill on Mr Darwin for three pounds five shillings & sixpence being three pence more than my disbursement. & inclosed is the Bill I paid Mr Airey on Mrs Hudson's Acco[un]t. I beg my Compliments to her and Mr Trevelyan & am etc HR

**7 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1768

Sir I received your Letter that Sir Walter desires me to acquaint you what is done about the Conveyance of East Kenton. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of Septemr I gave the dra[ugh]t of it, as it had been settled by Mr Banks and you, to My Brother to be engrossed; not apprehending any thing further was to be done. But he objected to the Mode of it and wrote to Sir Walter that some hazard would attend the letting his bonds for the two £7000 to the Mortgagees of the Estate stand out against him. Sir Walter therefore ordered Mr Wm Wilson's opinion to be taken, which concurred with the Objection made by My Brother. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of Octor my bro[the]r returned me the draught and the proposed Alterations and Mr Wilson's opinion with a Close Copy pursuant thereto: all which on the 28<sup>th</sup> of that Month I sent to Mr Wilson of Leeds; since which I



have not heard any Thing about this business, further than that he received the papers very safe. Whether he is displeased with the Alterations, or what else occasions the delay, I cannot imagine!

Inclosed is Mr Hudsons bill on you for three pounds five Shillings & Six pence payable to myself or order; at Sight. I have endorsed a receipt upon it and made you Deb[tor] to me for it; you wil please to advise me of the receipt of it and that you have placed it to my Account. I am etc HR

£3 5 6 Bessingby the 4<sup>th</sup> Decer 1768

At Sight pay to Mr Henry Richmond or his Order Three pounds five Shillings & Six pence value received & place to the account of S[ir] Your Obed[ient] Servant John Hudson  
Received the Contents of the within bill Hen Richmond  
To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn

**8 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

To John Westgarth Esq at Unthank near Stanhope Weardale Newca[stle] 8<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1768

Sir I received your Letter of the 26 of last Month desiring that John Pringle may have a house at Redburn for his Father and Mother. I have spoke about it to Mr Robt Allgood, to whom Sir Wr Blackett has let the whole Farm; but he begs to be excused a Compliance with that request, because the Father's having a house there wo[ul]d give a pretence to the Son, who he says has been a bad Neighbour, to have a right of Inter Common. And he adds that rather than be liable thereto he would if Sir Walter Blackett should require it of him pay or allow the rent of a house for the old people in any other place. Whether Sir Walter would require such a Thing of Mr Allgood I cannot say, nor can I add any Thing more upon the Subject of your Letter but that I am etc HR

**10 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newc[astle] 10th Decr 1768

Gentlemen I have drawn a bill on you for five hundred & ninety Eight pounds five shillings & seven pence half penny payable to Richd Wilson Esqr or order Thirty days after this date; w[hi]ch I desire you will accept, and when paid place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t. And I have this day sent you, by David Jackson, the London Carrier, a piece of fine Silver containing five hundred and Eighty five ounces: which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t as usual at the Markett price; and Advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**10 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richd Wilson Esqr Leeds Yorkshire Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1768

Sir Inclosed I send you two parts of my Rental of your Estates at Kenton, for the half year ending Mayd[a]y last; & also my bill on Plumb & Browne for five hundred & ninety Eight pounds five shillings & seven pence half penny for the balance of it. You will please to advise me, by the return of the post, of your receiving this Bill; and to sign and return me one part of

the Rental, as I have signed the other. Under another Cover I send you the several vouchers to this Acco[un]t; which you will please also to acknowledge the Receipt of by the return of the post.

Mr Darwin says the £1 6s 8d is as little as he can have for his trouble in paying the two Mortgagees as "one of them lives in Berkley Square and the other in the City; at least three miles from each other."

The Surveyor tells me he had not yet set about the Alterations you desire in the plans – the doing it will require some Surveying which an Illness for some time past & now the extream wet season has prevented him in.

Sir Walter asked me lately about the Deeds for East Kenton. I am etc HR

Newcastle 10<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1768 £598 5 7½

Thirty days after date pay Richard Wilson Esqr or order Five hundred & ninety Eight pounds five Shillings & seven pence half penny value in Acco[un]t & place the the same to Acco[un]t with Sir W B[lacket]t as by Advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

**11 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t MP Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 11<sup>th</sup> Decr 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I have sent to Mr Steels to go by the Fly that sets out to morrow morning a parcel sealed and directed to you containing the duplicate of the Settlement in 1753 & Copies of the fines and recoveries relating to it. Also the Assignment of the two terms by Mr Allgood and chief Baron Ords minutes concerning the Title of Ord Estate & also all the papers I could find in your <Scrutore> relating to Mr Allgoods Election. I have paid the Carriage of the parcel to prevent any unreasonable demand at delivery on Account of its Contents. I think it would be right if you please to ask Mr Darwin if he know where the other part of the Settlement in 1753 is lest this duplicate which is so material to the Title of Ord Estate should be lost. I should be glad to know that you receive it safe. Mr Baker has paid his three fourths of Mr Underhill's bill for the Claret with the Charges of freight and portorage.

We are alarmed here a good deal with the Coventry bill apprehending if those Coals are conveyed to London such a declension of our trade as will be felt by all ranks of people. It may in some Judgements seem of little consequence whether we flourish or Warwickshire; but in an Island whose defence is principally by shipping it is an Object of greater importance to the Legislative to breed Men for Ships upon a difficult Sea than for Barges upon a Smooth Canal. Mr Bell has agreed with Mrs Jurin's tenant at 16s a Week while a temporary bridge is used. I am etc HR

**11 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 11 Decem 1768

Sir I am sorry Sir Walter is to be so great a Loser by Mrs Bell and also the distress that the Seizure must occasion to so large a family I am sorry for that too but cannot tell how to depart

from the positive directions that Sir Walter gave before he went to London in this Matter. You who are upon the Spot and see all the Circumstances of the Case and know Sir Wrs goodness in so many others must form the best Judgement you can of what is to be done. It certainly is to be wished that that family so numerous & so infirm was off the farm but the manner and the time of their removal is a difficulty that would require Sir Wrs direction if was to be had in time. As it cannot it must be left to your discretion to proceed in the business as you think he will approve of. I am etc HR

**12 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Robert Sorsbie**

To Mr Robert Sorsbie in Love Lane East Cheap London

Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> Decem 1768

Sir I received your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult[imo] & am sorry for Mrs Eden's death – there was a Year's Allowance of Twenty one pounds due to her at Mich[aelmas] last, which her representative may have by calling for upon Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn. Mr Sorsbie may also have a Year's Allowance of Twenty one pounds that will be due to her on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant by calling upon Mr Darwin for it any time after the Ninth of next Month. You will please to understand that the former Sum cannot be paid by him till that day; as he will not be in Cash for the bill I have sent him sooner. I desire my Compliments to Mrs Sorsbie & am etc HR

**14 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[n]e MP Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 14<sup>th</sup> Decem 1768

Hon[orable]d Sir Inclosed I return the Letter from the Mayor of Berwick & others, proposing an Act to be got this Sessions for improving the Fisheries in the Tweed. The Suddenness of their proposal creates a Suspicion of it, as there will not be time for the other proprietors to consider the Matter so well as, no doubt, these Gentlemen have done. I hope they will agree to postponing the Application till next Year; and to have, as you have wrote Mr Grey, a general Meeting during the Summer, of all concerned in the River. Mr Bell and Mr Forster will be at Berwick on Monday the 2d of Janry to receive your rents – I shall see them before they go & give them instructions from your Letter & from what occurs to me relating to this Matter, and about Mr Ord's bridge: the sooner that dispute is settled the better; lest the right to the plank way be lost.

I find the Ship with the Servants boxes is not sailed; the Wind having been contrary ever since the Ship cleared. I am etc HR

**15 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass Plumber Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Decem 1768

Sir Mr Bell and Mr Forster propose to be at Tweedmouth on the second of Janry in the Evening to receive Sir Wr Blacketts rents of which I take the first opportunity of acquainting you & of desiring you to let the other Tenants know of their coming. I am etc HR

**16 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newcastle 16<sup>th</sup> Decer 1768

Sir I have a Letter from Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett in which he tells me there is a Scheme on foot among the people in Berwick for an application in parliament this Sessions, for an Act for improving the Fisheries in the Tweed – What the Tendency of this may be or how it will affect Sir W<sup>r</sup>s int[er]est is a Thing to be examined into; & therefore Sir Walter desires that Mr Bell and you may be there on the second of January, because there is an Intention of holding a Meeting the next day upon this business. Sir Walter does not approve of so hasty an application but would have it put off till next Year, & he has desired that we may talk the Matter over together before you go. Mr Bell will be here on Friday Evening the 23 instant & stay a day or two and I wish you could meet him. If you cannot I shall tell him Sir W<sup>r</sup>s Sentiments of this affair and that some others that he desires may be looked into when you are at Berwick. I am etc HR

**16 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 16<sup>th</sup> Decem 1768

Sir I have wrote to Mr Douglas and the other Tenants of Ord Estate that you will be at Tweedmouth on the second of Janry in the Evening with Mr Forster, to receive the rents – I have fixed that day for your being there, because on the next there is something of a meeting talked of to be held in relation to the Fisheries, about which I will tell you more when I see you here, which I desire may be on or before Friday the 23d instant on Acco[un]t of the Beef and Bread Charity as I mentioned in my last. I am etc HR

**18 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 18 Decem 1768

Sir Inclosed is the Draught of the Articles for the purchase of Hexham East Ferry boat which Mrs Jurin has agreed to so I send you them to get Mr Heron to engross them agreeable to what you said Sir Walter told you to do. & the sooner it is got done the better as it is to be sent to London.

P.S. please to let me know that you have rec[eiv]ed the draught. I am etc HR

**21 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 21<sup>st</sup> Decem 1768

Sir Inclosed herewith I send you a Copy of a Letter I received last post from Mr Wilson about the Conveyance of East Kenton; by which you will see he is much displeased with the Alterations proposed to be made in the draft by My Brother. The Expediency of those Alterations I was no judge of, & would have acquiesced in what you had approved of, but My Brother dwelt so much upon the hazard of the bonds and wrote so to Sir Walter about it, that Councils Opinion was ordered to be taken on the Case; which as I mentioned before concurred

with his Idea of the Danger of letting them stand out. What the proposed Alterations are you will see by the Lines scored under in the Copy of the dra[ugh]t which you receive a part of under this Cover and the rest under another, by this post. And I hope now the Matter will be settled soon, as Mr Wilson says he has left it to Mr Banks and you to do it.

I hope you rec[eiv]ed Mr Hudsons's bill on you for £3 5s 6d, with my receipt indorsed; which I sent you on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant.

The Articles for the purchase of Hexham East Ferry boat are at last settled & the dra[ugh]t given by Sr Wrs order to Mr Heron, Bailiff of Hexham, to be engrossed; & when executed by the parties here will be sent to you, for those in London.

I wish you the Compliments of the ensuing Season & am etc HR

**21 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> Decem 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mrs Jurin has agreed to execute the Articles for the purchase of the Ferry boat, with the Alteration of the Words "and finished" as proposed; in confidence, as she expresses herself, that you will not let her tenant be a Sufferer by the Temporary bridge, so I have send the Dra[ugh]t to Mr Heron to be engrossed and when the parties here have executed, will send the Deed to Mr Darwin for the others.

I have a long Letter and rather an Angry one, from Mr Wilson of Leeds about the Alterations proposed to be made in the Conveyance of East Kenton. Copy of which Letter and the proposed Alterations I have sent to Mr Darwin by this post. As Mr Wilson says he has been in London and seen You, and has left it to Mr Banks and Mr Darwin to settle the matter, I suppose there will soon be an End of it.

Mr Bell says he has let Matthew Bells farm at £70 a year for 21 year's from Mayd[a]y next, if you approve of it; which is £10 a Year advance. I shall see Mr Bell this week and will consider with him what Assistance may be necessary for the Support of the Old people.

Mr Fewster Teasdale was with me Yesterday about the Interruption given to Genl Claverings Tenant at Ridlem hope. There may very likely be some Evidence in the Courts at Hexham to support him in the Enjoyment of the Common as formerly. so I shall desire Mr Bell to search and then let him know what it amounts to. There is a large Tract of Ground which has immemorially been in Dispute between the owners of Hexham and Blanchland Manors & last Summer Dr Sharp and some others of the Trustees of Lord Crews Estate of w[hi]ch Blanchland is a part rode their Boundary there and made fresh Inroads, in which they included part of the Common on w[hi]ch a right is claimed for Ridlem hope, but they were formally discharged & so their perambulation amounts to nothing. but their Tenants seem to be for obtaining an Enjoyment according to the new riding. And yet I do not believe their pretensions even to the ground in dispute, antiently, can be Supported; as I understand you receive the Tithes thereof. The Fitters are unanimous in refusing the Keelmen's request & consider it as a measure that wo[ul]d answer no good purpose till the Men are all of one Mind about it, which they are far from being at present – and it is feared that till the sanction of Parliam[en]t is obtained such a Reservation of their Money would prove a fund for Mischief rather than for the plausible Good they set forth. An attempt was made for a Stop of the Keels yesterday, but it failed. & Mr Mosley expects his men will bind this Evening. Mr Blackett desires me to acquaint you that he will postpone answering your Letter till Friday, when he will be able to write more particularly. The Ship with the Servants boxes sailed this Morning, as I hear, & not before: the wind having continued Easterly till yesterday. I am etc HR



**28 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t M.P.in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Decem 1768

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I have acquainted Mr Bell & Mr Forster with the Contents of your Letters of the 10<sup>th</sup> 22d & 24<sup>th</sup> instt; & they have made Minutes and will inform themselves of every Thing relating to the Fisheries & the proposed bill: & allso inquire into and endeavour with Mr Greys assistance to settle the Matter about the Bridge, which I think may easily be done, if Mr Ord is a reasonable Man. For first it must be admitted that the building the Bridge without his Consent, was wrong, & that he had a right to pull it down: but after that admission I hope he will for a moderate sum, let you have a right to an Abutment upon his Ground for the same uses as the plank was for: If he will not the plank must be laid down and maintained. I expect the picture will come by the Cart on Friday & then I will send it by the Waggon on Saturday for the Sea is not so safe at this season. Major Carr is abroad, but I will see him on his return. Mr Errington has paid Mr Heron's bill, & I hear he intends to satisfy Mr Wilson; and then it is believed his Expence will exceed your's: but I have given Mr Bell an Acco[un]t of your disbursements, & he will communicate it to Mr Kirsop; with an Intimation of your desire to pay half the Charge attending this Exchange: which is Consonant to what I told Mr Bullock by your direction. It seems to be the Sense of people here that the petitions against the Oxford Canal should be presented, notwithstanding the Want of Support from the City and the Ministry; being perswaded it will be found prejudicial to the Marine Navigation, if those Coals ever can be brought to London or its Neighbourhood.

The Fitters remain firm in their refusal of the clause proposed by the Keelmen & seem to think the men will soon agree to bind in the Old Way – a Majority of them I am told are already bound; but then much of this Majority is composed of Men that live up the River and have no Opinion of Mr Harvey nor inclination to the Scheme. I wish you many happy returns of to Morrow & am etc HR

P.S. It seems by the Abstract of the patent Mr Darwin has sent me that you are proprietor of the Tithes of Rothly by purchase under the Crown which will, if it can be made out, be a better Title than claiming them under an Exempt order of Monks. I shall write Mr Darwin about this in a post or two.

**29 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron at Hexham

Newca[stle] 29<sup>th</sup> Decr 1768

Sir I have returned the Engrossments of the Articles for the purchase of Hexham East Ferry: which I don't doubt are according to the draught. But I desire if Mrs Jurin is at the Hermitage you will take the trouble of waiting upon her with them & the Dra[ugh]t that she may compare them if she pleases before she executes which she promised to do & when she has executed I desire you will return them to me & place the Charge attending this Business to Sr Wr Blackett's Account.

I wish you the Compliments of the Season & am etc HR

**30 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**



To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 30<sup>th</sup> Decem 1768

Sir I am very glad the Conveyance of East Kenton is at last finished, and the difficulties obviated that were raised about the bonds – I forgot in my last Letter to acquaint you that Mr Wilson passed my Account without making any objection to the £1 6s 8d you charged for the trouble of paying the interest to the Mortgagees; so I have given you Credit for that Sum in the Account between us.

It appears to me by the Abstract of the patents, which you have sent me, that Sr Wm Blackett may probably make out a Title to the Tithes of Rothley, as purchaser under the Crown; without going back to the Cistercian Monks for it. The patent of 38 Hen 8 grants the Tithes to Lord Eure and his heirs Male & That of 15 James 1 grants them to his descendant the then Lord Eure his heirs and assigns reciting the former grant. This Lord Eure sold the Manor or Lordships of Rothley with its Appurtenances to Sr Jno Fenwick w<sup>th</sup> his Manor & premises King Hen the 8<sup>th</sup> by Letters patent dated 26<sup>th</sup> Janry 36<sup>th</sup> of his reign granted to Lord Eure his Ancestor as aforesaid at 16s 8d a year rent. The said Lord Eure, the descendant, declares that he holds the premises by grant from the then King dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 15 of his reign by the rent above mentioned & then Conveys all other the Messuages Lands Tenements rents Reversions Services and Hereditaments belonging to him in Rothley. This feefarm Rent of 16s 8d is paid at this day by Sir Walter. And tho' among the general Words in the Bargain and Sale of the premises as above mentioned dated 17 Augst 16<sup>th</sup> James 1<sup>st</sup> there does not appear, by the Abstract I have, to be any mention of Tithes yet I should hope the Recitals of the patents, and the Word Hereditaments in the said Bargain and Sale will Convey the Tithes But this I submit to the Judgement you shall form of the Matter when you have perused the Conveyance itself and the other Title Deeds of Rothley which I suppose are all in Mortgage to Mr Savage along with those of Wallington.

I wish you many happy years.

P.S. I wonder I have not heard any Thing from Mr Trevelyan about his quarterly Annuity due Xmas: if he should draw upon You for it I will send you a Bill as soon as you let me know of it. I am etc HR

### 30 Dec 1768 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richard Wilson Esq Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle 30<sup>th</sup> Decem 1768

Sir I am glad the Difficulties, raised about the Bonds, are obviated; and that the Conveyance of East Kenton from Sir Wm Blackett to You is finished. I wish you a long Enjoyment of your purchase, & hope your fits of the Gout will never amount to more than presages of it. Mr Graham's Article is only on Common paper, so I have sent you the form used here for Leases, which you may vary as you see necessary: and the engrossment may be made either here or at Leeds as you Chuse. for Mr Graham will make no Objection, I suppose, to what you may think right. The Magistrates of this Corporation are taking such measures to prevent future variations of their Bounder Stones as will put the Extent of their Jurisdiction upon a more certain footing. This Uncertainty being all the Evil Consequence that, it is supposed, can attend frequent removals of the Bounder Stones. However, the Alteration made at the last Riding in that part adjoining to You, was too trivial to complain of it being little more than Shifting a Stone further along the same Line.

Harle, the Quarry Man, desires to know, the next time you write, whether you will take the Slates, or allow him to sell them, as I mentioned in my Letter of 28 Octor last.

I wish you the Compliments of this Season & am etc HR

**6 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 6 Janry 1768 [sic]

Sir I have received by the Hexham Carrier a box containing a piece of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery: the Weight of which is four hundred & seventy four ounces and a half.

I doubt Mr Sparks performance will succeed no better at Dukesfield than at Mr Cookson's furnace. I am etc HR

**9 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> Janry 1768 [sic]

Gentlemen On Friday last I sent you by David Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing four hundred and seventy four ounces and a half, which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sr Wr Blackett as usual at the Markett price and Advise me on your receipt of it. P.S. I heartily wish you many happy Years & am etc HR

**11 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t M.P. Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 11 Janry 1768 [sic]

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I think you cannot pay off Mr Simond's £1500, and intrest in March next; without borrowing for it. For Dukesfield and the partnership pays and Hexham Bridge, with the Subsistence to the Mines, and other usual payments will drain your Chest, before Money can be got for the new Stock of Lead, that is to come down this Summer.

I have sent to go by the Fly that will set out to morrow morning, a box directed to You containing a plan of Langtihead boundary; with a Writing beneath if to be signed by Lord Darlington and You settling that dispute. His L[or]ds[hi]p has a duplicate of this plan and writing and it is intended that both parts should be signed by him and You. The part which you keep may be brought hither when you return. I have paid the Carriage of the Box.

The Engrossments of the deed for the purchase of Hexham East Ferry are now before Mrs Jurin; as soon as she has executed them I will get Mr Colpitts to do so and then send then to Mr Darwin.

The Christian Name of Mr Stephenson Curate of All Saints is George.

Mr Bell and Mr Forster are returned from Berwick where the Tenants have paid their rents very well; All but Jno Anderson of Middle Ord who is two half years behind as usual.

The Summary of what Mr Bell and Mr Forster tell me about the Fisheries etc is, That the design of the Bill proposed by the Mayor of Berwick and others is chiefly to regulate the times of fishing and to prevent an increase of the Number of Boats and Nets used by each proprietor and any Alterations of the Sort of Net that each has been accustomed to – but Mr Grey will send you the heads of the Bill before the General Meeting & acquaint you of the day in July on which it is to be held. They are informed your Fisheries will not admit of Improvement further than what may be made by taking up some Rocks that obstruct your using a Ware sheet net in that

particular part – the Cost of doing which would perhaps be a balance for any Gain to be got by it. They saw Mr Ord about the Bridge but could not come to any conclusion with him as he has taken it into his head to dispute the pathway, & threatened to cut the plank if laid down; but Mr Grey was desired to talk a little with him upon this Matter. As to the Colliery the Tenants have only wrought 107 Tons instead of the 200 they are allowed for the Certain rent, chiefly owing, as is said to something gone wrong in the Engine which stopt them to two months. & lastly they say Mr Forster of Lucker has promised to write you very soon & make some offer for that farm. Inclosed is a List of the Linnen at Hexham Abby with an Acco[un]t in the Margin of what Mrs Hepple thinks should be bought to make it Sufficient. What you please to order may be bought here and made up by the servants during their present leisure time.

Mr Mosley is obliged to you for the apology for not answering his Letter; and says he will continue to write whenever he meets with any thing he thinks worth your Notice. & Mr Peareth promises to write you after the Guild which is next Monday. He and many others are of opinion that Mr Wilkinsons Gate ought to be stop'd up. As to the Keelmen they are all very quiet and at their work and the Fitters are framing a Bill for the purposes that they wanted part of their Money to be stop'd for, and propose giving them Copies of it for their Consideration. I am etc  
HR

**15 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> January 1769

Sir I shall send you by the Fly Coach that sets out early to morrow the deeds for the purchase of Hexham East Ferry boat which I have got executed by Mrs Jurin and Mr Colpitts, the only parties here – I find one of the unmarried Ladies is in a bad State of Health and gone to the South part of France for her recovery but in the mean time you will please to get the other to execute as well as the married Ladies and their Husbands and if you want the form of a Letter of Attorney or other particulars relating to the Surrenders & Admittances you will write to Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham who will furnish you with them – I shall send you a bill in a little time for the quarterly payments. I am etc HR

**16 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse Weardale

Newca[stle] 16 Janry 1769

Sir I received your Letter of yesterdays date by Mr Milburn acquainting me that Sr Wr Blackett has no Share in the undivided part of Wolsingham Town field, that you ever heard of. but I find by Mr Daniel Alder that the proprietors apprehend that he has a right to some part of it, if not for Culture at least for a Way; I suppose to the Miln Close. And as they are for applying imediately, that is in Ten days time, for an Act for dividing and allotting this Common field, it is necessary you should inform yourself imediately either by going down or sending for the Tenant, what the Enjoyment has been by him or the former Tenants of any part of these East Town fields for if Sr Wr has only a right to a Way we must take Care to have it preserved to him.

I desire you will let me know what you learn about it that I may write to Sr Wr before the petition is presented in case you sho[ul]d find he is any way interested in this intended division. Mr Wm Watson says you have forgot the pikestone ore in the Acco[un]t you signed however I paid him no more than the Note & told him if there was any more due he wo[ul]d get it at the

pay. P.S. If you see occasion you may send a person on purpose with your Answer to this Letter.  
I am etc HR

**18 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chrisr Johnson Attorney at Law in Durham Newca[stle] 18 January 1769 Wednesday

Sir I have rec[eiv]ed the favour of your Letter of this Date acquainting me of the intended Application to Parliament for a division of Wolsingham East Town fields. Mr Alder mentioned this to me last Saturday, which was the first time I heard of it. I was then upon Change, and told him that before I could give any answer or could write to Sir Wr Blackett about it I must write to Mr Maughan to whose Care Sr Wrs Estate in that part was Comitted.

Mr Alder said Mr Milburn should go away directly for Mr Maughan's opinion and said if he would call upon me I wo[ul]d give him a Letter as soon as I got home; but Mr Alder thought it was not necessary, and that it would occasion too much delay. Mr Maughan's Letter which I received on Sunday Evening, by Mr Milburn, is so general and unsatisfactory that I can neither mention it to you nor write to Sir Walter upon it. I can only say in answer to your Letter that I have always known Sr Wr Blackett very ready in Concurring in any Thing that is for the General Good; but then this Answer is too general for you to proceed upon and I could wish time wo[ul]d allow you to wait for the Answer which I expect to receive from Mr Maughan in a little time upon this Subject, having wrote to him Yesterday by an Opportunity that offered and believe he will get the Letter this Evening. P.S. I wish it suited your to pay your proportion of Weardale rents and Compositions in a little time. I am etc HR

P.S. The direction to Sr Wr Blackett is in Halfmoon Street Piccadilly.

**18 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 18 January 1769

Sir I have your Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me two receipts the one for Twenty one pounds for Mrs Sorsbies Years Allowance from Sr Wr Blackett due Chr[ist]mas last and the other for the like Sum for a years Allowance due Micha[el]mas last to the representatives of Mrs Ann Eden dec[eas]ed both w[hi]ch sums I have given you Credit for.

Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for two hundred pounds, at 25 days dated 20<sup>th</sup> instant which I send you on Acco[un]t of the quarterly payments for Sr Walter to 31 March next and desire you will let me have the usual receipt for it to be a voucher to my Account with him. The drawers desire the bill may not be presented till after the 23d as they will not advise of it till Fryday.

'Tis odd there should be not express Words in the Conveyance of Rothley from Ld Eure to pass the Tithes thereof; but I am glad you think the general words in that deed will be deemed to have conveyed them. I hope you have received the Hexham Ferry boat deeds safe & am etc HR

£200 Newcastle Bank 20<sup>th</sup> January 1769

Twenty five Days after Date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Two hundred pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Acco[un]t Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 23383

**20 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Christr Johnson Attorney at Law in Durham

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Janry 1769

Sir I am sorry you sho[ul]d have sent a Messenger on purpose to know if I had got an Answer from Mr Maughan for I would have wrote you if I had – he has not had time since he could have rec[eiv]ed my Letter to have given me an Answer – indeed I am sorry the time is so short as you mentioned in your former Letter because it seems insufficient for those that never heard of the intended Application to Parliament till last Saturday to give any explicit Answer. As soon as I am enabled to do it you may depend upon hearing from me by the post. I am etc HR

**20 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Janry 1769

Sir The reasons you give why the wood cut at Anick grange in 1767 and 1768 should now be sold, are very good ones; and if Sir Wr Blackett has no occasion for it or any part of it, himself the sooner it is disposed of the better - and I will write to him about it if you will let me know what Mr Wray thinks it worth and what the Chap he has met with bids first and at the same time will mention Thos Skeen's desire. I am etc HR

**21 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chrisr Johnson Attorney at Law Durham

Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> Janry 1769

Sir Agreeable to what I wrote you yesterday, I now acquaint you that I have received a Letter this morning from Mr Maughan, and shall write to Sr Wr Blackett to night about the Division of Wolsingham East Town field. Mr Maughan does not tell me the value of the piece of ground Sir Walter has therein; but calls it a Ridge of Land. I am etc HR

**21 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt MP. Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> Janry 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir The people interested in Wolsingham East Town field w[hi]ch contains about 200 Acres, are desirous of having it divided by Act of Parliament; for it is at present an open field, enjoyed in Ridges, and some of the proprietors have so many detached pieces therein that it is of little value to them. Mr Bacons Ex[ecu]tors are the principal proprietors and have got the Consent of all the rest but yourself; Last Saturday was the first of my hearing of their intention & you will very likely have an Appliction to Night from Mr Chrisr Johnson of Durham about it, who is appointed Solicitor. Your intrest in this Field is very small; being only one Ridge of Land, containing near half an Acre - one End of which adjoins upon Kings Street, or high way and the other upon your little Estate called the Mill Close – the whole of which with this Ridge included is let for Six Pounds a Year. It is necessary to have this Ridge preserved to you as the directest way from the road to the Mill Close. I am etc HR



**22 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 22d Janry 1769

Sir I do not think you need pay Mr Tower's fee farm rent to Mr Heron, till he is appointed receiver; for perhaps Mr Tower may employ somebody else. however no harm can arise from your postponing the payment of such a Sum till Mr Heron, or whoever it be, receives an Authority that will justify your payment; and I dare say Mr Heron will not blame you for postponing it till then. P.S. I have sent the deeds for the purchase of Hexham Ferry to Mr Darwin: and told him If he wants any Materials relating to Surrenders and Admittances to write to you. I am etc HR

**23 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr John Fenwick in Roberts's Place York

Newca[stle] 23d Janry 1769

Sir I have received your Letter of Yesterday's date, with a Receipt for forty seven pounds ten Shillings; for a Year's int[er]est due to you from Sir Wr Blackett and in return I send you here inclosed Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn and Hallifax for that sum payable at 30 days from this date which I desire you will let me know by the return of the post that you have received; to prevent apprehensions of a Miscarriage. I am etc HR

£47.10.0 Newcastle Bank 23 Janry 1769

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen Richmond Forty seven pounds ten shillings value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents of the within bill to Mr John Fenwick, or order, value in Account

Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 23418

**25 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Baro[n]t MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 25 Janry 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Wray thinks that the wood cut at Anick grange in 1767 and 1768 should now be sold; as it will be worse for lying and as some of it lyes on the ground Mr Errington got by the Exchange. He values it at £90 and says he has met with a person will buy it, as he expects, tho' he would not make any offer of it till he had your direction. Thomas Skeen, the postilion, is desirous of continuing in your service, if you please.

Robert Scott has cut 38 pine apples since you left Newcastle one of which was rotten at the heart, another too suspicious to send to any body, six are sent to London this Morning by the Fly along with those from Wallington (carriage paid) and the rest being 30 in number were distributed, as you bade me according to the inclosed List; before Mr Duffield told me of your Letter about sending what were here to London. Besides these I took one of the Wallington ones and sent it to Dr Fawcett this morning; whom I had forgot till I waited on him yesterday, on



receipt of your Letter, about George Young; when he desired me to acquaint You that your recommendations shall always have the greatest weight with him: But that he has heard Young has of late been much addicted to drinking.

I have given The Revd Mr Stephenson the 20 Guineas, you ordered, for his Journey. He says he proposes being in London about the Middle of next Month, and will wait upon you to thank you for your goodness.

I waited on the Stewards of the Cordwainers & Tanners Companies with Mr Ridley's compliments and your's and they will communicate to their Companies what you mention about the Leather business. I find Mr Yelder who does as much in that Trade as all the other Tanners here thinks their Company will have little to add to the memorial they gave you; and believes they will rest contented with the Fate of the petition of the Tanners & Leather Factors in London, whose paper I have not yet received. He further thinks that a Bounty should be given to encourage the importation of the raw materials, and that little objection can be made to a part of the drawback being taken off on the exportation of Hides and Calve's Skins, Tanned in Great Britain.

I have told the Mayor and some of the Aldermen about the Coventry Canal; which they seem to wish may meet with such Local difficulties, as never to interfere with the Trade of this place. To Mr Peareth only, as yet, I have mentioned about the WaterWorks for supplying this Town; and he thinks the Corporation ought not to be proprietors at all; as well because he apprehends the freeman wo[ul]d be inecssarily [*sic*] clamorous for an Exemption from any Tax for the water, as because it wo[ul]d be improper to be, at the same time, Lessors or Contractors, w[hi]ch the Corporation are at present, with the new water company; and to be Members of That Company too.

As to the £1200 for the Silversmith and the £3000 for Mr Bell I do not know what to say to them except some of the Attornies here can meet with so much on your bond; for it will not be practicable for me to raise even the lesser sum & keep Things right. I will speak to my Brother to enquire among the Lenders, & as soon as I hear any Thing will let you know; & in the mean time Mr Darwin sho[ul]d be enquiring in London. I am etc HR

## 25 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

Newca[stle] 25 Janry 1769

Sir I received your Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> about the Ridge of Land w[hi]ch you say Sir Wr Blackett has in the undivided part of Wolsingham East Town field – but I wish you had been a little more particular and acquainted me of what you thought might be the annual value of it – whether it is not absolutely necessary for Sir Walter to have this very Ridge allotted to him, as being the best and directest communication between the highway and the Miln Close – whether you suppose Sir Walter will be intitled upon a Division to more or less than the half Acre, of which you say this Ridge Consists, when the Commissioners come to consider the quantity and quality of the Ground – whether the Owners of other Estates have a right to a Way along this Ridge – And any other Matters that it occurs you ought to be provided either for or against before the Act passes pray who are proposed to be the Commissioners and is there any Objection to any of them? If the Carrier does not come to Town next week, thro' the badness of the Weather I think you should send one on purpose with an Answer to this Letter; for Sir Walter will want to know some of these particulars before he can give his Assent to the bill. And pray has the bill been read to and signed by the proprietors, which it either is or will be soon; for then some of them can give you some Account of it and you can give me your opinion upon it whether there is any thing that ought to be otherwise than they have put it. I am etc HR

**26 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Richmond**

To Mr Jno Richmond Attorney at Law

26 Janry 1769

Dear Brother I desire you will send me the two Leases of <Sedgate> Closes either this Evening or to morrow forenoon: that I may examine them, and then give them to the respective parties for their perusal. I am etc HR

**28 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 28 Janry 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed are Bell Cookson & Cos two bills on Glyn & Hallifax as above for one Thousand pounds which I have got at as short a date as I could; & you will please to advise the receipt of them. I dare say I shall find the want of this Sum in April next when Dukesfield pay must be made unless you can replace it against that time. Mr Blackett seems to be of the same opinion with Mr Peareth as to the Shares in the new water Company.

I have not heard any Thing more abo[u]t the Leather trade than that the Cordwainers Company here have subscribed towards the expence of the application to parliament: but I do not find the Tanners are so sanguine.

The good Account you give of your Health is the best news I can learn. P.S. Mr Waters set off to day from 'Change for London. I believe all is calm among the Keelmen; but if there is any Thing particular relating to the Copies of the bill about their hospital he is well informed of it, being deeply in that business: I mean the Fitting business. Major Carr is still abroad. I am etc HR

£500 Newcastle Bank 28<sup>th</sup> Janry 1769

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Five hundred pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Sr Wr Blackett Bt or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 23463

£500 Newcastle Bank 28 Janry 1769

Twenty Days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Five hundred pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Sr Wr Blackett Bt or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 23454

**31 Jan 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> Janry 1769

Sir I received your Letter about Mr Clarke's desiring to put his Horse into the ground behind the Abbey Garden, but hope he will excuse my not giving leave for it; because in similar Applications for the Nuns field in this Town I always think it right to wait for Sir Walters Order.

I desire my Comp[limen]ts to him. P.S. Mr Wray may now come as soon as he pleases; & I shall be glad to see him to settle his Acco[un]t with him. I am etc HR

**3 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in half moon street Piccadilly London Newca[stle] 3d Feby 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I have acquainted the Stewards of the Cordwainers and Tanner's Company's with the paragraph in your Letter & find the former intend to petition but the latter are lukewarm tho' they wo[ul]d be glad to see what the Tanners in London have to say upon the Subject, whose paper is not yet come to me. Mr Yelder thinks a Tax on Bark would be making the grievance worse by occasioning a Still further advance on Shoes and other manufactured Leather; but that the taking off the duty on Irish hides, and granting a Bounty for importing them; even of 2s a hide, would increase the revenue, by an increased Tonnage; and relieve the poor by lowering the price of Shoes.

The Mayor Aldermen and others, that I have heard express their sentiments, seem content with the petitions being presented against the Coventry Canal and if nothing can be obtained from the Ministry in support of it, to be willing to leave it to time to shew whether their fears were groundless. The Mayor and Aldermen have been solicited to excuse the Butchers that were indicted for selling meat on the Key on paying their Fees; & to allow the East End of the Key to be set apart for a Monday's Markett both of which requests they have refused and it was resolved that on Monday next those who did not pay their fees shoul[d] be sent to prison: but the Recorder, having a fit of the Asthma cannot be at Court and so the Mayor says he will postpone the matter.

Last Monday one Company of Soldiers marched to Morpeth on a Letter from the two Justices to the Mayor desiring they might march without delay; tho we have not yet heard of any tumult.

The hurry which the proprietors of Wolsingham East Town fields were in about their bill afforded so little notice to your Agents that Mr Maughan, under whose Management your small Estate there is put, had not time to learn accurately how you would be affected by the proposed division; He now writes that there is a Common Way that leads to your Estate called the Mill Close and that it will be convenient to you to have an equivalent for the Ridge of Land laid Contiguous to that Close But that your whole intrest in those Townfields may be left to the Com[missione]rs; two of whom he knows to wit Mr Ebenr Powell and Mr Jno Darnell and the other was to be named by Mr Bacon's Trustees.

The Agreem[en]t abo[u]t Langtyhead boundry was drawn by Mr Robson the Attorney Agent for Ld Darlington. I am etc HR

**6 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr Jno Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 6<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Sir I had a letter last Night from Sr Wr Blackett in which he says he would have Mr Wray to sell the Fell'd wood near Beaufront as soon as he can get what he thinks to be the value; but adds that it wold be right to see what part of it may be fit for his own use at Wallington for building the new Kitchen, or for posts and rails, or other uses; which are occurring very frequently. Mr Wray is a very good judge of this but if he chuses he may join Mr Geo Brown's and Mr Ralph Forsters opinions to his own. Thomas Skeen is to leave Sir Walter at Mayd[a]y

next; or sooner if he meets with a place to his Mind. I shall be glad to know that you receive this Letter; lest Thos by whom I send it, should neglect to give it you. I am etc HR

**6 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt MP in half moon street Piccadilly London Newca[stle] 6 Feby 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Your Letter, by Express, came to me last night between 11 and 12 and the inclosed was delivered to Mr Ord a little after six this Morning.

Inclosed is a Rental of Ord & your other Estates near Berwick – the last Article being the Tithe of Middleton hall w[hi]ch you intended for Greenwich hospital, remains still unsold. I spoke to Mr Walton two or three times about it & he blames the tardiness of some of their people in London. They were to have Entred at Mayd[a]y last & therefore last years tithe remains still in the Tenants hands. You will please to consider whether speaking to any of the Commissioners would not expedite matters a little. I am etc HR

**7 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half moon Street Piccadilly London Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir At Meeting yesterday of the Magistrates at Wind's, being the first Monday in the Month, it was taken into consideration whether the Corporation should be proprietors of Shares in the Company that furnishes water to this Town. The Mayor Mr Peareth, Mr Simpson Mr Blackett, Mr Mosley & Mr Forster were there. Mr Peareth made the proposition, as a Thing that had been mentioned to him by Mr Ald[er]man Bell, but it was the Sense of those present (and Mr Scafe I hear is of the same way of thinking) that the Corporation should not purchase any Shares in that company; nor undertake any further than they now do, the supplying the Town with Water. The behaviour of Mr White and others at the last Guild, in insolently demanding the water to be laid in their houses as well as it is laid into those of the Magistrates, has convinced them that the corporation ought not to engage in such an Employment.

I delivered the papers you sent relating to the Leather Manufacture to the Stewards of the two Companies & find they approve of a Tax on Bark exported to Ireland.

I send the inclosed Case about Sando & the Tenants of Greenwich Hospital that if you please Mr Darwin may get some good Councils opinion upon it. This Case has been for some time before Mr Fawcett but he has not had leisure to give his opinion in Writing; but he told me he thought they were all liable to do Suit and Service at your Courts, and that those Estates having been in the hands of the Crown did not extinguish but only suspend the Services and that they wo[ul]d revive again on being granted off to Subjects; whether sole or Corporate. I am etc HR

**10 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Sir I sent Sir Wr Blackett a Rental of Ord estate a post or two ago but inclosed is one to the same Effect and in the form you desire to have it. You will observe some little variation herein from That which I receive in your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instt in respect of the quantity of Land in each farm. If I sent you That Rental I cannot tell where I got those quantities except from Mr Robson

for he only could furnish me with them, & yet I see by his last Account he makes them as I have now given you them – however the difference is of no great consequence. The Rental I sent Sir Wr contained the Tithes of Lucker Shotton & a part of Ilderton but I suppose you don't want them in the present case.

I sent Sr Wr a Case about some of the Suitors, to Hexham & Anick grange Courts that refuse to appear which very likely he will chuse to have the opinion of some eminent Council upon. I am etc HR

**12 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Sir I have a Letter from Sir Wr Blackett to Night in which he bids me write you that he agrees to your letting Keenly kilns as mentioned in your Letter to him of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, only there must be a Clause of forfeiting the Lease if Wigham does not observe the Covenants. Sir Wr says he does not think himself liable, nor that he ought to be liable to pay Mr Tulip for the Lime which Matt Bell had of him. I hope you have not paid Mr Tower's rents to any body since Mr Cuthbertson's death, for he tells Sir Wr he has not authorised any to receive them. He says there are two half y[ea]rs rents due to him & that another will be due the next month. I desire you will let me know by Tuesday's post whether this is right or no. I am etc HR

**14 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ra Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 14 Feby 1769

Sir Sir Wr Blackett writes me that he would have you come to Newcastle & bring John Shafto with you: that we may go and take Mr Wilson's directions how the penalty is to be recovered against Roger Marshal, & the other man, for killing the Hare in Harterton grounds. Mr Wilson will be our of Town to morrow, but on Thursday or Friday, if you come, we may get his opinion upon this Matter.

I must desire Mr Ladler or You to buy me a house of some sort, in a little time. I am etc HR

**15 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Heron after Mr Cuthbertson's death, applyed for Mr Towers's feefarm rents to be paid to him; but as he was not authorized to receive them I desired Mr Bell to reserve the Money. There are two half Year's Rents, due Mich[aelmas] last, ready to be paid to whom Mr Towers shall appoint; either here or at Hexham. I wrote Mr Bell about Mr Tulips demand, which you are not liable to pay: the paying it would bring upon you many of a like Nature; whenever your rents are distrained for. I have wrote to Mr Forster & when he comes to Town with John Shafto will take Mr Wilson's Opinion on how the penalty is to be recovered against Roger Marshall & the other Man.

I am very glad you find benefit from the Med'cine you have taken; & wish your Attendance on public business till such late hours, may not lessen it Efficacy. I am etc HR



**17 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ra Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newca[stle] 17 Feby 1769

Sir I have a Letter to night from Sir Wr in which he says he rec[eiv]ed an Acco[un]t in your Letter dated 31 Decer of the Sums given to the poor about Wallington last year & bids me write you “that he wo[ul]d have this kind of Charity given every year according to the Number or Condition of the poor in those Towns or parishes” of which you can inform yourself by the Minister or Churchwardens of each parish Making the former list in some measure a Rule for the Sums you are to give, tho’ it may be necessary to increase or vary them according to the Information you receive. P.S. I sent you sometime ago the Copy of Mr Wray’s Acco[un]ts & hope you will let me have your Account in a little time. I am etc HR

**17 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Revd D Sharp at Bambrough

Newca[stle] 17 Feby 1769

Sir I have direction from Sir Walter Blackett to pay you one hundred pounds towards the Augmentation of Bingfield chapel: which you may have whenever you find it convenient to favour me with a Call; or if it suits you better you may draw upon me for it, only mentioning in the bill, or in the Letter of Advice, that it is Sir Walter Blacketts benefaction for that purpose. I congratulate you on your promotion & with Comp[limen]ts to Mrs Sharp I am etc P.S. I have given Mr Ellison a parcell to day directed for you to be left with me. Your Correspondent always stiles me Attorney at Law which I have not the honour of being. HR

**18 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London Newca[stle] 18 Feby 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Forster brought Jno Shafto yesterday & inclosed is Mr Wilson’s opinion; which I have got this Evening how the penalty is to be recovered against the Men that killed the Hare. Mr Wilson says, as no Inconvenience can arise from postponing the Conviction a Week, I should ask how you would have the half of the penalty that is to go to Mr Forster as Informer, disposed of? because That may better be done before the Justice, than otherwise. He gives his reasons for preferring the Conviction for keeping Grey Hounds to That for tracing & killing the Hare. Mr Forster says these are two substantial Men tho’ not qualified and that they have been with him to submit, & make what Satisfaction you please for the offence. When I receive your answer I will write to Mr Foster to proceed.

I do not hear of any Amendment in Allanheads tho’ told they are in daily expectation of it. When I see Mr Westgarth I will acquaint him of your desire about that Grove. I have not rec[eiv]ed the Letter from you about Rt Allgoods monopolizing farms. I told him pringle charged him with it, but he said his Salary of £20 a y[ea]r was too small to live upon.

I have wrote to Dr Sharp about the £100 for Bingfield and to Mr Forster about your usual Charity in the Neighbourhood of Wallington.

In the inclosed News paper of this day is a sort of Invitation to your Constituents to send instructions. I believe it is of low Extraction but there is so much Enthusiasm in the present



times that one cannot tell how far the Epidemical disorder may spread only it is pretty certain it will not affect the Corporate body.  
It seems to be the general Sense of the Magistracy not to have an every days Markett for Beef. The Morpeth Butchers, who are very considerable ones, would be laid off by It and the Inhabitants wo[ul]d be then liable to the prices the piemen should set.  
Please to accept my Thanks for your Enquiry after us. My little boy, who was inoculated in Decemr had the small pox favourably. My wife & I are well & joyfull in your health & I am etc  
HR

**20 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esqr at John Hudsons Esq in York

Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Sir Last Night I received your Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> Janry & in it your receipt for Sixty two pounds ten shillings: in return for which I hear inclose you my Bill on Plumb & Browne for that Sum at twenty days; which is the shortest date I can make it. You will please to signify, by return of the post that you have received it; otherwise I shall not know that you get it safe.  
Durham Mustard is not in such repute here as formerly but I shall send you by the first York Carrier twelve pounds of the best I can meet with, directed as you desire.  
I hope Mr & Mrs Hudson & their young Ladies are well.  
P.S. Here are two Casks brought from Wallington, which some Ale came in from Burlington. I shall return them by the first Ship I can hear for that port, and you will please to tell Mr Hudson so: if he is with you. I am etc HR

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769 £62. 10. 0

Twenty days after date pay Walter Trevelyan Esqr or Order the sum of Sixty two pounds ten Shillings value in Acco[un]t & place the Same to Acco[un]t with Sr Wr Bt as p[er] Advice from Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769  
Gentlemen

I have this day drawn a Bill upon you for Sixty two pounds ten Shillings payable to Walter Trevelyan Esqr or order, at Twenty days from this date; which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett Bt. I am etc HR

**22 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newca[stle] 22d Feby 1769

Sir Mr Forster of Lucker has wrote Sir Walter that he is willing to give the value of Lucker Tithes & freehold whenever Sir Walter sends any person to treat with him. Sir Wr therefore desires you will make a valuation of what he has at Lucker; & says as old Mr Forster is but very indifferent he would have Mr Bell go with you to settle and finish the Acco[un]t about the Tithes of the Moor. If you have an opportunity of sending to Mr Bell you may fix with him when to go, otherwise I will write to him as soon as you let me know what time will suit you for him to come to Wallington. I am etc HR

**22 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP in half moon street Picadilly London Newca[stle] 22d Feby 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir As soon as I have an Opportunity I will enquire why James Oliver was discharged at Wolfcleugh. As to his charge against Robert Allgood for engrossing farms, it is the same that John Pringle made, who said he co[ul]d reckon up £300 a year that he had got including your's at Redburn: but he could mention only James Olivers & one Mary Leachy's farm; which last is found to be part of what Robt Allgood has rented of Mr Hopper for about 12 yrs past. The farms he has taken, I am told, are grazing Farms; but yet they will I doubt engage Mr Allgoods attention too much on the Surface to allow him a full Application to Minery. I have wrote to Mr Forster about valuing Lucker farm & Mr Bell will go with him and try to get the £105 18s 6d which Mr Thomas Forster has admitted he has received for the Tithes of the Moor to Mayday last.

The Mayor says he and several of the Aldermen concerned in the Coal Trade had a Meeting last Saturday on the proposition of allowing the Warwickshire Coals to come to Oxford and no further by Water & that he wrote Mr Ridley their Sentiments.

I have spoke to my Brother abo[u]t borrowing Money here are 4 p[er]Cent[u]m & he will try what he can do.

Mr Bell has been enquiring when he may depend on his Money. I am etc HR

**24 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Sir Sir Walter has desired Mr Forster to make a valuation of Lucker Farm which Mr Thos Forster has wrote him he is willing to give the value of when any person is send over to treat with him about it. Sir Walter finds old Mr Forster is very indifferent & therefore desires you will go with Mr Ralph Forster & try if you can settle with him for the tithe of the Moor & receive of him the £105 18s 6d which he admitted he had received for it to Mayd[a]y last. I think you have a Copy of the paper of the yearly Sums that make up that £105 18s 6d which ought all to be paid to Sir Walter. besides there will be something due for the tithes of the 110 Acres, w[hi]ch you say is not included in the above sum.

I have wrote Mr Ralph Forster to let you or me know when he resolves on going and then I will send you a Letter to Mr Forster of Lucker desiring him to pay the money to you. I am etc HR

**24 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Sir I have a Letter this post from Sir Wr Blackett in answer to that I wrote last Saturday about the Hare; & he says the part of the penalty, which by Law is forfeited to the poor of the parish, he cannot give up; & therefore you are to take Shafto to Mr Ward of Morpeth & when you have made the information, Shafto will prove the Truth of it. & when the penalty of Five pounds is paid, Sir Walter desires you will see that half of it goes to the poor of the parish, and that the other half is returned to Mr Marshall and Mr Turner. & he further desires that you will give Two pounds ten shillings to Shafto (& place the same to his Acco[un]t) after the conviction is over.

As you heard what Mr Wilson said, it is not material to send you the particulars of his opinion, the Substance is that Marshall and Turner are to be informed against for using Grey hounds in killing the Hare in Harterton grounds – the rest must be left to the Justice, who will see what the Law is in this Case. I am etc HR p.s. upon 2d thoughts I have sent you a Copy of the opinion; that if you should find it of any use you may not be at a Loss for it.

**27 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London  
Newca[stle] 27<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is a Case about the Tithes of Wallington and your other Estates in Hartburn parish; which as the comissioners will want an Answer soon, an opinion should be taken on, after Mr Darwin has made any Alterations or Additions, that he thinks proper; especially with regard to Rothley, which he is of Opinion you hold with the tithes thereof by purchase of the Grantee of the Crown. Mr Thos Davison of Beamish was seized last week at Parker's, with a sort of convulsion fit & got better of it; but to day I hear he is bad again. Conviction seems the safest way of obtaining half the penalty from Marshall and Turner; so I have not contradicted what I wrote on Saturday to Mr Forster, in pursuance of your Letter from the house of Commons, to take John Shafto (& Mr Wilson's opinion) to Mr Ward of Morpeth. Mr Towers paid Mr Cuthbertson for receiving & remitting his feefarm rents, but I cannot learn what – the common Allowance in such Employments is 12d in the pound which will be about £11 13s 0d a Year. I think Mr Towers will not get it done for less than £10 a Year & that his appointing and paying an Agent, tho' one of your's, cannot make the family liable to the remittance. If Mr Heron has any Chance for this Agency I would not wish for it, If not, & Mr Towers proposes my doing it, & you approve of it, I shall do it as reasonably as any body. I am obliged to you for the mention of it. P.S. My Brother has not yet heard of any money. I am etc HR

**28 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Forster**

To Mr Thomas Forster at Lucker, near Belford  
Newca[stle] 28 Feby 1769

Sir Mr Forster of Cambo will be at Lucker on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of next Month to make a Valuation of your Farm, by Sir Wr Blackett's desire; that he may know what may be reasonable to ask for it. & Mr Bell will come at the same time to settle for the Tithe of Lucker Moor & receive, if it be convenient, either money or your promisory Note for whatever it may amount to. Mr Bells receipt will be a Sufficient discharge for what you pay him for Sir Wr Blackett on the above mentioned Account. I am etc HR

**28 Feb 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham  
Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Feby 1769

Sir I have wrote Mr Forster of Lucker that you & Mr Ra Forster will be with him on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of next Month & that your receipt would be a discharge for what money he pays you for

the Tithe of Lucker Moor: If he says he has not Money, you may take his note at a reasonable date.

Inclosed is your paper of the Sums Mr Forster has rec[eiv]ed for these Tithes annually, amounting to £105 17s 6d the last sum is for the Tithe of Corn reapt in 1768 as I understand it; but that will depend upon his satisfying you that the first Article of £13 15s 0d was for Corn reapt in 1757, which he may easily do, as he let the Tithes to the several Tenants.

I don't know the very Year when the first Corn was grown upon this Moor; but only that it was divided by Lord Northumberland before Febr'y 1756. So that Mr Forsters own Acco[un]t with such Corroboratory incidents as he pleases to produce, is all we have to go upon. His veracity Sir Walter does not question.

As to the Tithe of the 110 Acres, which have been inclosed so long, I am satisfied by what you say; & you need not press Mr Forster any further for it.

As to directions, how the Acco[un]t is to be settled, you need none; but to give him a receipt for the Tithe of Lucker Moor (whatever the Sum, the whole Tithe shall amount to, may be) as due to Sir Wr Blackett. I wish you a good Journey & am etc HR

**5 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Wallington

Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> March 1769

Sir As I recollect, for I am now writing at home, my Letters about the Tithe of Lucker Moor are clearly enough expressed that you are to receive of Mr Forster the whole Tithe, it being all due to Sir Walter till the making the Award which has no retrospection. I am etc HR

**5 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newca[stle] 5 March 1769

Sir I hope you got the Money for the Garden bill Yesterday by Thos Thompson – it was too large a Sum to send by such a Conveyance & therefore I could wish when any bargain work is to be paid for that it may either be put off till the rent day or at least till you have an opportunity of coming to Town yourself to receive it. When any Thing is done about Marshall and Turners affair you will either let Sir Walter know of it or me that I may write him of it, for I have a Letter from him about it. I am etc HR

**5 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> March 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr G Silvertop has a freehold Estate in the Manor of Winlaton, called Ash tree: there is Coal under it, w[hi]ch he claims, and has begun to work, within these few Days; tho' it is apprehended he has no right to it. I see by an Abstract of the Writings of Winlaton, which are in Mr Darwins hands, that Sir Wm Blackett bought a Moiety of all the Coalmines in this Manor, consequently a Moiety of what is under this Estate of Mr Silvertops should belong to You & Sr Edward unless Mr Silvertop can shew the Contrary, which is not probable. For tho' the person that sold this Estate to his Ancestor might be one of the Lords of the Manor & might have an intire property in some part of the Soil, as the Lords have at this day, yet he would only

be intitled to an undivided Share of the Royalties; which at most is all Mr Silvertop can pretend to. What this Share is it will perhaps, if you and the rest of the Lords think so, be proper to file a Bill to discover. Sir Edwd, Ld Widdrington and Mr Ridley will I expect be acquainted of this Matter, & in the mean time Mr Darwin may be examining the Deeds and considering the Case. You and Sir Edward have each of qua[rte]r, Lord Widdrington  $\frac{3}{8}$  ths & Mr Ridley, Mr Simpson and others have the other  $\frac{1}{8}$  th.

Mr Davison is a good deal better.

Mr Bell desires his Compliments & says any time in the Month of May will do for the payment of his Money which I am glad of, for my Brother cannot meet with any yet under 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  p[er]Cent[u]m. I am etc HR

**15 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t MP in Half Moon street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 15 March 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Forster of Cambo says that Marshall & Turner have paid 50s; being the half of the penalty due to the poor; & that by Mr Wards desire it is lodged in his (Mr Forster's) hands till you come down – he has given 50s, as you ordered to John Shafto and placed it to your Acco[un]t. He has been at Lucker and valued the farm & will send you his valuation. Mr Bell went with him & has settled the Acco[un]t with Mr Thos Forster about the Tithe of the Moor, but could get no more of him than £63 10s 0d, to the Year 1763 inclusive: for he alledges that when he gave £80 a year for the farm in 1764 he was to have all the Tithe: & a loose Article of Mr Robson's, compared with his valuations, favours that Allegation. however the Acco[un]t is settled so as not to preclude your Judgement of the Matter.

Mr Douglass writes that Mr Ord will not take any Thing for the Gravel, but says you are welcome to it, & that he is sorry he pulled down the Bridge: & yet he cannot be reconciled to the plank way.

Your Grove Stewards have been down for Money within these few days. Mr Maughan says he has nothing good in Weardale but Langtihead. Coalcleugh contines as last Year, to yield ore to pay the Expen[se] but not for profit – more time being necessary to increase the workings in the several Sills. Allanheads wears a better countenance – they have got a good deal of Ore in the Sun vein at the East End at 20s a Bing & expect more. but the particular State of That Grove will be better known, after Mr Westgarths view, which he will make in a little Time. & as soon as a person fit for that Stewardship occurs to him he will let you know.

I do not find by Mr C. Hunter that there is much foundation for James Oliver's Charge against Robert Allgood for monopolizing etc – he has two farms of Mr Hopper's adjoining yours at Redburn, & one at Slaley, w[hi]ch are all grazing farms & taken as he took your's, upon a preference of him to the old Tenants. I cannot find that Oliver has been turned off Work – about two Year's ago he gave up a Bargain because he could not make Wages & has since been employed in Labourer's Work by the bargainers as they have occasion. Mr Allgood says he never took upon him to turn any Man off Work.

I find there is not now any intention here to follow the Example of Essex in addressing the King; what you & Mr Ridley wrote having met with the Approbation of the Magistracy. The Mayor says there is no body here can give An Acco[un]t of the Quantity of Coals sent from London to Henley & upwards, & that the likeliest person to do it is Mr George of Billingsgate.

Mr Rivet's opinion is clear that the Sands people & the hospital Tenants are liable to do Suit & Service, but it will probably be very expensive to compel them and the benefit to you trifling



when obtained; so that if the Trust Estate cannot some how be made chargeable with the Costs of Suit I do not know what to say to it.

I shall write to Mr Maughan to morrow about the Temple Sowerby bill. My Brother has met with one Mrs Browell that will lend £1500 on your bond at 4 p[er]Cent[u]m on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May next; if you agree to it please to let me know by return of the post, that it may be fixed. I have not seen Mr Bell since I heard of this Money; but as I understood him this time will suit him very well. He mentioned that you might have a Sum of the Bank, if you had occasion; but I found 5 p[er]Cent[u]m was to be the rate which is too high. I wish you a good Journey & am etc  
HR

**16 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

Newca[stl]e 16 March 1769

Sir I rec[eiv]ed a Letter last post from Sir Wr Blackett, in which he desires me to acquaint you that according to your Letter to him of the 13<sup>th</sup> of last Month he enquired of Mr Robinson, who bought in the bill for the division of Lands in the Township of Temple Sowerby, & has reason to believe it is a fair bill. Sir Walter says he saw the bill but the Blanks, as he remembers, were not all filled up & that it is left in the usual way to Commissioners. In a postscript to the Letter, Sir Walter adds that he has just heard from Mr Robinson that the bill is gone to Temple Sowerby to be settled by the land holders as to the Manor of dividing & in all respects settling the Bill, & then to be sent to parliament. I am etc HR

**17 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stl]e 17<sup>th</sup> March 1769

Sir I received the favour of your Letter, that you had waited on Mr Ord to learn what he required for the Gravel you won in his Ground, for the road; & find he is so obliging as to refuse any Thing for it; & that he is sorry he pulled down the Bridge – but then you add “the plank meets with disturbance as yet”. Sir Walter intends to maintain the plank way as he finds it is an Antient right; but as to the Bridge, Mr Robson’s building of it, without having first adjusted Matters with Mr Ord, I do not think was Justifiable. I am etc HR

**17 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Christr Johnson Attorney at Law in Durham

Newca[stle] 17 March 1769

Sir Inclosed I send you An Acco[un]t of the proportion of the Rents Compositions & Land tax for Weardale Leadmines for the years 1766, 1767 & 1768 due from Mr Forsters Ex[ecu]tors to Sir Wr Blackett, & which amounts to £106 15s 7d; and as I have occasion for Money I hope you will be able to let me have this Sum in a little time. On the back of the Acco[un]t are the particulars for the last Year; those for the former Years were sent you before. I am etc HR

**20 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**



To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> March 1769

Sir I think upon your State of the Case that Mr Coulthard should be content with a Sum after the rate of £4 a Year from 3 Janry 1767 to 25 March following & from that time to 29 Septemr following after the rate of £2 a Year. If your friend that has the £1500 to lend will take Sir Wr Blacketts bond for it at 4 p[er]Cent[u]m you may let me hear from you by return of the post for I believe he will want such a Sum but he will not give any higher Int[er]est. I shall write Mr Wray next post not having time by this. I am etc HR

**21 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wray**

To Mr Richard Wray in Hexham

Newcastle 21 March 1769

Sir In answer to your Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>, I wish Mr Caleb Hunter & you had settled the price at which you were to furnish Candles to Wolfcleugh Grove, for as you cannot do it at 6s 6d a Doz[e]n I do not know what to say further about the price of them. In general I can only say that believing you would, without regarding the Machinations of other Men in the business, serve Sir Walter Blackett upon as reasonable terms as the price of the Materials would allow, I did desire you might have the preference at that Grove. I am etc HR

**22 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Robert Mulcaster**

To Mr Robt Mulcaster at Blaydon

Newcastle 22d March 1769

Sir The demand upon you of 3s 4d for a Church Cess is not legal; for the Lead trade is not liable by Law either to poor Cess or Church Cess; this Matter has been tryed & determined. & if you pay poor Cess it is only during Sir Wrs pleasure; who may if the parish is troublesome about these Cesses discontinue the payment of poor Cess as he has done in the parish of Stanhope; where they were not content with letting Matters go on in the Old Way. P.S. Mr Mitchinson tells me he has lost his tickett for 20 p[iece]s re[fin]ed> Lead, You'll take Care whom you deliver that Lead to, in Case the Tickett should be brought you. I am etc HR

**25 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[n]e MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 25 March 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Bell will not want this Money till the latter End of May or the beginning of June; so Mrs Browell's £1500 will suit very well. My Brother has not yet heard of any more, but Mr Bell of Hexham writes me that Mrs Loraine of that Town has £1500, which she is willing to lend on your bond at 4 p[er]Cent[u]m; & as the Money is ready it may be best to secure it, as she takes the 4 p[er]Cent[u]m with Reluctance: therefore if you please Mr Darwin may fill up a Bond from you to Mary Loraine of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Widow.

As you will be down soon the Method of selling Woodcroft may then be considered of. The Cloths are making for Edwd Evans according to your order. I am etc HR

**29 March 1769    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup> March 1769

Sir What I wrote Sir Wm on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant about Mr Silvertop was as follows “That he has a freehold Estate in the Manor of Winlaton called Ash tree under which there is Coal which he Claims & has begun to work within these few days, tho’ it is apprehended he has no right to it. I see by an Abstract of the Writings of Winlaton which are in Mr Darwins hands that Sr Wm Blackett bought a Moiety of all the Coalmines in this Manor consequently a Moiety of what is under this Estate of Mr Silvertops should belong to you and Sir Edwd; unless Mr Silvertop can shew the Contrary: which is not probable. For tho’ the person that sold this Estate to his Ancestor might be of the Lords of the Manor & might have an intire property in some part of the Soil, as the Lords have at this day Yet he wo[ul]d only be intitled to an undivided Share of the Royalties, which at most is all Mr Silvertop can pretend to – what this Share is, it will perhaps, if you & the rest of the Lords think so, be proper to file a Bill to discover. Sir Edward Lord Widdrington & Mr Ridley will I expect be acquainted of this Matter; & in the mean time Mr Darwin may be examining the deeds & considering the Case. You & Sir Edwd have each a qua[rte]r Lord Widdington  $\frac{3}{8}$  ths & Mr Ridley Mr Simpson and others have the other  $\frac{1}{8}$  th” This is an Extract of my Letter to Sir Wm dated 5<sup>th</sup> instant, since w[hi]ch I am told Mr Silvertop has left of working; but whether upon Acco[un]t of any Difficulties he has met with or that he Is satisfied for the present with having done this Act of Ownership, I can’t tell.

As to Mr Ridley’s claim of Coalmines in Winlaton which you mention, & w[hi]ch by the by I sho[ul]d be glad to know he had explicately given up, it related only to a small part of the Manor called Thornley, within which he claimed, not as Lord to have his  $\frac{1}{16}$  th which is his Share; but as proprietor of all the Coal within That particular district, by purchase from a descendant of one Henry Selby, according to the Case I sent you in 1766. Since I sent Sir Wm the Case about Wallington Tithes I have got receipts for Green Leighton Modus in the same form and as old as 1737; but you say even those in 1735 for the other parts of the Estate, mentioned in the Case, will not be sufficient to establish a Modus which makes me wish the Nullum tempus priviledge was resrtained in Ecclesiastical rights also. For as to proofs by vouchers of the payments of Modus’s or any Thing else, before Mr Allgoods death it required greater regularity than was practised in this Office but I have found a Rental in 1695, which can be authenticated, wherein £1 5s 0d is charged paid to Laton Eden Vicar of Hartburn (the same who gave the receipt in 1735 for the £2 10s 0d for the Modus or Composition for Harwood) for his Modus of Tithes of Wallington Demesne Harterton Hall and Woods farm in Harterton Town for half a Year ended at Martin[ma]s 1695 but then in this same Rental £2 10s 0d is charged paid Laton Eden Vicar of Hartburn for half a yr Composition Money for the Tithes of Harwood due Martin[ma]s 1695 which I doubt wo[ul]d be prejudicial to our Cause. And indeed (inter nos) Sir Wm Blackett, as you will see in the inclosed Case, stated by him in 1695 was willing to give up this point about Harwood and to pay the Tithes in kind. I do apprehend you are right in your reasoning about the necessity of seeing the Vicars Endowment and that without knowing what it is Sir Wm may be only defending for the Vicar against the Commission[er]s of Greenwich Hospital & therefore I shall write to Dr Sharp for a Copy of his Endowment if he has one, as soon as I can learn where is residence is at present.

Sir Walter some time ago wrote me to remit you annually £50 for the int[e]r[es]t of a Bond he has given to Dr Dechairs oldest son. I should be glad to know the times of payment that I may prepare accordingly. And I think a new List of quart[er]ly payments should be made out, as there are several Alterations since the last. I am etc    HR

**29 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Revd Dr Sharp at Hartburn near Morpeth

Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup> March 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett, having occasion to search for the Endowment of the Vicarage of Hartburn, is told that you probably have a Copy of it. He therefore desires his Compliments, & if you have one would be much obliged to You for a Copy of it. I am etc HR

**31 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newcastle 31<sup>st</sup> March 1769

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by David Jackson the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver containing together Thirteen hundred & Eighty ounces [obscured] which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett Bart, as usual, at the Market price & advise me on the receipt of them. I am etc HR

**31 March 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newcastle 31<sup>st</sup> March 1769

Sir I have received from London by this post, Sir Walter Blackett's bond to Mrs Mary Loraine for fifteen hundred pounds; which is dated the 28<sup>th</sup> instant, & which I am ready to exchange for the money, whenever she thinks proper: it ought to be soon, as the interest is running on. As to what you say about £30000 it must either be wrong, or the Security bad; for I know a Gentleman wants to lend that Sum & would take less interest than 4 ½ per Centum on good security. I hope to hear from you by the return of the post & am etc HR

**1 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 1<sup>st</sup> April 1769

Honourable Sir Yesterday I received your Letter inclosing your Bond for Fifteen hundred pounds to Mrs Mary Loraine dated 28<sup>th</sup> instant; & wrote directly to Mr John Bell to acquaint her of it, with this money when received, & Mrs Browells £1500 in May, your Bonds to Mr Alderman Bell will be discharged. But I have no prospect at present of sufficient means to satisfy the ordinary payments till Midsummer.

I have 3000 pieces of lead to sell but no body to buy it at present, & whether Commissions will come in time is uncertain. However Dukesfield pay must be made; which will be £4000, & there is £500 I understand due for Hexham Bridge.

Upon Mr Darwins mentioning that Dr Sharp might be able to furnish you with a Copy of the Endowment of the Vicarage of Hartburn I wrote to him in your Name; & have an Answer that he will send you a Copy of the Appropriation of the Rectory in the Year 1250; & that he has some papers relating to Greenwich hospital which he will let you have a Copy of if they will be

of any use to you. I have wrote him they will & so probably you will receive them soon if so, I think it would be right for Mr Darwin to send a Copy for your office here.

The Intelligence Extraordinary about the B\_k\_r pink is thought to express the dissatisfaction of some patriots here, that expected greater matters from this Mayoralty; and have no other way of accounting for their disappointment, but by your Influence. I am etc HR

**4 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newca[stle] 4 April 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir The four Boxes of Sperma Ceti Candles are come & put into the pantry. Yesterday I received the fifteen hundred pounds on your bond to Mrs Mary Loraine & have charged the same in my Cash Account.

The Mayor and many others incline to have the opposition to the Coventry Canal repealed in the house of Lords, if it be only that they may not be found without Witnesses of having done all in their power in a measure so detrimental to the public. Agreeable to this Sentiment a petition of the Masters & Owners of Ships here & at Shields is signing & will be sent directly, to be presented to the house of Lords. At the Guild yesterday the Mayor was desired by Mr White and some other patriots to allow them the Guild hall to meet in, to instruct you and Mr Ridley, which he declined doing – they seemed a good deal dissatisfied with the refusal & hinted they could hire Parker's room but I do not suppose they will proceed in the Business. The Cloth & the Lace are ready for the Servants Liveries.

Major Carr says he will not trouble you about executing a Bond for his £100 till you come into the Country. I am sorry you are detained so long from it, & by such disagreeable Business; But hope you preserve your Health.

P.S. The further consideration of Mr Lodge's petition is postponed by the Common Council till Thursday & considering the temper of the time it may perhaps be prudent to put off Resolving for the present. The printed paper is attributed to Dr R\_\_m. I am etc HR

**7 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To WR Trevelyan Esqr at Queen's College Cambridge

Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> April 1769

Sir I received your Letter of the 2d instant with your receipt for Sixty two pounds ten shillings, for a qua[rte]rs Rent Charge due 25 Ult[im]o; and inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn and Hallifax for That sum payable Twenty days after this date, which is as short a date as I could procure it at. If you will please to advise me, by the return of the post, that you have received this Bill safe it will be for our mutual security. I am etc HR

£62 10 0 Newcastle Bank 7 April 1769

Twenty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Sixty two pounds ten shillings value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Wr Trevelyan Esqr or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No. 25852

**11 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> April 1769

Sir Inclosed are two Bills of Bell Cookson & Cos on Glyn & Hallifax – one for two hundred & Eighty pounds & the other for Four hundred & ninety five pounds – the former is sent you towards discharging the quarterly payments on Sir Wrs Account between 31 of March last & 30 of June next & you will please to send me the usual receipt for it – this sum is according to your former List & is all I can remit at present. I shall endeavour to provide for the Subsequent Quarters according to your new List which I rec[eiv]ed in your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant. As to the other bill for Four hundred & Ninety five pounds it is for Mr Savage's  $\frac{1}{2}$  yrs int[e]r[es]t due from Sir Walter on the 6<sup>th</sup> of next Month; & till you pay it you will please to place the Bill to my Acco[un]t & advise me of your receipt of it by return of the post.

After what I wrote you about Mr Silvertops Claim I rec[eiv]ed your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> about it, & find you understand that the Lords have the Mines under their respective Freeholds; which is not the Case in Winlaton L[or]ds[hi]p; for the Royalty is undivided throughout the whole Manor, each Lord having only his share whether  $\frac{3}{8}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{8}$  or less under both his own & the other Lords Freeholds, and the same Share under the Commons.

Now this having always, been the Case, Whoever sold Mr Silvertop Ash tree could only sell him, in my Apprehension, a part of the Coal under it, & tho' such vendor should even have expressly conveyed all the Coal under that Estate, Yet that would not Convey the undivided Shares or interest of the other Lords; Consequently every Lord of this Manor, of which by the by Mr Silvertop is not one, has I should suppose a right to question him on his Working for Coal. & I think I have heard of Insinuations obtained out of Chancery in similar Cases; but he has prevented that perhaps for the present by his discontinuing working as I wrote you on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult[im]o. I think As Sir Wr, Sr Edwd, Lord Widdrington & Mr Ridley, who have  $\frac{15}{16}$  of the Royalty of this Manor, are now all in London some resolution should be come to about this Matter, lest Mr Silvertop should begin again to work for Coal. I believe I have expressed my meaning clearly enough that Mr Silvertop can at most only have such Share of the Coal under Ash tree as the Lord had that Sold it to him or his Ancestor.

To what I wrote you on the 29 Ult[im]o about the Tithe of Wallington etc I have now only to add, what I wrote to Sir Wr, that I had a Letter from Dr Sharp that he would send Sir Wr a Copy of the Appropriation of the Rectory of Hartburn in 1250.

Pray is Mr Rivet, whose opinion you took about the Sando & Greenwich hospital Tenants refusing to do Suit at Hexham Courts, a Man of Eminence in the profession; such as that his opinion would vindicate a procedure at Law against these Abstractors. I am etc HR

£280 Newcastle Bank 31<sup>st</sup> March 1769

Twenty five days after Date pay to the order of Mr Hen Richmond Two hundred & Eighty pounds value received.

For Bell, Cookson, Carr, Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No. 25813

£495 Newcastle Bank 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 1769

Thirty days after Date pay to the order of Mr Hen Richmond Four hundred ninety five pounds value received

For Bell, Cookson, Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 25814



**14 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 14 April 1769

Sir I am very glad the Commissioners of Greenwich hospital are at length satisfied about the title to the Tithe of Wool & Lamb in Middleton hall in the parish of Ilderton which Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett made them an Offer of about two years ago at £244 1s 3d – those tithes were reckoned at £8 2s 8½ d a Year & valued at 30 years purchase & the Commissioners were expected to have entered upon them at Mayday 1768, that is, to have paid their Money then, & to have been intitled to all the Tithes of the Year 1768 etc, their coming to the resolution till now, made us not know to whom the £8 2s 8½ d for the Tithes of that Year was to be paid & therefore the Tenant of that Estate got them valued & then removed them; what value was put upon then I do not know, nor do I think I need enquire. For the intention having been for the Commissioners to have them from Mayday 1768 they had best reckon with their own Tenant – to be sure Sir Walter loses the interest of the purchase money for the time the payment has been delayed, tho perhaps They will not allow the time spent about the Title to be a delay. Their Agents here think it best to have the Conveyance Deed commence at Mayday 1768 & will write accordingly by Monday's post & you will please to take Sir W<sup>r</sup>s direction in this Matter. As to the days of payment of these sorts of rents they are just as is agreed by the parties; I believe generally at the Martinmas & Mayday following the time of tithing; which in this parish is so late as June, for Wool & Lamb. I am etc HR

**17 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup> April 1769

Sir I have this day received by the Hexham Carrier the two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery; one of which weighs Five hundred and Twenty six ounces, & the other Five hundred and nine ounces. I am etc HR

**18 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Baronet MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> April 1769

Honoured Sir The <Nuts> & Wine & the Horses & Servants are all come. Dukesfield pay, which comes to £4300, is to be made on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this Month; and the Rent day at Wallington will be the 9<sup>th</sup> of the next. I have received your Letter by this days post and will acquaint The Mayor Mr Blackett Mr Peareth & Mr Mosley of the reason of your not writing to them: which I am very sorry for, but hope your journey into the North will recover your Health, as it has usually done. Mr Sunderland tells me the Wool Officer's place is about Ninety pounds a Year, including all Fees – that he does not collect any duties – but keeps a Horse and within his district examines all Wool that passes, & signs permits for it – that it is a genteel place, & that Mr Cutt Lambert is well qualified for it. But he adds, that he saw Mr Marshall to day & thinks him a good deal better. I will write to Dr Sharp next post about the papers.



Edward Evans is now out of Livery.

Mr Fawcett has now given me his opinion about the Suitors to Hexham & Anick grange Courts; but it is almost the reverse of what he gave me verbally; and it is similar to Mr Wilsons, that they are only liable to Suit, as being within the Leet. These two opinions are so opposite to Mr Rivets, who was also singular in his former opinion about the Freeholds of those Manors, that I asked Mr Darwin particularly after him, who gives him the Character of a good Lawyer.

I am glad you have met with £30000; for the last Arch of Hexham Bridge, on which depends the payment of £1200, has been a Troublesome Idea to me. I am etc HR

**21 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> April 1769

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by Thos Jennings, the London Carrier, a box with two pieces of fine Silver; containing one Thousand and Thirty five ounces; which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett as usual at the Markett price, & advise me on your receipt of them. I am etc HR

**21 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newca[stle] 21<sup>st</sup> April 1769  
Sir

Messrs Surtees & Liddells Note for Roff is £71 4s 11d whereas their dues in your pay bill are only £68 18s 2d. The Difference being £2 6s 9d appears to lye in the Rookhope Account. & to consist of wood got by Jno Curry, & by John Smith; who are people that I should not think at all proper to get wood for Sir Wr Blackett. If you have any notes of the Wood got for that Mill I wish you would examine them before you come down, that the Difference may be the more easily adjusted when you are here. I am etc HR

**24 April 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t MP in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London Newca[stle] 24 April 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

On Saturday last Mr White & Mr Guttory hung up in the 'Change a paper containing such instructions as they proposed should be sent to you & Mr Ridley: and to day they have been with some of the Aldermen to sign it, alledging The Mayor is out of Town, but that he and Alderman Forster will sign it on his return. I do not hear any body has yet signed, but on the Contrary that Mr Bell and Mr Mosley have refused them; and Mr Blackett says they have not yet asked him. The Contents of these instructions I have not been able to learn, further than that Tryals by Jury are recommended – the Habeas Corpus Act desired to be enforced & the Middlesex Electors supported, & several grievances, collected from other instructions, redressed: & that you and Mr Ridley are thanked for your Endeavours to prevent the Coventry bill from passing. I wish you a good Journey & am etc HR

**5 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> May 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Major Carr has paid me Six hundred pounds for your use; which I have given him a receipt for and Charged in my Cash Account; he desires to have a Bond for the whole £900 when you come to Town and to give up the other Bonds.

Dr Sharp has sent a Copy of the papers he mentioned, w[hi]ch I shall bring on Monday; though I do not see they amount to much.

The Motion was made to day in Comon Council by the Mayor, and agreed to unanimously, that you & Mr Ridley should be thanked for your Conduct in Parliament this Sessions; but Mr Blacketts Letter will give the particulars of the Resolutions and of Mr Ridley's Letters to the Mayor, this post, better than I can do.

The Recorder was not in Town to Day. I am etc HR

**13 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newca[stle] 13<sup>th</sup> May 1769

Gentlemen I have this day drawn a Bill upon You for Six hundred and forty seven pounds fifteen Shillings & sixpence half penny payable to Richard Wilson Esqr or order thirty days after this date which I desire you will accept and when paid place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t. And I have this day sent you by Fryer Todd the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver Containing Eight hundred & Thirty six ounces which I desire you will also place to account with Sir Wr Blackett, at the Markett price and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**13 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr in Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 13<sup>th</sup> May 1769

Sir Inclosed are two parts of my Account of Kenton rents for the half Year ending Martin[ma]s last; with my bill on Plumb & Browne for Six hundred & forty seven pounds fifteen shillings & sixpence halfpenny for the balance of it. You will please to advise me, by the return of the post, of the receipt of this bill; and to sign and return me one part of the Account, as I have signed the other.

Inclosed also is Mrs Hh Headlam's receipt for her intrest, w[hi]ch you will please to acknowledge.

The Slates in Harle's quarry in E[as]t Kenton, were not, when valued by two indifferent people, found to be either in quantity or quality what he represented – so I thought it best to take the 12d a fother. The Lease of Mr Gunn's quarry expired at Mayd[a]y last – he desires to have her another Year at the same rent to work up some stone he has bared; and which the water would not allow him to win last Year. After that is done he reckons she will not be worth any Thing till a drift is brought up to drain her; which will cost £40. this sum he says is more than the Quarry can afford, but that there is such a Want of Materials for the Turnpike road that it is probable the Com[missione]rs will in a little time find it necessary to contribute, at least, to the draining this quarry.

The Surveyor tells me every field in West Kenton, but four, has been altered since the former Survey, so that the two plans are quite useless, and he has been obliged to resurvey, the whole all but those four fields – he has made a rough plan & desires to know what he is to do more –

whether you would have two new plans and a field Book? Many of Mr Kings hedges are going to decay and in the East part several are in Want of cutting and dressing. Sir Wr Blackett used to lay out 4 or £5 yearly and allowed one of the Tenants 40s a year for looking after them. this I submit to your Consideration against next Season.

The Roof of Pattison's & Currys Barn Bier & Stable will want some reparation this Summer; I shall get a valuation made and let you know what it comes to.

You got of me the Abstract of Writings relative to the general Title of Sir Wr Blacketts Estates, which is wanted & which, if you will please, when you have done with, to return, it will save Sir Walter the Expence of another. I am etc HR

Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> May 1769 £647. 15. 6½

Thirty days after date pay to Richard Wilson Esqr or order Six hundred and forty seven pounds fifteen shillings & sixpence half penny, value in Account & place the same to Acco[un]t with Sr W. Bt by advice from Hen Richmond.

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

**15 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> May 1769

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me Mr Savages receipt for four hundred and Ninety five pounds for his half Years intrest due f[ro]m Sir Wr Blackett on the 6 of this month, and have given you Credit for it in the Account between us.

As to the Copy of the Appropriation in 1252. I do not see that it contains any Thing that will be of Service to Sir Walter; & wish you may find any Thing of use in the inclosed Copy of the papers which Dr Sharp has sent me, as he promised Sir Walter he would. When you have considered the Case I made out, together with these papers of Dr Sharpe's, relating to the dispute Sir Walter is likely to have with the Com[missione]rs of Greenwich hospital I should be glad to have your opinion what Sir Walter should do; for as yet no other person has been consulted.

As to Rothley I hope we have firm ground to tread on, and as to the other part of Wallington Estate I fear Sir Walter must pay Tithe except so far as the Modus's he pays the vicar will preclude both the vicar and the hospital, that have the Rectory.

With regard to the Sando and Greenwich hospital Suitors, That matter is to rest for the present & till Sir Walter comes to London again – it is certain the loss of a Suitor or two at Hexham Courts is not as great a loss to Sir Walter, but there are so many similar cases in that Manor that the point must be tried ee'r long or there will be none to serve on Juries in it.

The reason of my Enquiry after Mr Rivets Character was my hoping he was able to judge of these points better than our Councill here, who think differently from him upon them – but tho I made that Enquiry I did not mean a proceeding, till Sir Walter was not only satisfied of the expediency of it but also of the probability of success in it. and that the Trust Estate could some how be made Chargeable with the expence of it.

Mr Fawceett give me his opinion verbally something similar to Mr Rivets but since he came from London and has had time to Consider the Case he has given it otherwise. I am etc HR

**17 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

To John Westgarth Esqr at Unthank near Stanhope in Weardale      Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> May 1769

Sir I have acquainted Sir Walter Blackett of your Enquiry about the terms upon which he would let a Tack of a Leadmine in Hexham Manor; and that you will not take a price by the Bing for the ore, but propose paying a Duty. But Sir Walter does not approve of that Method of letting; chusing rather, as he has Lead Mills and Servants, to give all reasonable Encouragem[en]t in the price, but to have the ore himself. I am etc    HR

**20 May 1769    From Henry Richmond to Robert Mulcaster**

To Mr Robt Mulcaster at Blaydon      Newca[stle] 20<sup>th</sup> May 1769

Sir As I want to have the Lead at Markett & cannot wait of Mr Reynoldsons's recovery, which I am very sorry to find is yet doubtfull, I must desire you will speak to the Winlaton Tenants to fetch it without delay and that you will keep An Acco[un]t of the Receipt of it – till we see the Event of his Illness. I should be glad to know by the Wherryman on Monday how he does. P.S. The hundred Casks of Boneashes are come and I suppose you have got some of them. You will let me know the quality of them as soon as you have tryed and let 40 or 50 Casks of them go to Dukesfield – pray let me know as soon as you have twenty Casks of Litharge ready. I am etc    HR

**23 May 1769    From Henry Richmond to John Heron**

To M John Heron Attorney at Law Hexham      Newca[stle] 23d May 1769

Sir I mentioned to Sir W Blackett, as you desired, the Assize of Bread in Hexham; and he bade me send you Copies, as I have here done, of Mr Fawcetts and Mr Wilsons opinions upon the two Queries that were put to them sometime ago. I see that I sent you a Copy of Mr Fawcetts opinion in July 1766, but am not sure whether I sent you Mr Wilson's. If there is any Thing that you want further relative to this matter you will please to let me know it, and I will get the opinion of Council upon it. P.S. I suppose Mr Bell spoke to you, agreeably to Sir Walters directions, about taking the Testimony of some old people about Westburnhope: when you have gone thro' them I should be glad to have a Copy of what they say. I am etc    HR

**23 May 1769    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Wallington      Newcastle 23d May 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir It appears by an Abstract which was got from Mr Denton of an old deed dated 10 Augst 1615 That Thos Ord settled, on the Marriage of his Son Thos with Joan Pudsey, among other Things “Eight sheets of Net of fishing water in the Upper of Tweed called the High sheel” In another deed, in the same Abstract, dated 10 May 1671 Hen Ord who by intermediate deeds, that do not mention the fishings particularly, appears to be Son of the said Thos the Younger, devises to his son Ralph “ the Water fishings called the two Bells in the River Tweed”. In all the subsequent deeds of the Family their Fishings are called High and Low Bells. how the variation from High Sheel to high and low Bells has happened cannot I fear be accounted for at

this day. I understood from Mr Armorer that you had two boats at each of the Bells and at each Boat had a right to use two nets, which made up the number in the old Deed. I am etc HR

**27 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to Nicholas Walton**

To Mr Walton Junr at Fernacres

Newca[stle] 27 May 1769

Sir According to what passed between us upon 'Change to day, it was not necessary, as you were right in the Sum of £8 2s 8½d to have troubled you with these Lines. I only do it as it gives me an opportunity of wishing you a good Journey and of telling you I shall be obliged to you for receiving that Sum of your Tenants at Middleton hall for Sir Walter Blackett . I am etc HR

**31 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Jacob**

To Mr Jacob - Silversmith Panton Street Lester Fields London

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> May 1769

Sir By Sir Walter Blackett's direction I acquaint you that the Box of plate you shipt for him in the Industry – Scorer, Master, is arrived safe. I am etc HR

**31 May 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Hudson**

To John Hudson Esqr at Bessingby near Burlington Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 31<sup>st</sup> May 1769

Sir I have spoke for the Scotch Carpet, as you desired. The Upholdsterer tells me has not any of so large a Size, but will write next post for one; and send it you as soon as he gets it. I shall send the garden Shears along with it – as to the Casks the Broker has not yet found a Ship for them. I hope Mrs Hudson & your Daughters are well & am etc HR

**2 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 2d June 1769

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of Watsons and Rains Charge against John Pringle; which I received by the Hexham post about the 14<sup>th</sup> of last Month, but as it appeared to me a very frivolous Charge, containing no proofs, but only Conjectures & Imaginations, against which no Man's Character is safe, I postponed taking any notice of it till I should see you. But by the last Carrier I received a Letter from Mr Robert Harrison with a Nota Bene at the bottom of it, Copy of which I send you and desire you will examine Watson and Rain separately, and more particularly than he has done, as to what they can say about this Matter; and that you will enquire of Isaac Earl what Acco[un]t he can give of the Catch of ore supposed to have been carried to Mr Errington's Mill from some of Sir Walters groves by John Pringle; and let me have their Testimonies in Writing. pray enquire how many horse the Catch consisted of, and in what Year it was? And enquire "also of Mr Rt Harrison what he means by the NB that if his Father or he have any say about the Mill he shall carry no more Ore for us". Whether they mean to give up the Clerks place if pringle is not turned off? that Sir Walter may know what to do in the Case.



You will remember to enquire about Angus's £3 5s 3d for Corn at the last Weardale pay; and if it is not included in the £27 12s 11d to give him Credit for it in the next Rental.

I have not had the Month Acco[un]t from Mr Crawhall for March and April. the last time he sent me any he sent seven altogether. I desire you will tell him not to neglect sending me one every month duly for the future. I hope you are getting the Lead away briskly from that Mill. I am etc  
HR

**3 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 3d June 1769

Sir As Matt Lee's Waggon was to be here this day I postponed answering your Letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o about the Kitt of Salmon, sent to Mrs Darwin, till I could learn some particulars for your Satisfaction. John Cook of whom I bought the Salmon delivered the Kitt, directed to Mrs Darwin at Elston near Newark Nottinghamshire, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of last Month to Francis Lindley principal Servant and Waggoner to Matt Lee the London Carrier at his Ware house in this Town & paid him 2s 6d for Carriage of the same to Doncaster, for he would not receive the Carriage further. Lindley tells me their Waggon leaves the road at Doncaster and goes by Nottingham, but that the Kitt was left, as all their other goods for Newark usually are, with their Book keeper at the Rain Deer in Doncaster; to be forwarded by the regular Carriers; that he is surprised at the delay and will take Care to enquire as he goes up to Town about it. Lee himself was not here, being ill on the road; but if you should not hear of the Kitt before this day fortnight his Waggon will be in London then at the White horse in Cripplegate holborn. I have paid the 2s 6d to Cook and placed the same to your Account. I think it best to let alone sending another Kitt till we see the fate of this – for when goods are to pass thro' so many hands miscarriages may happen. I received your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o about the Tithe of Wallington, and think you have put the Matter in a proper Light; and as soon as I have an opportunity of seeing Sir Wr Blackett, who is now at Etal, shall take his directions about laying the Case before some of the Council you mention.

Mr Silvertop has begun again to work for Coal in his Estate at Ash tree in the Manor of Winlaton. Pray cannot an Injunction be obtained out of Chancery to prevent his proceeding till the Matter is adjusted, whether he has any or what degree of right, to the Coal under that Estate. I am etc HR

**3 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

3d June 1769 Wrote Mr John Bell & sent him his rental for Mayd[a]y 1767 signed by HR

**6 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e[t] at Wallington

Newca[stle] 6<sup>th</sup> June 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is a Letter from Mr Darwin, containing his thoughts on the modus's and other alledgeable Exemptions from Tithe in the different parts of Wallington Estate; & desiring to know if you would have the opinions of the Council, he mentions, taken on the Case. Mr Silvertop has begun again to work for Coal in his Estate called Ash tree, in the Manor of Winlaton.



The Method, practised by Lord Crews Trustees, of letting to the best Bidder on proposals to be sealed up and delivered against a time appointed, seems to be the most likely way of coming at the value of your Fishings; and Mr Douglass's £400, if he chuses, make take its Chance among the other offers.

The Duke of Portland was not in Town Yesterday. I am etc HR

**10 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> June 1769

Gentlemen I have this day drawn a Bill on You for Five hundred pounds, payable to Messrs Bell Cookson & Co or order Thirty days after this date; which I desire you will accept, and when paid place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett Baro[n]e. I am etc HR

**12 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London Newca[stle] 12<sup>th</sup> June 1769

Sir I have shewn Sir Walter Blackett your Letter about the Tithes of Wallington Rothley etc which the Com[mission]ers of Greenwich hospital are now Claiming; and he desires you will draw out the Case in form, with such Queries as you think proper, and lay it before Mr York, Mr Dunning & Mr Blakiston for their opinions and that, as soon as the Case is drawn out, you will send me a Copy of it to take the opinions of a Council or two here whom he is inclined to consult with upon the Matter.

Mr Silvertop is working away the Coal very briskly in his Estate at Ash tree; which he cannot have a right to do, without accounting to some of the Lords for some part of it as I mentioned in my Letter of the 11 April last. Indeed, if his Ancestor bought this Estate as a Freehold of the Family of the Earls of Westmorland in or before Qu. Elizths reign, he may have the Entiarty of the Royalty therein, but not else: for I have heard, tho' I do not recollect how, that Chas Earl of Westmorland sold the whole Manor of Winlaton sometime in that reign to Hodgshon, Selby and Anderson in the same proportions or Shares as it is now enjoyed in by Ld Widdrington Sir Wr & Sir Edwd Blackett and Mr Simpson and partners – so that any Sale subsequent to that Reign could only convey the Share of the vendor. It is difficult to bring proprietors, that are so far asunder, to a determination on Matters of Business, and so Mr Silvertop goes on without Interruption; but certainly an Injunction might be obtained, upon proper Allegations, till the cause could be tried. As you understand this Affair very well I should be glad of your thoughts on it, that I may communicate them as occasion offers to Sir Walter and the other Lords or their agents that blame may not hereafter be laid where it ought not. I hope you have heard of the salmon sent to Mrs Darwin. Sir Walter asked me if you intended to visit Newcastle this Year? I hope you do, and assure you, I shall be glad to see you. I am etc HR

**15 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos Maughan at Newhouse Weardale. Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> June 1769

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of a paper, Sir Walter has received from Lady Houstowne; and which he desires you will explain as far as you can, with respect to the the following Articles: Namely –

what is the Estate her Ladyship has in Weardale & what Groves are wrought in it? Whether there are, or have been, such Sums paid for damage as she mentions, & how they came to be paid; as you know no damage is to be paid for but in Inclosures that could have been deemed antient Inclosures in 1632? What does she mean by the damage on the division of a pasture belonging to her Ladyship; and the Tryal she alledges was made invidiously on a Refusal of something that was required by the Steward in the division deed, whereby Sir Walter lost £200? You will let me have your Answer hereto by the first opportunity. I am etc HR

**16 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 16 June 1769

Sir I have received your Letter with the Testimonies about the charge against John Pringle, and think they contain no sufficient proof of it, and that it would not be reasonable, upon such suspicions, to deprive him of his Work. If he has behaved Ill to Mr Harrison, in a public manner, so that he is affraid of losing his Authority at the Mill as he says. I should hope you might be able to remove his fears about that, and perswade pringle to behave decently for the future. I desired last Year that there should not be above 1000 or at most 1200 Bings of ore sent to Allanheads Mill, but there were near 1700 bings carried thither. The inconvenience of having near 5000 p[iece]s of Lead there, without reckoning the Accidents that may retard the Smeltings, is so sensibly felt at this Time, when I want Lead at Markett, that I cannot help wishing you had attended to what I wrote you on the 5 June 1767 on this Subject. Pray desire Mr Crawhall to work up his first Slags.

I hope that notwithstanding the Carriage you have sett on for Allanheads Lead, you are doing your utmost to get the rest of the Dukesfield Lead away too. I find very little of the Rookhope Lead is yet brought to Blaydon so must beg you will acquaint that Carriers that I expect they will not keep the Lead in their hands waiting of their own Convenience. P.S. Will the 50 Casks of boneashes you have got this Year serve you till this time Twelve Months? I am etc HR

**16 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 16 June 1769

Sir Sir Walter does not seem inclined to have any Tryal made at present for the Leadmines you wrote him about in Errington Estate. I hope Mr Marriott will get time to finish his Survey of Westburnhope & not keep us waiting for it much longer. I am etc HR

**16 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr at Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 16 June 1769

Sir On the other side is an Estimate of the repairs necessary to be done this Year at the houses on Curry & Pattison's Farm in East Kenton. The Slater tells me he is satisfied they cannot be done for less Money; but when the Roofs are off a better Judgement can be formed, & I shall take Care to get them done Sufficiently and as reasonably as possible, on receiving your directions. East Kenton Hedges were thought too old to cut and Lay according to the Method practised in Yorkshire: however the Experiment made by Sir Walter Blackett did not Succeed;

and we find they answer better by Cutting them about six Inches from the ground, & backing them well with the Thorns. P.S. The Thatched roof of one of the outhouses belonging to Bryan & William Lowry's Farm will want reparation this Summer; but that will not be any large sum I expect. I am etc HR

**19 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newca[stle] 19<sup>th</sup> June 1769

I received your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me five Notes of our Bankers for the Sum of Thirteen pounds, w[hi]ch I have placed to your Credit & inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glynn and Hallifax for Ten pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence, which I make to be the Balance of our Acco[un]t. You will please to give me Credit for the Bill and advise me of the receipt of it..

I don't doubt but you are right in your Observations about Mr Silvertops working the Coal in Ash tree & believe the Lords will proceed against him very soon unless he satisfys them under whom, or by what Title, he Claims the Entierty of the Coal in that Estate.

I shall be glad to know whether the Salmon is forthcoming, if not, whether I can do any Thing more in the Case. I am etc HR

£10 18. 8. Newcastle Bank 19<sup>th</sup> June 1769

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen Richmond Ten pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order value in account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glynn & Hallifax London No 29528

**20 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Hill**

To Mr Thos Hill at Blackwell near Darlington

Newca[stle] 20 June 1769

Sir Sr Wr Blackett bids me give his Comp[li]ments to you & that he will be obliged to you if you can send him a dozen of Hams & half a doz of Hogs Cheeks. What you send him are better than any he can meet with here w[hi]ch occasions this trouble – the payment for them may be made by Mr Darwin or by any other means you please. I am etc HR

**21 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Richmond**

To Mr John Richmond Attorney at Law Newca[stle]

21<sup>st</sup> June 1769

Dear Bro[the]r I wish you would send by the Bearer, or as soon as you can, the Copy of the bill and Answer and the decretal Order and also the decree against the offenders against Hexham Mills, which you have and which Sir Walter has been asking for this Morning. I am etc HR

**23 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 23 June 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered a Bill in Chancery to be filed against Matthew Fairlamb for using a Steel Mill to grind his Malt with: which you may tell him, that if he chuses to submit & pay something by way of satisfaction for what is past, & discontinue using his Mill for the future a stop may be put to the proceeding against him. But if he does not to this within a Week from this day, you will let me know; and then he must take the consequence – for Sir Walter says he is determined to support the Custom of the Mills. I am etc HR

**25 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 25<sup>th</sup> June 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed are two proposals, which Mr Bell has received, for a Lease for five Years of the corn and hay tithe of Hexham Common one for £95 a year, with Allowance for Taxes; and the other for £91 a year neat: which he thinks, as the Taxes will be above £4 a Year, is the better proposal. If he has published Sufficiently the letting these Tithes for five years, and this is all it has produced, I should suppose it adviseable to let them again only for a Year after Mr Forster & Mr Ladler have valued them. I am etc HR

**26 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 26 June 1769

Sir The Bishop of Durham is patron of the vicarage of Hartburn. What you mention about the Grant of 6 James 1<sup>st</sup> whereby the Rectory et Decimas garbarum passed to the parson under whom the Com[missione]rs of Greenwich hospital claim I think is of Consequence and ought to be stated fully in the Case. A Rectory, I suppose, may consist of Glebe and Tithes; or it may not have either, but annual payments in lieu thereof so it seems a vague Term as to Temporalities and may receive the definition of its rights from the words, et decimas garbarum annexed. I think as to your Superscriptions you had better keep to the Method last year of writing the word free under Tyne w[hi]ch is used by others known by our Letter carrier. I am etc HR

**30 June 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London Newca[stle] 30<sup>th</sup> June 1769

Gent[leme]n I have this day sent you by Matt Lee the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver cont[ainin]g six hundred & sixty two ounces w[hi]ch I desire you will place to acco[un]t with Sr Walter Blackett Bt at the market price and advise me of the Receipt of I am etc HR

**2 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass at Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 2d July 1769

Sir I propose being at Tweedmouth on Monday Evening the 10<sup>th</sup> instant at Mrs Humphery's & desire you will acquaint the Tenants that on Wednesday Afternoon I shall be ready to receive their rents I am etc HR  
ps You may possibly see me on Sunday Evening but still the Rent day will be on Wednesday.

**3 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Coll. Forster Esq in Alnwick

Newcastle 3d July 1769

Sir Inclosed I send you by Sir Walter Blackett's direction a Copy of the intended Bill for the preservation of the Salmon fisheries in the Tweed, which he desires you will peruse. I shall wait upon you on Sunday next between 11 & 12 o'Clock in my Way to Berwick that Evening & in the mean time any Remarks that you may make upon the Bill you will please to reduce to Writing, which will oblige Sir Walter and be of Service at the Meeting on Wednesday. I am etc HR

**7 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcastle 7<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Sir I rec[eiv]ed your Letter inclosing the Case about the tithes of Wallington, which I think is well stated and Contains all the Facts we can Collect. As to the queries and Notes you have made in the Margin of the 2d sheet. I answer 1<sup>st</sup> that Isaac Johnson was Curate to the Vicar and usually employed by him in Collecting the Tith[e]s and giving Receipts. 2dly that the payment of £5 a Year for Harwood for 100 years appears by a Case stated by old Sir William Blackett, but which should not, if it was Evidence be produced; because it admits too much – but we have good Evidence of the payment for 77 Years of this £5 as Composition Money for these Tithes; by Rentals that are Entred in the Capital books of the family, & have been preserved in this office. 3dly The receipt for the £5 is rightly copied and the words or composition money are right. In the third Sheet it is said the said King granted the Manor of Rothley, which words as they are connected imply, I think, Hen. 8. But I suppose by the date in the Margin it is meant that they were granted by James 1<sup>st</sup>.

I am pretty certin that the Bishop of Durham is patron of the Vicarage; but Sir Walter has wrote to Dr Sharp, and if it is a necessary matter to be rightly stated you had best wait till I can learn his Answer – but unless I can hear to Night I shall not be able to write You about it till this day Se[ven]night as I am going to Berwick for some days. I shall make the copies of the Case for the Council here correspond with what I have said above & am etc HR

**14 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Most of the proprietors of Fisheries below Norham, or their Agents, were at the meeting on Wednesday: but little was done save the agreeing upon a Close time from the 10<sup>th</sup> Octor to the 10 Janry and fixing another Meeting on Wednesday the 16 of August at Cornhill.

Lord Hume Mr Blake & Mr Carr Agent for the Duke of Roxburgh obstructed the business of the day as much as they could setting forth the necessity of a more general meeting, at which more of the proprietors of fisheries above Norham might be present and insisting as a Sine qua Non that a Stop day, or another day of rest besides Sunday, should be allowed; that more Fish might pass to the higher Fisheries – as otherwise there would not be a Sufficient Inducement for the proprietors of those fisheries to Act as Conservators of the Fry & Enforcers of an Act that would be so disagreeable to the Common people of their Neighbourhoods. This requisition was looked upon as an Unreasonable Thing, and therefore peremptorily refused. The Value of the fisheries below Norham amount to above £5200 a Year and those above to only £400 a Year at most. So it appeared strange they should require a day in six, which might amount to £850 a year, to be given for their friendship to the Bill while they could not deny but their benefit by the Regulations proposed in the Bill would be proportional to their Situations. However the proposed meeting at Cornhill was agreed to in hopes these Gentlemen may discover the Impropriety of their Demand before that time. Willm Archbold has executed his Lease; previously giving up by a writing signed by him the little Close, that lies between the West ford road & Lone End burn, in which the Cottage house stands: for w[hi]ch Close you are, if you please, to allow him 30s a year. Mr Douglass and Mr Lambert both say this will be Sufficient for the horses. As to the haugh he said he could not part with it, or any part of it, for any Consideration.

Mr Ord's Incroachment is pulled down in such Way as Mr Forster and Mr Grey who was there thought was Justifiable.

I do not think there is any reason from any Thing I have heard to alter your Intentions of Advertising the letting your Fisheries by way of proposal in writing.

I should be glad to know, if Dr Sharp has given the Answer, whether the Bishop is patron of Hartburn Vicarage. P.S. Lord Ravensworth is at Ravensworth, but not well of a Rheumatic Complaint and declines seeing Company. The hams and heads are come from Mr Hills. I am etc  
HR

**15 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Horn**

To Mr John Horn at Mr Jas Bencrofts in the New Street Leeds Newca[stle] 15<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Sir I received your Letter and am sorry you should have so much trouble, as you Complain of, about getting your money from the people you send for it. The last Sum was paid to Mr John Foster, the Leeds Carrier, who I dare say will not detain the money from You. I do not know of any better Way of conveying the Money to you. if you should think of any, I shall be very glad of it. P.S. If you have not got the Money from Mr Forster you may give my Compliments to him and shew him this Letter & I dare say he will pay you directly. & am etc HR

**18 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Sir The Bishop of Durham is patron of the Vicarage of Hartburn.

Sir Walter has got 12 hams and 6 heads of Mr Hill for which I hope you will have some opportunity of paying him.

Inclosed I send you Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for one hundred and Sixty five pounds; which I send you on acco[un]t of the quarterly payments you are to make for Sir Walter



Blackett to the 30<sup>th</sup> Septemr next & desire you will send me the usual receipt for it, to be a voucher to my Account with him. I am etc HR

£165 Newcastle Bank 18<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Twenty five days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond One hundred Sixty five pounds Value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin or order value in Acco[un]t Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glynn & Hallifax London No 29716

**18 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Sir I desire your opinion, by the return of the post, whether Sir Walter is interested in the Event of the Suit between General Clavering and Ld Crews Trustees: so far interested as that it would be right not to allow Mr Fawcett (who has a general Retainer from Sir Walter, but has taken a fee in the Cause against Genl Clavering) to be Council for the Trustees. You may give me such reasons in Support of your opinion, which ever Way it is, as occur to you, & if you think necessary you may consult Mr Heron on the Case. I am etc HR

**24 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Sir Sir Walter cannot find the plan of that part of Weardale & Middleton Boundary that lies near Langtihead Leadmine; on which a Memorandum was made last Winter by Ld Darlington and him settling the dispute about that Grove. He therefore bids me enquire whether he left it with you and if so desires it may be send down by the Fly directed to me.

The Candles you were so good as get me two Years ago are better than any I meet with – but they are almost gone, and if it is not too much trouble I would desire you to order me six or seven dozen more. I am etc HR

**29 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 29<sup>th</sup> July 1769

Gentlemen Inclosed herewith are two parts of your Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett; one of which is signed by me; the other, if you find right, you will please to sign & return to etc HR

**29 July 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 29 July 1769

Sir I did not want any Thing particular with you on Wednesday, so did not send after you. You did very well to attend the Tryal between Genl Clavering and Lord Crews Trustees about the right of Com[m]on on the parcel of Ground called the Middle; and I am glad to find by your

Letter that the Bounder of the Manor did not come at all in question, agreeable to what you wrote me of the pleadings in the Suit on 20<sup>th</sup> instant. But my Brother has told Sir Walter this Morning that he understands from Mr Wallace and Mr Fawcett that 'tis likely it will not rest there, but next Year the Bounder of the Manor will be brought in Question. So you will be Collecting as diligently as you can all the proofs that are to be had of this Grounds being within the Manor of Hexham; and even extend your Enquiry to the old disputed Ground between Hexham and Blanchland, as to the present Manor of Enjoyment of it, & any Acts of Ownership done therein by Sir Wr; or by the Trustees: either antiently or recently.

I desire also that you would get Mr Jno Greenwell, who was employed about the Exchange between Sir Wr & Mr Errington, to make a Survey of the ground that was antiently in dispute between Hexham and Blanchland and also of the adjacent Grounds that are now in Contest and get proper people in the Neighbourhood; together with Mr Caleb Hunter Mr Richd Allgood and others that are acquainted with the Names and places to help in inserting in the plan all that is requisite. Pray did you get a Mill Stone of your diminsions; or did you leave any directions about one? P.S. I desire you will send me the Christian Name & proper Addition if you can, of the Mr Fenwick that has the house in Stamfordham, w[hi]ch is Mortgaged to Mr Armstrong, & who I understand is a Minor. I am etc HR

**1 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isa Hunter at Dukesfield

NewCa[stle] 1<sup>st</sup> Augst 1769

Sir Yesterday I rec[eiv]ed by the Hexham Carrier the two p[iece]s of Silver from Dukesfield refinery the weight of one of them is 732 oz & the w[eigh]t of the other 520 oz. I am etc HR

**1 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington

Newca[stle] 1st Augst 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Mr Darwin says the Articles for the purchase of Hexham Ferry are now executed by all the parties. As to the plan & Mem[oran]d[u]m about Langtihead boundary he says he does not remember seeing it.

I have sold 8000 p[iece]s of Lead, of the comon sort, to Mr Sorsbie for 14s a fo[the]r not being able to get more & not daring to wait any longer lest others sho[ul]d accept of the price. The Quakers Co have a very large Stock of Lead in London All unsold & ready for the Markett I am etc HR

**1 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin London

NewCa[stle] 1<sup>st</sup> Augst 1769

Sir Inclosed I return you the duplicate of your Acco[un]t signed by me. I wish you a good journey hither & assure you I shall be very glad to see you. In the mean time I am etc HR

**4 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir I have sent by the Cartman the Mortgage deed from You & Sir John Trevelyan to Mrs Groteste for £4000, which came Yesterday by the Fly from London. I opened it and the Letter, inclosed in it from Mr Radcliffe, as you bade me; but did not meet with the discharge to be given you by Mr Trevelyan, which Mr Darwin said would be sent with the Deed. I have therefore inclosed an Acknowledgm[en]t which may serve till Mr Darwin sends a more formal one. You will please to sign at the first Seal on the left hand, & also to sign the receipt on the back of the deed before two Witnesses. Sir John Trevelyan ought from the nature of the deed to have executed, before it was offered to you; but as you know the tendency of it & have Mr Darwin Explanation that there cannot be any ill Consequence from your Executing first, it may be done: & if you send it back to me I will return it to Mr Darwin as desired. I am etc HR

25 July 1769 I do acknowledge to have this day received from Sir Wr Blackett Baro[ne]t, the only surviving Trustee named in certain Indentures of Lease and Release of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Janry 1732, the Sum of Two Thousand two hundred pounds being my Share of the Twelve Thousand pounds appointed to be raised and paid by the deed executed by my Father Sir George Trevelyan in pursuance of the powers vested in him by the said Indentures of 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Janry 1732 & the Act of parliament passed in the 5 Year of the reign of his present Majesty for making the portions of the younger Children therein named vested interests. For which said Sum of Two Thousand two hundred pounds I do hereby fully acquit & discharge the said Sir Walter Blackett As Witness my hand  
£2200. 0. 0

**4 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 4<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Sir I desire you'll let me know, as soon as you can learn it, the usual place of abode & other proper description of Edward Fenwick the father of Edward Fenwick the Minor; about whom I wrote you on the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult[im]o. I do not know the direction to Mr Jno Greenwell the Surveyor: but if I can learn it any how I will let you have it. P.S. If John Pringle, or any body else, is a trespasser upon Mr Robt Allgoods farm I suppose he knows his remedy. I am etc HR

**5 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington

Newca[stle] 5<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is a Copy of Dr Blackstones Opinion on the four Queries in the Case about the Tithes of Wallington, Rothley etc claimed by Greenwich Hospital. The opinion is much in your favour; but Mr Yorks, Mr Dunnings, & Mr Fawcetts are to be had before a Judgement can be formed.

Mr Walton told me to day he found they should have a dispute with You about the Suit to your Court at Hexham; as he found a distress had been made on one of their Tenants for not appearing: which the Com[missione]rs were determined of Supporting them in. I did not know any Thing of this Step being taken: but thought, as you ordered, it was to rest till you went again to London, & had further Advice about it. The opinions taken on this Case are Mr Rivetts Mr Fawcetts and Mr Wilson's; & they all agree that the Tenants of the hospital are liable to appear

at the Court Leet, and may be amerced for their default. Mr Fawcett advises bringing Actions for such Amercements – the others are for distraining. Mr Walton says he has orders to pay £20 being the hospitals Contribution for Warden Church. I am etc HR

**7 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Gentlemen On the 4<sup>th</sup> instant I sent you by Fryer Todd the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver Containing twelve hundred & fifty two ounces, as below, which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett Bt as usual at the Markett price and advise me on your receipt of them. I am etc HR

oz

732 at p[er] oz

520 at p[er] oz

1252

**7 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London Newca[stle] 7<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Sir I have sent to go by the Fly that will set out to morrow morning for London a small box directed for you containing the Mortgage Deed from Sir Wr Blackett & Sir John Trevelyan to Mrs Groteste for £4000, Executed by Sir Walter. I have paid the Carriage of it and should be glad to know that you receive it safe. I am much obliged to you for the trouble about the Candles and shall pay you for them when I have the pleasure of seeing you here. I am etc HR

**11 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London Newca[stle] 11<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Sir I forgot in my last Letter to mention to you that Dr Dechair has wrote Sir Walter Blackett that he is going abroad and that he has in his Absence empowered Mr <Const> to receive the interest money as it shall become due. Sir Walter desires you will pay it accordingly. I am etc HR

**11 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t at Wallington Newca[stle] 11<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir The Meeting at Cornhill about the Fisheries will be on Wednesday next; so I propose going on Tuesday to Berwick, and seeing Messrs Lambert & Douglass that Evening: & next day to go to Cornhill, and return home on Thursday. If any Thing for my direction occurs to you, further than you have given me, I shall be glad to receive it. I am etc HR

**13 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> Augst 1769

Sir If Mr Lowes delays giving you Edwd Fenwicks description I desire you will endeavour to learn only where his usual place of abode was & what Occupation he followed – for Sir Walter does not intend to meddle with the mortgage, but to give the young man something; payable when he comes of Age.

As to what you say about the Letter from My Brother, I suppose it must have been written before the 31<sup>st</sup> of last Month – for the day before That Sir Walter told me he would acquaint my Brother of his intention to let Mr Heron have the Business that arose within the Manor of Hexham, the next time that he saw him. & he saw him on that day I mean the 31<sup>st</sup> – this is all I know of the Matter at present – pray when was the Letter dated?

Mr Walton was not in Town Yesterday; as soon as I see him I will mention what you desire, but I am affraid Matters are gone too far for him to suspend them. I hope when the Serjeant comes home you will find the distress has been properly made and that there is no occasion to ask the favour.

I go to Berwick again on Tuesday but expect to return on Thursday. I am etc HR

**21 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle 21<sup>st</sup> August 1769

Sir I have told Sir Walter Blackett of your & your partner's proposal to take his Fisheries. But he does not chuse to let them for more than a Year at present; & for that time he bids me write you that you may have them at the same rent you now pay him; which is £330 a y[ea]r for the Bells & £30 a year for Beedle Eye & White sands & you may have the Close in which Sythe's house stands for 30s a Year to enter at Mich[aelm]as next. You will please to let me have an Answer that your partners & you agree to these terms. P.S. The most effectual Answer you can give will be by your All signing the inclosed memorandum & returning it. I have not an opportunity of getting a frank for this Letter. I am etc HR

**25 Aug 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 25 Augst 1769

Sir Inclosed is my rec[eip]t for the £9 you re[ceiv]ed of Mr White for my use w[hi]ch you will please to give him & I am obliged to you for your trouble about it.

I have not had any answer yet from Mr Walton about the distress Mr Smeaton not being yet come. I think you should acquaint Mr Heron of this Affair Sir Wr having determined as I told you that such Law business as arises within the Manors of Hexham & Anick grange sho[ul]d be transacted by him. I gave Mr Heron agreeable to Sr Wrs direction the Materials for the Chancery Suit against Fairlam I am etc HR

**5 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> Septemr 1769

Sir Yesterday I saw Mr George Robson about the Tithe of the Allotment, w[hi]ch Sir Ralph Milbank got, of Hexham Common; and find he claims an Exemption from Tithe by reason of a Modus, w[hi]ch he says extends to the Allotment.

I wish you would let me know if there is such a Modus, and how much it is, & what Sort of receipt is given for it, and also that you would make a State of the Case, setting forth that the Allotment is in one parish and the Estate or Estates, for which it was made, is in another. Messrs Walton & Smeaton say they have not any power to agree to their Tenants taking the Watch back from the Serjeant, nor to admit the Summons to be sufficient, till they receive Orders from the Commissioners; which they will write for. Mr Wilson is in Yorkshire, so this Matter must rest till his return; which will not be these three weeks. P.S. Pray has Mr Marriott done the plan of Westburnhope & has Mr Heron got the Testimony of Green of Piersbridge. I have seen Mr Robson again and he says there are two Modus's, one for Wharmley and the other for Ulmers & Garmondhill; and that they got Allotments for each of these Estates. Pray how says the Award? I don't remember that I have a Copy of the Award. I think there should be a Copy for this office notwithstanding the original is in Sir Walter's Court. I am etc HR

**5 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 5 Septemr 1769

I desire you will give directions that the Lead of the Langtihead ore be marked O & that you will let me know the Name of the Smelter at Rookhope Mill whose Lead is stamped with C – for it is all lighter than any other Lead Sir Wr has, not a pig of it weighing Eleven stone. Pray let Mr Harrison know that this is taken Notice of and that he is thought blameable for it. I should be glad to have an Acco[un]t of the marks put on the Lead at each Mill, to distinguish the sorts of Lead; because there may now be occasion to vary some of them & I cannot say that I remember them all perfectly.

Notwithstanding what I have frequently desired, the Mill Clerks are far from being punctual with their Monthly Acco[un]ts from Rookhope & Allanheads Mill; especially the latter, from whom I have not yet received either June or July Acco[un]t & from the former I have not got the July Acco[un]t. I have Complained of this so often, in vain, that I must now desire you will make it a Rule in your Monthly Visits to get them made up & send me them yourself within a fortnight after the End of the Month

P.S. I desire you will forward the Letters, inclosed herewith, by the first safe opportunity. I am etc HR

**5 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr at Leeds Yorkshire

Newca[stle] 5 Sept 1769

Sir In my Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> June I sent you an Estimate of some repairs that were necessary to be done this Year at the houses on Curry and Pattison's farms at East Kenton. The Roof of one of them is now much worse than it was then; the Slates are Slid for some Yards in length and will very soon be down; which will break many of them & enhance the charge of Reparation. Something should be done immediately, but I wait your directions. I am etc HR

**6 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Simpson**

To John Simpson Esqr at Bradley

Newca[stle] 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1769



Sir I have enquired about the Hot Walls done by Geo Robson Junr for Sir Wr Blackett at Wallington, as you desired; & find that the price was ten pence a Square Yard. that there were Flews of ten Inches in Width in the Middle of the Wall – that the Covers of the Flews were of Flags prepared by the Mason, but laid on by Robson – that on each Side of these Flews the Walls were five Inches in Thickness. that the Flews were plastered in the inside. that the Bricks were led to him, & that the Lime Sand & Water were also led to him, but he made them up & paid all labourage & that the foundation was six a Yard. I am etc HR

**9 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 9<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1769

Sir As I said, when we talked of the Matter, so I still think Sir Walter would not chuse, so soon after Mr Soulsbys Death, to let the Tithe of Hallington Mains to any other than his Ex[ecutors]; so this Matter may rest for this Year, except you in time receive other directions from Sir Walter. But you will certainly do right to press for the Eight Years Arrear as much as you decently can.

The Case you sent me in your last Letter about the Tithes of Sir Ra Milbanks Allotment is sufficient and I shall take the first opportunity of getting an Opinion thereon. In the mean time a Copy may be making of the Award for the use of this Office. I am etc HR

**14 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

Newca[stle] 14<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blacketts directions about the Allowance of Ten pounds a Year to Mr Joseph Peart were that it should be paid him yearly at Mich[aelmas] till you have Orders to the Contrary. I am etc HR

**18 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Archbold**

To Mr William Archbold at West Ord near Berwick upon Tweed

Newca[stle] 18 Sepr 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has let the Fisheries to Messrs Douglass & Lambert for one Year from Mich[aelmas] next, and they are to have the Close in which Robert Sythe's house stands: according to the Agreement made with You: Of this I thought it right to inform You & am etc HR

**18 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newca[stle] 18<sup>th</sup> Sepr 1769

Sir Sir Walter has let Messrs Douglass and Lambert the fisheries, at the old rent for one Year from Mich[aelmas] next. And they are to have the little Close, near the Bridge, wherein Robert Sythe's Cottage house stands, for 30s a Year. But you remember by the Agree[m]t made with William Archbold, that Sir Walter was to make and keep in repair the Dike or fence on the East

Side of this Close, adjoining the Westford road which I mention that you may give directions for it when you go over again. I am etc HR

**24 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newca[stle] 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1769

Sir The Duke of Northumberland lays claim to 58 Acres of Land in Ingo, which he says is in possession of Sir Wr Blacketts Tenants and for which a Rent of 8s a Year has been paid to Coll Schutz; and alledges that as the Colls Lease expires at Ladyd[a]y next this 58 a[cres] must be surrendered up. Now this rent of 8s a Year is an Old vicondale Rent paid for a Rake, that has immemorially been enjoyed by George Brown & the former tenants of Fenwick North farm, on a piece of Common called Reestones, which I suppose adjoins some part of that farm. I therefore desire you will inform yourself about this Common how and by whom it is enjoyed? & what number of Cattle, & at what times in the Year they are depastured by George Brown upon the same; with any other particulars that may occur to you as usefull to be known. The old Tenant of this farm was Mr Robert Dixon after whom you will enquire – or of any of the old people about Fenwick that you can hear of, that know this ground – the sooner this is done the better, & I shall be glad of your Answer as soon as you are able to give one. P.S. Pray look at G. Brown's Stock for he owes £490 due Mayd[a]y last. & tell him I desire to have a little talk with him about Reestones the first time he comes to Town. I am etc HR

**24 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newca[stle] 24 Sept 1769

Sir Mr Greenwell sho[ul]d make two plans of the disputed Ground between Hexham and Blanchland; one to be sent here & the other for Mr Heron's use; who I think should go to Allanheads with you & take the examinations of the Witnesses, & send me Copies of them; but if Mr Heron is engaged you may to prevent loss of time take them yourself. I wish much that Mr Marriot would get the plan of Westburnhope compleated and that Mr Heron wo[ul]d go & take the Examination of old Green of Piersbridge; that some Judgement may be formed whether the Inclosure can be supported. I shall speak to Sir Walter about the Wood & am etc HR

**26 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 26 Sept 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you that he will be at the Meeting at Chollerford on Thursday next and would have you be there by Ten o'Clock that Morning; that he may talk over with You any matters of business that occur to you. Among the others you will mention the Wood you wrote me about. And Mrs Soulsby's Arrear for the tithe of Hallington Mains. Sir Walter desires you will call at the Hermitage on Thursday & enquire if Mr Simpson is there and if he will be there all Night, or whether he is gone to Bradley. I desire you will let me know who you think is the proper person to whom ten pounds a year can be paid for the benefit of Matt Lee the Minor that claimed Ritson's Estate And also the proper person £7 10s 0d can be paid to for

the benefit of Edward Fenwick the Minor whom I wrote you about – for Sir Walter has executed bonds for the payment of these Sums.

Pray desire Mr Greenwell to insert in his plan the Names of all places that have Names. that we may not be at a Loss to understand either our own State of the Case or our Adversary's.

Mr Fawcett is clearly of opinion Nun Bush Allotment must pay tithe to Sir Walter. I am etc  
HR

**30 Sept 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Wr Trevelyan Esqr at Bessingby near Burlington Yorkshire                      Newca[stle] 30 Sept 1769

Sir Inclosed herewith are Bell and Cos two bills on Glyn & Co one for Thirty pounds and the other for twenty pounds, as above, which I have placed to your Acco[un]t and desire you will please to advise me of your receipt of them by the return of the post, they being payable at a short date. Sir Walter bids me acquaint you that he has a Letter from the Duke of Portland that he will be glad to see you at Welbeck on the 12 or 13 of next Month. I am etc    HR

£30 Newcastle Bank 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1769

Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Thirty pounds value received.  
For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self    Jos Saint  
Pay the Contents to Wr Trevelyan Esqr or Order Value in Acco[un]t    Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 30183

£20 Newcastle Bank 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1769

Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Twenty pounds value received.  
For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self    Jos Saint  
Pay the Contents to Walter Trevelyan Esqr or Order Value in Acco[un]t    Hen Richmond  
For Messrs Glyn & Hallifax No 30184

**6 Oct 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham                      Newca[stle] 6<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has made me the Trustee for the payment of the two annual sums I wrote you about, namely, Ten pounds a Year to Matt Lee and Seven pounds ten Shillings a year to Edward Fenwick during their respective Minorities and for their use and behoof respectively; with power to assign the payments, & therefore as you think the Mothers of the young Men are proper persons I have no Objection to Sir Walter's making the payments to them, while you think they make a proper Application of the Money, in maintaining and Educating the young Men.

As the Mothers live near you it will be the properest for you to pay those Sums and charge them in your Rental; and you may make the payment half Yearly or quarterly as you see occasion. When Lee comes at Age he will be intitled to Two hundred pounds and Fenwick, when he is at Age, to One hundred and fifty pounds out of Sir Walter's Estate. If you should at any time see occasion to discontinue the payments to the Mothers you will please to acquaint me of it. The first quarter's payment of each of the said Sums will be due on the 23d November next. As to the Surrender of the Ferry boat and Boat rake Mr Wilson thinks it should be made to Sir Walter directly, without a Trustee, and that Sir Walter should afterwards, the sooner the better,

surrender It to some person in trust for himself. Sir Walter named Jno Erasmus Blackett Esqr of this Town in Case one was wanted. On the other Side is a Copy of the Opinions, as you desired; but I wish it may not be published; lest it should be an Objection to Mr Fawcett's being a Refferee, if one should be wanted. I am etc HR

**10 Oct 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Thos Duffield at Wallington

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write You that as Lady Loraine is so very pressing for the loan of his Theodolite again he could wish Mr Forster and you could contrive to finish the Survey of the most material part of Cooks farm against Saturday next and leave the rest will the Spring & so let her Ladyship have the Instrument for the present.

Sir Walter desires you will come hither as soon after Saturday as you can to give to directions about the hot houses here I am etc HR

**10 Oct 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newca[stle] 10<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Sir When you have read the inclosed Letter to Mr Duffield I desire you will Seal and Send it him. & Sir Walter desires you will direct Mr Duffield in surveying such part of the Estate as may be the most material to the valuation of it.

When you have an opportunity I wish you would enquire of the Clarks, or other old people, whether Sir Walter got any Share of Whelpington Common upon the division of it (which I suppose was many Years ago) in right of his Estate at Wallington; besides what he got for Cadwell, which you know is called the Intake and for which a rent is paid to the Duke of Northumberland. I am etc HR

**17 Oct 1769 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt at the Duke of Portland near Worksop Nottinghamshire

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir Inclosed is a Copy of what I received by this days post from Mr Darwin's Clerk; by which it appears uncertain that the £25000 will be paid on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Novemr as was expected. Mr Darwin's Clerk writes that Mr Savage and his Solicitor are both out of Town, so that he cannot get the Contents of Mr Hollands Letter communicated to either of them, as yet. I shall send Mr Darwin, who is at Elston, near Newark, a Copy of the inclosed, & of his Clerks Letter, by this Nights post. I am etc HR

**17 Oct 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin at Elston near Newark Nottinghamshire

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Sir I have sent you on the other Side Copies of Mr Hollands Letter and your Clerks Letter about the £25000 & am much affraid there will be some disappointment to Sir Walter and Mr Savage in this Affair. I shall acquaint Sir Walter by this post of the Contents of Mr Hollands Letter: so that you will very likely have a Letter from him from The Duke of Portlands. I am etc  
HR

**26 Oct 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Thos Duffield at Wallington

Newca[stle] 26<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Sir A Man who travels the Country with Earthen Ware, has offered about Ten Stone of Tippings of Sheet Lead to sale, to one of our Glaziers here; who brought him to me, as he had said he bought it of Sir Wr Blacketts Gardiner at Wallington. What he has signed and declared also before our Magistrates, is that he bought the whole quantity on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> instant of Mrs Duffield and gave Earthen Ware in Exchange for it. His Acco[un]t is so suspicious that he is under Confinement till the Truth is learnt. & therefore it will be necessary for Mrs Duffield & You, if it can be done with Convenience, to come to town to morrow morning, to clear up the Matter; that the Man may either be set at Liberty or punished according to Law. I give you the trouble of this, at the request of our Magistrates, who say they cannot release him nor tell what to do in the Case till you come. I am etc HR

**28 Oct 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 28<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Sir The Receivers of Greenwich hospital tell me they apprehend Sir Wr Blackett has cut some Wood in Sams Island that belongs to the hospital: for they say, as Sir Wr pays a Rent he cannot have a right to cut wood for Sale, except he has it by Lease or deed – I should be glad to find that you know, or have any papers that can inform you, how the Rent of 40s a Year has become payable to them. Three quarters of this Island did antiently belong to Anick grange, & the rest to Dilston, & now I suppose Sir Wr enjoys the whole, on paying this rent. so the matter in question is what sort of Tenure the Dilston quarter is held by? I am etc HR

**4 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newca[stle] 4 Novr 1769

Sir I have sent you, as you desired, by the Cartman, the plan of Fenwick Estate: & when you have got a Copy made of it you may send me either the Original or the Copy as you please.  
I am etc HR

**7 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newca[stle] 7 Novr 1769

Sir I hope this will find you replaced & well in your chambers in Greys Inn

Inclosed I send you Bell & Cos bill on Glynn & Co for Two hundred and Eighty pounds, payable 20 days after 30 ult[im]o which I intend for the quarterly payments to 31<sup>st</sup> Decemr next; and you will please to send me for it the usual receipt to be a voucher to my Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett.

Inclosed also is another Bill of Bell & Cos on Glyn & Co for Twenty one pounds, payable at 30 days from this day, which you will please to place to my Acco[un]t for the present. it is designed to answer a demand which will be made on you, soon after Chr[ist]mas, by Mrs J Sorsbie for her Year's Allowance, then due to her from Sir Walter.

We are anxious to know what is like to be determined on about Sir Ed Winnington's Money – Sir Walter, who is gone this morning to Wallington, has no objection to its being paid any day in Janry after the 10<sup>th</sup> as your Clerk mentioned; and supposed the 18<sup>th</sup> might do, if it can be fixed so with Mr Savage's Approbation.

You have the Title deeds of Hexham; which I desire you will look among for some papers & an Award relating to Sams Island. The Award I desire you will send me a Copy of & if you find any thing material in the papers relative to the following Matters I would have an Extract or Copy as you think proper. The Matter is a Demand the Com[missioner]s of Greenwich hospital are making for Satisfaction for some Wood cut by Sir Walter on the quarter of this Island allotted by the said award to the Dilston family – Alledging that as he pays then 40s a Year for this Island, which must be for their quar[ter] part he can have no right to the Wood there except he has it by some deed. Now we want to know how this 40s a Year has become payable to them. I see it has been paid ever since old Sir Wm Blackett bought Hexham & find that this family has enjoyed the whole Island during all the time of Memory, but by what tenure nothing that we have here can shew. I should be very glad, after you have considered of the papers you may meet with, to have your Opinion of the Matter & what answer should be given to the demand. P.S. Old Mr Widdrington partn[e]r with my Bro[the]r is dead. I am etc HR

£280 Newcastle Bank 30<sup>th</sup> Octor 1769

Twenty days after date pay to the order or Mr Henry Richmond Two hundred & Eighty pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr Wiliam Alvey Darwin or Order Value in Acco[un]t Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 30379

£21 Newcastle Bank 7<sup>th</sup> Novr 1769

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Twenty one pounds Value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order Value in Account Hen Richmond  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 30476

### **7 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 7 Novr 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered Woodcroft to be advertised to be sold. You will see the Advertisement in the next Saturdays papers, I expect, & that any person desirous of viewing the same may apply to you or to Joseph Angus the Tenant at Woodcroft; so you will take Care to give him directions in time; to show the farm and all belonging to it to any that may want to see it. Mr Westgarth & Mr Ward are again in Motion for a division of Bollihope Common and Sir



Walter has signed a deed to which they had got a great Number of Names, tho we do not yet know whether they amount to a Majority in value of those that have a right on that Common. I should be glad, when you go over, to be informed of any Thing you learn of the plan they are going upon & when the Bill is settled if you can get a Copy of it for Sir Walter, in Case he should not sell the Estate.

Pray what has been done about the Wood which Mr Westgarth gave you intimation had been stolen from Stage where the Carriers had laid it down.

As all delivery from the Mills has been over for some time I could wish to have an Acco[un]t of the No of pieces sent from each Mill. I am etc HR

**17 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Hankey**

To John Hankey Esqr Bishop Gate Street London

Newca[stle] 17<sup>th</sup> Novr 1769

Sir Inclosed are Bell and Cos two bills on Glyn & Co as above, the Bill for Seventy four pounds five shillings is to pay for five Ticketts you have bought for Sir Walter Blackett in the present Lottery & you will please to advise me by the return of the post that you have received this bill on the Acco[un]t. The other bill for fourteen pounds seventeen shillings I send you to pay for a Tickett for Wr Trevelyan Esqr and desire you will also advise me of the receipt of it on his Account. I am etc HR

£74. 5. 0 Newcastle Bank 17<sup>th</sup> Novr 1769

Twenty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond Seventy four pounds five shillings value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to John Hankey Esqr or Order, value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 30551

£14. 17. 0 Newcastle Bank 17<sup>th</sup> Novr 1769

Twenty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond, Fourteen pounds Seventeen shillings value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to John Hankey Esq or Order, value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax, London No 30552

**20 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 20 Novr 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has sold Woodcroft Estate and the purchasor desires that the Deeds relating to the Title of it may be sent hither as soon as possible: Sir Walter therefore bids me write you to send them to me and he will sign a receipt at the foot of a schedule of them, if you send him one for that purpose. The purchasor is one Mr Cutht Ward who lives in Weardale in the Neighbourhood of this Estate. I am etc HR

**24 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 24 Novr 1769

Sir I have looked at Mr John Greenwells plan of the ground in Dispute between Hexham & Blanchland, which is very well executed; and I don't doubt but he has accurately surveyed the prem[is]es. I shall return you the plan by the first Hexham Carrier & desire Mr Greenwell may make two small plans by a Scale of half the length and without ornaments. One of which should be given to Mr Heron and the other you may keep, for the present, at least. for if we should have to come to Tryal with the Trustees they will be wanted. Some few particulars should be enquired of the old people about, when you meet them. Such as when the different ridings were made by the Trustees? which will shew how they have encroached time after time & this should be inserted in the plan. Where the two Tryals for the Leadmine made by Sir Wr were & when? which should be marked in the plan. Whither the Waifs that have been taken by the Blanchland people have been Carried. Whether to Wester Meadows, Westfield Nook or Hathery burn or else where? Whether the Names in our Line of boundary are all rightly inserted in the plan? and whether the old people, you are to examine, know & make any use of those Names: if not, such as they do make use of should be inserted in the plan.

I have also returned you in the Tin Case Mr Marriott's plan of Westburnhope & wish he would distinguish the old Inclosures, the Moor grounds and the ground in Dispute, together with the Wall or fence in question; & that he would do this by Colouring and an Explanatory Table. I shall be glad to hear that you receive these plans safe & am etc HR

**24 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mesrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 24 Novr 1769

Gentlemen I have drawn a Bill upon you for Six hundred pounds dated this day & payable to Messrs Bell Cookson & Co or order Thirty days after date; which you will please to accept & place to Acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett. I am etc HR

**25 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newca[stle] 25 Novr 1769

Sir I have told Mr Ra Forster of what Mr Bullock had mentioned to me of the variation made by Mr Errington's people (from the Line staked out at Hallington by the referees) in building the Wall: & he promised to view and let me know the Contents of the ground taken in by such variation. but I have not had an Acco[un]t from Mr Forster, whose Illness I suppose has prevented him. Mr Bullock represented the quantity gained by Mr Errington as very small and that it would be easy to give Sir Walter an equivalent by a proportionable variation of his Wall from the Line staked out for it.

I told Mr Bullock that it was wrong that proper Care had not been taken in the making this fence to make it agreeable to the answer given to his request some time ago, which was that it must run according to the Line staked out and no[t] otherwise: and that as to the remedy it must depend on Sr Walters pleasure, after Mr Forster had seen the Wall.

I am very glad the purchase Money for the Ferry is not to be paid till May & am etc HR

**27 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newca[stle] 27 Novr 1769

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me Mr Savage's receipt for four hundred and Ninety five pounds for the half Years int[e]r[es]t due to him the 6<sup>th</sup> instant from Sr Wr Blackett on the Mortgage of Wallington; and have given you Credit for the Same. I am sorry you have not succeeded in your Search about Sams Island, Any more than for the Decree for Confirming the Award for the Division of Ingo Moor as agreed on by the Deed of 1696/7. I observe what you say about Woodcroft Title deeds and the part of them w[hi]ch relates as well to Winlaton as to that Estate. I am etc HR

**28 Nov 1769 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newca[stle] 28 Novr 1769

Sir I have received by the Hexham Carrier the two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery; one weighing Seven hundred & Seventy Ounces and a half and the other five hundred and sixty three ounces and a half.

I am sorry Mr Harrison cannot keep his Acco[un]ts right – he gives but small grounds for Confidence in him. I am etc HR

**1 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newca[stle] 1<sup>st</sup> Decr 1769

Sir Yesterday I received the Deeds relating to the Title of Woodcroft Estate, by the Coach, agreeable to your Letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> of last Month; and shall take care to retain the parcell w[hi]ch you have made an Endorsement on, that they are not to be delivered to the purchasor of Woodcroft, as they relate to Winlaton as well as That Estate and must be kept to go along with the Trust Estate. When Mr Fawcett, before whom the purchasor desires these deeds may be laid, has done with them, I think it will be best, if Sr Wr approves of it, to return you this parcell again; to be put as before, with the other Deeds of the Trust Estate. I wish we had Mr Dunnings Opinion on the Case about the Tithes of Hallington & am etc HR

**2 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newca[stle] 2d Decr 1769

Gentlemen I sent you Yesterday by Thos Jennings the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver, weight as below; which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Wr Blackett as usual at the Markett price and advise me on your receipt of them. I wish you the Compliments of the Ensuing Season & am etc HR

one piece qty 770 ½

the other qty 563 ½

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**6 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Rich<sup>d</sup>. Wilson Esq in Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 6 Decem. 1769

Sir Mr King told me a few days ago that it would be sometime before he could pay his half years rent and that he had wrote you that he would pay Interest for the time. I therefore have inclosed you Bell Cookson & Co's. bill on Glyn and Hallifax for three hundred pounds, on Acct. of what I have received of your other tenants and desire you will Advise me of the receipt of It.

Mr Graham wants 4 or 5 new Gates & stone posts, which he did not speak of till after he took his farm; they are necessary, but he submits it to you to allow him them.

The Slating work at Pattisons is rather more than was expected; owing to some of the Timber having shrunk where it was not observed, till partly uncovered. The thatching at <Lowsips> farm is postponed, all but what the Tenant will do for his own Sake, till the farm is let again; when the new Tenant will be readier to assist with materials and leading than the present I find is. Some slating will be wanting at Mr. Graham's houses next season; but I shall get an Estimate made and send it you before then.

The hedges are in many places spoiling for want of cutting and a person as usual to look after them, Sir Walter used to lay out £5 or £6 yearly on them, besides 40s a year to Wm. Pattison, one of the Tenants, for Care about them.

Wm. Harle, the Mason, has offered £20 for the Stone he can get in 400 Square Yards to be based in the Quarry in the Coal Hole Close in Mr. Graham's farm near his house. according to the best Estimate I can make the Stone in that space is worth £15 but then he ought to pay about £10 for the ground he will waste and for a hedge or wall that it will be necessary to build about the quarry after he has done with it. So I told him he should offer £25 & then I would write to you. This quarry lies the nearest of any other to a piece of work that is to be Carried on next year, for supplying this Town with water from Coxlodge: So you will please to consider whether, if the Man comes and offers the £25, with good security; you would choose to have a part of the field spoiled for that Sum or the Sum offered by him.

The Surveyor has finished the new plans of West Kenton and I have paid him £4.16s.0d for them. I shall send them to you by such means as you please to direct; only I think the small plan would be useful to me. I am etc HR

P.S. Mr Fawcett is this day chosen our Recorder in Mr Collingwood's room, whose ill health has obliged him to resign. I am sorry to hear of such disturbances in your neighbourhood! But hope our acco[un]ts. exceed the Truth.

£300 Newcastle Bank 2 Decr 1769

One month after date pay to the order of Mr Heny Richmond Three hundred pounds value received.

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Richd Wilson Esqr or order value in Account Hen Richmond

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax London No 30700

**15 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas. 15 Decr. 1769

Sir I am very glad to hear you recover so well; but as it must be a work of time to re-establish your Health I do not look for your Assistance in buying the Beef for the poor on Saturday the

30<sup>th</sup>. Instant; but only desire you will speak to Mr Sadler to come in against that day to help us, for I think Mr Curry is not so able as formerly. Mr Sadler is the only person, next to yourself, that I can think of, & therefore I should be glad to have a Line from you that I may know certainly whether I may depend on his being here on Friday the 29 instant.

I hope Mrs. Forster is well. I am etc. HR

**19 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's In Hexham

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1769

I acquainted Sir Walter of Mr. Ellis's death and of what you say about fixing here or at Hexham as he shall appoint, but he has not yet given me an answer to that point: As soon as he determines, which will be this week, I shall let you know. I am etc HR

**19 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to Peter Rumney**

To the Revd. Mr Rumney at Hexham

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Decemr. 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me give his Compliments to you, and acquaint you that he has met with a person for Cambo School, whose Testimonials are such as to have induced him to appoint him Master of it, I am etc HR

**24 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Mr Ellis's In Hexham

Newcastle 24<sup>th</sup> Decemr. 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has settled it that you are to reside here and have the house, I lately lived in, Rent-free. So when you come about the Beef you may prepare matters accordingly. I am etc. HR

**28 Dec 1769 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse In Weardale

Newcas, 28<sup>th</sup>. Dec. 1769

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has been applied to for a contribution toward defraying the charge of building Mr. Somerville's Presbyterian Meeting house in Weardale. It is represented that this Meeting house is in the midst of many of Sir Wr.'s Miners, that are of the Church of Scotland, and therefore Sir Walter, willing to accommodate them with a place for orderly worship, rather than that Religion sho<sup>d</sup>. be neglected among them, has ordered that you pay to the Trustees, or other proper persons, the sum of Ten Pounds, for the purpose above mentioned. I am etc HR

**1 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bar<sup>ot</sup>. MP in  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas. 1<sup>st</sup> Janry 1770

Honrd. Sir I hope you are well after your journey. I told Mr Blackett about Mr Graham and he will propose retaining him along with Mr Ord; who he says acquitted himself very well on a former occasion. It is said the Newcastle petitions were sent to London, by Express, on Friday last. Dr Lambert says he has your leave to put a horse into <Mews> & therefore desires a Key of the Gate. please to let me know if I must get one made for him. You allowed me to mention what Newspapers I would have, if you please The St. James's Chronicle may be directed to you, at your office in Newcastle. The inclosed is the only letter that has come since you left this place,

I have been distributing, today, your annual charity of Beef and Bread; to above 700 poor people. I wish you, earnestly, many happy Years. I am etc HR

**1 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esq. at Bessingby  
Near Burlington Yorkshire

Newcas. 1 Janry 1770

Sir You went away so unexpectedly that I had not a opportunity of paying you your Annuity; but that you may get it without delay, when you want it, I have inclosed a Receipt; which you may sign and at any time return and I shall pay the money to your <Notice>.

The Brawn is very good and we often drink your Health after Commending it. I wish you many happy returns of this day. P.S. Pray give my Compliments to Mr and Mrs Hudson. I am etc HR

**7 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

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

Newcas. 7th Janry 1770

Honrd. Sir I am glad Mr <Simond's> £2000 is paid off as your Estate is thereby better than the Computation. I hope to be able with the £1200 to go on till money can be got for Lead to be sold in the Spring - there will be 7 or £8000 worth to sell which Sum when received will probably make the Lead Mill pays - Subsist your Miners and make the other ordinary payments till some of the new Stock can be got down and Converted into money. So I may not want any of the Woodcroft money and yet it may be well to postpone giving notice to any of your Board Creditors till we see further into the year. When the £1200 is ready I can draw upon Mr Darwin for it or otherwise as you direct me. The minds of people seem calmer here than lately - possibly from their Expectation of fresh Matter on the opening of The Parliament. A paper was delivered last Friday to the fitters from the Keelmen containing the resolutions of their meeting on Thursday. Mr Blackett says he is to have a copy of it and will send it you. It is quite in the spirit of the times - rejecting the fitters bill & their offer of being Trustees and charging them with a series of oppression & Imprisonment and Employments of Military Force against them - but most of their Charge is false and therefore the C<sup>o</sup> may thank Mr Harvey for showing them in time what his Allegations are to be. I cannot meet with any Numeration of the Keelmen that can be depended on but it is believed they cannot exceed 2000 in this River and 1000 in the Wear. The weather here is very stormy and a great quantity of snow fell last Night & this morning which, as the air is frosty is likely to lie. Either yr Whitehall Evening Post or the Saint



James's Chronicle will do very well, the other papers I see at the Coffee House when I get down. I am etc HR

**7 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Richard Brown**

To Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Brown at Kirkharle

Newcas. 7 Janry 1770

Sir When you come to Newcastle I should be glad of an opportunity of waiting upon you having something to say to you about Mr Simpson's Note or Bond; which I wish you should bring with you. I am etc HR

**10 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup>. MP in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 10th Janry 1770

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir I have not heard lately what they are doing at Berwick about the Bill for regulating the fishing in the River Tweed but the following is an Acco<sup>t</sup>. of what has passed relative to it.

There were two meetings this Summer, one at Tweedmouth & the other at Cornhill, to try to reconcile the proprietors; who, in respect of the division among them, may be distinguished by those above Norham and those below it; the Fisheries of the former are let for less than £400 a year and those of the latter for more than £5000 a year. At the Cornhill meeting, which was very general, many Articles were agreed to, namely that the Close time should be from 10 Oct<sup>r</sup>. To 10 Janry yearly. That Smoult time sh<sup>ld</sup>. be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> June Yearly. That all obstruction by Dams Wears etc should be removed, or at least opened to a Certain width in the middle of the River, and all illegal Engines disused. That the Sherifs of the Counties of Berwick, Roxburgh Selkirk & Peebles may be Judges with the Justices of the Peace of those Counties. That delinquents in the Counties of Northumberland & Durham may be Comitted to Berwick Gaol and that there should not be any fishing between 12 oClock on Saturday Night and 12 oClock on Sunday Night. To these Articles all that were present assented except Lord Hume who has, in partnership with Lord Tankerville, a Wear across the River above Cornhill and also refused to allow any opening or attenuation therein. But the great obstacle to an Agreement was the demand of the proprietor above Norham that there should be, besides Sunday, a further Stop time on Cessation of fishing, to wit, from 12 o'Clock at noon on Saturday. This seemed very unreasonable to require the fisheries nearest the Sea to be laid idle 12 hours every week, to let the fish pass quietly up to the nets of those above Norham. It was alledged against this demand that the bill was intended to lay-off practices that were prejudicial to every fishery & to establish Rules that would improve each of them in proportion to its situation, and it was hoped everybody would be content with such Improvement as the Nature and Situation of his Fishery would admit of and allow his neighbour to avail himself of the like; without requiring what it would be in effect, a Twelfth part in value of the Fisheries below Norham to be given up for the amending those above it. But it was urged in opposition to this that the proprietors of fisheries near the Sea ought to give up something to those remote from it to induce them to Act as Conservators of the Fry especially as enforcing the Act wo[ul]d be a very disagreeable thing to the Common people in their respective neighbourhoods who now live upon the Fish taken at improper Seasons. So, to purchase these Gentlemen's friendship to the Bill, it was offered to give up 4 hours in a week, that is, to leave off fishing at 8 o'Clock on Saturday Evening but they would not abate of their demand of 12 hours and declared they would

oppose the Bill with all their Interest, if it was not complied with. Thus the Matter stands at present, save only that a declaration was made, in express terms, that as the offer of the 4 hours was not accepted it was now to be understood as retracted and the Merits to be gone upon as if no such Concession had been made.

Mr Lambert told me, that this offer of 4 hours stop, would on Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the particular Situation of your Fisheries, be more prejudicial to you, if accepted of, than to any other person: but as he will, if the bill goes forward, be in London, he can explain the manner & reason of this better than I can do; being esteemed the most experienced man in these matters of any in the Tweed. I am HR

P.S. inclosed is Mr. Grey's Letter with papers about this affair. It is now a thaw; but the Weather still very tempestuous

**10 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esq. at Bessingby  
Near Burlington Yorkshire

Newcas. 10 Janry 1770

Sir By your letter of the 25 of last month I find you have drawn a Bill upon me for £52.10s.0d which will leave only seventeen pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence of your money in my hands; so I shall not have enough to send you a Bill for £10 as you desire, in your last letter of the 5 instant. In my letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant I sent you a receipt to sign & return when you pleased; which would have enabled me to send you the bill you desire, but lest my Letter may have miscarried inclosed is another; which you will please to sign and return against you want the Bill. I have ordered five pounds of Mustard to be sent by the next Carrier to be left at Blewit's in Lendale York, as you desire; and I have enquired about your portmanteau which Wm. Foster tells me he delivered within a day or two after you went from hence, to Geo.

<Makin> the York Carrier; so that I hope you have received it before this time.

PS This is the last Frank. I am etc HR

**15 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 15<sup>th</sup> Janry 1770

Sir I have your letter of the 11 instant inclosing me Mrs. Sorsbie's receipt for £21 for a yrs. Allowance due to her from Sir W<sup>t</sup>. Blackett at Chsmas last and have given you Credit for it. I wish we had the SoW Generals opinion about Wallington's Timber for then Sir Walter would determine what answer to give the hospital.

Sir Walter says I may, for his occassions here, draw on you for £1200 of the money he is to have on Wallington on the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month. So when you have got it, you will please to let me know. I think it will save trouble if you keep £200 of that money on Acc<sup>ot</sup>. of the quarterly payments and send me the usual receipt for it, and allow me to draw on you for the remaining £1000, at 15 days date,

I wish you many happy years & am etc HB

**16 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. MP, in Half Moon Street

Newcas. 16 Janry 1770

Piccadilly London

Hon Sir                      I have acquainted Mr Kay, Mr Charleton, Mr Snowden & Mr Sh<erid> that you desire to be excused from applying for the Tidesman's place. I have told Mr Geo. Anderson that you have ordered the allowance of five shillings a week to be continued to him, which would otherwise have expired this week.

Mr Collingwood is pretty well, he was at the Mayors yesterday and desired his Compliments to you; as does Dr Lambert for the Key of the <Mews>. The Guild tho very numerous was got over with better manners than expected owing partly to Mr Fawcett and partly to the example of Mr Matt Sadler, the principal orator, who is making his charge against Mr Peareth for incivil behaviour, when he waited on him with the petition, took care not to shew that he might perhaps have deserved it.

It is not likely that the Keelman's business will be adjudicated here - for the Fitters do not seem inclined to treat with Mr Harvey, & he I doubt has Influence enough with the men to prevent their treating with the Fitters without him, which is endeavouring to be brought about, by deputations from <cash work>.

I have told Mr Blackett that you received his letter.

P.S. I shall acquaint Mr Blackett with the contents of your letter this post about Geo. Anderson's suit; which matter was not at all touched upon at the Guild & shall also acquaint Tho<sup>s</sup>. Winship & George Young about the place.

I am etc

HR

**19 Jan 1770    From Henry Richmond to Thomas Swinburne**

To Tho. Swinburne Esq. In Durham

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Janry 1770

Sir    Here is some venison which the Servant, that brought it from Wallington, said you would send for: but as no body has called and it has now been killed ten days I trouble you with this Intimation and am etc    HR

**20 Jan 1770    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP, in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 20 Janry 1770

Honrd. Sir    None of the persons in the inclosed Lists are provided for; their applications, and I believe, their fitnesses too, are nearly in the order they stand in the List, indorsed No. 3. Mr Blackett approves and says he will recommend the proceeding, in the dispute with Mr Anderson, upon the plea as Conservators of the Soil between high and low water mark antecedently to that of the usage of getting sand, water Etc at the Skinnersburn.

There have been some meetings of the Fitters within these few days, about the Keelmen's bill; the result whereof Mr Blackett says he will write you in a post or two. They have appointed Mr Davison Solicitor but have postponed other things that deserved determination and do not seem inclined to a compromise on any Treaty with Mr Harvey. - Copies of all the papers that have passed between the Fitters and him & of the deed of Settlement & everything else that can inform the house of a Mature & probable consequence of this intended Bill of Mr. Harvey's and how unfit he is to be director of such a body of men, are ordered to be sent up; that it may be considered in London how much of them may be proper to be published. No doubt but upon the

Face of the Keelmen's petition, it will appear to many in the House, as a reasonable thing that men who earn their money so hardly may dispose of part of it into the hands of such persons as they choose and for the purpose proposed. But when it is considered on the other hand, that these men by having such a Fund as this Collection will raise; capable, if not <invariably> appropriated, of maintaining them for four or five months, will have it in their power, by lying Idle, to distroy all connected with the Coal trade; & particularly the Navigation & the City of London; it becomes a matter of political consideration how far it may be prudent to grant their desire, except it be well restricted. In this Light I understand some of the Coal Owners see it, and intend to oppose the Bill; in whatever form it may be offered. But the Fitters in general would have no objection to the provision desired by the Men, if the Money to be raised was to be intrusted in proper hands: & I do not find they are at all desirous of being Trustees. Mr. Peareth thinks the Sunderland Keelmen will not come into Mr Harvey's Scheme.

I am etc

HR

**24 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr. John Fenwick in Roberts's Place York

Newcas. 24<sup>th</sup> Janry 1770.

Sir I received your letter inclosing me a receipt for forty seven pounds ten shillings; for a year's instst [interest] due to you from Sir Walter Blackett on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant. & in return for it have here sent you Bell Cookson & Co's bill on Glyn & Hallifax for forty seven pounds ten shillings payable at 25 days from this date. It will be a satisfaction to me and safety to you to know that you have received this bill & and therefore you will please to write me so by return of the post. I am yours etc, HR

£47.10.0 Newcastle Bank

24<sup>th</sup> Janry 1770

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr. Henry Richmond Forty seven pounds ten shillings - value received

For Bell Cookson <Carr Airey & Self. >

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax

<Ian Saint>

London

Pay the Contents to Mr. John

No 31057

Fenwick on order value in

Account

Hen. Richmond

**26 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. Darwin Grey's Inn London

Newcas. 26 Janry 1770

Sir I have your letter inclosing a copy of the Solicitor General's opinion on the Wallington Tithe Case. & shall take the first opportunity of laying all the opinions before Mr. Fawcett. As to the £1200, I agree with you that Bank post bills at 7days Sight, will be the best way of conveying it to me.

I am sorry for the Death of the new Chancellor and wonder who you will get to succeed him.  
I am etc HR

**29 Jan 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP, in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 29<sup>th</sup> Janry 1770

Honrd. Sir Charles Browell is the Son of Stephen Browell, a free Smith, and was Master of a ship in the Coasting trade, which was lost about a year ago - he was brought up in All Saints Charity School in this Town and is about 25 Years of Age - but his father and he having resided many years at Greenwich I cannot learn any further particulars about him than that he is married & has two or three children.

As to what Marg<sup>l</sup>. <Mensies> says about her husband's misfortunes, and lowness of Spirits, I am told it is true; but, tho he is a deserving man yet there is not any likelihood of his succeeding in his Application for a place there not being any Intention at present of appointing such an Officer; perhaps if a Ballast Assesor's place sho<sup>d</sup>. become vacant he would stand a good chance for it.

Mr Harvey could not prevail on the Sunderland Keelmen to sign his petition - which, it is now said, contains a request for many Things more than are in the deed of Settlement: so the Fitters think it best to do nothing further till they receive a Copy of it. They have resolved on a Tax of Coals exported between Midsummer last and the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, toward carrying on the Opposition to any Bill for establishing the deed of Settlement. For as to any treaty with Mr Harvey, or any overtures to be made to the Men as some of the Fitters had proposed, they have been deemed friendly because the Men will not, nay many say they dare not, depart from the deed they have signed. Neither do I suppose any departure from it can be admitted above: but that there must either be a Bill Consonant to it, or a Resistance found in the Execution of the Act; so that it seems the best way to avoid, if you can, being a party either for or against the Keelmen.

Mr Peareth says the Tryal with Mr Anderson about getting Sand, Water etc at the Skinnersburn is to come on as he understands it, at the next Assizes; but he doubts it will not be possible for the Town Clerk and the Recorder to bring Matters to such a Composition against that time as to try then the Conservator's right to prevent the Inclosure of that Shore.

Lord Errol and Mr Case are in this Town now, on their way to London, where they propose being on Thursday.

I am etc

HR

## 2 Feb 1770 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Sir Richd. Wilson Esq. Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1770

Sir Inclosed are two parts of my Acct. of Kenton Rents for the half year Ending Mayday last with my Bill on Plumb & Browne for three hundred and one pounds nine shillings & fourpence halfpenny for the balance of it. You will please to advise me of the receipt of the Bill and to sign and return me one of the Accts. as I have signed the other. Inclosed also is Mrs. H. Headlams's receipt for her interest & a copy of Ra. Smiths Note of Slating at Wm. Pattison's outhouses. The Roofs of his dwelling house and of the several buildings on Mr. Graham's farm are much out of repair and inclosed is an Estimate of what must be done at them the next Season and also of what it will Cost to cover Lowry's Stable with Slates and pantiles, the Timber being thought strong enough, but that may be postponed till next year. You will please to give me directions as to Pattison's & Graham's roofs that they may be done in proper time. Mr Gunn has done nothing at the Quarry this year -all he proposed to do was the taking away a piece of post which he had bared and was hindered getting by the Wet Season and which contains about 84 cubic yards - he has pressed me to mention that he hopes you will allow him to take It without rent as he had but a bad bargain of the Quarry but I told him there was no likelihood of







Advice of a Man whose Judgement you can depend on - but people here pay 12<s> a fother rent for Slate Quarries - however the Situation and Circumstance of that Quarry may make it advisable to let her upon the terms in your Letter - if it was only to exercise a right to the Royalty there.

Mrs Jurin tells me the Wall is again pulled down at Hexham Bridge and Horses go along it daily to the damage of it, as well as Injury to her Tenant - I have spoken to young Mr Brown today about it and what assistance you can give to prevent the Trespass I have told Mrs Jurin you will readily contribute - pray are none of the people known that have pulled down the Wall?

I am etc                      HR

**3 Feb 1770    From Henry Richmond to Richard Brown**

To Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>. Brown at Kirkharle

Newcas. 3 Feby 1770

Sir I have the favour of your Letter about Simpson's Note and shall acquaint Sir Walter Blackett of it, who will probably be satisfied with it, in hopes you may find the Note: if not, such a declaration as you propose may then be drawn.                      I am etc                      HR

**5 Feb 1770    From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esq at Bessingby near  
Bridlington Yorkshire

Newcas. 5<sup>th</sup> Feby 1770

Sir                      I received your letter with your receipt for one hundred and forty pounds and inclosed I return you for it. Bell Cookson & Co's bill on Glyn and Hallifax for the like Sum which if you please to write me you have received it will for my satisfaction and your safety

I am etc                      HR

£140 - ,, - ,,

Newcastle Bank 6<sup>th</sup> Feby 170

Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen. Richmond one hundred and forty pounds - value received

To Messrs. Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

London

Pay the contents to Wr Trevelyan Esq.

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No. 31133

or order value in acct.

Hen Richmond

**5 Feb 1770    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 5<sup>th</sup> Feby 1770

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir                      I believe it is settled that Mr Waters & Mr Mosley are to come up directly about the Keelmen's petition. I gave the printed copy of it to Mr Blackett & and also the paper about the Sunderland Keelmen which he gave to Mr Peareth as I had a little cold that prevented my going out yesterday but I am better of it today which I mention as I find Mr Blackett took Notice of it in his Letter to you.

The Woodcroft deeds have been before Mr Fawcett for some time & if he approves of the Title the Conveyance I suppose may soon be finished. By the Articles the Money is to be paid at Mayday but delays so often happen in Law Matters that there cannot yet be any Certainty that it will be so paid. The £1200 for the Hexham Ferry will be I hope to come out of that Money for I do not think it possible for me to pay it and provide too for all the demands that will be made this half year. I am etc HR

**11 Feb 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin, Grey's Inn London

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Feby 1770

Sir I did not answer your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant directly because it required time to consider how I could do without the £1200 I had reckoned on - and I find by postponing some payments (that indeed should not be put off) I may rub on till Mayday without even the £500 which you say is all that can be spared of the Money saved on transferring the Mortgage on Wallington. At Mayday I hope the purchase money for Woodcroft will be paid if no difficulties come in the way. As to the £1200 for Hexham Ferry I know nothing certain when it is to be paid but think I have heard Mayday spoken of for it; when Mrs Jurin's Tenant will be clear of his Lease. I hope you will take Care whenever the Money is to be paid to have the Purchase Deed executed by all the proper parties.

You may send me if you please a Copy of the Mortgage deed to Sir Edward Winnington or if it is very long an Abstract of it may do. I am etc HR

**11 Feb 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

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

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Feby 1770

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir Mr Darwin writes that no more than £500 can be paid of the Money saved on transferring the Mortgage of Wallington & that he hopes I may be able to do without that too; so I have been considering and find by postponing Dukesfield pay I may hold out till the purchase money for Woodcroft is to be paid,

Mr Richd. Brown says he has mislaid Simpson's Note; but hopes to find it and in the meantime he has written me a Letter declaring he is convinced the Money lent on that Note was yours and that he has no demand on Simpson on acct of it & that he will readily sign a more formal declaration whenever you require him to do so if he does not find the Note.

I hear Mrs Parker sate out this morning for London to sollicite the Duke of Northumberland's instt. [interest] for an Act for a Licensed play house in this Town. I am etc HR

**13 Feb 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at the House late Mr Ellis's  
In Hexham

Newcas. 13 Feby 1770

Sir Since what I wrote you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant about Mrs Jurin's complaint of the people pulling down the Wall and going along Hexham Bridge to the damage both of it and her Tenant, I have seen your Letter and Thos. Chatty's; and heard Mr Blackett's Acct. of the impatient Temper that

prevails among the subscribers and others - to make use of this Bridge before it is finished. And as I understand Sir Walter has promised Mrs Jurin's Tenant, as she told me, that he should not be a loser by people's using the Bridge. I do not think you need oppose them further than can be done with persuasion or Expostulation. & I do not think you should order the Wall to be rebuilt, for Messrs. Gott and Brown, as I told young Mr Brown, have undertaken to repair the Bridge for a certain Term; & if this too early use of the Bridge will injure it, it is more their business to prevent it than Sir Walter's.

I have forwarded to you by the postman the parcell that came from Dr Sharp & am etc HR

**16 Feb 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 16 Feby 1770

Sir I have received by the Carrier the piece of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery, which weighs Eight hundred & fifty nine ounces & and half. & there is a little piece broken off that weighs abo[u]t. an ounce, which I will give you when I see you; as I cannot safely send it to London as I intend to do the rest. Pray what are the Mill Clerks about, that they have not yet sent me the months acct. for Decemr.? I hope Mr Harrison has a good stock of Fuel at Rookhope Mill, that the ore which is now there & also what will be sent him before Midsummer may all be got smelted directly & sent away in good time for Blaydon

I am etc

HR

**25 Feb 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 25<sup>th</sup> Feby

Sir I am sorry for the death of Mr Robt. Harrison and for the Loss I believe it is to the old people and the more so as I have heard something to the disadvantage of the Elder Brother tho I do not at present recollect what it is but I much doubt his skill and steadiness - however, till Sir Walter orders otherwise you may try him keeping a very close look after him. But between you and me I wish Sir Walter would do something for the Old Man and let us have an able Clerk at that Mill as so much Business is to be done there. It will therefore be very right for you to be thinking who will be a proper Man for that Station and let me know when you have found one you can recommend on your own knowledge or the general good opinion others have of his Qualification.

I am etc

HR

**2 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglas in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 1770

Sir Mr Bell and Mr Forster will be at Tweedmouth on Tuesday Evening the 20<sup>th</sup> of this Month and I hope you will be prepared to pay both the Fishery and Colliery rents to Mr Bell on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> instant; and desire that you will be so good as acquaint the other Tenants of his coming and that the rent day is fixed to be on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

I am etc HR

**3 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newcas. 3 March 1770

Sir I received a letter last post from Sir Walter in which he bids me write to you, Mr Duffield and Mr Geo. Brown as follows - That he would have all the old and new plantations properly fenced - the roads and Hedges taken Care of - the head of the Low Lake at Rothley to be proceeded on in the Summer, according to a plan which will be sent to them drawn by Mr Lancelot Brown. & that he would have the Wall which begins at Ewsley gate to be continued to the guidepost which shews the road to Morpeth and Elsdon. & that he would have no other buildings taken in hand till further directions, except the necessary repairs and fences for the Tenants. & he particularly ordered that the intended Fort on Cadjah Crag is not to be proceeded on till further direction. When I see you and Mr Duffield, which I wish would be before you go to Berwick, I will tell you further.

P.S. You will communicate this Letter to Mr Duffield & Mr G. Brown; and I shall see Mr Newton; but he is at present out of Town. I am etc HR

**4 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at The house late Mr Ellis's Hexham

Newcas. 4 March 1770

Sir As to John Anderson's claim of 10s a year for the piece of ground sold Mr Douglas, nothing is yet done in it, not having got any direction from Sir Walter about it, it was a very odd Thing in Mr Robson to sell that ground without first settling the Matter with the Tenant, who had it under Lease. However Anderson is so much in Arrear that he may very well wait until Sir Walter gives some orders about the Allowance. I have forwarded your Letter to Mr Forster & am etc HR

**3 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Hunter**

To Mr Willm. Hunter Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas. 3 March 1770

Sir I received your Letter inclosing your's and your Fathers promissory Note to Sir Walter Blackett for three hundred pounds, payable on demand; which I shall give to Sir Walter .

I am etc HR

**3 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 3 March 1770

Honrd Sir I believe the Tenants of Unthank Colliery are not working as if they intended continuing their Lease & question even that they are working the Colliery as they ought to do, but I have desired Mr Wm. Brown, who is going into that Neighbourhood to view & make a Report of the State of the Colliery and Engine. I have wrote to Mr Ra[lph] Forster, Mr Duffield and Mr Geo. Brown about the Works at Wallington and shall Endeavour to settle with them such a plan for lessening the Expense there as may be most practicable and nearest your

Intention. & I have told Mr Newton what you bid me. Yesterday I sold 6000 ps. Lead being all your stock at Market at £14 a fother - the price is a good one being the last years price and higher than the other Marketts are at present but the Lead is not to be paid for till Midsumr. My Bro. is now in London when he returns I will speak to him about borrowing £1000 upon your Lead. but if you could do without it till the Woodcroft Money is paid you might have it out of that which will be better than borrowing any more, for I hope Dukesfield pay may be put off till I can get payment for the 3000 ps. of Lead sold as mentioned in my last letter - you will please therefore to let me know whether I am to speak to my Brother or no. The Money for this 6000ps. will probably susbsist the Miners & and make the other ordinary payments till some of the new Stock can be got down, sold and paid for which will not be before October and then come the great pays again.

Mr Wm. Hunter has sent me his fathers and his joint promissory Note to you for three hundred pounds.

John Harrison your Clerk at Rookhope Mill has been superannuated for several years and his younger Son who was brought up under him has done the business for him, but he (the Son) is now dead and the Elder Bro. offers for the place who has been a Smelter for about two yrs. only having been brought up to some other business which he lately declined. I am much affraid he will not be so skilfull a Mill Clerk as that Mill ought to have, most of your Lead being smelted at it. I have not yet heard of any fit for it, as soon as I do I will acquaint you that you may make such appointment as you think proper. The Salary is £20 a year.

I am concerned to find you are not well & am convinced that less fatigue of Mind and more Exercise of Body than you can take in your present Situation would be of Service,

My Family is well; I thank you for asking after it & am etc HR

#### **14 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

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

Newcas. 14 March 1770

Honrd. Sir I hope your going abroad will be for your Health. My prayer will be that it may. I shall in your Absence endeavour to regulate your affairs according to the Instructions you have given me and according to the best of my Judgement in the other Matters that those Instructions do not extend to.

The Attorney for Mr Ward tells me the Woodcroft deeds will be done in a week or two's time. as soon as they are I will send them by the Coach to Mr Davison, to wait upon you with them. When this Money is paid £1200 of it is to go for Hexham Ferry and £1000 will be wanted before Midsumr. by the Contractors for building Hexham Bridge, so that £1000 is all I can send in the month of May & if I can furnish Mr Simond with a £1000 a little after Midsumr. it will be all can be done, I dare say, for half a year. Inclosed is the form of an order for remitting the Money to Mr Simond and for payment to the builders of the Bridge, which you will please to sign, date and return. Mr Duffield was here when the plans came about Rothley Low Lake - his opinion is that they cannot be executed under £2000 which is a large Sum and difficult to be raised. so you will please to consider whether to postpone the Execution of them.

Mr Forster is going to Berwick - after his return I will go to Wallington and settle matters agreeably to your Instructions. if the Lake is postponed the Expence at Wallington will not be considerable. perhaps not above 7 or £800 this year after the trenching and work ordered in your former Letter is finished.

Mr Isaac Hunter of Dukesfield gives a good Character of one Isaac Watson lately employed as a Mill Clerk under Mr Loraine. He says he is a sober regular man and a skilfull Smelter and

fit to be Clerk at Rookhope Mill: which he cannot say of Mr Harrison's Elder Son who was a Butcher at Durham and has known nothing of Smelting till within these two years.

I am etc HR

**23 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

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

Newcas. 23 March 1770

Honrd. Sir My Brother is not yet returned from London, but the Gentlemen of the Newcastle Bank will lend you a thousand pounds on your Bond at £ 4 & 2s p Cent. Which if you approve of Mr Darwin may fill up a Bond accordingly to Matthew Bell of Newcastle upon Tyne Esq. and one of the Aldermen of the said Town and on the Bond being sent to me I will receive the Money and remit it either to Mr Simond or Mr Darwin as you please.

As to the Woodcroft deeds, they are not ready - Mr Fawcett has settled the draft for Mr Ward; and Mr Wilson has approved of the same for you - but Mr Ward only got from London last Tuesday and being fatigued with his Journey has sent his Attorney to tell me he will come as soon as he is recovered and examine the draft. I shall take Care during your Absence to go to Wallington whenever occasion shall require, & see that the Instructions you have given be observed in every respect.

Mr & Mrs Blackett are very well, and desire their Compliments to you; and Mr Blackett says he will write to you soon.

I have received your Letter by this days post - the three Kits of Salmon will be Shipt tomorrow; and the 30 pounds of mustard will be sent, I expect, by the London Carrier that sets out to morrow.

Major Carr is going abroad for a fortnight, but if you sign the inclosed promissory Note, inserting a date, and return it I can receive the hundred pounds when he comes home.

I am etc HR

**23 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 23 March 1770

Sir Angus the Woodcroft Tenant was with me today - he said he came about getting his Lease which Sr. Wr. Blackett told him was in my hands; and that your Brother Hunter was with him when Sir Wr. Told him so. I told him it was a mistake - that I never saw such a Lease nor remembered hearing any thing of its being executed - he said he executed it and paid you a Guinea for it. I told him again that this was all News to me - that I had his Article and that Care was taken to except it out of the Sale to Mr Ward; but if the Lease even was executed I was not at all answerable for the not excepting it, as I knew nothing of it and that he would hold his farm of Mr Ward only under the Article.

I desire you will without the least loss of time let me know what the Truth or meaning is of this Story of Angus's. I am etc HR

**27 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 27 March 1770



Sir I should be glad if you could be here on Thursday next and bring Joseph Angus's Article with you. As to the Lease I never saw it nor ever knew it was executed by Sir Walter.

I am etc HR

**28 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 28 March 1770

Honrd. Sir Mr Ward's Attorney tells me the Woodcroft deeds will be ready to be sent by the Fly Coach that will set out on Friday morning. They will be directed to Mr Darwin, who is to attend the execution of them & take your Surrender of the Copyhold, as Deputy of the Bishops Steward.

The Salmon was shipt last Saturday in the Peggy, James Campbell Mas<sup>r</sup>., and the Mustard was sent the same day by Thos. Jennings the London Carrier.

The Officers that were here last year are gone without performing the play, for which you left five Guineas. You will please to direct whether I am to Charge that Money in my Cash Acct. or keep it till your return. I am etc HR

**28 March 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 28 March 1770

Sir If Mr Wards Attorney keeps his word with me I shall send you by the Fly Coach that will set out early on Friday Morning the Conveyance Deeds of Woodcroft from Sir Wr. Blackett to Cuth<sup>t</sup>. Ward Esq as the same have been settled by Mr Fawcett for Mr Ward and Mr Wilson for Sir Walter. but without offence to council I could wish you would cast your Eye over these deeds and if you do not find any thing amiss that you will please to attend the Execution of them by Sir Wr. & return them again to me. There is a Covenant, which Mr Fawcett says is necessary, that Sir Walter will cause to be produced when required certain deeds in the Schedule, which Deeds may not be in the Custody either of Sir Walter his heirs or Assignees but of the persons in remaind<sup>e</sup>r and I believe Sir Wr. has not a Similar Clause in his purchase deed to compel them to produce to him. I find there will be a Deputation sent up with the deeds from the Steward of the Bp's [Bishop's] Halmot Court to you to take Sir Wr.'s Surrender of the Copyhold part of this Estate, which you will please to do & return. Pray are the two old Copies of the Release and Recovery which you sent, the Originals of w<sup>ch</sup>. are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Articles in the Schedule, to be returned to you or may the purchaser have them?

I should be glad to know if the Conveyance of Hexham Ferry is executed by all the parties & what remains, if any thing, to be done before payment of the Money - for tho' I hear nothing from Mrs Jurin at present yet I suppose when Mayd<sup>y</sup>. comes the Money will be called for in haste. I must, if I am to pay the Money, depend upon you for direction that I may proceed with Safety to Sir Walter, who I hope is much better and that he has met with some Cheerful Companion to go abroad with him as well as one acquainted with foreign Languages Countries Manners etc.

I was glad to hear by my Brother who got home on Monday that you were well & am etc HR

**2 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1770

Honrd Sir My Brother says he can borrow £2000 on your bond at £4 per cent<sup>m</sup>. - he does not tell me of whom, but that the Sum cannot be divided and will be wanted again in about Eighteen Months. I expect he will send me a Bond to inclose, that if you Chuse to have this Money you may execute and return it. and on my receiving the Money I will charge it in my Cash Acct. and get a Bill for it at as short a date as possible, to send to Mr Simond or Mr Darwin or as you shall direct me. I propose remitting a £1000 out of the Woodcroft Money as soon as Mr Ward pays it me, and another £1000 soon after Midsum<sup>r</sup>. out of the other Money that I expect will against then come into my hand. When Mr Wm. Hunter pays the £300 I can remit it as also Major Carrs £100 when he comes home and pays it me. And if you please I can remit £200 of my own Money, that I have had paid me in, on your giving me your Note for it at such Interest as you think proper - the form of which with a Blank for the Interest, I have here Inclosed. All these Sums as they come into the Chest I shall Charge in my Cash Account and shall send one or more Bills for them as shall be most Convenient and as you please to direct.

I am glad Mr Strickland goes abroad with you. his Experience and Cheerfulness will make Travelling easy and pleasant.

I do not think there is any Increase as to Numbers in the Bill of Rights party in this Town nor is there any yet seen in of violence of their Spirits - it is expected they will < ... > a little on the day of Mr Wilks' Inlargement and it is feared the Mob will join them for an Illumination. I hope they will not break yr. windows for it has not been usual to illuminate them but on very Joyful occasions, such as great victories or peace.

The Cloth and Lace for the Liveries are made and now in the Office; it is likely Wm. Hall and the postillion will be in want before your return.

The Answer to that part of your Letter about a qua<sup>r</sup>ly remittance after Midsum<sup>r</sup>. I thought would be better upon a separate sheet which is inclosed herewith. I am etc HR

**1 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. omitted 1<sup>st</sup> April 1770

Sir The Account I have from Mr John Bell about Isaac Walton agrees with your Character of him and therefore I desire you will send to him to call upon me any day after Thursday when I shall return from Wallington. - for I think the sooner a good Clerk is fixed at Rookhope Mill the better it will be for Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc HR

**2 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter & James Robinson**

To Messrs. Wr. & James Robertson Merchants at Lynn Regis

Newcas. 2 April 1770

Gentlemen Sir Walter Blackett has desired me to answer your Letter to him of the 29 Ult<sup>o</sup>., enquiring about his Lead. which I beg leave to do by acquainting you that it is always brought to this Market for Sale. that he does not export any of it himself but sells it to the Merchants here without risk or further trouble. So that if you should chuse to deal at this port in this Article you will please to send your Commissions to one of them - the principal of whom are

Wm. Peareth Esq. Mr Jona<sup>n</sup>. Sorsbie, Mr Ralph Carr & Co. Messrs Mosley and Airey. There is very little Lead at this Markett at present, and I do not expect above 2000 ps. can be brought hither for six weeks to come. Our pieces are 11 Stone of 14 po<sup>s</sup>. each but Lead is here sold by the Fother of 21 w<sup><th></sup>. of 112 po<sup>d</sup>. each. The present price is £14.10s.0d p fother for the refined sort & £14.5s.0d for the Com[m]on. What the Commission and other Charges amount to I do not know, having avoided engaging in the Concession Way. as there is a kind of inconsistency in being both buyer and Seller. I am etc HR

**4 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 4 April 1770

Honrd Sir Mr Hedley says you positively refused doing anything for Miss Ords in respect of the Gaolers place when he applied to you about it & is satisfied you never would make such a public declaration as is charged in the Anonymous Letter - he thinks you only said in general terms you should be glad to do any Service you could, but that the putting a person in to execute That office for the benefit of Mr Ords family was a plan you did not approve of - he is of opinion that the Advertisement would occasion a general condemnation of the Miss Ords and wishes for their Sakes that you would not publish it nor take any further Notice of the Letter. he declares he does not know the Author nor can think who it can be,

Mr Sunderland says there is a vacancy of a Boatman's place on the Establishment, by the death of John Bruce on Sunday Senight. Jos. <Soulisby> the Cooper got a Tidesman's place last week by Mr Ridley's Application. As to Henry Forster he is a very fit man for this Vacancy being a Boatbuilder and a Seaman. I shall not insert the Advertisement without your further Order and am etc HR

**6 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Wr. Trevelyan Esq. in London  
under Cover to Sir Wr. Blackett

Newcas. 6<sup>th</sup> April 1770

Inclosed is my Bill on Plumb & Browne for one hundred pounds for the qua<sup>rs</sup>. Rent Charge and Allowance due to you from Sir Wr. Blackett at Ladyd<sup>y</sup>. last; which I should be glad to know that you receive safe. I have Sixteen pounds Seventeen shillings & Eight pence of your money in my hands: being the balance of the inclosed Acct. at the bottom of which I have wrote a receipt & if you will please to Sign It and return the Acct. I will send you a Bill for the balance.

I am etc HR

Newcas. 6<sup>th</sup> April 1770 £100.0.0

Twenty days after date pay to Walter Trevelyan Esq. or Order the Sum of one hundred pounds value in Acct. & place the same to Acct. with Sir Wr. B<sup>t</sup>. as by Advice from  
Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Hen Richmond  
in Foster Lane London

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newcas. 6 April 1770

Gentlemen            I have drawn a Bill upon You for one hundred pounds payable to Wr. Trevelyan Esq. or order Twenty days after the date hereof; which I desire you will accept & place to Acct. as usual with Sir Walter Blackett.            I am etc    HR

**6 April 1770    From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at The House late Mr Ellis's in Hexham            Newcas. 6 April 1770

Sir    I received your letter about Isaac Walton which is very Satisfactory.

Dukesfield pay will be the beginning of May; against w[hi]ch time I wish you would be Collecting for me all the Money you can of the Tenants. & I desire you will wait upon Mr Errington's Steward and acquaint him that the £470 was due at Ladyd<sup>y</sup>. last on the Note to Sir Wr. Blackett; & that the Note is in my hand. You may mention that as Sir Wr. is going to be abroad you believe there is occasion for Money. When you have an opportunity I desire you will let the Galloway called Handiside be bought.            I am etc    HR

**7 April 1770    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street            Newcas. 7<sup>th</sup> April 1770  
Piccadilly London

Honrd Sir    Since my last letter I have been at Wallington & do find that after 10 days or a fortnight Mr Duffield and Wm. Boulton will not have Employment for above half a dozen Men each; which they say will be Sufficient to keep the gardens & plantations all in order. The building and walling that is to be done will cost above £300 & after that the Number of Masons will be reduced. the Number of Carpenters will be lessened directly. Mr Ralph Forster will consider against the Rent day, which will be in May, which of the old Labourers will need an allowance. he says your old shooting Galloway is unserviceable & desires to know if he is to dispose of it. Philip and William Hall will be employed in the Season to preserve the Game and Fish as much as possible.

Mr Wm. Brown has viewed Unthank Colliery and says the workings in general are pretty regular, but the Colliery not carried on with that Spirit that might be wished - he thinks the Lessees will not, from their Situation and what he has said to them, venture to give up this Colliery at the End of the five years.

I have received your second Letter and Advertisement about the Anonymous Letter; but shall wait your Answer to what I wrote on the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant before I insert anything in the papers. I am etc    HR

**9 April 1770    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield            Newcas. 9 April 1770

Sir    Isaac Walton will bring you this Letter; I have had some conversation with him and think he is, from that and the Character you & other persons have given of him, a very proper person to take chage of Rookhope Mill; a much properer one than Mr John Harrison's Elder Son can be, from what you and others say of him. & therefore I have, by virtue of the power Sir Wr.

Blackett has given me in his absence, appoint him Clerk at that Mill: & desire you will fix a day for him to meet you there, and that you will put him in possession of his place, at the old Salary of £20 a year. & as to Mr John Harrison's and him, you must adjust matters between them about the house & farm as well as you can for the present; and against Mayday come twelve months you will be able to put things upon a more convenient footing I hope for Mr Walton. P.S. I have seen Jos. Angus & satisfied him about his Article. You will have to receive the rent till the 12<sup>th</sup> May next. I am etc HR

**11 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Peter Simond**

To Peter Simond Esq. Merchant London

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup> April 1770

Sir Inclosed I send you Bell Cookson & Cos. four Bills on Glyn & Hallifax for Two Thousand pounds, as above, which I desire you will place to the Credit of Sir Wr. Blacketts Account and that you will please to advise me by return of the post that you have received these Bills and placed them accordingly. Sir Walter having settled it that your Letters of Advice shall be a discharge to me for such Sums as I shall remit you for his use. These Bills are at too long a date, but, if you should find necessary for Sir Wr.'s occasions to discount one or all of them, the Drawers are under promise to repay Sir Walter that Discount. Their Want of Effects in London, and the failure of two of our London Waggoners having disabled them from drawing at a Shorter date. So if there should be anything of this sort to charge them with I desire you will let me know about it. I am etc HR

£500 Newcastle Bank 11<sup>th</sup> April 1770

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Heny. Richmond Five  
hundred pounds Value received

To Messrs. Glyn & Hallifax  
No. 31595 London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
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To Messrs. Glyn & Hallifax  
No. 31597 London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
Pay the Contents to Peter Simond Esq. Jos. Saint  
or order Value in Account  
Hen Richmond

£500 . . . . Newcastle Bank 11<sup>th</sup> April 1770

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Heny. Richmond Five  
hundred pounds Value received

To Messrs. Glyn & Hallifax  
No. 31598 London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
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Hen Richmond

**11 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 11 April 1770

Honrd Sir I have this day received of my brother Two Thousand pounds which he says you have borrowed of Mr Robinson Wakefield; & have given him my receipt for the Money, which he required. I have paid him Seven Guineas for <procyration> Money, which he said it was his rule to have directly. I have by this post remitted this two thousand pounds to Mr Simond in four Newcastle Bank Bills at 30 days from this day. The Bank declare they cannot draw at a shorter date, having no Effects at present in London & two of our London Waggoners, that they used to send money by, having failed. however they are under promise to repay whatever Mr Simond may pay for discount, to make these bills answer your Occasions: of which I have acquainted Mr Simond.

Sometime ago I laid all the opinions on the Wallington Tithe Case before Mr Fawcett as you bade me; and his Advice is, that "the Answer you should give to the demand made by the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital is that you are advised they have no right to what they demand & that you are not liable to payment of Tithes in any other Manor than you do at present" I am etc HR

**14 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esq.  
under cover to Sir Wr. Blackett in London

Newcas 14<sup>th</sup> April 1770

Sir Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Sixteen pounds Seventeen shillings & Eightpence for the balance of the Account between us. I shall be glad to know that you receive the bill Safe I am etc HR

£16 . 17 . 8 Newcastle Bank 14<sup>th</sup> April 1770  
Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Heny. Richmond  
Sixteen pounds seventeen shillings & eight pence Value received

To Messrs. Glyn & Hallifax  
No. 31627 London

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
Pay the Contents to Walter Trevelyan Esq. Jos Saint  
or Order Value in Account  
Hen Richmond

**14 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Peter Simond**

To Peter Simond Esq. Merchant London

Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> April 1770



£300 . . . Newcastle Bank 14<sup>th</sup> April 1770  
 Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Heny. Richmond  
 Thhre hundred pounds Value received  
 To Messrs. Glyn & Hallifax For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
 No. 31626 London Pay the Contents to Peter Simond Esq. Jos Saint  
 or Order Value in Account  
 Sent CP. Hen Richmond

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Honrd Sir I return you Thanks for the Interest you have been pleased to allow me for my £200 and for the offer you are so good as make with respect to any further Sum. The day I received your Letter I charged this £200 in my Cash Acct.; as I have also done Major Carr's One hundred pounds which I received on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant. And today I have sent Mr Simond a Bill for Three hundred pounds which these two Sums amount to. I have seen Mr Hedley, he says, he only meant an application for the Gaoler's place and is sorry to have given Occasion for the offer of a hundred pounds which you are pleased to make; however he is obliged to you, and will let me know as soon as the family affairs of Mr Geo. Ord are settled. He added he was sure there would be very little left for the children.

I am satisfied Mr Darwin is right in the Alteration he has made in the Schedule of the Woodcroft deeds; for Mr Fawcett, tho employed for Mr Wood, has acknowledged it. Mr Darwin knew better than any body all the transactions relative to your purchases in Chancery & therefore I sent the Deeds to him and desired he would examine them before you executed them. I have charged the Five Guineas you left for the Officers Play in my Cash Account.

Mr Errington's Success in Lead mining is extraordinary. You once had something similar at Rookhope. he has not yet paid the £470 due on his Note, for the Anick Grange Wood, on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant - if he does not pay it in the Course of this Month I shall be disappointed for I reckoned upon it as a Sum towards making Dukesfield pay. you left the Note with me; so I am prepared to receive the Money as soon as Mr Errington pleases.

I am told three half Crowns is too much for the freight of the three kits of Salmon; they were Shipt by John Cook, who kitts the Salmon, and he says he made no Bargain with the Master for the freight of them. I am etc HR

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Honrd Sir I cannot think of anything material to write about at present; having in my two last letters mentioned all that has occurred. only lest any delay should happen in the payment of

Mr Errington's Money for want of a discharge from yourself, it may be right, as the Note is not endorsed, to sign the inclosed Authority to give him a receipt, if required which I think is better than venturing the Note by the post. Mr John Bell is removed hither from Hexham.

I wish you a good journey and beg leave to say it will be a great Satisfaction to me to receive, as often as Convenient, an Account of your Health. I am etc HR

**18 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 18 April 1770

Honrd Sir The Merchant in Rotterdam that you Enquire after, must be Mr. Chas. Allan; who has been several times here. & whom you must have seen. His Father Mr Lyonel Allan, who married a Sister of Lady Tankerville's, was employed in Mr Wilkinson's Executorship to sell the IBL Lead in Rotterdam, that is the Mark at this day of your refined Lead. This Gentleman deals in it and I have lately sold a quantity of it to Mr Ralph Carr and Co. at £14 10s 0d a fother, which I believe was for him. His Father and Brother died several years ago - but his Mother and Sister, who I think is called Rogers, are still living. it is said he is for leaving off business and coming with his Wife & Family to live in England- at Beverley in Yorkshire having acquired a very handsome fortune.

So little is said about the Water, or Mr Tytlers's Experiments, that no Judgement can be made of people's sentiments about it. I have heard him reckoned an Excellent Chymist, much Superior to Dr Rotherham; & think the Dr's report of the Water will have Credit daily.

Mr Blackett is very well, & says he will write a few Lines by this post. All is very quiet here at present, & I hope will continue so when Evening comes, as the Magistrates have given proper Orders to the Constables and other peace officers. I am etc HR

**21 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 21 April 1770

Sir Inclosed herewith is my bill on Plumb & Browne for Three hundred & fifteen pounds payable at 20 days from this date; wch. I send you on Acct. of the quarterly payments you have to make for Sir Wr. Blackett between 31 March last & 30 June next & desire you will send me a receipt for the same to be a Voucher to my Acct. with him & that you will express it in the usual form.

This morning I received the Lease & Release of the freehold part of Woodcroft Estate & the Surrender of the Copyhold part executed by Sir Walter and have given notice to Mr. Wards Attorney: & hope there will be no delay in the payment of the Money.

If Sir Walter is set out today for Dover, as some Letters from London by this post say he would do, here is very bad weather & an unfavourable Wind for him; but he wrote me he would not set out till Monday. I am etc HR

Newcas 21 April 1770 £315 . 0 . 0

Twenty days after date pay to Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order  
The Sum of Three hundred & fifteen pounds value in Acct. & place the  
same to Acct. with Sir Wr. Bt. as per advice from

To Messrs. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths

Hen. Richmond

in Foster Lane London

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas. 21 April 1770

Gentlemen I have drawn a Bill on you for Three hundred & fifteen pounds payable to Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin or Order Twenty days after the date hereof, which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Acct. as usual with Sir Wr. Blacketts Acct. I am etc HR

**29 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 29 April 1770

Sir I am desirous of knowing what is now doing at Rookhope Mill as well as what has been done ever since Xmas. for I have no Acct. either of the Smeltings delivery or Stock without wch. I cannot settle the last years Accts. and therefore beg you will as soon as possible send me the Months Acct. for Decemr. & let the rest follow when you are able to make them out. pray is Walton fixed at the Mill and how is he provided with Accommodations?

This month has been so wet that no Lead has been got in of all the quantity in the ways but 150 pds. so that I do not know how you can set on the new Carriage & yet I want to have you begin it as soon as you can otherwise I may lose the Market for the Lead. I hear the Quakers Co. have got a good quantity of their Lead from Aston Mill as far as Apperley. P.S. I sho[ul]d suppose you have some progress in your reckonings & desire you will let me know as soon as you can what Sum you think you will want for your pay. Since I wrote the above I have rece'd the Acct. I wanted for Decemr. & have only to say that I have no Objection to your proposal of setting on the Carriage on Monday Se'night if you can make out in whose hands the last year's Lead is remaining. I am etc HR

**30 April 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> April 1770

Sir Mr Chrstr. Johnson of Durham came to me this Afternoon along with Mr Mowbray who was Mr Wards Attorney about the purchase of Woodcroft till now that something new has started, which is as Mr Johnson tells me a Necessity of having Copies of the several Deeds in the Schedule before the Money can be paid. I told him this was impossible to be got done neither was it material as Mr Ward had had his purchase Deed settled by his own Council - but Mr Johnson alledged that Mr Ward having occasion to raise the Money by Mortgage of the premises was obliged to give Satisfaction to the person that was to lend the money and therefore pressed me to write for Copies of those Deeds. I told him by the Purchase Deed settled by Mr Fawcett who was Mr Wards Council that Mr Ward was to be at the Expense of those Copies & that I should not write for them. however I said if he wrote for them I should acquaint you of this Demand & that he said he made it in the name of Mr Ward & that he would write to you next post for them so he promised to write & to tell you he would pay you for them. Pray what do you think of all this? I am etc HR

**4 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Monsieur Le Chevalier Blackett Bt. M.P. Seigneur Anglois  
Chez Mons<sup>r</sup>. Vandenclooster Banquier  
A Bruxelles & Oostende

Newcas. 4th May 1770

Honrd Sir I received your Letters from London of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of last month and shall be attentive to the several particulars contained in them: and I shall remit £100 to Mr Darwin in a little time & £1000 in July to Messrs Simond and Hankey; and be ready to remit £600 a quar. to them after August in Case you do not write to the Contrary. I have been at Wallington this week receiving the rents, which were paid as well as usual at this Season of the year. the Weather continues exceedingly cold that we have no Spring, & Mr Duffield thinks the fruit will suffer much by it. The Masons, Carpenters, Labourers etc are lessened; & by degrees the Expense at Wallington will be contracted into a Manageable Compass. The Bill of Rights party in this Town does not appear to increase. At the several places of Entertainment on the day of Mr Wilkes's Release £10 . 11s . 0d was subscribed for him; & Advertisements published that Books were opened at the several Coffehouses to receive further Subscriptions: but I do not find they have got any.

As soon as the Ground is dryer that Coxlodge water can be taken up unmixed, with Rain or other Water, I will send a sufficient Quantity of it to Dr Black professor of Chymistry at Edinburgh; for his examination of it. Mr Thomas Oliphant <Lessate>, at Rothbury, has shown me a Minute of your writing about £30 a piece for two Boys for their apprentice fee, but as it does not amount to an Order for me to pay it I have put him off till I should receive your direction about it.

I hear Scremerston Colliery is on Fire - it is not known how it has happened, but Mr Brown hopes to get it extinguished soon. This Accident cannot affect your Colliery at Unthank, except by inducing your Tenants to continue the Lease of her

Mr Errington has paid the Four hundred and seventy pounds, due on his promissory Note, & I have charged it in my Cash Account.

The Servants frocks & suits are growing very bad, they having had them almost a year; so that I doubt it will be necessary, before you come home, to give them new ones; but I shall put off as long as possible. It will be a Satisfaction to me to know that you are well. I am etc  
HR

#### **5 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newcas. 5 May 1770

Sir Mr Wm. Brown has sent to me today the inclosed notes for Walling[ton] & Denham Colliery & sent also some of the people for their money; but as I cannot pay Lady Loraine's share nor know how much of the Charge of the Engine Sir Wr. intends to take upon himself I thought it best to put them & him off till this day senight in the morning when something must be done in it for Sir Wr.s credit, as some of the men are clamorous for their money. So I must beg you will, if you can, come to town on friday Evening & and bring these Notes with you.

I am etc HR

#### **7 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chr. Johnson Atty. at Law in Durham

Newcas 7 May 1770

Sir Mr Darwin write me that he cannot at present get copies of the deeds you want. A Gentleman, in whose hands part of them are lodged being out of town. You will allow me to repeat what I said to you (when you desired me this day senight to tell Mr Darwin you would apply to him in a post or two for these copies at Mr Ward's expence) "that the getting them or not before the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. was no way material - for Mr Ward has covenanted to pay Sir Wr the money on that day. - & Sir Wr has made appointments in consequence these of wch. Mr Ward must enable me to fulfill" I further told you "that I have the Purchase deeds, settled by Mr Wards Council & executed by Sir Wr., ready to deliver Mr Ward on payment of the Money" I hope you will acquaint Mr Ward hereof without loss of time. I am etc HR

**8 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr Geo. Douglass in Berwick on Tweed

Newcas. 8 May 1770

Sir As Mr John Bell, on his return from Berwick told me you could not pay him the £100 for the year's rent for the Unthank Colliery due Janry last, but promised to send it me in Newcastle bank notes in a months time, I did expect to have heard from you. As I have not, I give you the trouble of this Letter to beg you will remit me that Sum without delay, as I am in want of money. I am etc HR

**9 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Revd. Dr. Sharp at Hartburne near Morpeth

Newcas. 9 May 1770

Sir I have a letter from Sir Wr. Blackett ordering me to pay you one hundred pounds tow[ard]s the Augmentation of the Chapel of Falstone; w<sup>ch</sup> I shall be ready to do whenever you please to call or send for it. if the latter you will please to send a proper receipt, mentioning that you have rec<sup>ed</sup> the money of Sir Wr. Blackett by my hands, I have also Sir W<sup>rs</sup> order to pay you one hundred pounds more after Midsumr tow[ard]s the Augmentation of such Church or Chapel as you shall acquaint me you have made choice of for Benefaction. I am etc HR

**12 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Mary Jurin**

To Mrs Jurin at Mr Simpson's at Bradley

Newcas. 12 May 1770

Madam Your Tenant brought me the Favour of your Letter yesterday; but I could not enter into Treaty with him abo<sup>t</sup> the Boats, till some agreement is made between Sir Walter Blackett and you about the Materials of them. I think the sooner this is done the better, and I shall be ready to treat with you or any you please to appoint, about them.

I shall speak to Mr Bell about the Damage your old Tenant may have sustained by the use the people have made of the Bridge, notwithstanding all Endeavour to prevent them,

As to the purchase Money, it will be ready as soon as the Deeds are completed, which Mr Darwin writes me is not yet done, all the parties not having yet executed the surrenders - he says he is endeavouring to get this done. I am etc HR

**13 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcas. 13 May 1770

Sir Tho' it may be an advantage to the Country to have the pay made before Stagshaw Bank fair as you propose yet I cannot agree to fix a day for the pay before I have the Acct. brought in and therefore desire you will not raise any expectation of a pay against that time. Get the Accounts ready as soon as you can and then I will consider after I have looked over them when I can make the pay.

We are loosing time in our Lead Carriage this year and I am afraid are doing so too in the Smeltings at Rookhope Mill. I desire to have with all Expedition the Monthly Acct. of that Mill since Chrmas that I may know what has been done there. I am etc HR

**14 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcas. 14 May 1770

Sir Mr Saint has been with me today about a Book of Blank tickets w<sup>ch</sup> you have sent him directions to print for the Rookhope Lead Carriage but w<sup>ch</sup> he wants an Explanation of - As you said nothing to me I co<sup>d</sup> not say anything to him. So the Matter is suspended till we see one another & have the Nature of such a Measure better discussed than it has yet been. I am etc HR

**15 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Matthew Reynaldson**

To Mr Mw. Reynaldson at Blaydon Newcas. 15 May 1770

Sir I desired you to let me know every week what Lead you receive, but you have not sent me an Acct. for the last week. You must either come to morrow or send me an Acct. that I may know what I have to sell. I am afraid we shall be behind everybody in the Lead Carriage this year so beg you will be as diligent in your part of that business as possible. I am etc HR

**15 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham Newcas. 15 May 1770

Sir I write to you by Mr Simpson's desire whom I have seen today, & who says that tho Mrs Jurin did at first suppose she had a Right to the Boats & Rope etc yet she now does not claim them, but allows that they are included in Sir Walter Blacketts purchase. For he says he has satisfied her that in the treaty he had with Sir Wr. abo[u]t, the Boat & Boatrake all the property she had in that ferry was meant by him to be transferred for the £1200 & therefore there is an End of our Doubts & you may let the Boats or otherwise as you think proper.

I hope you will settle with Mrs Jurin's old tenant, for I find she has given orders to distrain his goods apprehending his Insolvency which they hope the sum you will pay him will remove. I am etc HR

**16 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**



To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Gray's Inn London

Newcas. 16 May 1770

Sir Inclosed I send you Bell Cookson & Cos. bill on Glyn & Hallifax for four hundred pounds payable at 20 d[ays] from 11 inst. Sir Wr Blackett bid me send you a bill for this Sum in May to enable you to discharge some tradesmens bills that he left unpaid. So you will please to place the same to his Cred<sup>t</sup>. in your Acct with him & send me a Receipt accordingly to be a voucher for this payment. As I supposed the purchase Money for Hexham Ferry is now sought after. So I sho<sup>d</sup> be glad to have the Conveyance compleated & the deed sent down with full directions to whom I am to pay the money & whose receipt I am to have for it - for I imagine there will be a claim of interest for the Delay. Mr Ward has not yet paid his purchase money for Woodcroft. Mr Johnson has been with me again & I think I have made him sensible of Mr Wards illtreatment of Sir Wr. & of the inconvenience he has put me to by the disappointment; w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will hurry him a little. he talks of paying the money in ten days. pray should not he pay intst. for the money withheld? & after what rate? I am etc HR

£400

Newcastle Bank 11 May 1770

Twenty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond  
four hundred pounds value reced.

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

London

pay the Contents to Mr Wm.

Jos Saint

No. 31845

Alvey Darwin in Order Value in Acct.

H R

**18 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq. at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 18 May 1770

Sir Mr King tells me he has wrote you that he cannot conveniently pay his rent at this time, & that he has proposed paying you interest as usual, for the forbearance: So I thought it best to remit you your three hundred pounds on Acct. of the Rents I have received: & accordingly have sent you inclosed Bell Cookson & Cos. bill on Glyn & Hallifax for that Sum, payable at one month from this date; which you will please to place to my credit; & advice me by return of post that you have received the bill. I am etc HR

£300 . 0 . 0

Newcastle Bank 18 May 1770

One month after date pay to the order of Mr Hen<sup>y</sup> Richmond Three  
hundred pounds value received

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

London

Pay the Contents to Richd. Wilson Esq.

Jos Saint

No. 31903

or Order Value in Account.

Hen Richmond

**22 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Oliphant**

To The Rev. Mr Oliphant at Rothbury

Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1770

Sir I have Sir Walter Blacketts Order to pay two Apprentices fees of Thirty pounds each for two of your Sons. But as he expressly orders me to take Care that the Money is applyed to That use only you must not expect I can pay it until the Masters of the Boys come with you to receive it & bring the Indentures along with them. I am etc HR

**23 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. at Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hope  
& Comp<sup>y</sup> in Amsterdam

Newcas. 23 May 1770

Honrd Sir Your Letter from Brussels came in six days, & I was glad to find by it that you were better. It is Opportunity rather than Occasion that prompts me to write now: for nothing material has happened since my Last. Our patriots indeed have sent a Remonstrance in haste to the Throne; which is but a poor production and signed only as the Instructions were by the Stewards of the Companies.

Mr Ward has not yet paid the Money for Woodcroft; being disappointed he says in borrowing it: but promises to pay in ten days. this mismanagement of his has almost nonplussed me yet I think I shall not fail to remit the Thousand pounds in July to Messrs. Simond & Hankey for your Use. The £1200 for Hexham Ferry is not yet paid, neither - but as the Deeds are not compleated, my inability to perform is not manifest and I hope Mr Ward will prevent its being so. The Builders of the Bridge are going on briskly with their work. The Butler is here bottling the two pipes of port bought of Mr Reed & Mr Wallis - half of which will be sent to Wallington. So there will be a good Stock of That Liquor at both Houses. You have a pipe of Madeira, got of Barber, that will be bottled soon. As to Hock you have 16 dozen of it; but if I hear of any that is old & good I will buy some. Two hogsheads of Claret will be sent from hence to Wallington, which the Butler thinks will be sufficient.

The Coach Man & twelve Horses are at Hexham. the rest of the Servants and Horses are at Wallington.

I heartily wish you Health & am etc HR

**24 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris<sup>r</sup>. Johnson Attorney at law in Durham

Newcas. 24 May 1770

Sir Inclosed I send you, according to your desire, a Copy of the Deputation to take the Surrenders of Sir Walter Blackett and myself to Mr Ward; & also Copy of those Surrenders from us to him; and shall be very glad to see you on Monday as you propose. I am etc HR

**29 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Matthew Reynaldson**

To Mr Reynaldson at Blaydon

Newcas. 29 May 1770

Sir I should be glad to know what you are a doing. I desired you to send me every week an Acct. of what Lead you have received and yet I am forced to write every Week for it - last Wednesday you said you expected to get all the Lead in that day or the day following and yet

you have not made up your Tickets so that we cannot get a pay made tho' all the Country is waiting for it.

Pray let me hear from you by the Bearer whom I have sent on purpose. I am etc HR

**29 May 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 29 May 1770

Sir I have received your Accts. this morning and have fixed your pay to be on Thursday Se'night, the seventh of June. So you will give notice accordingly at Stagshaw and on Sunday; & will be here on Monday Evening, receive your money on Tuesday, go home on Wednesday, and pay it away on Thursday. If you have any objection to the day I have fixed, you may alter it to any other you think more convenient; only, if you do so, you must send me word by the post, or a special Messenger, on Friday. If I do not hear to the Contrary that Evening I shall expect you here on Monday Evening as I said above. Mr Ward has paid his money; so Woodcroft is his from the 12 May last - & you will take care to look after the Rent to that time. I am etc HR

**2 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas. 2 June 1770

Sir I have received the Deed for the Purchase of Hexham Ferry Boat & Boat rake, by Mr <Burden>. & Mrs Jurin has sent me the Letters of Attorney which I have got Mr Colpitts to execute today, & shall, as she desires, return the same to her by tomorrows post, at the Hermitage, near Hexham so I conclude I shall hear soon that the Surrenders are made to Sir Wr. Blackett and that the Money is to be paid which I am now able to do as Mr Ward has at last paid me the purchase Money for Woodcroft.

I am obliged to you for the Copy of Sir Wrs. Letter from Brussels, & have communicated it to Mr Ridley. and I shall take Care to remit Mr Trevelyan's money, as directed. I am etc HR

**2 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Mary Jurin**

To Mrs Jurin at the Hermitage

Newcas 2 June 1770

Madam Inclosed I return you the Letters of Attorney executed by Mr Colpitts this Morning. I have not made an affidavit of the Execution because I am told the Steward of the Court will not require it, as he knows my hand very well: but if it should be necessary I shall do it at any time. I hope the Surrenders will now be soon completed and that Mr Heron will write me when they are so, that a time and place may be fixed with Mr Colpitts for payment of the purchase Money for the Ferry etc.

My wife begs leave to return her Comp<sup>ts</sup> to you and I am etc HR

**2 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Oliphant**

To The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr Oliphant at Rothbury

Newcas 2 June 1770

Sir In answer to your Letter of the 29 ult<sup>o</sup>. I should be sorry to give any unnecessary trouble to you, or to the Masters of the Boys, about the payment of the Money ordered by Sir Walter Blackett for putting two of them out to Business: And therefore if Mr Storey cannot come to Newcastle for the Thirty pounds for your Elder Sons Apprentice fee, your shewing me the Indentures & getting a Letter from Mr Storey to me acquainting me that your Son, by Name, is bound to him for three years (which seems too short an Apprenticeship) & that he is to have Thirty six pounds apprentice fee with him, will be satisfactory; provided Mr Storey desires me to pay this Thirty pounds either to you or any other person towards making up this apprentice fee; or else acknowledges that he has already received the said Apprentice fee from you; in which latter Case I shall pay you the Thirty pounds. I must beg you will not construe this to mean any distrust of you; it is only following the directions I have from Sir Walter Blackett.

I am etc HR

**9 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chrisr. Johnson at Durham

Newcas. 9 June 1770

Sir I am sorry I was abroad when you sent your Servant to enquire after the Lease and Release from Sir W<sup>t</sup>. Blackett, which you say is wanting - but I hope you will find them soon. however you did not leave them here, I assure you - I remember you asked your Son, as he was going out of my Office, if he had the Deeds. & he showed you one Bundle which you said was not what you meant, he then produced another, which was the Release you are enquiring after.

I am etc HR

**14 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Mr. Mons<sup>r</sup>. Le Chevalier Blackett, Seigneur Anglois  
chez Mons<sup>r</sup>. Oglevy - A Spa En Germanie - < > Ostende

Newcas. 14<sup>th</sup> June 1770

Honrd Sir Your Letter from Antwerp gave me That Satisfaction which the Assurance of your Health must ever give me,

Since my Letter, directed to Hope & Cos, Mr Ward has paid his Money, and I have made Dukesfield pay which came to near £5000 - but the Ferry is not yet paid for, as Mrs Jurin etc have not completed the Conveyance. it will be done at the next Court at Hexham, and then I am to pay the Purchase Money.

In my way from Dukesfield I called at Hexham, where I had the pleasure of seeing the Bridge made almost passable for Carriages and the Men at work with the Battlements. Mr Heron has had an Inflammation in his other Eye, which he says has prevented him from proceeding against those that wont grind at the Mills, but he is now better and intends to proceed directly, especially as the Miller complains very much. he says the Cause against the Hospital Tenants, for not doing <Suit> at the Courts, will not be tryed this year - Nor will there be any further Issue about Blanchland. My Brother is proceeding against Mr White on the Assignment of Anthony Hunter's bond, and expects it will be tryed this Assizes - and he is to call upon Mr Silvertop about laying his writings before Mr Fawcett. As to the Wallington Tithe Cause, the Receivers of the Hospital have agreed that you may set up Bounder Stones where we say the fences formerly ran that divided the Titheable from the Untitheable ground, & then they will examine their Witnesses and let us know whether they are right placed. For since I told them that you would abide by the <antient>method of paying Tithes they have admitted that

some parts of your Estate were Tithe free and that they only want to have them ascertained; which Mr Forster & Mr Sadler will get done.

The Stewards give a good Account of Allenheads & Coalcleugh both of the Ore that will be raised this year and the price of it. But in Weardale Wolfscleugh will be obliged to be laid in I think, and <Langlihead> is wrought to the Bounder End in the upper Sills and will not last above half a year in the great Limestone. but the new Grove in Middlehope is promising & that is the principal thing in Weardale. Mr Ridley desires his compliments to You; he is very well and says Sir Matthew is so, & that he expects him home soon. he told me he had written you by Mr Bigge all the News he could think of before he left London - since I waited on him he has sent me the inclosed to be forwarded to you. The Mayor proposes writing you soon upon Corporation matters - I do not hear of any Thing material; nor has there been since the Remonstrance was sent away, any further Stir about Grievances: the Party is seemingly at rest but probably Michaelmas will put them in motion again. & if they had, as they assert, a Majority in each of the Twenty three Companies which they say ordered their Stewards to sign the Remonstrance the Electors will probably be all of the party. Lord Ravensworth is still in London, ill of the Gout, w<sup>ch</sup> does not come to any Crisis. Sir Edward Blackett is not expected till after the Races - Nor do I find the Duke of Northumberland is to come sooner: when he arrives I shall remember your order about Lucker. Our Merchants say there is no way of sending any thing from hence to Antwerp but by Holland where the Importation of Malt Liquor is utterly prohibited. & as to any thing else I cannot think what would be acceptable more than Kitted Salmon or Char in the Season. The Fire that was in Scremerston Colliery is extinguished and Mr Douglas & partners are still talking of giving up your Colliery.

We have had so little dry Weather that Coxlodge Water cannot be yet taken up pure enough to send to Dr Black at Edinburgh for his Examination of it. The Easterly winds have been so severe this Spring & have continued so long, that Mr Duffield says the Wall trees have suffered more than he ever knew them - both Apricot and Cherries having many branches killed and several Peach and Nectarine trees being very much blighted - the Apricots Peaches & Nectarines are nevertheless a pretty good crop, but the Plumbs and Pears a very bad one, The Grapes in the <Store> he says is a good crop - that he has saved greatest part of the Pine plants that should have fruited this year to fruit the next & that he has raised very few Melons for want of Dung. He has, as was settled, no more Men than just what will keep the Gardens in order. Robt. Scott says there will not be any Wall fruit in these gardens that the Pine Apples will many of them be late of ripening and that the Grapes is but an indifferent Crop.

Mr Forster's Account is that the Tenants are doing better to their fallow grounds this year than usual - that the Stones are mostly won for the Wall from Ewesley gate to the Guide Post - that the Wall in the Park will be finished in two or three months - that the stones are all won for the plantation Walk in Kirkhill grounds which will be begun directly - that the buildings which were proposed in Sadler's farm at Dunham are postponed for this year by Lady Loraine's desire. that about a thousand roods of the Hedges have been cut and seasoned the last Season - that Mr G Brown is repairing the roads as usual, & has covered some parts anew with Limestone and intends doing a good deal more So this Summer. that the Coal drift thro the Park is stopt for the present, by a Quick Sand; which Mr Will<sup>m</sup>. Brown is to try to get the better of, the doing which will take some time. that they are working a pit on Rothley Moor for Lime Kiln Coals which he thinks will be of better Sort than was got there before. that Mr Sadler says the Deer are Healthy & look well - & lastly that there is a prospect of a good crop of hay at Wallington this year. And indeed the Corn and grass are said to look well every where & 'tis allowed there is a likelihood of great plenty. Such a Blessing will I hope be productive of peace - at least among the lower Sort. but the want of some of the Higher are not to be so easily satisfied nor can peace find so easy an admission into minds made desperate by ambition and imaginary



wants - < Junius > , not deterred by a verdict found against Mr <Al on>, for publishing one of his Letters (That to the King) is uttering others full as bad. in one of which he asserts that the King Lords and Commons have acted like the Roman Triumvirate & have established a detestable Union among themselves upon the Ruin of the Laws and Liberty of the Commonwealth! I find Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clavering is, on Acct. of his Laudable behaviour in Parliament, become very unpopular with all of the Bill of Rights party & doubt if there was an Election immediately they would make a very disagreeable opposition to him & indeed to all that have been Eminent in opposing their Doctrines.

Sir Joseph Yates died this day se'night of a Stroke of the palsy.  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> I had written so far yesterday - since which I received your Letter from Amsterdam and shall take Care to remit the £1000 to Mr Simond in August, and to send him Mr Trevelyan's £100 in July agreeable to your Letter to Mr Darwin. Mr Blackett desires his Compliments to you. he and all your Friends here are well and glad to hear You are so. A Continuance of your Health is what I daily wish for I am etc HR  
PS. Mr Fenwick of Bolam is dead & Mr <Bs> Ellison of <Sand > has got the Living

**25 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Simond & Hankey**

To Messrs Simond & Hankey Merchants Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> June 1770  
London

Gentlemen Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos. bill on Glyn & Hallifax for One hundred pounds, which I send you by the desire of Wr. Trevelyan Esq. you will please to place it to his account & advise me accordingly. I am etc HR

£100 . . Newcastle Bank 15 June 1770

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen<sup>y</sup> Richmond One  
hundred pound Value received  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
London Jos. Saint

No 32088 Pay the Contents to Messrs Simond  
& Hankey, on order, Value in Account  
Hen Richmond

**26 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Duffield at Wallington Newcas. 26 June 1770

Sir Mr Evans says you have some Pine Apples and Grapes fit to cut. If so, I desire you will chuse four good Pine Apples and pack them carefully in a Box that will bear Carriage to London - they must be from the Small Hothouse & must be brought to me that I may put the directions upon them. As to any other Pine Apples that may be now ripe, you may, as it is our race week, send them hither with the Grapes that you think must now be cut. I propose being at Wallington the week after the next, and will then settle with you about the rest of the Fruit, according to the directions I have from Sir Walter. P.S. If you have any Cucumbers you ,may send them too.

I am etc HR

**29 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**



To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newcas 29 June 1770

Sir I have received Mr Westgarths & Mr Maughans opinion about Wolfcleugh, and desire it may be followed as closely as possible; and no other Lead Charge incurred than what they recommend.

I do not doubt but Mr Robt. Allgood told you what I said to him about appointing an Additional Man to watch the Moors from the 25 of next Month till the Shooting Season is over.

Pray send the inclosed Letter to Mr Westgarth.

P.S. I hope you are making full use of the good washing weather, that you may get your ore away in good time. I am etc HR

Wrote Mr Westgarth at the same time about the Moors.

**29 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 29 June 1770

Sir Since we talked of building an Additional Peat house at Rookhope Mill I have been considering that as no one goes thither but from Weardale Mine and as Sir Walter is not likely to obtain a renewal of the Lease, from the Bishop, of those Mines, it will be more prudent to let the Building alone - which I desire you will do and that you will make Sufficient provision in time every year, of peats and other Fuel, that we may never be any more at a Stand as we are at present. I have Countermanded the Wood you ordered for the peat house. I am etc HR

**29 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Peter Simond**

To Peter Simond Esq. Bishopsgate Street London

Newcas 29 June 1770

Sir Pursuant to Sir Walter Blacketts directions I sent you, by the Fly Coach that set out early this Morning a Box containing four Pine Apples. The coach will be at the George & Blue Boar in Holbourn on Monday Evening. I have paid the Carriage & shall be glad to know that you receive the fruit safe. I am etc HR

**29 June 1770 From Henry Richmond to Mary Jurin**

To Mrs Jurin at Bradley

Newcas 29 June 1770

Madam I understand from Mr Heron that the Surrenders were made last week of the two fifths of the Ferry boat & Boat rake to Sir Walter Blackett; and therefore am ready to pay the purchase money whenever time can be appointed with Mr Colpitts. I am etc HR

**4 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Monsieur Monsieur Le Chevalier Blackett

Newcas. 4<sup>th</sup> July 1770

Seigneur Anglais Au Prince d'Orange a Spa Aupris de Leige <par> Ostende

Honrd. Sir Mr Richard Brown has given me Mr Simpsons Note. He says the Dutchess of Portland has ordered Moor game & Partridge to be killed in her Manors, during the Season, and sent to her. he proposed that Philip should kill them, or else he would employ one he could depend upon. I told him I could not employ Philip to kill Game without your Order. On the Contrary directions are given, as you ordered, for the preservation of it within your several Manors; and additional Men are set to watch the Moors, as was done last year. Since my Letter of the 14 of June, directed to Mr Oglevy's at Spa, nothing material has occurred. Our Races were last Week. but there was little Company, very wet & cold Weather & no diversion. Sir Edw. & Lady Blackett & their Son & Daughter came sooner than was expected, & were at Mr Blacketts during the week. I sent thither some Pine Apples & Grapes, from Wallington; and have sent four Pine Apples to Mr Simond. Please to acquaint Mr Trevelyan that on the 25 of last month I remitted to Messrs. Simond & Hankey £100, on his Acct; being the Quarterage due the day before.

The Duke & Dutchess of Northumberland came here late last Night, they are at Newburn today & go to Alnwick tomorrow

The Account of your being in the Storm and the Fear that you had got cold by it, made me uneasy; So I was glad to find by your letter from Brussels that you were well. I am etc HR

**6 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 6 July 1770

Sir I wish the Agreement made with the Eastband Wainmen may answer the purpose intended; the Lead never came in so slowly as this Year; to be sure, There has been a week of very Wet Weather but the Qua[ke]rs Company & Mr Errington get their Lead in notwithstanding. When Mr Reynaldson presses the Wainmen to send the Lead they say they are not obliged to get it in so fast; any time before the 25<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. will do for them. I should be glad to have a Copy of the Agreement and to know if it is according to the Quakers C<sup>os</sup>, Article.

This wet season will not allow you to get peats for Rookhope Mill, so we shall have a great stock of Ore there, that we can make no use of; nor get to the Market this year. I think it deserves to be considered how much of it can be brought to Dukesfield Mill.

Pray what wood did you order for the Rookhope Mill, besides what was for the Peat house; I ask this lest Mr Liddell should make any Mistake, I am etc HR

**6 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Attorney at Law in Hexham

Newcas. 6 July 1770

Sir When I was at Hexham I forgot to mention to you that Sir Walter Blackett is desirous of having the Game in his Manors preserved as much as possible; and that Additional Gamekeepers are appointed in different districts for that purpose - those in the Manor of Hexham have directions to acquaint any Gentlemen that come upon those Moors with Sir Walter's desire, And as to any unqualified persons they may meet with thereon. killing Game, they are to bring an Acct. of them to you & he desires you will proceed against one or two of them, so as to have them punished. I am etc HR

**6 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newcas. 6 July 1770

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier, a piece of fine Silver containing Eight hundred & four ounces; which I desire you will place to Acct. with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and Advise me on your receipt of. I am etc HR

**8 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 8 July 1770

Sir I understand that all the Lead is brought away from Rookhope Mill and has been so for 10 days or a fortnight & yet there is no more come to Blaydon than between 4 & 500 p<sup>s</sup>. - this practice of the Carriers of getting Lead into their hands & then taking their own time of bringing it in must be broke through if possible & therefore I desire you will go or send to all that have taken Lead up at that Mill and acquaint them that if there is any delay in bringing it in to Blaydon they must take the Consequence for they may depend upon it that one or two of them will be prosecuted by Way of Example, P.S. I desire you will do this without Loss of time as I am in great want of the Lead. I am etc HR

**13 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Peter Simond**

To Peter Simond Esq. Merch<sup>t</sup>. in London

Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> July 1770

Sir According to Sir Walter Blacketts directions I have sent you by the Fly Coach, that sate out early this morning, a Box containing four pine Apples. I have paid the Carriage & am etc HR

**13 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 13 July 1770

Sir Today I have received by the Hexham Carrier two pieces of Silver Bullion from Dukesfield Refinery. One piece weighs Eight hundred & Sixty seven Ounces and a half & the other Seven hundred & fifty three and a half - you did not send a Letter of the weight etc as usual. Pray do not let above 1000 Bings of Ore go to Allanheads Mill. I am afraid we shall not get any Lead from thence this wet Summer & when the Summers are the dryest it is always so Late before that Lead gets to Market, that it is a Loss to Sir Walter. I am etc HR

**13 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newcas. 13 July 1770

Gentlemen I have sent you today by Thos. Jennings, the London Carrier, a Box containing two pieces of Silver; the weight as below: you will please to place the same to Acct. with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and Advice me on your receipt of them.

A p<sup>ce</sup>. Silver <Oz> 867 ½

I am etc HR

A p<sup>ce</sup>. d<sup>o</sup>. <Oz> 753 ½

**21 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Streatfield & Caldwell**

To Messrs. Streatfield and Caldwell  
No. 12 Budge Row London

Newcas. 21 July 1770

Gentlemen I have received a Letter from your Agent Mr Brandram about sending you 20 Casks of Litharge, which I suppose has proceeded from some Mistake for I never concern myself in Shipping either Lead or Litharge: looking upon it as inconsistent to be both buyer and seller. I sell them to Merchants in this Town, without further Trouble or Risk; and the principals that deal in these articles are Mr Jona<sup>n</sup>. Sorsbie, Willm. Peareth Esq<sup>r</sup>., Ralph Carr Esq<sup>r</sup>. and Co, Mr Wm. Nesbitt & Co., Messrs. Mosley and Airey, Thos. Airey Esq<sup>r</sup>. Matt. Waters Esq<sup>r</sup> Etc. the present price is £12. 15s. 0d per Ton but all that I can make for Six Weeks is contracted for.

I am etc HR

**24 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 24 July 1770

Sir as to a little house for Cinders which you propose to have built at Rookhope Mill, I cannot judge whether it is prudent to build it as you do not say what it will cost - I should think you might do for the Time, to come in the Lease of Weardale Mine, as well as you have done for that that is past - but if there is any Material Advantage to be had by such a Cover for the Cinders and 10, 15 or even £20 will do it I have no Objections.

I would have you send the Lead to be made of the Killhope Ore, at Dukesfield as was Allanhead Mill, to Blaydon, as we shall want Lead for that Refinery. I am etc HR

**26 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Charlton**

To William Charleton Esqr. at Alnwick

Newcas. 26 July 1770

Sir I am Sorry I was not at home when you called upon me about the proposed deed for Confirming the Allotments of Whelpington Moor; because I should have liked rather to have talked over my Objections than give them in Writing. But, as you left a request that I would write you whether I approved of the Draft, I beg leave to say that it is not usual to have any quit rent reserved to the Lord of the Manor, & that Sir Walter Blackett has not paid any for his part of this Moor since the Division of it.

Another objection is, that the Satisfaction to be made for damage by winning or working any Collieries, Mines or Quarries or by Waggonways Etc is confined to New Mines etc. This is leaving a Door open for disputes: & therefore I think the Clauses relating to this matter should be altered and made general. I am etc HR

**28 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Simond & Hankey**

To Messrs. Simond & Hankey Merchants in London

Newcas. 28 July 1770

Gentlemen Inclosed I send you Bell Cookson & Cos. bill on Glyn & Hallifax for One Thousand Pounds: which I desire you will place to Sir Walter Blacketts Account & that you will please to advise me by the return of the post that you have received the Bill & placed it accordingly. I am etc HR

£1000 . .	Newcastle Bank 17 <sup>th</sup> July 1770
Twenty five days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry	
Richmond One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self
Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	Pay the Contents to Messrs. Simond & Jos. Saint
London	Hankey or Order value in Acct.
No 32285	Hen Richmond

**28 July 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Monsieur Monsieur Le Chevalier Blackett Newcas. 28 July 1770  
Seigneur Anglais chez Mr Oglevy a Spa Aupres de Leige < par> Ostende

Honrd. Sir Your Letter from Spa of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant I reced. on Thursday & this Morning Willm. Hall is gone with the Letter to the Duchess who is in London. I have wrote to Mr Brown and told Philip about killing, and keeping an Acct. of, Moor Game for her Grace till the return of Hall. Today I have sent a Bill for £1000 to Messrs. Simond & Hankey, which will be due about the Middle of next month. The £1200 for the Purchase of the Boat and Boat rake is paid; but the Subscriptions come in so slowly that the Bridge is a heavy Charge on your state. Mr Forster & Mr Bell are going to Berwick next week to receive the Rents and look after the Lands and other Estates there. The Fishery was let to Messrs Douglass & Lambert at the Old rent of £330 for one year, which Ends at Mich<sup>s</sup>. next so you will please to give directions whether it may be continued at that rate for another year to them, or otherwise. Mr Forster on his return by Lucker is to value the Tithes there, in conjunction with one Bewick that was employed before; and then we will pursue your direction about fixing a Sum at which to offer them to the Duke of Northumberland,

Sir Edward & Lady Blackett are proposing to go to Wallington for a day or two, as soon as our Assizes are over; which begin on the 20<sup>th</sup> of next month. he says you know of their Intention. so I shall on his giving a few days notice send out Beef & other necessaries for their accommodation; as the Servants are all at Board Wages.

Sir Edw<sup>ds</sup>. brother, the parson, has on the Death of Dr <Tew> of Boldon obtained an Exchange, with the Bishop of Durham, of that Living for his in the South I hope upon pretty equal Terms. I gave your Compliments to Mr Scott the Officer; who. I think having been in his Company two or three times, is a very lively & yet a very well behaved young man - he was at Ald<sup>n</sup>. Blacketts for some time but now has lodgings; so I have sent him some Grapes & a Pine Apple. There will not be any Bucks killed till Ag[ain]st the Assizes after which I shall send him half a one; as you have ordered. I sho<sup>d</sup>. be glad to know if half a one will do for Sir Edward? We have an exceeding bad Hay Harvest, the Wet Weather still continuing & the Byroads & Moor so deep that I fear I shall not get Lead enough to Market. Dr Hall & Dr Wilson are to read a Chemical Lecture next week. wherein they are to prove the wholesomeness of the Coxlodge Water. this may have a good Effect, and remove the prejudice occasioned by Dr Rotherams report of it. None has yet been sent to Edinbro' as the Weather has been too wet to take it up pure Enough. I have given your Compliments to the several

Gentlemen you ordered me. I do not observe any diminution in the Health of any of them or any others of your neighbours or friends since you left them, but rather a particular Cheerfulness on hearing the good Accounts of your Health. No one rejoices more at it than Etc as HR

**3 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas. 3 August 1770

Sir Inclosed I send you Bell & Cos. two Bills, as above. The Bill for Five Hundred pounds is to enable you to pay the half years intst. due to Sir Edward Winnington for the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. on Sir Walter Blacketts mortgage of Wallington, & in the meantime you will please to place it to my Credit and advise me of the receipt of it. The other Bill for One hundred & Sixty five pounds is on Acct. of the quarterly & other payments which you are to make for Sir Walter to Mich[ael] as next, & I desire you will place the Same to his Acct. & send me a receipt for it, as usual.

I had a Letter last post from Sir Walter from Spa; who is very well; but does not talk of coming home yet.

I have paid Mr Colpitts the Purchase Money for the Ferry Boat & Boat rake & shall get Sir Edward Blackett to sign the receipt on the back of the deed, in the Assize week; when he will be in Town. As to the Deeds which you said Sir Walter Blackett was not to part with to Mr Ward, because they relate to Winlaton as well as Woodcroft, I have reserved them, & shall return them to you; as soon as I know whether you are in London & will be so when they arrive. for I suppose it is near the time of your vacation & should be glad to know that you propose visiting Newcastle this year. I am etc HR

£500 . .	Newcastle Bank 3 Aug 1770
Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen <sup>y</sup> Richmond	Five
hundred pound	Value received
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self
London	Jos. Saint
No 32426	Pay the Contents to Mr William Alvey
	Darwin or order, Value in Account
	Hen Richmond

£165 . .	Newcastle Bank 3 Aug 1770
Twenty five Days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen <sup>y</sup> Richmond	Value received
One hundred & Sixty five pounds	
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self
London	Jos. Saint
No 32427	Pay the Contents to Mr William Alvey
	Darwin or order, Value in Account
	Hen Richmond

**3 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to Edward Blackett**

To Sir Edward Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>. at Matfen

Newcas. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1770

Sir I received a Letter yesterday from Sir Walter Blackett, from Spa, who is very well & bids me write you, that if You and Lady Blackett will accept of his House, during the Assizes, it is intirely at your Service; and any thing that is in it - the Cellars or Gardens, I am etc HR



**4 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas. 4 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 770

Sir I have a Letter from Sir Walter Blackett who is well & orders that the Coach and Equipage & Servants shall all attend the high Sherif to meet the Judges on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> instant. so you will tell the Coachman & others of it. the Coach horses had better be here sometime before to be used to the Carriage; as you know it is a bustling kind of parade. I believe Sir Edw. & Lady Blackett will be at Sir Walters house here in the Assize Week; so Mr Evans must be in Town. Mr Simpson the High Sherif is to have a Buck, & he desires it may not be killed till the Thursday before the Assizes, as he has not opportunity of using it till the Middle of the Week; so you will tell Mr Sadler of this; & that two more must be killed to come in on the Friday with Mr Simpsons - One of which is for the Mayor, which may be killed on the Wednesday, the other as late as he can, to come in at that time; as it is to be divided among Sir Walter's friends. & pray tell Mr Duffield to reserve all the Fruit he can against that week. & to bring or send it in on the Monday Evening. Mr Ralph Carr of Dunstonhill has desired that John Snowball may be spoke to, who is says is heir to Peter Paterson & who he understands has received or is to receive some Effects under a Deed of Settlement made by Paterson, but has neither paid nor will give a Satisfactory answer to a poor Man who is now working with Mr Carr & will call upon you on Tuesday or Wednesday in his way home. I wish you would give me some Answer to tell Mr Carr from Snowball, who I believe to be a fair dealing Man. P.S. If the grapes will not keep till the Assizes I could wish to have a few bunches for Mr Widdrington etc who is now come home - which you may mention to Mr Duffield. I am etc HR

**6 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas. 6<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir I think General Clavering must mistake the Term for which Sir Walter Blackett promised that the Tithes of Dotland Comon should not be taken up - he says 12 years - but Sir Walter gave me, several years ago, a Memorandum he had made about this Matter; wch. is in the following words "Nov<sup>r</sup>. 19. 1759 - This day promised Coll. Clavering that if I live till the Expiration of the seven years for which Term the Lands which are to be divided at Dotland are to be tithe free I will then for an Acknowledgement only let the proprietors have their Tithes for three years," I do not know where to write to Sir Wr. now so shall wait till I hear from him for I suppose he will leave Spa this day.

It would have been more Conformable to the Instructions given William Hall if he had hired another horse & gone after the Duchess of Portland to Plymouth - but I hope an Answer to Sir Walter's Letter will come to you in Course by the post, otherwise I shall not know what to do - if he should want Money to bring him home, after he has got the Answer, you will please to supply him & if you send me his receipt I will give you Credit for it in our Account. At the time I am writing this I hope you will have reced, as you desire, the bills for the Intr<sup>st</sup>. and the quarterly payments. As, by your Letter, I find you will be in Town till the 18 instant I shall send you the Deeds which you sent down to make out the Woodcroft Title but which were reserved as relating also to Winlaton. they will be sent by the Fly Coach that sets out on Wednesday Morning next & will arrive at the George and Blue Boar Holbourn on Friday Evening or Saturday morning. I shall pay the Carriage,

I shall give my Brother as soon as I see him < F > White's Bond & < Anth > Hunters  
Assignment of it to Sir Wr. which I reced. in your Letter by this post. & am etc HR

**7 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas. 7<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir As the Mail, that was sent from hence Last Night for London as taken from the Post Boy about four miles from this Town as you will see by the inclosed Advertisement. I have here sent you a copy of the Letter I wrote by it, in answer to your's of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst,

I have nothing to add to it, but that I have sent the deed mentioned in it to the Coach; so I hope you will receive them safe and advise me thereof. I have given my Brother the Bond & Assignment which I received from you. I am etc HR

**9 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Duffield at Wallington

Newcas. 9<sup>th</sup> August 1770

Sir By a Letter this post from Sir Walter Blackett, which brought the inclosed for you, he directs Fruit to be disposed of in the Assize Week; particularly Pine Apples Grapes & Nectarines; which by your Letter to Mr <Farmer> he <send> may be ready against that time. Mr Forster would tell you last Week, that I desired you would reserve what fruit you could against the Assizes, & bring or send it in on the Monday - which I beg you will observe; for I shall have a great demand & some difficulty to accommodate every friend of Sir Walters that may want & perhaps expect help from his Gardens, as those here will not furnish above a Melon or two, Sir Walter mentions a quantity of Nectarines from under the Frames; so you will reserve them particularly, for that Week - & if you have any Melons let them come as well as other Sorts of Fruit. I am etc HR

**10 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Ward**

To Willm. Ward Esqr. at Nunnikirk near Morpeth

Newcas. 10 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir I have a Letter from Sir Walter Blackett from Spa; who is much better, & desires his Compliments to you; & and would be very glad to receive a Letter from you, through my hands, that you are well, & have not had any Thing of the Gravel. he wishes you would give him a State of all Country Affairs, & about the Moor Game, Turnpike Roads etc.

I shall write to Sir Walter, & about the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. & if it be agreeable to write him at the same time I can inclose your Letter. I am etc HR

**12 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Coll Forster Esq. at Alnwick

Newcas. 12 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir Sir Walter Blackett wrote me some time ago that he had spoken to the Duke of Northumberland about buying his Land & Stints & Tithes at Lucker, & that his Grace said he

would speak to you about it when he came down. Sir Walter added, that if his Grace should not open the Matter to you, I was to desire you to mention it to Him, in his Name; & that upon a Medium of the Valuations for several years past this Estate appears to be worth above £103 a year after deducting the fee farm Rents - its being let for less to Mr Forster should not, for reasons that can be given, be the rule to sell it by. As Tithes sell very near as high as Land it is hoped his Grace will not think Three thousand pounds too much for this Estate - You know the particulars & have I believe a Valuation so I do not need to send you one. I am etc HR

**13 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Mr Mons<sup>r</sup> Le Chevalier Blackett Seigneur Anglois Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1770  
Chez Mr Oglevy á Spa Auprés de Leige par Ostende

Honrd. Sir Mr Darwin having wrote me that General Clavering alledges you promised Dotland Comon should be Tithe free for 12 years, two of which are yet to come, I searched & found the Memorandum you gave me some years ago which is as follows "Nov<sup>r</sup>. 19. 1759 - This " day promised Coll. Clavering that if I live till the Expiration of the Seven years for which Term the Lands which are to be divided at Dotland are to be Tithe free I will then for an Acknowledgement only let the proprietors have their Tithes for three years," -- W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett this promise is fulfilled; & therefore Mr Forster valued the Tithes this Year & found them worth £39. 4s. 6d, of which Genl. Claverings share comes to £16. 2s. 6d: & since that he has let the whole for £40 for one yr. The Damage done by the head of Sweethope Lough giving way is only to some Grounds above Whelpington; by covering them with Mud, of which the Lough is now pretty well cleared - as the repairing it will not cost above 15 or £20 I desired it might be done. Mr Ra. Forsters valuation of Lucker Estate this year is £106. 8s. 6 ½ d - I have taken the Medium of the Valuations for several years past & it amounts to £103. 13s. 6d after the fee farm Rents are deducted. So yesterday I wrote to Mr Coll. Forster & offered the Estate to the Duke of Northumberland for £3000: which Sum Mr Ra. Forster reckons it worth: tho' he thinks you may let it go for £2700 if you cannot get more.

William Hall is not yet returned; but Mr Darwin writes that when he got to London the Duchess Dowager of Portland was gone to Lord Edgecumbe's near Plymouth, & that as Halls horse was not able to travel thither He took your Letter from him & sent it by the Post & has received a Card from her Grace "that she is very sorry he has had so much trouble about Sir Walter's Letter which she will take the first opportunity to answer that lays in her power, at present she has not time as she is continually engaged - it would have given her much concern if he had sent the person down to Cornwall. She will return an answer by the post to Mr Brown, her Steward". Hall had your Instructions literally.

Mrs Widdrington & the Nunwick family, with whom she has been for some weeks, are very well; she desires her Compliments and is much obliged to you for your Enquiry. Mr Reed of Chipchase is better; in cutting his Nail he had hurt his Toe & let the Stocking set into the Wound - by which, & not taking care of it in time, he has had a Confinement to his Bed of about two Months.

Coxlodge Water has been sent to Dr Black, professor of Chymistry at Edinburgh; a Man I am told of the greatest Eminence in his profession & who undertakes the Examination of this Water on your Account. The Mayor says he has sent a quantity of it to London to be examined by some Chymist mentioned by Mr Ridley - Dr Hall's Lecture was not as well attended as should have been, there were only about 40 at it. his Experiments shewed, in opposition to Dr Rotheram, who was there, but not convinced I suppose, that there is no Alum nor any Arsenical quality in the Water & that the <Residu > contained an Alcaline Salt, a small Matter of Sea

Salt & a large quantity of <col> Earth. Dr Hall intends printing his Lecture in a few Days. The Several Stewards have been down from the Mines lately, but mention nothing new. I have sold 10000 p<sup>ds</sup>. of Lead at tho' I have not half the quantity at Market, by reason of the Wet Summer & bad roads. but I thought it better to trust to the amendment of the weather than the precariousness of future Sales. for a Week past the Weather has been hotter than usual & the roads much mended by it. The Mayor & High Sheriff desire their Compliments & are much obliged to you for the Messages I delivered them about the Fruit & Venison for the Assize Week. Sir Edwd. Blackett makes use of your house in the Week, & desires his Acknowledgements to you for it. I have wrote to Mr Ward of Nunikirk & shall observe your directions about writing to you when the Assizes are over. This day se'night the post boy was robbed of the Mail on Gateshead Fell; but the Man that did it was taken up by the next day in this Town; he has confessed the fact & is sent to Durham Gaol. I am etc HR

**22 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Sadler**

To Mr John Sadler at Rothley Park

Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir I advise you will kill two Bucks on Tuesday or Wednesday next - & that you will send William Hepple with half a one to the Bishop of Chester at Stanhope & let Lady Loraine have a Haunch & send the rest of them, with the Shoulders, hither by the Cart on Friday Se'night. Sir Lanc<sup>t</sup>. Allgood & Mr Carr of Etal will each send for half a Buck to your house on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of next month; so you will kill the Buck in proper time for them. Sir Lanc<sup>t</sup>. intends to use his half on the 10<sup>th</sup> - the Shoulders of this Buck you may send either to Mr Beardmore or to Mr Ellison & Mrs Brown of Kirkharle, only let me know to whom you send them.

When you think the Weather is cool enough to send a haunch to London you will kill another Buck & pack up the haunch properly & send it and the rest of the Buck, all but the Shoulders hither; w<sup>ch</sup> shoulders you will send to Mr Beardmore or to Mr Ellison & Mrs Brown as we talked of doing. I am etc HR

**24 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Sadler**

To Mr John Sadler at Rothley Park

Newcas. 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> Blackett desires a Buck may be killed tomorrow and that you will send half of it to Matfen on Monday morning - the other half you may send hither by Wm Hall the same day. As to the shoulders Mr Forster and you may use them. You will observe the directions in my last Letter punctually notwithstanding this order.

Pray tell or send Word to Mr Duffield to send a Dozen or two, of Nectarines with a Melon or some other Fruit to Sir Edward with the half Buck. I don't suppose from what he said when here, that any Pine Apples are ripe. I desire you will let William Hepple carry Sir Edwards Venison & also when he goes to the Bishop of Chesters that you will let him take the inclosed Card with the Venison for his Lordship. I am etc HR

**25 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Mr M<sup>r</sup> Le Che<sup>r</sup> Blackett Seigneur Anglois Newcas. 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770  
Chez Mr Vanderclooster a Bruxelles p<sup>r</sup> Ostende

Honrd. Sir    The Agreement for Letting the Tithes of Dotland Comon is cancelled, and the proprietors will have them, according to your order, for two years longer, at the Acknowledgement,

I reckon I shall be able to make the first quarterly remittance of £600 at Mich<sup>s</sup>. next if you direct me to do so.

Teasdale White's affair is over. he submitted just when the Cause was to be brought before the Court, which prevented any opening of the Matter. he has given his Bond to you for £162 - for the Debt and Interest and Costs. At the Consultation Mr Wallace, Mr Wedderburn, Mr Fawcett Mr Wilson and Mr Eden who were your Council, were apprehensive there would be no relief for you at Law, but that you must go into Chancery to seek it, The Man that robbed the Newcastle Mail, & he that was taken up here for diminishing the Granaries are both condemned, the one at Durham & the other here but reprieved for a Month. The Duke of Northumberland had a long trial here with Sir Henry Gray about a Wreck; which the Jury decided in favour of Sir Henry; contrary to the Expectation of the Gentlemen of the Law. The Duke has not sent any answer yet about Lucker. The Judges desire their Compliments & are obliged to you for thinking of them; Judge Aston took a Bed at the Abbey on Thursday Night & < > but Judge Perrot was to go quite thro' to Carlisle Yesterday. The venison and fruit were sent to the Mayor and the High Sherif; but none of your Pine Apples were ripe. I acquainted Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Blackett of your desire that he would spend a Week at Wallington but he has not resolved upon it yet. He and Lady Blackett and their Son & Daughter were at your house here for the week. Mr Carr of Etal who desires his Compliments to you, found it more Convenient to Lodge at Major Carr's. Mr Ord of Morpeth is very well and desires his Compliments as does Mr Wilson, who is obliged for your Enquiry after him.

The Mayor, the Recorder, Mr Ridley & Mr Blackett all propose writing to you by this post, so you will have a better Account of Corporation Affairs than I can procure. But I hear it was agreed at the Meeting yesterday at the Mayor's that Mr Peareth sho<sup>d</sup>. be excused serving the Office of Mayor as he had made that the condition of his coming into the Magistrage. Mr Simpson was then proposed with every Argument that Mr Ridley & the others could offer, but in vain. Mr Bell was next, but he having positively refused coming the Meeting & declared he would not be a Stalking horse to Mr P, & Mr S. - it was then Mr Ridley's turn, who said he could not decline the Office if others did, tho his want of Health might be as good a plea as theirs, & therefore if it was put to him he would serve. But this Matter is to be further discussed on Monday Se'night at <Winds>.

Mr Silvertop has shown a deed to Mr Fawcett, which is no way Satisfactory. So a Meeting was held this Week & he is to be told that except he shows a better title before the next term, a Bill will be filed.

Mr Brown has a Letter from the Duchess Dowager of Portland and I understand the Game is to be processed as you desire.

No report is yet come from Dr Black, or the Gentleman in London, about Coxlodge Water. Dr Hall has printed his Lecture, Whether Dr Rotherham will print also is not certain.

The Cause between the Corporation and Mr Anderson is postponed till next Year. Nothing has passed at the Assizes either at York Durham or this place about remonstrating - but by an Anonymous Advertisement the freeholders of Yorkshire are invited to meet on 26 inst. to consider a petition and remonstrance.

There has not any thing particular happened in your own Affairs since my Last. Mr Forster has been fortunate enough to get the Hay well in at Wallington & says everything thereabouts looks very well. Your venison is much commended - I wish you may not think you pay too dearly for that Commendation in the Consumption of 9 or 10 Bucks. For besides the Mayor, High Sheriff, Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. & Mr Blackett & Mr Scott there is Mr Carr of Etal, S<sup>f</sup>. L. Allgood the



Bp. of Chester - Sir Wm Loraine, who is at Age, together with the Recorder. Mr Ward Mr Ord of Morpeth, Messrs Peareth and Cookson & your many other Friends, who altogether can divide that Number easily among them. I have made free to taste a shoulder & can join in the general Applause & thankfulness. The High Sheriff desires his Compliments & expressed himself very much obliged to You for the Assistance in venison fruit and other things which you had afforded him - he looked very well and Youthfull in that office and not at all unable to execute the other he has refused. I say nothing of the Acknowledgements of the Mayor, Sir Edw. Blackett the Recorder & Mr Blackett because they propose writing.

Mr Fuller was here about six weeks ago, but had no Meeting with any Gentlemen in the Coal trade further than in dining with Mr Ridley Mr Mosley and Mr Waters. I hear he examined Keels carefully & owned the Scheme he had formed would not answer. since he was here the Treasury have sent down two Inspectors to examine the Measure. Your Letters that give a good Acct. of your Health give me great Satisfaction. I heartily wish a Continuance of it & am etc  
P.S. Mr Blackett desires his Compliments & says he will put off writing till after Monday  
Senight. HR

**27 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Sadler**

To Mr John Sadler at Rothley Park

Newcas. 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir I could not send the haunch, you sent in last Night, to London as you proposed, for it was engaged; so as I said in my Letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant you will let me have one for that purpose as soon as the weather is wet enough & pray let Mr Duffield know when you send it that he may send some Pine Apples at the same time if he has any ripe. P.S. Pray how should the haunch be packed up to go to London. I suppose a Box would be too close. I am etc HR

**28 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Atty. at Law in Hexham

Newcas. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir I am Sorry Mr Heron's son of Ninebanks & Mr Kirkby the Parson there should be the first persons informed against for killing, or which I suppose is the same Offence, by the Law, for Shooting at Grouse. As perhaps Sir Walter Blackett, notwithstanding his Orders for prosecuting unqualified persons for shooting Game in his Manors as I wrote you on the 6<sup>th</sup> of last month, would be tender of proceeding against these two for their first offence I have written to Mr Westgarth to give them Notice not to offend again.

As to Mr Brown, the Father, he seems to be a proper person to make an Example of if the Evidence is Sufficient to convict him; which you will please to examine into & proceed accordingly. I am etc HR

**28 Aug 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr William Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcas. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1770

Sir You know Sir Walter Blackett appointed Additional Game keepers to preserve the Game on his Moors, & gave positive Orders to prosecute unqualified persons offending against the Law; & that the Game keepers had orders to acquaint all Gentlemen, that were qualified & came



upon his Moors, how desirous he was of preserving his Game, & that he hoped they would not shoot any there. I do not doubt but Tho<sup>s</sup>. Craig acquainted Mr Heron of Ninebanks' Son & Mr Kirkby the parson there, of this desire of Sir Walter's; and therefore I should not have supposed, as Gentlemen, they would have interfered, much less that young Mr Heron would have behaved so very much amiss, as Mr Ra. Heron writes me he did, to Craig when he discharged him - I am sure his Father will not countenance him therein; nor even in interfering with Sir Walter.

I do not suppose either the parson, or young Mr Heron, are qualified & therefore they would have come within the General Order given by Sir Walter for prosecuting unqualified persons - but as I believe it will be more agreeable to him that the Order should be dispensed with in this Case, provided the Gentlemen do not offend again, I beg you will wait upon Mr Heron and Mr Kirkby & communicate this Letter to them; & that I beg they will not be an Example to others in this way. I am etc HR

## **2 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1770

Sir I am glad you have got the Lead away from Allanheads Mill; & commend your diligence in hastening it & the other Lead along the road: the Weather and roads are now good & we must not lose any time, & I think, as Mr Reynaldson is now exerting himself in his department we shall not fail of getting the Lead to Markett, that I have sold & I hope a good Stock more.

What you propose of smelting 1000 p<sup>s</sup>. of Lead from the Killhope Ore & sending them to Blaydon, I agree to, as all the other refineable Lead will probably not be sufficient Employment for the Refiners at Blaydon till next Spring. P.S. I find the Lead marked RWB is refineable: therefore I desire you will let Assays be made of the several Sorts of ore it is composed of and send them to me to examine; to the End that if any of the Sorts of Ore are poorer than the rest they may be smelted by themselves. -

And I desire that for the future frequent Assays may be made of all the ores & the Assays sent down to me by the Post. I am etc HR

## **5 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas. 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770

Sir I have a letter from Sir Walter in which he desires that the head or Dam of Sweethope Lough may not be totally repaired, only so far as there may be a Necessity for some Water for the Cattle: because as it is now destroyed & the fish gone he may when he comes home have a fancy to make some Improvements of that piece of Water: So you will, if not too late, give directions accordingly to Mr <Bowlt>.

Sir Walter desires his Compliments may be sent to Mr Aynsley of Littleharle, Lady Loraine & Family, Mr Ellison of Whelpington, & Mr & Mrs Swinburn of Longwitton & that he desires to know how they do. You will therefore let one of the Servants wait upon them with this Message & send me their answer by the first opportunity, if I do not come to Wallington on Friday; which I am not very sure I can do. Sir Walter is still at Spa & pretty well.

I am etc HR

## **6 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Ward**

To William Ward Esq at Nunnikirk Near Morpeth

Newcas. 6th Sept 1770

Sir Sir Walter Blackett writes me that you pay annually some little Charity Money for him, & desires me to repay you \_\_\_ if you will be so good as to let me know what it is & to send me a receipt by any person you would have me pay the Money to, I shall readily do it. P.S, You will please to mention in the receipt that the Money is received by my hands. I am etc HR

**6 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Duffield at Wallington

Newcas. 6th Sept 1770

Sir Mrs Gill, who is to preserve the Fruit for Sir Walter, desires it may be sent hither on Monday. \_\_\_ besides the Apricots and Cherries Sir Walter mentioned that he would have a quantity of Magnum bonum plumbs preserved: so, as soon as they are fit for that purpose, you will send them hither also. P.S. You will remember, as soon as you have four good pine Apples ripe, in the small hothouse, to send them packed up, to be sent to London. I am etc HR

**7 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Peter Simond**

To Peter Simond Esqr Merchant, London

Newcas. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770

Sir Agreeable to Sir Walter Blackett's Order I have sent you by the Fly Coach, which set out early this morning for London, a Haunch of venison from His park at Wallington. The Coach will be at the Blue Boar Holborn on Monday Evening: & as the venison was only killed on the Wednesday, & the Weather is cool, I hope you will have it in good condition. I have paid the Carriage & am etc HR

**10 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas. 10th Sept 1770

Sir Inclosed I return the receipt for Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Winnington's interest, it being no voucher for me, as the payment appears on the face of it to be made by you: if you will please to indorse upon it that you have received the within mentioned five hundred pounds of me it will then be sufficient. Mr Wallace, the Council, who I thought was annually paid a General Retainer by you, said he had not had it since the year 1765: so he had taken a Brief against Sir Wr; but returned it as soon as he understood there was no intention of discontinuing the Retainer. I shewed him there was not by paying him the 20 guineas in Arrears. My Brother paid him the Retainer for this year: & as Sir Walter chuses to secure Mr Wallace I think it will be best that you should pay him his fee in London yearly. I am etc HR

Recd 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770 of Sir Walter Blackett Bart. by Mr William Alvey Darwin Five hundred pounds for Six months Interest of Twenty five thousand pounds due the Sixth of last August to Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Winnington Bart on Mortgage, for whose use I say received.

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Anth<sup>y</sup>. Wright

**11 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Le Che<sup>r</sup> Blackett Seigneur Anglois  
chez Mr. Vandenclooster a Bruxelles p. Ostende

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770

Honrd. Sir Mr Lambert being acquainted with Dr Black I got him some time ago to send some Coxlodge Water for his Examination; a quantity of Fellen Water was also sent, and inclosed is a Copy of his Opinion of them. I have communicated it to the Mayor and some of the Aldermen, & when they hear from the Gentleman, whom the Water was sent to in London, both reports will be laid before the Comon Council. Since the Meeting at Winds, at which they did not come to any resolution about the Mayoralty, the Recorder has given it as his Opinion that the High Sherif of Northumberland is not compelled to serve as Mayor of Newcastle; so Mr Simpson as well as Mr Peareth being passed by, Mr Bell, who was at a Meeting held yesterday, was pressed much to take the Office, but he stood firm to his resolution, tho' unsupported by the reasons he at first alledged. Mr Ridley, therefore, tho' reluctantly is to be Mayor; but Mr Blackett writes by this post more particularly than I can. The Recorder has had an Inflammation in his Eyes w<sup>ch</sup>. has prevented his writing to you; but he desires his Compliments and will write as soon as he is able. The Advertisement for a Meeting at York on the 26<sup>th</sup> of last month, which was a Sunday, is said to have been a Mistake; but another is published for the 25 instant: Copy of which is inclosed. The Spirit of the party is almost dormant here at present, having produced nothing for some time past but the inclosed Letter - but I wish it may not shew itself at Michas. Mr Aynsley is not at home - he was at the Mayors Entertainment in the Assize Week & seemed pretty well - only he declined having any venison - not chusing he said to Engage Company. Lady Loraine & family - Mr & Mrs Ellison & Mr & Mrs Swinburn are all very well & much obliged to you for your Enquiry after them. Mr Simonds haunch of venison was sent last week. he has had two presents of pine Apples, as you ordered, & the third will go as soon as any are ripe. The B[isho]p of Chester, Mr Carr of Etal, Mr Scott, Sir L. Allgood & Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Blackett have each had half a Buck: Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. would not have more, neither has he been yet at Wallington. Mr Avison the organist is dead - his two Sons propose continuing the Concerts, and people seem disposed to Encourage them. You were a Subscriber for two tickets - if you chuse to continue, please to give me direction. Mr Ridley desires his Compliments, & says he wrote you on the 25 August to Spa; but will defer writing again till Mich<sup>s</sup>. as he is not able yet to tell you anything that will be agreeable. My last Letter was dated the 25 August, which I hope you have received. P.S. I could wish to know what would be agreeable to you, as to West Ord Fishery which will be to be let at Michas. or soon after. Whether to let the Tenants have it at the present rent for another Year, or let it to the best bidder, & for what term? & am etc HR

**13 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Catherine Laidman**

To Mrs Cath Laidman in Morpeth

Newcas. 13 Sept 1770

Madam Your Brother can tell better than I what Sir Walter Blackett allows you; as it was settled with him & he was to get you to sign proper receipts for each payment. I think it is Eight pounds a Year and payable at Ladyday & Michas. I am etc HR

**17 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr in Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 17th Sept 1770

Sir Inclosed is my Account, & Duplicate of Kenton rents for the half year Ending Martin<sup>s</sup>. last, and also Bell & Cos. Bill on Glyn & Co. for three hundred & thirty six pounds and two pence for the Balance of it. I hope you will find it right and that you will please to advise me by the return of the post that you have reced the Bill and at the same time to sign and return me the duplicate. inclosed also is Mrs H Headlam's receipt for her Interest. I have sent you the full Balance of this rental: hoping I may be able to get Money from the Tenants before the Slaters etc will want their bills paid, The Walls of Mr Grahams Barn were so very bad there was no putting a new roof upon them; the Timber proved worse than was expected. The pavement in <Tomlin> and Andersons Fold wants reparation & their Barn floor must be new laid; with the Flags as far as they will go and the rest with Lime and Gravel. As these Articles are not considerable I have ordered them to be done without troubling you about them. One Set of their Barn Boards are worn out but I have told them as they have had the use of them they must repair them. however as they are your best Tenants, I mean do best to the Ground, I submit it to you whether your being at the Expense of them would not be a proper Encouragement. One Mr Drummond, a Mason in this Town proposes to take the Quarry Mr <Gresson> had, at £10 for 9 years: to be free at each third Years End & says his Intention is to bring up a Level to drain her; without which indeed she will be of little use to him. You will please to let me know if you approve of this offer.

Bryan & Wm. Lowrys farm will be to let against next Mayday. I have wrote to Sir Walter Blackett's Land Steward to make me a valuation of it the first time he comes to Town & shall send it you for your direction whether to ask and be content with the Sum he values it at or to advertise it in the papers.

I am etc HR

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### 18 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Grey

To Mr John Grey Attorney in Law in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 18th Sept 1770

Sir I received your Letter and daresay it will be very agreeable to Sir Wr. Blackett that Mr Thos. Armorer should be accommodated with the Money due to him on the Bond you mention - in order thereto, as I do not suppose the Bond can be brought hither, it will be necessary to have an Endorsement made & signed by Mr Armorer on the Bond and that you should take the trouble of seeing it properly made in Words to the following Effect - " Reced of Sir Wr Blackett Bt. by Henry Richmond the Sum of £100 being my share of the principal Sum of £200 secured by the within mentioned Bond All Intst, on the same having been paid to this day. As Witness my hand this \_\_ day of \_\_ 1770" & I desire that you and Mrs Armorer will witness the same. Mr Armorer must also sign a receipt for the same sum to be a Voucher for me (as the Bond will remain with Mrs Armorer) in words as follows " Reced of Sir Wr Blackett Bt. by Henry Richmond the Sum of one hundred pounds being in full discharge of my share of the principal Sum of £200 secured by the said S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup>'s Bond to etc - for the benefit etc & dated etc - All Intst,

on the said £200 having been paid to this day. As Witness my hand this \_\_ day of \_\_ 1770” & you & Mrs Armorer will please to Witness the same. there must also be another receipt for the Intst to the day of the Endorsement, which you will please to cast up & let the receipt be viz<sup>t</sup>. “Reced of Sir Walter Blackett Bart. by Mr Henry Richmond the Sum of \_\_ being the Interest of £200 at 5 percent<sup>m</sup>. from the \_\_ to this day which £200 is the Principal Sum secured by the said Sir Walter’s Bond to \_\_ dated \_\_ As Witness my hand this \_\_ day of \_\_ 1770” This receipt I suppost should be signed by Mrs Armorer but that you will be the judge of. Besides there must be a Certificate of the Register of Mr Armorer’s baptism obtained, to show that he is at Age to receive this money. When I receive your Letter that such an Endorsement is made & at the same time receive the s[ai]d certificate & the two receipts I shall be ready to pay the Money to any person that shall be ordered to call for it or shall send a Bill on London but in that Case I must have instructions to whom it is to be made payable and to whom I am to remit it. I have here written a scrambling Letter in haste, that I might not lose a post but I believe you will understand the meaning of it and am etc HR

**18 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Lancelot Brown**  
[ie. ‘Capability’ Brown]

To Mr Lanc<sup>t</sup>. Brown at Lady Loraine’s at Kirkharle

Newcas. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770

Sir I have a Letter from Sir Walter Blackett mentioning that you have asked leave to shoot upon the Moors near Wallington; & desiring me to acquaint you that such leave from him will be a very bad precedent, as it must open a Gate to any Gentleman that will ask him. & that even the Gentlemen of the County have been so obliging as not to shoot upon those Moors but when he was at Wallington & they go out with him. Sir Walter bids me also acquaint you that he has stopt all work at Wallington till his return & gives me some directions, in respect of the trouble he has already given you, which I hope I may have an opportunity of communicating to you before you leave this part of the Country. I am etc HR

**18 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Mr Mons<sup>r</sup> Le Chev<sup>r</sup> Blackett Seigneur Anglois  
Au Soin de Mr Louis Julien Rue Simon le Franc à Paris

Newcas. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770

Honrd. Sir The Magistrates dined with Mr Ridley Yesterday and an Alteration was then made in what I wrote in my last, by Mr Surtees offering to serve as Mayor on Mr Ridley’s alledging his want of health for it this Year: but promising to take it the next. Mr Liddel is to be the Sherif and as these officers are settled unanimously I hope everything will go on smoothly at Michas.

Mr Surtees has offered a Chamberlain’s place for any of your friends & it is bestowed on George Young the Cordwainer. The Buck you ordered and a quantity of fruit will be sent the Mayor against the Guild day. People here are much divided between Coxlodge & Tyne Water - which latter Dr Rotherham is the great Advocate for. He had a Lecture last week & has since published a treatise on Waters; but has not asserted as he did in his Letters to the Mayor that there was either Allum or Arsenic in Coxlodge Water: only that there is too much Alkali in it, which he says is prejudicial, tho’ Dr Black, a better Chymist, says otherwise. No account is yet come from the London Chymist but I find the new Water Company are proceeding to bring Coxlodge Water to Town.



I wrote on the 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> directed to Bruxelles & have reced your two Letters of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant. I am glad you have met with so good a roadhorse & hope it will contribute both to your pleasure and health - Nothing else occurs at present but what I am ever mindful to be & that is etc HR

**21 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1770

Sir I have received by the Hexham Carrier the piece of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery the weight of which is Seven hundred and Eighty-nine ounces. I am etc HR

**21 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Peter Simond**

To Peter Simond Esqr Merchant in London

Newcas. 21 Sept 1770

Sir I have sent you by the Coach that set out early this morning, & will be in London on Monday, a Box with four pine Apples from Sir Walter Blackett's hothouse. I have paid the Carriage of it & am etc HR

**21 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1770

Sir I have received your Letter form Elston inclosing me Anthony Wrights receipt for five hundred pounds for half a year's intst. on the £25000 due from Sir Walter Blackett, the 6 Aug<sup>st</sup> last, to Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Winnington on the Mortgage of Wallington; & have given you Credit for the same in the Account between us.

I had a Letter yesterday from Sir Walter Blackett from Brussels who is very well and was then (on the 12 instant that is) just setting out for Paris. I am etc HR

**21 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas. 21 Sept 1770

Sir I am sorry to find you are not to be here before the Fair for I would not chuse to give you the trouble of coming on purpose: & yet I doubt that will be too late a day for good Tenants to be met with; especially as I shall have to write to Leeds, after you have made your valuation, for Mr Wilson's directions.

As Sir Walter has ordered no more venison to be killed, but for the Mayor at Michas; & the Gentleman I had intended the Side for, that was brought in yesterday, is abroad. I have sent it back for Dr Sharp who otherwise would not get a Taste of Sir Walter's venison this year perhaps. The Guild day is the 8 of next Month & the Mayor who gives an Entertainment that day is to have a Buck or a Doe, Mr Sadler knows what is usual So I desire you will tell him to kill it on the Wednesday before & send it in by Fryday & Mr Duffield may send in what pine Apples and other Fruit is ripe at the same time. I am etc HR



**22 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Simond & Hankey**

To Messrs. Simond & Hankey Merchants in London Newcas. 22 Sept 1770

Gentlemen Inclosed is my bill on Plumb & Browne for Six hundred Pounds dated this day and payable to you or order at Twenty five days which I desire you will place to Sir Walter Blacketts Account & advise me accordingly. I am etc HR

Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1770 £600 . 0 . 0

Twenty five days after date pay to Messrs. Simond & Hankey, or order, Six hundred pounds value in Account; & place the same to Acct. with S<sup>r</sup> W. Bt as per advice from

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Hen Richmond

**22 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1770  
in Foster Lane London

Gentlemen I sent you yesterday by Matt Lee the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven hundred and Eighty nine ounces which I desire you will place to Acct. with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Markett Price and Advise me on your receipt of it. And I have drawn a Bill on you for Six hundred pounds dated this day & payable to Messrs. Simond & Hankey at Twenty five days which I desire you will accept & place to Acct., also with Sir Walter Blackett . I am etc HR

**23 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Charles Stoddart**

To Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr Stoddart at Chollerton Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1770  
near Hexham

Sir I cannot get Sir Walter Blackett's answer, in time, to the request of the Gentlemen of Chollerford Club: but as I believe he would readily accommodate them with the great room in Hexham Abbey for the Ball they intend to give I have given direction to have it cleaned and in readiness for them against the 7 of November & am etc HR

**24 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Att<sup>y</sup> at Law in Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 24 Sept 1770

Sir As Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Armorer is not at Age I doubt there will be some difficulty in paying his share of the money due on Sir Walter's Bond at this time. But if you will please to send a Copy of the Bond I can judge better for I have not a Copy of it nor ever saw it nor do I know whether

the Trustees have a power of calling in the principal or any part of it - but if you send me a Copy of it I shall then tell you what I can do in this Matter. I am etc HR

**25 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Rich<sup>d</sup>. Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup> at Leeds, Yorkshire

Newcas. 25 Sept 1770

Sir I am sorry to have to return you the Duplicate of my Rental for Martin<sup>s</sup>. last which you have not signed. I shall be obliged to you if you will please do so and return it. I have had Sir Walter Blacketts Land Steward viewing Bryan & W<sup>m</sup>. Lowry's farm and he is of opinion it is let at its full worth, but that in Consideration of a Lease of 15 or 21 years a Tenant may give some Advance. I sent for the Lowry's to day and all I can prevail on them to give is £170 a Y<sup>r</sup>. that is £10 a year advance - but then they require a Lease of 21 Years, or at least 15 years, from Mayday next - & to have their Bier new covered with pantiles, as we were proposing to do - to have 13 new, 5 bar Gates with Stone posts - to have 3 pillars of the hemel walled in for a Stable; with Rack and Mangers - & to have a pair of Barn Boards allowed them when the present pair fails which they reckon may be the Case in 3 or 4 years time. I desire your direction in this Matter, that is, wh[ethe]r you accept of their proposal or not or would have me publish that the farm is to be let - possibly some people may offer more if that is done but of what Ability or Character they may be it would be a Risk for you to try. I have a good Opinion of Mr Forsters the Stewards Judgement in these Matters and that is all I can say, except that the two preceeding Tenants broke on this Farm. I shall wait for your Answer being etc HR

**28 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Simond & Hankey**

To Messrs. Simond & Hankey Merchants in London

Newcas. 28 Sept 1770

Gentlemen Inclosed is Bell & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> for Eighty Pounds which I send you by the desire of Walter Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. to be placed to his Account. I desire you will do so and advise me accordingly. I am etc HR

£80 . .	Newcastle Bank 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 1770
Twenty five days after date pay to the Order of Mr Hen Richmond	
Eighty Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self
Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	Pay the Contents to Messrs. Simond & Jos. Saint
London	Hankey or Order value in Acct.
No 33241	Hen Richmond

**28 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Robert Child**

To Robert Child Esq<sup>r</sup> & Co Bankers Temple Bar London

Newcas. 28 Sept 1770

Gentlemen Inclosed is Bell & C<sup>os</sup>. Bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup>. for Sixty pounds; which I send you by the desire of Walter Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>., to be placed to Acc<sup>t</sup>. I desire you will do so & advise me accordingly. I am etc HR

£60 . . Newcastle Bank 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1770

Twenty five days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond  
Sixty Pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
Messrs Glyn & Hallifax Pay the Contents to Robert Child Esq<sup>r</sup> Jos. Saint  
London & Comp<sup>y</sup>. or Order value in Acct.  
No 33242 Hen Richmond

**29 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Att<sup>y</sup> at Law in Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770

Sir I see by the Copy of the Bond, which you have sent me, that Sir Walter Blackett may pay Mr. Thos. Armorer's Money to Mr Collingwood; if he will give proper discharges for it according to what I wrote on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, making only such variation as his signing as a Trustee occasions - but as you say Mr. Collingwood will not sign a receipt till the young man comes of Age Sir Walter Blackett cannot pay the Money till then, I am etc HR

**29 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Simond & Hankey**

To Messrs. Simond & Hankey Merchants Newcas. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1770  
in Bishopsgate Street London

Gentlemen On the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant I sent you a Bill for Six hundred pounds drawn by me on Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane & payable to you or Order at twenty five days from That date desiring you to place the same to Acct. with Sir Walter Blackett & advise me accordingly. As I ought to have had Advice of this Bill by this days post, at farthest, I am apprehensive it may have miscarried & therefore trouble you with this Acco<sup>t</sup>. of it - & I desire if you have not received it that you will let me hear from you by this day Senight without fail.

I sent you yesterday a Bill for Eighty pounds drawn by Bell & C<sup>o</sup>. on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup>. payable by my Endorsement to you at 25 days from 21<sup>st</sup> instant which I hope you will receive safe & advise me that you have placed it to the Account of Walter Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. by whose desire I sent it you. I am etc HR

**30 Sept 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Mr M<sup>sr</sup> Le Chev<sup>r</sup> Blackett Seigneur Anglois Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>em</sup> 1770  
Chez Mr Louis Julien Rue Simon le Franc à Paris

Honrd. Sir I have remitted £600 pounds to Mr. Simond and sent him the third present of pine Apples. Inclosed is the Venison Acct. & agreeable to your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant from Brussels no more will be killed, but for the Guild. I delivered your message to Mr Lanc<sup>t</sup>. Brown, who understood readily the impropriety of his Request: he would not take any payment, desiring me to assure you, that any trouble he had been at was intirely at your Service. I hope there will be plenty of Game in all your Moors next Year; for I am told they have been well preserved everywhere, The Members of Chollerford Club intend to give a Ball at Hexham on the 7<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup>. & have desired the Great Room in the Abbey for the occasion; which I have presumed to suppose you would have no objection to.

Hexham Bridge was finished on Tuesday last, as I am told; but it has not yet been certified for - when that is done £159 will be payable to the Contractors & I shall advertise for the payment of the Subscriptions. Mr Reed of Chipchase is quite well again. Sir Lanc<sup>t</sup>. & Lady Allgood and family are very well & likewise Mrs Widdrington who is just come from them and desires her Compliments and their's to you. I have seen Mr Bigge and given your Compliments to him - he got home abt. ten days ago and is very well & expressed himself much obliged to you.

I have paid Mr Ward £6 16d 6d which he had laid out in Charity for you, Yesterday were married in this Town Mr John Askew & Miss Watson. At the Meeting at York on the 25 instant Sir Geo. Armitage was in the Chair. Sir George Saville was there & reported the reception their petition had met with, but said nothing to countenance a Remonstrance but Mr Turner and Sir C Wray urged the Necessity of One; but were opposed by Lord E Cavendish and others who carried it by a great Majority for instructing their Members, only. I do not think there will be any such protrusion of Advice here. but hope all Things will go onto morrow as usual. indeed the Appearance of foreign Enemies to Contend with seems to have abated the Sagesness of our domestic disputes.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. i.e. Michas Monday. The Election is over very quietly. Mr Surtees is chosen Mayor & Mr James Liddell, his partner, Sherif; & the other Officers as usual. Mr Bell was not there! Mr Reed, the late Sherif, has only one child, a Boy. they are both very well and he returns you Thanks for your Enquiry. I beg leave to return mine for your Enquiry after my Family: we are very well & rejoice at the good Account Mr Bigge gives of your Health. All your Friends do so. I am etc HR

**5 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newc<sup>s</sup>. 5th Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir The agreement which Mr Lambert Mr Forster & you made with Sir Walter Blackett for his fisheries of High and Low Bells & also Needle Eye & WhiteSands & Archbold's Close was only for one Year which expired at Michas last. Sir Walter is still abroad & I have not had any application from you & your partners for a new Ageem<sup>t</sup>. which I have been expecting. As the time is so far advanced something must be resolved on directly, therefore I make you an offer, subject to Sir Walter's approbation or otherwise, of these two Fisheries and the Close at the Rents you paid for them last year namely £330 for the Bells & £30 for Needle Eye & WhiteSands & £1 10s 0d for the Close for one year ending at Michas next and their rents to be paid half yearly at Ladyday and Michas. If you agree to this offer you and Mr Lambert and Mr Forster will please to sign & return me the inclosed Memorand<sup>m</sup>. by the Return of the post. If not I must take some other method of letting them without Loss of time. I am etc HR

**5 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Philip Metcalfe**

1770 Octr. 5 Sent Philip Metcalfe Mr Trevelyan's Ltr, dat<sup>d</sup>. Paris 21 Sept. last & wrote him to let Mr Laidler see it & send the answer to it to me & that I will direct & forward it to Mr Trevelyan. HR

**9 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Cuthbert Teasdale**

To Mr Cuthb<sup>t</sup> Teasdale Attorney at Law in Hexham

Newcas. 9<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I have seen My brother, & we do not approve of the Security you mentioned to me, for the Trust Money he told you of. I am etc HR

**9 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A Monsieur Monsieur Le Chevalier Blackett Seigneur Anglois Newcas. 9th Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770  
Chez Mons<sup>r</sup>. Louis Julien - Rue Simon Le Franc A Paris

Honrd. Sir The Inclosed Letter and one that Mr Blackett said he would write make it unnecessary for me to say what passed yesterday at the Guild - the abuse turned all upon Mr Ridley: but the Recorder interposing with Spirit put an End to it. Mr Ridley told me yesterday he thought he would not trouble you with a Letter, as he had written since he heard from you. The Mayor received your Letter as he came from the Guild & communicated it, to the general Satisfaction of your friends. By the same post I recd your Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant and shall go to Wallington this week and collect the particulars about the Farms Gardens & other Matters those that you want to have account of. At present I do not think of any thing to add, but that I am very glad you have received benefit from going abroad & hope it will last you long after your return home, which will be a Satisfaction to many and to etc HR

PS. Please to let me know whether, as Mr Peareth and Mr Cookson have had their haunches & Lieut. Scott half a Buck, you wo<sup>d</sup>. have a Doe killed to give them another half - & if so, to whom the rest should be given?

**9 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

1770 Octo<sup>r</sup> 9 Wrote Mr Geo. Douglas at Berwick that I had a Lre [letter] from Sir W<sup>r</sup>. last post in w<sup>ch</sup> he agrees to their having his fisheries on the Tweed & the close on the terms contain'd in the mem<sup>dm</sup>. signed by them dat<sup>d</sup> 5 inst. & that I desired to know whether an Act of Parliament was to be applied for this Year. HR

**13 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

A M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Le Chevalier Blackett Seigneur Anglois Newcas. 13th Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770  
Chez Mons<sup>r</sup>. Louis Julien Rue Simon Le Franc à Paris

Honrd. Sir I have been at Wallington & the following is what I have learnt about the farms and other Matters there - that there are none to be let against Mayday, but <Chartners> and the piece of ground got in Exchange with Mr Errington (as to the former Mr Forster wants to know whether he is to try for any Advance in the Rent and whether he is to make any particular restrictions about the Game. & as to the Latter he thinks it must be let to Hepple your Tenant at Ryal, to whose farm it adjoins) - that the Boundary Wall at Sweethope is not begun, because Mr Shafto does not abide by his promise of letting you build it and he paying half the Expence - that Handisides <onstead> has been new thatched and the Walls pointed - the plantation at Kirkhall fenced and the Wall in the Park, to inclose the new plantation adjoining Mr Swinburn built, - that the Wall from Ewesley Gate to the Guidepost will be finished before Martin<sup>s</sup>. - that the head of Sweethope Lake was nearly done before your order came to stop it, but it has not cost above 6 or £7, so the loss will not be great if you should alter it - that the roads are in good repair & the hedges look very well specially those that have been cut within these two years -



that above 250 Roods of roads have been covered with Limestone this Summer. that the Coal drift thro the Park is not driven above 100 Yards, being much obstructed by quicksands, tho Mr Brown is doing all he can to get thro them - that the Gardens & plantations are in pretty good order, considering that the Harvest & the bad weather has hindered the work in them a little but in a fortnights time all can be made clear - that the trees that were injured by the severe Spring are recovered, all but 3 peaches at the West End of the Store, & two or 3 Cherry trees, & that they are taken away in order to replant the Wall. that the Store is well furnished with healthy plants to fruit next year - none having been produced in That house this year, that Philip has killed Seven brace & a half of Moor Game & one brace of Partridge by Mr Brown's order, tho I told both of them that your direction was Moor game only - 2 brace and a half of them were killed in Chartners, the rest in Mr Milbanks & the D of Northumberlands Liberty. Mr Sadler says no Hares have yet been taken by Snares, that he knows of and that he will be attentive to this Article.

Mr Evans has bottled the pipe of Madeira you bought of Mr Dasher & thinks it is very good - your port and Malt Liquor at Wallington are so. Your Fisheries in the Tweed are let to Mr Douglass and partners for one year at £330 for the Bells, £30 for Needle Eye & White Sands & £1 . 10s . 0d for Archbolds Close, being the Rents they had them at last year & Lucker is let to Mr Forster for another Year at £80 as before. I do not hear of any Intention to apply for an Act of Parliament this year for the Tweed fisheries; but have wrote to Mr Douglass & will let you know in my next.

Mr Cuth. Lambert, Son to the Doctor, who was a Land Waiter in the Customs at this Port died this morning & I find Mr Ridley has wrote to Lord North in favour of Mr Ralph Watson, eldest Son of Mr W<sup>m</sup> Watson the Mace Bearer, & mentioned that he is relation of your's, & that he presumed you would apply for him; but that you are now at Paris.

Dr Hall and Ald<sup>n</sup>. Forster had a violent Altercation on the Bench at the Sessions; and the Alderman insisted on the Dr.'s going, or being carried, out of Court - he chose the former & has since appealed to the Public, in the News papers! Mr & Mrs Mosely are very well and desire their Compliments. Hexham Bridge and the Roads to it are finished & certified for by Sir Ed. Blackett and Sir Lanc<sup>t</sup>. Allgood. I have paid the Undertakers & published for the Subscribers to pay their Money. I find it was taken notice of at the Sessions for Northumberland that the County ought to have Security, as has been usual, that this Bridge should not be a Charge to It for Seven Years. The £250 unpaid of the £1000 subscribed by them is not ordered to be paid; but I cannot yet learn that it is withheld from want of such Security. The inclosed is what I wrote to Mr Coll<sup>d</sup>. Forster about Lucker - he has given me no answer tho I hear he got the Letter: you will please to let me know if I must write again to him. I am etc HR

#### 14 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Trevelyan

To Sir John Trevelyan Baro<sup>t</sup>. in Clifford Street London

Newcas. 14th Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Mr Biggs told me you desired I would send you some pine Apples from Sir Walter Blacketts Hothouse. I have accordingly sent you by the Fly Coach, that will set out tomorrow & will be at the George & Blue Boar, in Holbourn, on Wednesday Evening a Box containing Four of the best pine Apples the House affords & have paid the Carriage of them. I wish Lady Trevelyan a good Recovery & you Joy of the Increase of your Family & am etc HR

#### 15 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Adkin

To Mr Thomas Adkin Merchant in Yarmouth

Newcas. 15<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770



Sir In answer to your Letter to Sir Walter Blackett, offering your Services to dispose of his Lead at Yarmouth, I acquaint you, that he does not export any, but sells it to the Merchants at this port without further Risk or Trouble. I am etc HR

**12 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond**

Hexham Bridge

This Bridge, & the roads to it, being finished Sir Walter Blackett desires the Subscribers that live in or near Hexham will pay their Subscription to Mr Ralph Heron in Hexham & that the other Subscribers will pay theirs to Mr Henry Richmond in Newcastle upon Tyne or Mr William Alvey Darwin in Greys Inn London.

12<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

**15 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London

Newcas. 15<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I desire you will get the above advertisement inserted three times in the Saint James's Chronicle and the General Evening Post & that you will pay the Expende of it & place the same to Sir Walter Blacketts Account. I am etc HR

**19 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Gentlemen Inclosed are two parts of your Account with Sir Walter Blackett. I have signed one of them, & the other, if you find right, I desire you will sign and return, I am etc HR

**19 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. . at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir On the other side is a Copy of Bryan & William Lowrys Article for a Lease of their Farm for Eleven Years from 12 May next at £170 a Year. I tried two or three good Tenants that wanted farms but could not reach the Rent that these offered, so I thought it best to Conclude with them; and hope it will meet with your Approbation - the repairs etc required by them, as mentioned in my last Letter, are not invested but they have my word they will be done. Mr Drummond has not yet named his Security nor fixed whose to take his Level from - he appointed a day to meet me at Heaton about the latter, but failed coming. I am etc HR

**23 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham Abbey

Newcas. 23 Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I desire you will take Care that the Great Room and the other Rooms in Hexham Abbey are put in good order for the Ball that is to be given by the Gentlemen of the Chollerford Club; & particularly that the Chandelier & Candlesticks are properly hung & put up, & the Tables & forms put in order, I am etc HR

**23 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Tho<sup>s</sup>. Duffield at Wallington

Newcas. 23 Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Sir Walter desires that you and Mr Bowlt will make the usual provision for Quicks and Oaks and Beach & plain & Hollies & Hazels; and therefore will plant out (if necessary) where you think proper. he thinks that where the low piece of Water is intended, below Rothley Lake, should be planted about the Banks, as designed.

P.S. You will communicate this to Mr Bowlt.

I am etc HR

**29 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to Cuthbert Ward**

To Cuth. Ward Esq<sup>r</sup>. at Newland Side Hall Weardale

Newcas. 29th Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Joseph Angus has shewn me your Letter to him of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. discharging him from Sowing any Corn on any part of his farm at Woodcroft & assuring that if he does you will take the Crop. Now you will please to observe that by your purchase Deed Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett has excepted a Memorandum of Agreement in Writing Entered into by Jos. Richmond on his part & the said Joseph Angus of the other bearing date 10 Novem<sup>r</sup>. 1761 whereby this farm was demised or agreed to be demised to the said Joseph Angus for 15 years from Mayday then <next> at £90 a year as therein mentioned. By this Memorandum (which Angus has a Copy of) he has a right to plow & lest by your not knowing the Content of it you should prevent him & thereby make it necessary for Sir Walter Blackett to interfere I have here inclosed you a Copy of the said Memorand<sup>m</sup>. & am etc HR

**30 Oct 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 30 Octo<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I received your Letter acquainting me of the Meeting at Cornhill on Thursday first in order to come to an amicable Agreement concerning the Bill now before the house of Comons for Regulating the Fishing in the River Tweed. I cannot possibly attend it, Nor can I see that any further advances can be made on our Side for friendships sake than were made at the last Meeting at Cornhill.

I shall be very glad to receive from you, as soon after the Meeting as you can, an account of what passes at it. I am etc HR

**2 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn in London

Newcas. 2nd Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Inclosed herewith is my Bill on Plumb & Browne for Two hundred & Eighty five pounds payable to you or Order 20 days after this date which I advise you will place to Sir Walter Blacketts Account & apply in discharge of the quarterly payments to 31<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. next & that you will please to send me the usual receipt to be a voucher to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. with Sr. Walter.

I reced your Letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. inclosing Lord North's circular Letter which I think as you do need not be sent to France. the last Letter I had from Sir Walter was dated Rouen 14<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup>. he says he is pretty well but nothing of coming home.

I see you have advertised Hexham Bridge as I desired. I suppose you have not reced any Subscriptions but Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Salisburys & Sir M<sup>w</sup>. Featherstonehaugh's first payments which you paid to Sir Walter. They have not paid their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> payments. The D of Northumberland & the D of Portland each subscribed £200 but have not paid anything which I only mention lest they should send it to you & they are the only one's that, I think, may do so. what you do receive on this Account you had best remit to me or let me know and I can draw for it.

The Cause Hunter & White which you Enquire after & which I should have wrote to you about before now if I had not supposed my Brother had acquainted you about it, was ended by his submitting, before the Cause came on to be tryed, to pay the principal & Interest & costs (as settled by Mr Coll. Forster) & for which he gave his Bond to Sir Walter I am etc HR  
P.S. Since what I have written on the other side I have reced a Lre [Letter] from S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. in w<sup>ch</sup> he says he proposes being in London sometime this month & therefore I have inclosed you L<sup>d</sup>. North's Letter to him.

Newcastle Bank 2nd Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770 £.285 . 0 . 0

Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or  
order the Sum of Two hundred & Eighty five Pounds value in  
Account and place the same to Acco<sup>t</sup>. with S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> B<sup>t</sup> as by  
advice from Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

## 2 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcas. 2nd Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Gentlemen I have drawn a Bill on you for £285 dat<sup>d</sup> this day & payable at 20 days to Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Alvey Darwin or Ord<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I desire you will accept & place to acct with Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett. And I have this day sent you by Thos. Jennings the Lond<sup>n</sup> Carrier, a piece of fine Silver containing 795 ounces; w<sup>ch</sup> I desire you will place also to S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>rs</sup>. Acct. at the Market price & Advise me on your receipt of. I am etc HR

## 2 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo Newcas. 2 Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Sir Walter says he would not have any Lease of Chartners let; but the present Tenant to continue upon it at Will under the present rent. & that he would have Philip go and view the farm & see what is necessary to be ordered about not burning the Ling for the preservation of the Game and the Tenant must not burn any without Leave & he must or his herd or

Undertenant must undertake to discharge any persons who come there ashooting. & if such regulations shall not answer the purpose of preserving the Game Sir Walter says he will take that farm into his own hand & and have nothing upon it but Moor game & a man to watch them. Sir W<sup>r</sup>. says he has not any objection to the Exchanged Land at Ryal being let to the Tenant there.

PS. It is possible Sir Walter may be at Wallington before Christmas therefore every Thing should be in order for him - & the Horses should be put into condition for a London Journey on a fortnights notice; of which you will acquaint the Coachman. I think you had best take Mr G Brown with you when you go to view the damage at Windyhurst & give him such directions as appear to you to be proper about filling up the holes made by the Masons in getting Stones for Hexham Bridge. I am etc HR

**2 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to John Sadler**

To Mr John Sadler at Rothley Park

Newcas. 2 Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Sir Walter says if there is either a young Buck or a Doe fit to kill he would have it done and sent hither next week: & when it is sent let the Bearer of it ask Mr Duffield if he has any fruit to send. I am etc HR

**2 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

To Mr Duffield at Wallington

Newcas. 2 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I desire, if you have any pine Apples ripe, that you will send them in here next week; along with the venison that Mr Sadler will have to send. It is not impossible but Sir Walter may be at Wallington before Christmas. I am etc HR

**12 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett Bt. MP. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 12th Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Honrd. Sir There are few Things can give me greater Satisfaction than the knowledge that you are well after your return to England will do. Your Letter of the 4 instant from Paris, which I have received today, gives me hope that I shall receive such an Acct. Your horses were taken in from grass about ten days ago; in about three weeks time I understand they will be fit for a London Journey & not sooner.

Mr Wm. Watsons Eldest Son, who lately married a daughter of Mr Bells near the Barras bridge, has, on Mr Riddleys Letter to Lord North got the Landwaiters place I mentioned.

Mr Ridley set out this morning for London.

Mr Reed of Chipchase died on Tuesday last of a Boil in his Neck, & an Inflammation the Consequence I suppose of a bad habit - The Doe has been divided between Mrs Bell and Mr Scott; & each of them had a couple of pine Apples with their moiety - they desire their Compliments. Lady Eden is not come to assist Mrs Bell yet, her Elder Daughter who was married to Dr Moore being lately brought to Bed of a Son & I hear does not recover well. There has been another Meeting, very lately at Cornhill about the fishings but it has not

produced any good - for Mr Blake and the Scotch Gentlemen would not depart from their unreasonable demand of having the fishing cease every Week on Saturday at Noon and begin again on Sunday at Midnight the offer of leaving off at 8 o'clock on Saturday Evening was repeated but would not satisfy them & I am told they have entered into a Subscription to oppose the Bill in the house of Comons whenever it is brought in - whether that is to be undertaken this Session I do not yet know.

Mr Gibson says Sir Thos. Clavering has allowed the Turnpike road West of Haltwhistle to be made thro his ground & has desisted from his demand of damages for it. The Ball at Hexham was very brilliant they say, but the Weather was the Wettest & the worst that Night (the 7<sup>th</sup>) & the day following that I remember it. Your Grove Stewards are reckoning with the people for a pay which I am almost prepared to make for all your Mines; tho I believe it will be the largest, yet not the most profitable, you have made hitherto - but the particulars are not yet come to my knowledge. I am etc HR

**14 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 14 Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Of the list of Subscribers to Hexham Bridge, which you sent me, Sir Ed. Blackett, Mr Ridley, Mr Ord, & Mr Biggs have paid their whole subscriptions - the two Mr Errington's have paid their 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> payments and Sir Ra. Milbanke his first payment, here in the Country, but Sir Ralph Steward declines paying any more till Satisfaction is made for some damages done by getting Stones for the Bridge; but which, as he asks an unreasonable Sum for, must be let alone till Sir Walter knows the particulars - therefore as I wrote you on the 2 instant the Dukes of Portland and Northumberland Sir Thos. Salisbury & Sir M Featherstonehaugh are the only Subscribers likely to pay you any money.

Since the Bridge was finished, I named the Duke of Portlands Subscription to his Steward Mr Brown; who said he would mention it in his first Letter to his Grace.

I conclude Sir Walter is in London before this & hope he is well PS. we have the saddest weather that I ever knew. I am etc HR

**20 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. MP. in Halfmoon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. Tuesd<sup>y</sup> 20th Nov<sup>r</sup> 1770

Honrd. Sir I am very glad you are well after yr travels & have not reced Cold by the boisterous passage from Calais & it is a pleasure that my Native place afforded you a terra firma. Inclosed is the Newspaper cont<sup>g</sup>. Mr Lamberts Acct. of Dr Blacks & Dr Saunders's Experim<sup>ts</sup>. on Coxlodge Water & another with Dr Rotherham's reply to it!

The Rent day at Wallington is to be the 27 inst. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Aynsley of Cambo is in Arrears & Mr Forster fears you will lose by him. I forgot in my last Lre [letter] to answer your inquiry ab<sup>ot</sup>. Mr G Brown. He & all in That Neighbourhood I am told are very well - Under ano<sup>r</sup>. Cover are some Lres & petitions w<sup>ch</sup>. in your absence I opened; but not knowing the Merits of the petitioners I have not done anything for them.

I do not think of anything else to say at present than that I am yrs etc HR

**23 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London in London

Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Inclosed is Bell Cookson & Cos. bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Four Hundred Pounds, as above; which I desire you will place to my Account & advise me of the receipt of. This £400 is part of my Sister Lowthians Fortune, & was, on her Marriage, settled in Trustees, of whom I am one; & having been lately lent on Mortgage in my Name, & now paid in again, My Sister has approved and consented as she has a power to do by the Deed of Separation, that this Money shall, to prevent further Changes be vested in the public Stocks, & remain there for the uses contained in the Marriage Articles. I have for that purpose sent it to you & desire you will inform yourself, & then advise me, which of the Stocks will best answer the End proposed, I mean rather of securing the Principal than obtaining the highest present interest. I am told the 3 p cent Consolidated Annuities are the likeliest to do this; but shall in a great measure be governed by what you advise. This may be determined on, I hope, before the Bill becomes due, & that we may get the Money vested with as little loss of time to my Sister as possible after you are in Cash for the Bill. You will be so good therefore as get the proper Instrument sent down for me to execute; and consider to whom the power of accepting etc (but not selling) should be granted. I say this because I do not know how to ask it of you to receive the dividends Yearly tho' My Sister will willingly pay your Expence and trouble in doing it & I shall think myself obliged to you. I hope you reced my Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant - the Mail was taken from the Boy between here & Durham, but returned to him, as the Scotch Bag was not in it. PS. What Expence you may be at in negociating this Matter you will place to my Account, I am etc  
HR

£400 . . . Newcastle Bank 23<sup>rd</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond

Four Hundred Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self

Messrs Glyn & Hallifax

Pay the Contents to

Jos. Saint

London

Mr William Alvey Darwin

No 33787

or Order value in Acct.

Hen Richmond

**23 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. MP. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas. 23 Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Honrd. Sir Mr Forster and Mr Sadler were both here, at the Fair, yesterday when I received your Letter about WhiskerShield. Mr Sadler thinks there are some grounds between it and your boundary; but they will view it as soon as the Snow is off the ground - for we have had a great deal, & a severe frost for two days, but now it is open, rainy weather again. Sir Edward and Lady Blackett set out yesterday for London. Four pine Apples have been brought in today from Wallington, which seem to be very fine ones, & Mr Duffield says will be the last this Season. All your friends have been well supplied with them; & therefore you will please to let me know if I must send them by the Fly to London - perhaps they may keep till you come, for they seem to be fresh cut. The Taylor says there is Brown & Blue Cloth & Lace & Shag enough for the Liveries & frocks for all the Servants. PS Mr Grey says they have resolved on an Application



for a Bill for regulating the Fishings in the Tweed & that they have sent Letters to 31 Noblemen & Gentlemen requesting their support & that one was addressed to you in London. I am etc HR

**29 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Tho<sup>s</sup>. Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale Newcas. 29 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I have fixed your pay to be on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of next month so you will take Care to be here on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> to receive your Money on the 10<sup>th</sup> go home on the 11<sup>th</sup> & pay it away, as I said before on the 12<sup>th</sup>. You will all be provided with Arms. I am etc HR

PS. Allanheads and Coalcleugh pays will be the 13th

PS. wrote the other Stewards accordingly

**25 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Coll. Forster Esq. at Alnwick Newcas. 25 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Hexham Bridge & the roads to it being finished I take the Liberty of mentioning to you that no part of the Duke of Northumberlands Subscr<sup>n</sup>. of £200 has yet been paid and of desiring to know whether you have any Orders about it - if not - I submit it to your Consideration whether there would be any Impropriety in your intimating to his grace that this Money is now due. I am etc HR

**25 Nov 1770 From Henry Richmond to George Robson**

To Mr Geo. Robson at Halnaby Yorkshire Newcas. 25 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Mr Ra. Forster, in pursuance of what passed when you and he were in my Office, has viewed the damage done by getting Stones for Hexham Bridge in Sir Ra. Milbanks Estate at Windyhurst which you asked £20 for and assures me he cannot make it amount to £10. However Sir Walter Blackett being very unwilling to have any dispute with Sir Ra, about this Matter, will pay what Sir Ra. shall please under his own hand to say ~~what~~ he expects for the damage done on this Occasion. You will be so good as get Sir Ra. Milbank to fix the Sum in the manner here desired as soon as you can & inclose it to me who am etc HR

**3 Dec 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half Newcas. 3 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1770  
Moon Street, Piccadilly, London

Honrd. Sir Last week I was at Wallington receiving your Rents which the Tenants paid up very well Except as usual Geo Tweddle, the Clarks & J Spearman. J Aynsley paid only £20 he has signed a Request that you will release him of the house & farm at Whitsuntide next.

I could not get any Acco<sup>t</sup>. of WhiskerShield further than that it does adjoin your Estate and that the Owner of it asks £2000 more than it is worth. but Mr Forster will judge of that when the Snow is gone. If he should come to reasonable Terms still there will be a difficulty about

raising the Money for it is as much as I can do to keep, as the Oeconomical proverb says, the Wheel band in the Nick.

I shall send the four Wallington pine Apples, with two from the hothouse here, by the Coach on Wednesday morning. The Servants here got only their Frock Suits in June last so the Taylor has taken to day the Cloth etc for their Livery Suits and also for George Watson's, whose measure he has.

I am glad the Bishop of Chester will act so friendly a part, No one can so properly make the Representation, to his Successor, of the Nature and Circumstances of this Tithe Ore as he can. I think the Composition, when it comes to be treated about, sho<sup>d</sup>. only be made for the joint lives of the Bishop and Rector; or their Continuance in their respective Benefice. For by both Compositions expiring together you will be clear of much perplexity about working the Mines & much inconvenience and perhaps Law in delivering either of the Dues separately, which might occasion the old question to arise, which was to be drawn first? This the Bishop of Chester no doubt remembers was a disagreeable Circumstance attending the taking the Ore in kind. I shall endeavour to see the Agents for the Fishery Bill when they come to Newcastle - inclosed is a Copy of a Letter I received from Messrs. <Borcham> and Douglas & shall wait your directions what answer to give them. When I was at Wallington poultry was ordered to be brought in directly & Beef pork etc will be brought here next Saturday. Your Arrival here in Health will be a most agreeable Thing to all your Friends and to etc HR

P.S The Lead Mine pays are to be next week amounting to above £20000 - the Ore has cost near £50 a Bing, so there will be little profit even at the present price of £14 a fother & if there sho<sup>d</sup>. be War I fear Lead will be lower.

#### 11 Dec 1770 From Henry Richmond to Boreham & Douglas

To Mr Elias <Borcham> & Mr G Douglass  
in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 11 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1770

Gentlemen I received your Letter; & the answer I have to give to it is that I am well assured that Sir Wr Blackett expects every Article in the Colliery Lease to be strictly performed by the Lessees; & that neither Any of the Covenants therein Nor the Lease itself shall be avoided but by a Compliance with & performance of the <Requisites> set forth in the Lease. I am etc HR

#### 11 Dec 1770 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rich<sup>d</sup> Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir Inclosed is Bell & C<sup>os</sup>. bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup>. for Two hundred & Seventy pounds as above; which I send you on Account of your half years Rents due Mayday last. for having received the East Kenton Rents & paid the bills of repairs there & finding that Mr King will not be ready for sometime with his rent I thought it best to make you this remittance which I hope you will approve & advise me of the receipt of the Bill by the return of the post. I am etc HR

£ 270 .0 . 0

Newcastle Bank 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1770

Thirty Days after date pay to the order of Mr Hen<sup>y</sup> Richmond

Two hundred & Seventy pounds

Value received

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
London  
No 33888

For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self  
Jos. Saint  
Pay the Contents to Rich<sup>d</sup> Wilson  
Esq<sup>r</sup>. or order Value in Account  
Hen Richmond

**1 Dec 1770 File note Henry Richmond**

1770 Dec 13 Sent the Lres [Letters] as usual to the Church w<sup>dns</sup>. of the sev<sup>r</sup> parishes  
appointing Monday the 24 inst for the distribution of Sir W<sup>ts</sup>. usual Charity.

**14 Dec 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1770

Honrd. Sir Last post I received the letter from Mr Douglas of which the inclosed is a Copy.  
Such an Accident at this time is particular and suspicious but I shall see Mr Brown tomorrow  
and learn his sentiments about it. I wrote them on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant according to Mr Fawcetts  
advice that "I am well assured Sir W B<sup>t</sup>. expects every article in the Colliery Lease to be strictly  
performed by the Lessees & that neither any of the Covenants therein Nor the Lease itself, shall  
be avoided but by a Compliance with & performance of the requisites set for it in the Lease."  
The Grove Stewards were here last Monday for the Money & carried away with them £18850 in  
Specie, over and above what I had paid for Gunpowder Candles, etc. & all the Subsistence  
Money advanced them in the Year. They had nothing new to tell about the Mines. As to those  
in Weardale I have desired them to be careful of misusing any considerable Lead-charge till the  
disposition of the new Rector is discovered. I wish you a good Journey hither and am etc HR

**22 Dec 1770 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I received the inclosed paper from Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett, when abroad; but did not send it to  
you, expecting to see you before this: but as the Session is near I think you had best have it to  
make what use of you see occasion. I am etc HR  
P.S. Please to advise me you have reced it.

Paris 24<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1770

I do hereby promise to keep in repair for seven Years Hexham Bridge, to be  
reckoned from the time it was finished, to which Bridge the County of  
Northumberland was so good as to subscribe One Thousand pounds.

W<sup>r</sup> Blackett

**29 Dec 1770 From Henry Richmond to Robert Child**

To Robert Child Esq<sup>r</sup>. & C<sup>o</sup>. Bankers Temple Bar London

Newcas. 29 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Gentlemen Inclosed is Bell & C<sup>os</sup>. bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup>. for one hundred pounds: which I send you by the desire of Wr. Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. you will please to place to his Acco<sup>t</sup>. & advise me of the receipt of it. I am etc HR

£100 . 0 . 0	Newcastle Bank 29 Dec <sup>r</sup> 1770
Twenty five days after date	Pay to the Order of Mr Henry
Richmond One hundred pounds	Value received
	For Bell Cookson Carr Airey & Self
Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	Pay the Contents to Robert Child Jos. Saint
London	Esq <sup>r</sup> . & Comp <sup>y</sup> . or Order value in
No 34125	Account Hen Richmond

**29 Dec 1770 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Wr. Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup> Clifford Street  
near Bond Street London

Newcas. 29 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Sir I have by this post sent a Bill for One hundred pounds to Robert Child Esq<sup>r</sup>. & C<sup>o</sup>. payable at 25 days from this date which is as short a date as I could procure one at. & have desired them to place it to your Credit. I am very glad you are well after your Travels, & much obliged to you for the Brawn you intend me. Sir Walter is very well. Says he has received your Letter, & the Brawn, & will write you soon, but not in French. I wish you many happy years & am etc HR

**1 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ra. Forster at Cambo

Newcas. 1<sup>st</sup> Janry 1771

Sir Inclosed is John Aynsley's Article for the Inn & Farm at Cambo as you desire.  
I am etc HR

P.S. I have sent Sir W<sup>r</sup>. a Copy of Aynsleys Request to be cleared of the prem[is]es at Whitsuntide next. That was the time he desired and I was glad to gain so much. I see there is only a Week between what he desires and the Term day by the Article.

**1 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. at Wallington

Newcastle 1<sup>st</sup> Janry 1771

Honrd. Sir I apprehend the Notice which the Lessees of Unthank Colliery have given is conformable to the Lease and that they will quit the Colliery on this day twelve months but I will see Mr Fawcett against you come to Town & take his Opinion upon it.

Inclosed is a Copy of John Aynsley's Request that you will clear him of the Inn and Farm at Cambo, at Whitsuntide next. there is not in the Articles which I have sent to Mr Forster by this post, any power of determining it by giving notice to quit. In Conversation with Aynsley about

his Arrear - his bad Circumstances - and as he declared loss by the House - he Happened to say he would be glad to be clear at Whitsuntide - & accordingly signed the Request to you , to that purpose. there is only a Week between the regular yearly Term of 12<sup>th</sup> May and Whitsuntide this Year. & I thought it better have it in your power to get clear of a bad tenant, than lose it by debating about the Week with him.

Mrs. Dryden one of the Women in the Maids Hospital is dead. Miss Rudston is the foremost in the List; being applied for on the 4 Mar 1763 by Mr Simpson and Mr Davison. I am etc HR

**4 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 4 Janry 1771

Sir Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett has ordered John Harrison, late Clerk at Rookhope Mill, an Allowance of Ten Pounds: which you will pay him half yearly & charge it in your Quarters Acco<sup>l</sup>. for that Mill. the first payment will be due at Midsummer next.

PS. Mr Cuth Ward, who bought Woodcroft, is desirous that you will settle with Jos Angus for the Rent due to Sir Walter at Mayday last - I dare say you will use your best Endeavours on Sir W<sup>ts</sup> Acct. as well as his to get this Rent soon. I find there is a great animosity between them. I am etc HR

**6 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas. 6 Janry 1771

Sir Jno. Aynsley of Cambo owes Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett a years Rent due Martin<sup>s</sup>. last which is £40 for which Sir Walter desires you will distrain immediately whatever is upon the farm or in the house. No doubt you and Mr Sadler know the method of doing it - you must give Aynsley or put upon the door of the house a List of what you have distrained/ naming all the particulars & what you have distrained for. that is for £40 for a Yrs. Rent due to Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett at Martin<sup>s</sup>. last - & you must put a person you can trust into the house to keep possession till you sell which cannot be till after five days & before you proceed to sale you must get the goods appraised by two persons sworn before the Constable etc - before the Sale you will very likely see Sir Walter & hear further. Aynsley has behaved very ill in selling his horse & refusing to give Sir Walter a Bill on Mr Dixon for the money - I was to have wrote you to send me an Acco<sup>l</sup>. of the people that have offered for this house and farm with the several particulars but I have just now received your Letter containing Thos. Sproats proposal which I suppose was the principal Thing Sir W<sup>r</sup> wanted. PS. You will say nothing of this order to any body but Mr Sadler till you execute it. I am etc HR

**7 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos Maughan at New house in Weardale

Newcas. 7 Janry 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered Eight pounds a Year to be paid, half yearly, to Eliz Peart Widow of Joseph Peart, formerly Steward at Newhouse ; which you will do and charge in your general Acco<sup>l</sup>. the first payment will be due at Midsum<sup>r</sup>. next . I desire you will bring with you the next time you come for Money a Copy of your bargains. I am etc HR

**8 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham Abbey

Newcas. 8 Janry 1771

Sir Sir Walter has been applied to about the Division of Acomb Comon, & therefore desires you will inform yourself as well as you can, against you come to Town, of every Thing relating to this Comon and the proposed Division of it.

Pray are there not some Limestone quarries in it? If so, learn whom they have been wrought by - & as to the Lead Mills, consider about them. I am etc HR

PS. I think S<sup>r</sup>. Walter has not any Estates adjoining this Comon.

**14 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 14 Janry 1771

Sir Agreeably to Sir Walter Blacketts new Order for quarterly payments, to be made by you in London, I have here inclosed you my Bill on Plumb & Browne for Two hundred & thirty six pounds & desire you will place the same to his Acco<sup>t</sup>. & send me the usual receipt for this Sum on Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the s[ai]d quarterly payments to 31 March next. As to the £400 trust money remitted you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup>. I can say no more about it than I did in my Letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. last - so when the 3 per Cent consol. are opened you will be so good as Act according to it. I wish you many happy Years, this being the first opportunity I have had of doing it since the new one came in & am etc HR

Newcastle 14 Janry 1771 - £ 236 . 0 . 0

Twenty Days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or  
order Two hundred & Thirty six pounds value in Account & place  
the same to Account with S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup>. B<sup>t</sup> as p advice from

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Hen Richmond

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas. 14 Janry 1771

Gentlemen I have this Day drawn a Bill on you for for Two hundred & thirty six pounds payable to Mr Will<sup>m</sup>. Alvey Darwin or Order at twenty days from the date hereof. which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Acco<sup>t</sup>. with Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>. I am etc HR

**22 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 22 Janry 1771

Sir When I received your Letter I approved much of your proposal of trying to get some Lead away from Dukesfield Mill during the Frost - but the Change of Weather has put an End to that Scheme. It will certainly be right, as soon as you know the Lead, of last Years Delivery, is all got to Blaydon, to agree with a Sufficient Number of able carriers about the Carriage of this



Lead from the Bankfoot & the reason you give first is a very good one but then Care must be taken that by giving any Set of Men an Exclusive right to carry the Lead We do not put it within their Power to carry only when it suits their own Conveniency without regarding the Want there may be of the Lead at Market. What you say of the corn got of J Angus towards payment of his Arrear is very well. Pray am I not to have some Silver soon from Dukesfield Refinery, & I desire each Clerk will let me have his Dec<sup>r</sup>. Months Acco<sup>t</sup>. as soon as he can. I wish you and Mrs Hunter a happy New Year. My Wife desires her Compliments & I am etc HR

**22 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr John Fenwick in Robert's Place - York

Newcas. 22 Janry 1771

Sir I have reced your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me your receipt for Forty seven pounds ten shillings for the Years Interest due to you from Sir Walter Blackett this day: & inclosed I send you the value of it, namely Bell Cookson & C<sup>os</sup>. Bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Forty seven pounds ten shillings payable to me or Order at 30 days from this day and indorsed by me to you. the Bill is as at as short a date as I could procure it; & it will be a Satisfaction to me and safety to you if you will write me by the return of the post that you have received this Bill safe. I am etc HR

£ 47 10. . 0

Newcastle Bank 22 Janry 1771

Thirty Days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry  
Richmond Forty seven pounds ten shillings

Value received

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell Cookson Carr & Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington

No 34299

Pay the Contents to Mr John  
Fenwick or order, Value  
in Acco<sup>t</sup>. Hen Richmond

**24 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Boreham & Douglas**

To Mr Elias <Borcham> & Mr G Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 24<sup>th</sup> Janry 1771

Mess<sup>rs</sup> <Borcham> & Douglass

Gent<sup>n</sup>. Sir Walter Blackett does not think the Notice signed by you and delivered at Wallington will be Sufficient to determine the Colliery Lease, as it is not conformable to the proviso therein contained. Sir Walter will take Advice upon this point & if he finds his present opinion ie wrong will let you know it. I am etc HR

**24 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 24 Janry 1771

Sir Mr Lambert left me your Letter desiring I would order 9<sup>d</sup>. in the po[un]d, I think it was, to be paid you towards defraying the Expençe of the Application to parliament for an Act to regulate the fishing in the Tweed - but some how, amongst the several papers I then had before

me, I have mislaid your Letter, & therefore desire you will let me know what Sum you want of Sir Wr. Blackett & whether the rate is 9<sup>d</sup>. in the pound - & I desire at the same time you will be so good as send me a Copy of the Agreement signed by the proprietors for the purpose of raising Money for this Business, with the Names of those that have signed the Same. I am etc HR

**25 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Watson**

To Mr William Watson at Sunderland by Durham Newcas. 25 Janry 1771

Sir I am sorry for the Accident that has happened to you & wish you a good recovery of it, As to the Acco<sup>t</sup>. of your Ore, I know nothing of it: but when Mr Maughan comes to Town, which I expect will be soon, I shall ask him about it. If it is right I shall get him to sign it, and then I shall send it to you with a receipt upon it for you to sign and return me by the Person you would have the Money paid to, I am etc HR

**28 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Douglas Lambert & Foster**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Douglass Lambert & Forster at Newcas. 28 Janry 1771

Gentlemen I desire you will pay Mr John Grey Thirteen pounds Ten shillings: being Sir Walter Blackett's proportion of the Money to be raised at ninepence in the pound Rent towards defraying the Expence of an Application to parliament for an Act to regulate the Fishing in the River Tweed. Take Mr Greys Receipt for the Money on this Order & Sir Walter Blackett will allow you the same in your Acco<sup>t</sup>. of Rent due to him. I am Gent<sup>n</sup>. etc HR

**28 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 28 Janry 1771

Sir I have sent you on the other Side an Order on Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Douglass Lambert & Forster for thirteen pounds ten shillings for Sir Walter Blacketts proportion at nine pence in the pound Rent of the Sum to be raised for defraying the Expence of the Application to parliament for an Act for regulating the Fishing in the Tweed. I am etc HR

**30 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn London Newcas. 30th Janry 1771

Sir Inclosed are two Bills drawn by Bell & C<sup>o</sup>. on Glyn & Comp<sup>y</sup>.; one for £100 & the other for £500 - the former is to enable you to pay Mrs Ann Lilly so much in part of Sir Wr. Blacketts bond to her for £200 as you wrote Sir Walter she desired he would do.

You will place this Bill to Sir W<sup>ts</sup> Credit & send me a receipt for it to be a voucher to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. mentioning therein that it is for the above purpose. The other Bill, for Five hundred pounds you will please to place to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. for the present and advise me so, & when you are in Cash for it I desire you will pay Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> Winnington the half years Intst. that will be due the 6 of next month on Sir Wr. Blacketts Mortgage of Wallington.

My Brother talks of being in London as soon as Mr Turner & says he will bring the Newcastle Memorandum Book with him which he says he bought for you.

As to the £400; I have had some talk with my Sister & my Bro. She is for vesting it directly in the Stocks, he thinks the Loss will be too great; but does not yet determine what better can be done. So till you hear further & till you receive from me An Acco<sup>l</sup>. of our joint opinions upon this matter you will please to defer making the purchase in the Stocks that we at first proposed. My Sister has my Declaration of Trust for this Money lent in my Name only on the late Mortgage so it is my particular Business to lay out this Money so as to obtain the Old Declaration of Trust or giving a new One. I am etc HR

£ 100 .0 . 0 Newcastle Bank 25 Janry 1771  
One Month after date Pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond  
One hundred pounds value received  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
London Pay the Contents to Mr William Jno. Widdrington  
No 34318 Alvey Darwin or order, Value in  
Account Hen Richmond

£ 500 .0 . 0 Newcastle Bank 25 Janry 1771  
One Month after date Pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond  
Five hundred pounds Value received  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax For Bell Cookson Carr Airey Self & Saint  
London Pay the Contents to Mr William Jno. Widdrington  
No 34317 Alvey Darwin or order, value  
in Account Hen Richmond

**2 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Bishop of Ely**

To The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ely Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feby 1771  
in Downing Street, London

My Lord I laid before Sir Walter Blackett the Letter which your Lordship did me the honour of writing to me, & he proposes waiting upon your Lordship when he gets to Town, which he set out for this morning. I beg leave to wish your Lordship Health in the See of Ely, and as many years as your Predecessor. I am etc HR

**2 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Francis Laidman**

To Mr Fra<sup>s</sup>. Laidman Surgeon in Morpeth Newcas. 2 Feby 1771

Sir Inclosed is a Copy of a Letter from Capt<sup>n</sup>. Roddam to Sr Wr. Blackett in answer to what he wrote in behalf of your Son. Sir Walter bid me send it to you that no time might be lost. I am etc HR

**4 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Hill**

To Mr Thomas Hill at Blackwell near Darlington Newcas. 4 Feby 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett will be obliged to you if you will send him a Dozen hams & a Dozen Hogs Cheeks as soon as you can conveniently - the last were very good. The payment for them may be made as usual by Mr Darwin, or by your drawing a Bill on me; as you please. I am etc HR

**4 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 4<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1771

Sir I received yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. inclosing me Mr Trevelyan's bill on me for Forty Pounds, payable to you or Order, at Sight; wch. I have placed to our Acct. & to balance this Article I here inclose you Bell Cookson & Cos. Bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Forty Pounds; which you will place accordingly and advise me so. Mr Tevelyan should have wrote me about this Bill - that it was for Interest due from Sir Wr. Blackett to him; for at present it is not a proper voucher - you say he is gone out of Town so I must be Content with It. I have wrote by Sir Wr.'s direction to Mr Hill for a dozen hams & a Dozen hogs Cheeks which I suppose will be paid for as usual by you; if that is the most convenient way for Mr Hill.

Sir Walter set out on Saturday Morning last for London; I do not hear of my Brother going, nor know when you will get the Book he said he had bought for you. But if you have a Mind I will buy one & find some means of conveying it to you. PS. You see the Bill is dated as on tomorrow and will not be advised of till then: so should not be presented for Acceptance till the Day after you receive it. I am etc HR

£ 40 . 0 . 0

Newcastle Bank 5<sup>th</sup> Febr'y 1771

Twenty five Days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond

Forty pounds

Value received

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

Jno. Widdrington

No 34372

Pay the Contents to Mr William

Alvey Darwin or order, Value in Account

Hen Richmond

**29 Jan 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos. Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

omitted Newcas. 29 Janry 1771

Sir I have received a Lre [letter] by this Nights post from the Bishop of Ely late Bishop of Chester that he was confirmed Bishop of Ely on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant & then ceased to be Rector of Stanhope. So you will from the Receipt hereof take Care to distinguish the Ore that is severed from the Veins from what may be be (sic) got hereafter in order that the Rights of the new Rector may be ascertainable at the several Groves in the Parish of Stanhope & desire you will write to this Effect to Mr Hunter & Mr Westgarth. It is late & I have not time to say more than that I am etc HR

**5 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bart. M.P. in Half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 5 Febr'y 1771

Honrd. Sir I hope you are well after your Journey.

Since you left this place I have been Considering, as well as I can, what offer you can in prudence make the new Rector for a Lease of his Tithe Ore: & am convinced the old Composition of Three hundred Guineas a Year, is the utmost. The Bishop of Ely can tell him, if he pleases, that after drawing the Tithe Ore in 1741, 1742 & 1743 he found no more could be made of it. The mines now are much more Expensive, & the Leases shorter than they were then. Consequently the least additional Load must occasion a Reduction of the Works & a disruption of Numbers of the people from their Employments. If the Rector does not accept this offer he may require Time; & if he has a Certain person in his Council, an Acct.! as to the former, it will be necessary as soon as any Ore is ready, & the Season allows for the removal of it to the Mills, that He appoint an Agent or Agents to take his Tithe. & as to the latter it should be avoided by all means. for you are sensible it had no good Effect with the Bp. of D. when "Sit pro ratione voluntas" demonstration will not convince. If the Rector does accept of your Offer, I think the Agreement should be made for the joint lives of the Bishop of Durham (& his Continuance in the See) & yourself; provided the Rector lives and Continues so long in the Benefice.

Inclosed is An Acct. of the Ship in which the Servants Boxes are sent. Inclosed also is Capt<sup>n</sup>. Roddam's Letter. I am etc HR

**7 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 7 Feby 1771

Sir Mr Forster & Mr Bell propose being at Tweedmouth on Tuesday Evening the 26<sup>th</sup> of this Month; of which I desire you will acquaint the other Tenants & I hope you and they will be well provided with Money to pay your Rents to Mr Bell whose Receipts for what you pay him shall be your Discharge. I hope you will be able to pay him the Years Rent for the Colliery and Buildings due 1<sup>st</sup> January last & am etc HR

**8 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bart. M.P. in half Moon Street,  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 8<sup>th</sup> Feby 1771

Honrd. Sir I wrote on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant my Thoughts as to the Treaty with the new Rector. & since have received your Letter of the same day from York, on that Subject; & still think you should not be tied up if you can help it, to pay him £315 a year, while Rector of Stanhope: because if a War should happen, or Thos. Hepple die, or the Bishop of Durham, the Works must be discontinued at almost every Grove in Weardale; without mentioning what my wishes for your Health will scarce let me do, the Chance of his outliving the Leases intirely - perhaps you may obtain of him a power of putting an End to the Agreement on giving Twelve Months notice, which would answer nearly the purposes of the other Conditions, mentioned in my Letter. No doubt, while none of the above Chances happen, & as much Ore shall be raised as has been of late, the Tithe may be worth £1000 a year to him: but so much Ore cannot be raised if the Tithe is paid in kind; because you lose by the Leases every year, and have no Inducement to work the Mines but the Compositions - half of which being taken from you, you must proceed with Circumspection in your future Expenses. In short rather than be tied up for the Rectors whole time in the Benefice I should, considering the Circumstances of the Case, think it advisable to offer him £350 or even £400 a year provided he will allow you such a power of

determining the Agreement: but this advance should be the dernier resort. As to giving up the Bishop of Durham's Composition; I think, if a War can be postponed, It may As It is the only inducement you have left to do any Thing in Weardale - to be sure the giving it up will keep you clear of the Law suit that will probably attend your delivering the Tithe Ore in kind; as the Bishop & Rector would then be the Disputants, which should be first served; & besides you would be clear of some perplexity in carrying on the Workings by having one of the Dues and not the other. But if a War is unavoidable, I wish both the Bp & Rector had their dues in kind; for I am sure from Experience you cannot get ore in Weardale under £40 a Bing, even with the Bishops Composition - & it is highly probable the Ore would not be much above That value after the 2 or 3 first years of the War. It was sold at £42 a Bing in the two last Wars.

I shall get the Recorders opinion in a post or two whether you should press the Hospital to proceed to a Suit at law for their Tithe of Corn and Hay in Wallington Lordship.

PS. I wrote the Bishop of Ely, as you bade me, that you would wait upon him when you got to London. I am etc HR

**8 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 8th Feby 1771

Sir I have this day received by the Hexham Carrier a piece of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery, the Weight of which is Eleven hundred and ninety seven ounces & a half & am glad Coalcleugh Ore continues to yield so well - but I think you have taken off too large a piece at once. If it had been in two pieces it wo[ul]d have been more manageable, & the risk less, tho it seems to be very fine. I am vexed at the Rookhope Carriers that they did not take the Opportunity of the late Frost, to get the Lead in their hands, to Blaydon, tho till I get the Months & the general Accts I am not certain what it amounts to. The sooner you can get ready for a pay the better; we shall perhaps get the Lead Carriage on the sooner for it. I find Mr Errington has got some Lead from his Mill during the Frost & wish we had some so - but it did not last long enough. I am etc HR

**8 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas. 8<sup>th</sup> Feby 1771

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by Matt Lee the London Carrier, a piece of fine Silver containing Eleven hundred and ninety seven ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett, as usual, at the Market price & advise me on your receipt of. I am etc HR

1197½ oz at p oz

**18 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 18th Feby 1771



Honrd. Sir Inclosed is Jos. Lowry's Agreement for the house at Cambo on behalf of George <Pougfer> , who called upon me on Tuesday last on his return from viewing what was taken for him - he wanted to see the Article, which as he desired I read to him, & asked him if he had any Objection to signing it - he said he had met you on the road & did not intend signing till he saw you again in London: when he would do it in Case you would agree to some Things he wanted to be done at the house and which Mr Forster was to send you an Account of this Week - the Things he named to me were such as I told him I thought you would have no objection to : such as cieling the Garrets, making a partition off the Kitchen for a Bar - making a hog Sty - altering the range of the Chimney, so as he could put up a Smoke Jack - and granting him a longer Term - all these I agreed to add to the Article Subject to your Approbation; but he said he expected you would find him the Brewing Vessels, namely, a Boiler, Mash Tub, Cooler & Vat sufficient for a hogshead which I also agreed to provided he would pay you interest for the Money they should Cost. he replied he chose to see you & if you would not find them for him he would buy them himself - so, not being able to make any more of him, I have sent up the Article. to which should be added a Clause in Case you let him a longer Term, that he shall not assign the premises - for I find if he comes hither it will be on his Wife's Acct. & if any Thing should happen her he would be glad to get clear of the farm.

Mr Bell had Letters from Hexham last Night that Mr Rumney the Curate and Schoolmaster there died on Saturday last of the Gout in his Stomach after a very short Illness - the value of the Curacy is now above Eighty pounds a year. Mr Fawcett has not yet given me his Opinion whether you should urge Greenwich Hospital to proceed to a Suit at Law for the Tithes of Wallington - nor have I yet got the particulars of the Things ordered to be done at Wallington and Hexham. I hope you are better of your Cold. P.S. Mr Maughan will be here to morrow Se'night, against which time you may perhaps be able to let me know the Rector of Stanhope's Sentiments & am etc HR

**20 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street Newcas. 20th Febr'y 1771  
Piccadilly, London

Honrd. Sir Inclosed is Mr Forsters Estimate of the several Things required by Mr <Poughfer>: which I received last Night.

Mr Peareth desires me to acquaint you that George Newlands, one of the Beadmen of St. Thomas's Hospital, is so weak that he cannot live many days - PS. we have had three remarkable fine days: & the farmers in dry situations are busy sowing Wheat. I am etc HR

**22 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Rich<sup>d</sup>. Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. Leeds Yorkshire Newcas. 22 Febr'y 1771

Sir Mr King having this day paid me his Rent I have inclosed herewith sent you two parts of my Acco<sup>t</sup>. of Kenton Rents for May<sup>dy</sup>. last. The balance of which is £ 300 . 1 . 8½d & inclosed you have Bell & C<sup>os</sup>. bill of Glyn & C<sup>o</sup>. for that sum, indorsed by me. I have signed one part of the Acco<sup>t</sup>. & you will please to sign the other & return it to me & advise me of the Receipt of the Bill. I perhaps am troublesome to you in desiring This by the Return of the post but it is what in the course of much business I have always been used to & cannot be easy without. I have also sent Mrs H Headlams receipt & copies of the notes of repairs,

Mr Drummond who offered to take Mr Gun's quarry that was, has never come near me since I required somebody to join with him by way of security w[hi]ch I had reason to do as his character is that of an unsteady man. The Com[issioner]s. of the road have made use of the piece of Stone left by Mr Gun. I am etc HR

£ 300 . 1 . 8 ½	Newcastle Bank	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feby 1771
Thirty Days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond		
Three hundred pounds one shilling & eight pence ½ d	Value received	
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax	For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint	
London	Endorsed	Jno. Widdrington
No 34503	Pay the Contents to Rich <sup>d</sup> .	
	Wilson Esq <sup>r</sup> . or Order, Value in Account	
	H R <sup>d</sup> .	

**23 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feby 1771

Sir It is likely we shall soon determine on lending the Four Hundred pounds, remitted you in November last, on the Mortgage of an Estate in the County of Durham: as there is now no appearance of the Stocks affording a reasonable Interest for it. I mention this, that in Case I should draw a Bill on you for that Sum at 20 or 25 days date it may be no inconvenience to you to pay it.

I have not heard from Sir Walter since he got to Town; but I hope he is well, & that you are so too. I am etc HR

**25 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street Newcas. 25<sup>th</sup> Feby 1771  
Piccadilly, London

Honrd. Sir Inclosed is a Copy of Mr Fawcett's Opinion about pressing the Hospital to a Suit at Law about the Tithe of Wallington. & also an Estimate how much the several Things you have ordered will cost. Mr Fawcett promises his Opinion in a post or Two on the Notice given by the Lessees of Unthank Colliery,

Mr Bell is at Berwick receiving the Rents and will not be home until Saturday or Sunday; when he will go to Hexham and let you know the value of the Curacy and School & the other particulars in your Letter of Thursday last. the Clergy in the Neighbourhood have promised to do the Duty till a Person is appointed - but since this Curacy was augmented it became subject to ecclesiastical Jurisdiction & the Churchwardens obliged to take care of everything during the vacancy.

I think the giving the New Rector of Stanhope an Account of the ore raised in his parish for the last seven Years should be declined. Because such an Acco<sup>t</sup>. can be no way conclusive nor convey any Idea of the value the Tithe will be to the Rector. It was this Tithe and the Lots being in your hand, under an easy Composition, that produced the Ore - if the Rector takes the Tithe into his hand he will soon be sensible there is no Connection between a time of Composition and a time of payment in kind & that this want of Connection arises not from Meer will on your Side, tho you have the power of laying in the Groves when you please, but from the want of an adequate profit or the risk of the Money necessary for Carrying on the Groves with

Spirit when the Lot and the Tithe are paid in kind. If an Acco<sup>t</sup>. is to be gone into, it will be a work of time: and while we are reasoning about it, the Ore must be sent to the Mills. So a negotiation of that Sort does not seem to be practicable. The Rector must either take the £315 a year for his continuance in the benefice, if you think proper to give it him; or the £350 or £400 if you please with a Liberty of giving up on 12 months Notice as in my Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, or else take his Tithe in kind as Dr Keene did, that is  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the remainder after the Bishops Lot is taken out.

Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Blackett mentioned his Design of applying to parliament for a Division of the part that you and he have in Comon in Winlaton Lordship. I think a Twenty one years Lease from him of his half of a house that your Refiner lives in & the Closes thro which the Water Course is brought to the Refining house would convey to you all the benefit you would receive from such a Division - but this matter may be Considered more particularly next Summer; when I hope Sir Edward and you will be in the Country. I am etc HR

**26 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Watson**

To Mr Wm. Watson at Sunderland by Durham

Newcas. 26<sup>th</sup> Feby 1771

Sir Mr Maughan was with me this Morning & I have given him money to pay for your ore, finding it the shortest way for us both. I hope you are recovered of your accident & am etc HR

**27 Feb 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>t</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 27 Feby 1771

Honrd. Sir Mr Busby has not had a university Education, nor can I find that his Abilities as a School Master are very Eminent - but he is regular industrious young Man, of a good person & Countenance, his Air and Carriage grave: tho there is an Affectation in him that is disagreeable, & which spoils a good voice and Utterance he otherwise would have. he was lately ordained Deacon. is married with a Child or two - this is all I can learn of him, except what Mr Wood wrote to Mr Blackett & which he said he would send you yesterday.

Mr Maughan says there is nothing particular in Weardale except that Dawson's Grove, which was sick a few Weeks ago, is now poor again. There was no Lease executed, between the Bishop of Chester and you, for the Tithe Ore. & as to the Article, the Recorder says, such a One will bind your Executors.

All the Wallington Leases are in Mr Forsters hands, and he is now at Berwick. When he returns I will send One. Since he and Mr Bell went thither, I have heard of a Bill intended for parliament this Sessions for making Turnpike roads in the County of Berwick, which will include the great Coal-carriage-roads from Unthank Scremerston etc - having an opportunity today, I have sent to them; desiring they will inform themselves whether such an Act would be beneficial to your Estate in that Neighbourhood, or otherwise. I am etc HR

**1 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas. 1<sup>st</sup> March 1771

Sir Sir Walter desires to have one of the Subsisting Leases of a Farm in the Wallington Estate sent to him. So I desire you will let me have Thos. Dobson's Jos. English's or any other that is in force, as soon as you can after your arrival from Berwick. I hope you are well & am etc HR

**3 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in Half moon  
Street, Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 1771

Honrd. Sir Inclosed is one of the subsisting Leases of Wallington Estate & also Copy of a Case drawn by Mr Fawcett for the Opinion of Council in London whether Notice given by the Lessees of Unthank Colliery will determine the Lease on the 1<sup>st</sup> Janry next. He sent it me late last night & has not yet given ~~me~~ his own opinion.

Mr Bell will go to Hexham tomorrow & find you an Ans<sup>r</sup>. in a post or two about the Curacy & the School & the other particulars in your Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ult. The tenants of Ord etc have p[ai]d their Rents as usual & as to the Berwickshire turnpike road bill it may prove advantageous to the vend of your Colliery if the roads thro' your own Estate were kept at all times in repair. but whether they are public or private roads is not yet I believe ascertained. I am etc HR

**5 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 5 March 1771

Sir I think the meeting you propose to have on the 20 instant with the East hand Wainmen a very proper Measure and hope they will Engage on the Old terms - it has been said that Greenwich Hospital intend to bring their Lead our Way this Year & That perhaps makes Mr Reynoldson suppose the Carriers will be difficult to deal with - if they should be so and should ask an Advance price I think it should be very well considered before we Comply with it. I suppose the price Sir Walter gives is, considering the length of his way, proportionable to what Mr Errington and the Quaker Comp<sup>y</sup>. give for theirs - And if so, our advancing would be an Example they would immediately follow and then no good would be got by it. As to paying them as you propose from the 12 Aug<sup>st</sup>. for what Lead they shall then have brought to Blaydon I have no objection to it if you think, when you have reconsidered it, it will answer any purpose. You know the other proprietors will do the same, & if they find we one year get their men from them they will try another year to get the Advantage of us and so we shall have a fighting trade and you know the Winlaton Tenants will be little moved by this offer, as they will only thereby pay Sir Walter his Rent the sooner & besides the Rookhope Lead will come the slower for this measure except by those that bring it quite thro to Blaydon & the Allenheads Lead will scarce get to the Stob before that day. On the other hand it may be supposed the prompt payment will tempt people to set on new Carriages or bring them from other works. therefore I leave it to your Judgement to make this offer or not as you think will be for the best. Only I should have liked it as well if you and Mr Reynoldson had met here before the day to have talked the Matter over.

The last piece of Silver you sent is not admitted by the refiners in London to whom I sent it to be so much by half an Ounce as I wrote you I made it so you will charge it only Eleven hundred and ninety seven ounces.

I am desirous of having your pay this year as soon as you can get ready for it. & am etc  
HR

**1 March 1771 From William Darwin to Walter Blackett**

Extract from Mr Darwins Lre to Sr Wr. Blackett

Greys Inn 1 March 1771

Sir "I have seen Mr Chester who tells me the Deeds for the purchase of the Estate for the Augmentation of Ninebanks Chapel in North[umber]land were sent down on the 29 Janry 1770 Now above a year ago: I think he said to Dr Sharp of Durham, so that the Delay is in the Country & not here,"

**5 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham Abbey

Newcas. 5 Mar 1771

Sir Above is a copy of what I received from Sr Wr. Blackett this post; in his Letter he desires you will Enquire into the true State of this Case, & what is the Occasion of the delay of perfecting the purchase: which you know Sir Walter lent Mr Hunter some Money on Account of. I am etc HR

**6 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Tho<sup>s</sup>. Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

Newcas. 6th March 1771

Sir Mr Ricardson of Nunwick near <Penreth> in Cumberland has wrote to Sir Wr. Blackett about a Leadmine called Dryside in Burnhope in Weardale which was leased by you to William Archer Nich<sup>s</sup>. Walton and John Thompson. Archer had a half Walton & Thompson the other half as he says. And then he goes on telling Sir Walter that "Sometime after the granting this Tack Note Archer sold to one Tho<sup>s</sup>. Thompson (in whose behalf he writes) a fourth Share and gave him a proper Instrument to install him thereto - That the said Archer Walton and John Thompson, the original Lessees, not being able to carry on The Mine quitted and released severally all their rights and Title thereto to the said Tho<sup>s</sup>. Thompson who thereupon became Sole Owner - that the said Tho<sup>s</sup>. Thompson in order to carry the Work better on happened unluckily to let Will Wilson a scheming person, to a Share, who had applied to him for that purpose and that he the said T Thompson admitted this Wilson to have an Eighth share of this Grove & there is now ten years of this old Tack Note yet to come & unexpired - that Wilson having thus got  $\frac{1}{8}$  of this Grove from T Thompson made application underhand to Mr Maughan who took upon him to grant this Wilson and one Watson a new Tack of this Grove called Drysike and they together have intirely robbed poor Thompson of his right. There never was (he assures Sir Walter) a more wicked and infamous Act of Injustice done to any Man & blames Mr Maughan for it whom he says he has written to in a most friendly & complaisant manner in behalf of poor Thompson but has not been favoured with an Answer. therefore he applies to S<sup>r</sup> Wr. for redress. requires an Answer from him & assures him that if nothing can be done, the poor Man Thompson must apply to the Court of Chancery" Thus far Mr Ricardson. Now Sir Walter desires me to communicate the Contents of this Letter to you & that you will send me a State of the particular Transactions of the Case complained of, as soon as you can; that he may



know what answer to give Mr Ricardson. I hear nothing more about your new Rector. I am  
etc HR

**6 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newcas. 6<sup>th</sup> March 1771

Sir In a Letter from Sir Wr. Blackett last Night he says Mr Poughfer has been with him about Cambo and that there's an End of that Matter with him - he gives up any further thought about it. So Sir Walter has sent back the Article signed by Lowry, which is here inclosed and which he would not have remain in force in respect to Lowry so will finish that Matter with him directly. Sir Walter says it is equal to him who has the house etc if its but let to a proper sufficient person - & that he had rather put an End to a public house at Cambo or let it lye on hand than let it to a poor or a disorderly person. I am etc HR

**8 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 8th March 1771

Honrd. Sir Inclosed is Mr Ricardson's Letter, which I have wrote to Mr Maughan about; and also Mr Woods Letter which is very Much in favour of Mr Busby. Your 2<sup>nd</sup>. Letter of Saturday last about him came with your first, so no mention shall be made of what is said in it concerning him. I have sent Mr Ra. Forster Jos. Lowrys Article, with your directions about it.

Mr Bell says the Things you ordered to be done at Hexham are the iron rails for the Office Stairs, which with the Cattle house and Coal place, he thinks, will cost about £10 . 0s . 0d and the Mill Bridge about £25 . 0s . 0d Inclosed is his account how the delay has happened about the Deeds for the Augmentation of Ninebanks Chapel. There is, I suppose, the Omission of a word in the Rental you have of Lucker - in mine it stands "Freehold & Cottages £4 . 10s . 0d" meaning Freehold Land & Cottages.

I am sorry the Duke of Northumberland does not chuse to buy this Estate: which must be worth more to him that any other person. Mr Lambert is in London; but his partner thinks G Watson will soon be well again. he looks poorly but it is said to be the Effect of the Medicines. Mr Turner left with him a Memorandum about Livery Cloth, Lace etc. for two Servants; which he was to have brought up but if you do not send for him, please to let me know when the Cloth is to be sent. I am etc HR

**8 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 8 March 1771

Sir Mr Salkeld has not given me, in his general Account for last Year, the quantities of Lead made from the different sorts of Ore, namely, Allanheads Coalcleugh and Weardale: without I cannot tell how the produce of each has been.

I desire you will speak to him to send me such an Account as I need to have. I am etc HR

**10 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**



To Mr Darwin in Greys Inn London

Newcas. 10<sup>th</sup> March 1771

Sir I have reced your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. inclosing me William Berneys receipt for £500 for the use of Anth<sup>y</sup>. Wright for the half year's Intst. due to Sr Ed. Winnington on the 6<sup>th</sup> of last Month on the Mortgage of Wallington and have given you Credit for the same in our Account and I hope this receipt will be a sufficient discharge to Sir Walter .

As to the £400 Trust Money, the Title of the proposed Security is still before Council. Mr Heron of Hexham will probably send you a Case about the Distresses made on Greenwich Hospital Tenants for not appearing to do Suit at Hexham Court. They have got wrong twice and now Mr Fawcett advises taking the Direction of the leading Council if it should come to a Tryal. I suppose Mr Wallace would be so as only he Mr Wedderburn & Mr Eden Mr Fawcett and Mr Wilson have General Retainers. You know Mr <B...t? was of Opinion that these Tenants owed Suit to the Court Baron but Mr Fawcett and Mr Wilson think only to the Court Leet & they are for proceeding accordingly if Sir Walter thinks necessary to go on. But if Mr Heron sends you the Case he will as I desired him write you particularly about it. You will please to pay Mr Wallace his general Retainer for this year. All before being paid up to him by me at our last Assizes. I am etc HR

**12 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham Abbey

Newcas. 12th March 1771

Sir I have a Letter from Sir Walter Blackett to night that he has determined to appoint Mr Busby of Gateshead the Curate at Hexham & hopes the Trustees of the School will agree to chuse him School Master. & as to Mr Orton who was Mr Rumneys Curate Sir Wr. hopes if Mr Busby wants an Usher that Mr Orton & he may settle matters between them - but more of this when we meet as also about settling Matters if any are to be settled with Mrs Rumney so you will say nothing about these two Things at present only may hear what others say But are as I said before to wait upon the Trustees with Sir W<sup>rs</sup>. Compliments and acquaint them that he recommends Mr Busby to them. If any other Matters arise with respect to this Business you will manage them with your usual Discretion which is all I have time to say to Night. I am etc HR

**13 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> March 1771

Honrd. Sir I received your Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> about Mr Busby time enough to write last Night to Mr Bell who is at Hexham, to wait upon the Trustees of the School with your Compliments & Recommendation of him. I have seen him this morning & he thankfully accepts your offer of the Curacy, and makes no doubt of succeeding to the School; as he knows, he says, the Trustees only wait for your Approbation of him - Inclosed is the Form of Nomination to a perpetual Curacy, and such as have been made use of on former Occasions by you - & Mr Darwin can prepare a Stamp to this Effect, when you please - Mr Busby says if an Usher is wanting and Mr Orton pleases he will have no objection to him & as to Mrs Rumney, he says, the Trustees of the School have had it under Consideration how to accommodate her against Mayday next. I am glad Mr Thurlow has agreed to take the same Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore as the

Bishop of Chester had: & hope, if peace continues, you will be no loser by it. You will please to let me know when the Article is signed; that Matters may be regulated accordingly.

The <Ba s>, & probably Interest of the Opposers of the Fishing Bill are great; but their property in the Tweed is comparatively so trifling that I should think their Council would make little Impression in parliament against so Equitable a Bill. Mr <J Dorington> has paid his Subscription to Hexham Bridge in full. but the Duke of Northumberland & the Duke of Portland no part of theirs. I am etc HR

**15 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Rich<sup>d</sup>. Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. at Leeds - Yorkshire

Newcas. 15th March 1771

Sir Mr Robson has returned me my half year's Rental of your Estates at Kenton for Mayday last, with the Duplicate of it. on Account of the Mistakes that were in it, which I am quite ashamed of. - but the hurry of sending you the Money on the day I received it, which was a busy one with me, has occasioned and must apologise for them. I have rectified & returned the Acco<sup>t</sup>. & duplicate & shall be obliged to you to sign & return me the latter. It will give me much Satisfaction to know that you are properly recovered of the Gout. I am etc HR

**15 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. half Moon Street in  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 15th March 1771

Honrd. Sir Inclosed are Copies of what I have received from Mr Maughan in answer to Mr Ricardson's Charge about Thos. Thompson by which it appears That Thompson had 1/8<sup>th</sup> in the Grant of the Tack. - that this Tack was nothing more than a memorandum made in your Books without mentioning any length of time - that this Tack has often been forfeited, by not working - that Mr Maughan did not avail himself of these <proprietors>, but, on Mr Wilson's telling him in 1761 that he had bought all the Shares but Archer's, he directly let him etc on his word the Grove till the year 1767 when Wilson said he had bought Archer's too; and being a Substantial Man was allowed to work in his own Name. that some time after Wilson applied for an Advance price per Bing & was promised it in Case he brought up a Low Level to the Grove at his own Expense. - that he then declared he had no partners, particularly that Thos. Thompson had no share - that afterwards he took Thos. Watson in for 1/4<sup>th</sup> & they two have wrought the Grove ever since, at a Considerable Expencc. - that Thompson once applyed to Mr Maughan about his Share of the Grove who told him he had no right at all in her and referred him to Mr Wilson - that since that Wilson and he have had much wrangling and at last a Reference with an Award < ed> which Mr Ricardson says is of no force - thus the Matter stands - & <you> seem no <way ...ed> in the dispute - for Thos. Thompson's share in the Original Grant, such as it was, was forfeited by not working - Thompson has done nothing in the Grove since Wilson wrought there & either by forfeiture or sale has given up his Interest in the original Tack. Mr Ricardson is a Justice of Peace & of a very particular Character . By Mr Westgarths Accot. he has a very bad one. The Sailors at Shields have made another stand for more Wages that they got on the former, & are committing outrages as before; but I understand you have more authentic Accounts of particulars that I can obtain. Inclosed is a Letter that came today from one Lawson with a desire that I would direct it to you.

I have received this afternoon the Duke of Northumberland's Subscription to Hexham Bridge. Mr Bell is still at Hexham, so I have not heard any Thing about the School further than in my last letter. Mr Blackett will speak to Mr Ward about Mr Busby's affectation: thinking the mention of it will come best from him.

P.S. I have just now received the inclosed Letter from Mr Ralph Forster desiring your directions whether he is to receive the next Rent of the Deanham Tenants or they are to pay it to Mr Will<sup>m</sup>. Loraine. I am etc HR

**16 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Baro<sup>l</sup>. M.P. Half Moon Street                      Newcas. 16<sup>th</sup> March 1771  
Piccadilly, London

Honrd. Sir I have received Mr Thurston's Agreement for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Mines, & shall endeavour to remit Money to Mr Darwin half-yearly for the Composition - for I suppose he will not require the payment quarterly, tho it is so stipulated. this I should know.

Mr Bell says he acquainted the Trustees of Hexham School about Mr Busby, as you ordered, but that they had not had any Meeting when he came from thence yesterday.

One of his Majesty's Sloops came into the River Yesterday, while the Sailors were in the height of their outrages, and struck such a panic into them that they got on Board their respective Ships, and above 70 Sail got to sea directly; & two of the Ringleaders have been taken up and brought hither to day for Examination; and it is thought they will be able to prove something Criminal against them so I hope there will be an End of this Commotion which began to grow formidable. I am etc HR

**16 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn    Newcas. 16 March 1771

Sir I think the best Way will be for me to draw upon you for the hundred pounds for Sir Matt. Featherstonehaughs and Sir Thomas Salisburys Subscriptions to Hexham Bridge; being their second & third payments - their first having been placed to Sir Walter Blackett's Account by you and did not come into my Cash Account but as Sir Walter pleases this should, & it will be useful as I have a pay to make for his Lead Mills, I shall draw on you for the above Sum to be placed in his Account if I do not hear any Thing from you to the Contrary by the return of the post. I shall observe what you say about Mr Wallace's general Retainer - you will please to observe that in my Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. I said Mr Fawcett and Mr Wilson were for proceeding accordingly if Sir Walter thought necessary to go on" & your first Observations in your last letter make me add that I had soon after you took Mr <R.....> opinion used the same Arguments to Sir Walter Blackett. & I then thought he did not intend to proceed to distrain on the Hospital tenants for suit to Hexham Court. & I know nothing further about the Matter till I was told of the first distress by one of the <Pensioners> of the Hospital. I am etc HR

**21 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Boreham & Douglas**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Boreham & Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed                      Newcas. 21st March 1771

Gentlemen Sir Walter Blackett having taken the Opinions of Eminent Council upon the Article signed by you & delivered at Wallington of your Intention of quitting his Colliery at Unthank on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Janry next bids me acquaint you that he is advised he cannot with Safety accept the Surrender of the Lease thereof without the Consent in Writing under the hands of the Assignees of the Estate of Mr Stow who was a joint Lessee with you and is since become a Bankrupt; And Sir Walter is further advised that notwithstanding your said Notice he can Compel you to hold the said Colliery to the End of the Twelfth year of your Term; because the said Notice is void as it is not signed by the Assignees of Stow the Bankrupt who are intituled to a third part of the Lease. Ad that you two will continue liable to the Payment of the Rent and performances of the Covenants on the part of the Lessees.

However if you can before the Expiration of two Months from the Date of this Letter procure the Assignees of Mr Stow to sign a Notice to Him requesting that he will accept It as if it had been given in time and that he will be pleased to make the Lease void pursuant to the Notice given by you I am inclined to think Sir Walter may be prevailed upon to so do.  
I am etc HR

**22 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1771

Sir Mr Thurlow, the new Rector of Stanhope, has agreed to take the same Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore that the Bishop of Chester had, and the Articles for that purpose are signed. So there will be no Occasion to make any further distinction between the Ore got before the 22<sup>nd</sup> Janry last and since, You will take the first Opportunity of acquainting Mr Hunter & Mr Westgarth of this.  
I am etc HR

**23 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ra. Forster at Cambo near Wallington Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1771

Sir I had a Letter from Sir Walter last Night in which he says "As I told Sir Wm. Loraine when I was in the Country that I gave up the farm into his hands the Sadlers are to make their next payment to him" So you will acquaint Sir William Loraine and them accordingly. And Sir Walter desires you will also acquaint Robt. Lawson of Hudspeth near Elsdon, who has written him a Letter very lately offering the Sale of an Estate called Whiskersields to him that he has no thoughts of buying it - & this answer you are to give him as soon as you Conveniently can. PS. I have sent herewith your Account for the year 1769 which I have Examined & signed & should be glad to receive your Acco<sup>t</sup>. for the last year when you have it ready.  
I am etc HR

**23 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. Half Moon Street Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1771  
Piccadilly, London

Honrd. Sir The Trustees of Hexham School have not yet had a Meeting to chuse a Master; but Mr Bell says they intend having One soon, & thinks there is no doubt but they will chuse Mr

Busby. Some of them had a notion of postponing the Election and having the School taken care of for the benefit of Mrs Rumney; and thought the Curacy might be managed so too - But Mr Busby, if chosen, will scarce be able to remove to Hexham before Mayday, and she proposes quitting the house against that time; & therefore Matters may easily be settled between them.

I have wrote to the Tenants of Unthank Colliery according to your directions; having first taken Mr Fawcetts advice how to express myself. I am glad the Tweed Fishery Bill is agreed and hope your Estate will be benefitted by it.

All continues quiet at Shields & the Two Men that were taken up there have been admitted to Bail.

It seems allowed by all the Sober Patriots here that the house of Comons has always had & ought to have a power to compel a Witness, or other person, to come before It; otherwise they would soon be as useless as the Convocation. But some of the Extravagant ones have published an Advertisement, in the inclosed paper, for the Support of the printers - which I think will come to nothing. I have delivered your Compliments to Mr Blackett & Mr Mosley. I am etc HR

**26 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Boreham & Douglas**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Boreham & Douglass in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 26th March 1771

Gentlemen I have your Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> instant, & am sorry to find you so very much misapprehend the meaning of what I wrote you on the 21<sup>st</sup> instant, By that Letter I acquainted you with the opinions of which Sir Wr. Blackett had taken upon your Notice to him. What was further contained in that Letter was by way of friendly Advice to you, from myself. It is therefore impossible for me to take upon myself to say what form of a Notice or Disclaimer will please Sir Walter. On further consideration I am persuaded that it is not only necessary for Mr Stow's Assignees but also for Mr Stow himself to join in a Written Request to Sir Walter. Therefore I would recommend it to you to get both the Assignees and Mr Stow to sign a Writing directed to Sir Walter Blackett, Reciting the Notice which you gave Sir Walter and that they severally disclaim all manner of benefit by the Lease, and therefore request Sir Walter to be pleased to accept the Surrender of it according to the Notice given by you. This may prevail upon Sir Walter to accept it - but you must not assure yourselves thereof; as I have no Authority to say so. I am etc HR

**26 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 26<sup>th</sup> March 1771

Sir Agreeable to your Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant advising me that you had received S<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>w</sup>. Featherstonehaugh's £66 . 13s . 4d & Sir J Salisbury's £33 . 6s . 8d being the Remainder of their Subscriptions to Hexham Bridge & that you had placed these two Sums amounting to One Hundred pounds to Sir Walter Blacketts Acco<sup>t</sup>. and that he had allowed me to draw upon you for it - I say agreeable to this Letter & Allowance I have this day drawn a Bill on you for this One Hundred pounds payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup>. or Order Ten days after the Date hereof which I desire you will accept & place to Acco<sup>t</sup>. with Sir Walter Blackett.

A Defect in the Title of the Estate on w<sup>ch</sup> the £400 trust Money in your hands was to be lent & which cannot be made good till after the 2<sup>nd</sup> of next month makes me postpone drawing on you for that Sum a few days longer. P.S. A Bill is ordered by S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup>. to be filed ag[ains]t some Abstractors from Hexham Mills w[hi]ch being put into Mr Heron's hands as Bailiff of That



Manor he will write you something soon about Sir Thos. Wentworth whether he is to be made Co[m]pl[ainan]t or a Def[endan]t as he formerly was in this Cause. I am etc HR

**26 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcas. 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 1771  
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Gentlemen I have drawn a Bill on you for Four Hundred pounds payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup>. or Order thirty days after the Date hereof which I desire you will accept & place to Acco<sup>t</sup>. with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc HR

**27 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street in Newcas. 27th March 1771  
Piccadilly, London

Honrd. Sir Mr Gibson cannot recollect your giving Him Judge Gould's paper about the Laws for apprehending Offenders on the Borders of England and Scotland - I have found the inclosed, which I suppose has been copied from that paper, tho I am not sure of it; as no Minute had been made how I came by it, nor do I recollect what became of the Original.

Mr Busby has had a Letter from Mr Clapham last post about the Nomination of him to the Curacy of Hexham; with directions how to proceed to carry the same into Effect - he does not propose going to Hexham directly, so I shall keep your Card to the Trustees of the School till I understand whether the Message Mr Bell delivered them from You will be sufficient or not.

I am told, Linen for Sheeting may be had here of Sufficient Fineness; but the Choice of Fine Table Linen I doubt will not be so great here as in London. Whether Holland is so necessary now that the Scotch and Irish have brought their Manufactures to such perfection I cannot say. I am etc HR

**1 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Laidman**

To Mrs Chris. Laidman at Darlington Newcas. 1st April 1771

Mad<sup>m</sup>. I shall be obliged to you if will not blame me for the Neglect of Carriers - I am always at home and ready to pay your Annuity when any body brings me a proper receipt for it. And that you might never be disappointed I gave the form of a receipt to Mr Laidman. As Mr Manson neither called upon me nor sent your receipt I could not give him the Money for you, I am etc HR

**30 March 1771 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Alder**

To Mr Dan<sup>l</sup>. Alder at Adderstone near Belford omitted - Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> March 1771

Sir On the other side is the Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the proportion of Weardale Rent Compositions & Land Tax for the Year 1769 & 1770 w[hi]ch is due from the Extors of Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Bacon Forster Esq<sup>r</sup>. to



Sir Wr. Blackett, & which as soon as it is convenient I should be glad you wo[uld] order to be p[ai]d. me. HR

**3 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street Newcas. 3rd April 1771  
Piccadilly, London

Honrd. Sir I was glad to receive your Letter Contradicting the Assertion, of the printer of the London Evening Post, "that you had abused the Minority" All your friends had agreed it could not be. yet the Minds of some credulous violent patriots here were irritated by it. but they are now set almost right again, I think.

I have acquainted the printers of our Newspapers of the Falsehood of That paragraph; & do not find any disposition in them to propagate it.

There was a thin Meeting at Nellys last Week about the Subscription for Supporting the printers: & I cannot learn that any Thing was done towards it. I hope you are well & am etc HR

**6 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Grey's Inn Newcas. 6<sup>th</sup> April 1771  
London

Sir Matters being settled about the Loan of the Four Hundred pounds, Trust money which I remitted you in Nov<sup>r</sup>. last & which you then placed to my Credit in the Acco<sup>t</sup>. between us, I have drawn a Bill on you dated this day & payable at Sight, as you allowed me to make it, to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bell Cookson & Co. or Order for the said Four Hundred pounds which when paid will balance our said private Acco<sup>t</sup>. and I desire you will please to pay the Bill & place the same accordingly. I am glad we have been able to dispose of this Money this Way without troubling you about the Stocks as we had proposed & thank you nevertheless for your ready disposition to assist us.

Inclosed I send you Bell and C<sup>os</sup>. Bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup>. for three Hundred and Sixteen pounds on Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the quarterly payments made and to be made by you in London for Sir Walter Blackett between 31<sup>st</sup> March last & 30<sup>th</sup> June next & desire you will place the same to his Credit & send me the usual Receipt to be a Voucher to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. with him. I am etc HR

£316 . 0 . 0 Newcastle Bank 6<sup>th</sup> April 1771  
Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Three Hundred  
and Sixteen pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

Endorsed Jno. Widdrington

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax Pay the Contents to Mr. William  
London Alvey Darwin or Order value in Acct.  
No 34782 H R<sup>d</sup>

**6 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 6th April 1771

Honrd. Sir Mr Bell will Enquire at Hexham next Week into the Grounds of the Complaint about the increase of the Quarterage for Scholars inat the School there, & will write You the particulars. Mr Busby, whom I have acquainted of the Complaint says he has heard <th.> by the Institution, it was only 4d a quar[ter] but now 5s .0d - however <... having> to postpone considering the Matter till you come into the Country. You pay Mr Simpson & Mrs <Byres> Ext[ecut]ors 4 & ½ p Cent<sup>m</sup>. but it may be better, if you approve of it, to put off giving Notice to any of your Bond C<sup>rs</sup> Cr[editors] till you see a Certainty of Mrs Gordons Money.

I have acquainted Mr Mosley and he is much obliged to you for your Attention to the Bill for dividing Great & Little <Heck>.

I have not seen Mr Sunderland to day; but he is under promise to tell me as soon as any Vacancy happens in tidesmen or Boatmen's places - I will speak to him again the first opportunity and then write further. The Mayor is out of Town, but will be back on Monday, which is the Guild-day; when I will deliver the Message to him. I do not find there is any Expectation of much Bustle among the patriots on That day. The prospect the Corn bears in the Counties of Durham and Northumberland is a very bad One; Worse, many people of Experience tell me, than they ever knew - I mean as to Wheat. What is sown is thin and sickly from the Alternate frosty & open Weather in the Winter, and the quantity sown is above a third less than usual - besides the Stock in hand is much diminished Yields poorly and a great deal of it unsound - the Medium price in the Market this day was 11s the Winchester Boll, As to Rye which the lower Sort of people in this Country live much upon it is become very scarce. Oats and Barley are now Sowing & the Season favourable.

Please to accept my thanks for your Inquiry after my Family. we are very well. Etc. It is a great Satisfaction to your friends that you preserve your health amidst the trouble & confusion of the times. I hope it will long be preserved. I am etc HR

**9 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 9<sup>th</sup> April 1771

Sir I hope this Dry Weather will enable you to deliver some Lead from Dukesfield Mill. as soon as it is practicable I would have you deliver first 1000 pieces of Kilhope Ore Lead, then 1000 p[iece]s Allanheads, & then 1000 p[iece]s refined Lead - & you will let  $\frac{1}{10}$ <sup>th</sup> part of the first two thousand p[iece]s be Slag. I desire to have your pay as soon as you can & that you will let me know how much you think it will amount to. PS. You see there is An Advertisement desiring the proprietors will not pay their proportions of the Charge made by the Com[issione]rs of Bulbeck Division, Such a Notice puzzles me to know what to do - I think I had better postpone paying S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>ts</sup> Share a little while till I see further. Or can get his own direction about it; & this you may tell Mr Marriott. I am etc HR

**9 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 9<sup>th</sup> April 1771

Honrd. Sir The inclosed hand Bill was distributed early Yesterday Morning: nevertheless the Guild was neither numerous nor noisy - A Motion was made by Mr Smith the Surgeon & seconded by Capt<sup>n</sup>. Maud, to thank the Lord Mayor of London & Alder<sup>n</sup>. Oliver: but it was cooly received & their request for the Guild hall refused by the Mayor. but to day they have been endeavouring to get the Companies to meet at their Halls - the Surgeons and Brewers met. but I have not yet learnt what passed; but its very likely Thanks will be voted by the Companies that meet; as few but the patriots attend. Mr Sunderland says there is a vacancy at South Shields, which is in the C<sup>o</sup>. of Durham, by the Superannuation of one Bulmer a Boatman, & that he expects there will be another soon by the putting Geo. Collinson a Boatman at Howdoen Pans, in Northumberland upon the Superannuation List. these two places are in the Gift of the Comissioners of the Customs.

Ralph Robson, the Butcher, who has been at Sea & William Thowburn a Shipwright are the fittest of any, in the List, for such places - but I am not certain whether Robson has not got a place - if I can learn before post time I will add a postscript.

I delivered your Message to Mr Mayor Yesterday & to day he says he wrote you after his Company left him. I am etc HR

PS. Ra Robson got a boatmans place at No. Shields, sometime ago,

### 12 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Robert Child

To Robert Child Esq<sup>r</sup> Member of Parliament Newcas. 12<sup>th</sup> April 1771  
Temple Bar London

Gentlemen Inclosed is Bell Cookson & C<sup>os</sup>. bill on Glyn & Hallifax for One hundred pounds which I send you by the Desire of Walter Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. to be placed to the Acco<sup>t</sup> of Sir John Trevelyan. You will please to place the same accordingly and advise me of the Receipt of it. I am etc HR

£100 . . Newcastle Bank 12<sup>th</sup>. April 1771  
Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond One Hundred pounds  
Value received  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self  
London Endorsed Jos. Saint  
Pay the Contents to Robt. Child Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
& Co. or Order value in Acct.  
H R.

### 13 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Adam Sibbitt

To Mr Adam Sibbitt at Ancroft Greens Newcas. 13th April 1771  
to the Care of Mr Anthony Lambert at Tweedmouth

Sir I received your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant inquiring about Unthank Colliery but as I have not yet rec[eiv]ed Instructions form Sir Wr. Blackett I can say no more at present than that when any thing is determined about her you will be informed of it. I am etc HR

**15 April 1771    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 15 April 1771

Honrd. Sir    If the Bishop of Durham should dye, it will most probably be Advantagious for you to be near his Successor, to get the Composition for the Lot Ore or Ninth part of the Ore of Weardale Mines, renewed without loss of time: if it can be done upon the Terms you hold the same of the present Bishop; which is £350 a year. You cannot consistently with prudence, give more for it; notwithstanding It may appear of greater value to those who see only the quantity of Ore raised, without considering that That Quantity could not have been raised if an easy Composition for the Lot and Tithe had not encouraged you to venture your Money. You have suffered a Loss as Mr pPeareth and Mr Cookson found on Examination of above £300 a year by the Leases you have of the Bishop of the Mines, upon an average of 16 years - without reckoning Interest for your Money. or the Fines for renewals. - & therefore as you have a power of discontinuing working when you please you never will, I speak with Submission, raise Ore for others to take away a Ninth & a Tenth, either or both, without their running any part of the Risk, or bearing any part of the Charge of getting it. The Bishop of Ely's Experience, if his Lords[hi]p thinks proper to Communicate it to the new Bishop, must have great weight. In Case of a Death, I sho[ul]d know of it as soon as possible; that a Separation may be made between the Ore got before & after the Day of it. And then an Agreement upon a Composition, or to have the Lot Ore paid in kind to the new Bishop, must take place as soon as possible: otherwise all will be at a Stand in Weardale very soon, to the great distress of some hundreds of Family's. Inclosed is a Copy of the Agreement with the present Bishop, & if a new One is to be entered into, the Clause "of you shall so long live" should be inserted; as was done in the Composition with the Rector. Thus far with regard to the Lot Ore; as to the Two Leases of the Mines (that is of the moors & enclosures: wh[ic]h are both for the Same lives) they subject you to pay a Ninth & a Tenth of the Ore clear of all Charges, As I have been saying & you have lost above £300 a year by them upon an Average of 16 years, & therefore they are not desirable things to be tyed to for three Lives; especially as there is not a \_\_\_\_\_ prospect of better times than those you have experienced under them. For Family Considerations I believe, you offered the present Bishop £700 for a Renewal of of a Life on the Death of Mrs Marshall. but matters are now settled with Sir Thos. Wentworth, the next in remainder; according to the Deed which is in Mr Darwins hands - The Office of Moor Master, which is granted to You by those Leases, is no more than a power to get Lead Ore in the parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham.

Mr Trevelyans Life I hope is a good one; But a Boys of 10 years of Age is, in the Comon Way of estimating such Things, better by about two Years purchase.

Lead, <from> the Scarcity of it has advanced of late, and I have sold £1300 p<sup>s</sup> of Comon at £15 a fother and 200 p<sup>s</sup> refined at £15 . 5s . 0d a fo[the]r and above 100 Casks of Litharge in proportion but there is no more at Market, neither of yours nor any others. The Weather for a fortnight past has been very dry and we have all been Endeavoring to get Lead down to Market, but that is now over for we had last Night a great fall of Snow and today the Weather continues very coarse and frosty. I have not heard any Thing from Mr Julien about Lead, if he wants any, I am an improper person to be an Agent for him, being according to my Ability intirely yours. I hope I shall be able to pay your draft upon me for one hundred pounds. Mr Bell went to Hexham yesterday, but I shall write to him to morrow about the Hall Orchard. I have not had time since the post came in to do more than write this Letter; but to morrow I will Enquire about Mr Thomas Gill            & am etc    HR

**16 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 16th April 1771

Honrd. Sir Inclosed is Mr Thos. Gills Letter - what I have learnt about him is, that partly from want of Capital and Business, & partly from his Intimacy with Mr Storey the Tanner & others of that Stamp he failed. that since his failure he has behaved well - & while Capt<sup>n</sup> Boves was here was his Clerk - but is now out of bread - & that what he says about his Father is true. I do not know him, nor how a Letter can be directed to him; but find he frequently dines at Mr Thos. Moor's - a public house in the Close - if a Letter is inclosed to me I shall Endeavour to find him out.

It is said the Trinity house Address to the Lord Mayor is sent to Mr Grieve and that he is wait upon you & Mr Ridley with it and desire you will Carry it to the Tower - & if you refuse he is to wait on Ald<sup>n</sup>. Stephenson with it, whose readiness they do not doubt. It is far from being considered here as a respectable address - most of the brethren being absent, it is said; and all their Comon freemen being summoned to meet on the occasion.

Last Night we had a very severe frost, & to day have had a great deal of wind and snow - so that old people agree they do not remember so bad Weather at this Season. It would certainly be a prudent unexceptionable Measure in the Legislature to allow Rice, at least, to be imported from the plantations Duty free. I am etc HR

**16 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexahm Abbey

Newcas. 16 April 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett says he would have Mrs Rumney continued Tenant of the hall Orchard, if she chuses it, for this year (Only) at the Rent of Thirteen pounds a Year. I am etc HR

**20 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 20th April 1771

Sir If you have no Objection, & if you think there is time enough to give Notice to all persons concerned, I would wish to have the Mills pay made on Mayday: otherwise it cannot be made till the 15 May as I shall be engaged about other Business. So when you have considered about it you will send me Notice; that I may be at a Certainty. & if you fix on the first of May for the Payday you will give Notice to the Mill Clerks and at the Churches and Marketts as usual & will come to Newcastle on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> instant, receive your Money on Monday the 29 go home with it on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> & pay it away on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, I shall Expect to hear from you. It is a pity you sent a Messenger with the Accot. who could not return to Night otherwise you might have had the Opportunity of publishing the pay at the Churches tomorrow. I am etc HR

**21 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 21st April 1771

Sir I desire to know how there happens to be an Arrear of £26 . 5s . 0d due from Jos Angus the Tenant of Woodcroft ; when I desired you to take Care that all that was due from him to Sir Walter Blackett might be secured in time. while we had power under the Deed of Sale of T Estate to secure it. I desire your Answer, for I doubt Mr Ward will not easily allow you to distrain if necessary at this time a day for this Arrear; tho you would have had a Certain right to it, if done in reasonable time. I am etc HR

**23 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr W<sup>m</sup>. Alvey Darwin - Grays Inn London

Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1771

Sir I received your Letter, by this post, dated 20<sup>th</sup> instant; inclosing me Sir Walter Blacketts bill on me for the Sum of One hundred pounds dated 20<sup>th</sup> instant & payable to you or Order, which you have endorsed as having received the contents & therefore have placed it to your Credit, in the Acco<sup>t</sup>. between Us, thinking it best to register it there. And to Balance it I have sent you here inclosed Bell Cookson & Cos. bill on Glyn and Hallifax for One hundred pounds w[hi]ch you will please to place to the same Acco<sup>t</sup>. And advise me accordingly. PS. I shall be very glad to receive your Thoughts upon the Affair of the distress for not doing Suit & Service at Hexham Court. & believe they will coincide with mine. I am etc HR

£ 100 . .

Newcastle Bank 23 April 1771

Twenty five Days after date pay to the order of Mr  
Henry Richmond One hundred pounds

Value received

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington

No 34901

Pay the Contents to  
Mr William Alvey Darwin  
or order, Value in Account

Hen Richmond

**24 April 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. M.P. in half Moon Street  
Piccadilly, London

Newcas. 24<sup>th</sup> April 1771

Honrd. Sir The pay for the Lead Mills amounts to £5156 . 4s . 0½d and is to be made on the 1<sup>st</sup> of next Month & I am now busy in getting the Acco<sup>ts</sup>. and the Money ready for it. And the Rent day at Wallington will be the Monday following. After these Affairs are over I will make out such a State of the Case as you direct about the Compositions & the Leases of Weardale Mines. Inclosed is Mr Liddells Letter, What he says about the Election in 1741 & my Fathers persuading him to stay at home so much to his Loss are things I am a Stranger to further than remembering its being said that his Life was saved by staying at home, when his Ship was lost.

The Weather is now mild & seasonable & we have had fine soft showers to day. I wish you a good Journey down & am etc HR



**3 May 1771 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. in Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1771

Sir Mr Joseph King being afraid that the Chimney at the End of his dwelling house will fall very soon, as the Rent from the Gable increases, has employed Mr Robt. Grey, one of our Ma[ste]r Builders here, to view and estimate the Charge of taking down and rebuilding the Same. Mr King being very pressing for the repair to be made immediately, I have sent you on the other Side a Copy of Mr Greys Letter on the Occasion. the Sum he asks seems a reasonable One, & he is allowed to be an intelligent Man in his profession. I expect your Tenants will be paying their Rents in a little time; but Mr Kings urgency would not allow me to postpone this Letter till then, as he apprehends some bad Accident may happen. I am etc HR

**18 May 1771 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. in Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 18<sup>th</sup> May 1771

Sir Mr King is not ready with his Rent, nor can promise to pay it sooner than two Months. So I have sent you Bell Cookson & Cos. bill on Glyn & Hallifax for three hundred & fifty pounds on Account of what I have received of your other Tenants. The Bill is payable at one Month from this day and you will please to advise me of your receipt of it. The dwelling house on Mr Grahams farm has not been inhabited but by an old servant for many years and is something out of repair. the Roof will want pointing at least. Mr Graham intends fitting up part of the house for his own Residence occasionally and is for ruff casting the front of it & doing some other Things for the Improvement of it, but as the Windows must be new leaded as well as glazed he would put in two Sashes in the low Storey if you will allow him Three pounds towards it. I am etc HR

£350 . . Newcastle Bank 18<sup>th</sup> May 1771

One Month after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond

Three hundred and Fifty Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

Messrs Glyn & Hallifax

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington

London

Pay the Contents to Richard

No 35069

Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. or Order value in

Account

Hen Richmond

**20 May 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup> May 1771

Sir Inclosed is Sir Walter's Bond to Mrs Gordon for Two Thousand five hundred pounds executed this day. & also Sir Walter's Order upon the Accountant of the Free British Fishery for Three hundred & Seventy pounds ten Shillings for <9 & 1/2> years dividend due 22<sup>nd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. Sir Walter desires you will lay out Two Thousand pounds of the Money to be received on the Bond to Mrs Gordon in the purchase of India Bonds and reserve the rest of that Sum together with the dividend of the Fishery in your hands till further Order. Bella <Groptys> intended Marriage with John West. Sir Walter says he will have nothing to do with - when the Money due to her is called for, you may pay it, and tell her not to write any Letters to Him - or if she

does, not to expect any answers. As to Betty Cotesworth Sir Walter leaves it pretty much to your discretion what her annual Expence is to be; provided the whole, including her Weekly Allowance, never exceeds Twenty pounds a Year. Sir Walter has a Letter from Mary Harris about her distress, and is willing that you should let her have, towards her relief, any Sum you should see necessary under Four pounds. But desires you will tell her, that whatever her wants may be for the future she must expect no more from him than her yearly Allowance. Sir Walter had a very indifferent night last Night - & has had Dr Shaw to visit him this Morning who Thinks there is no danger & that the Gout will abate in a few Days. I am etc HR

**23 May 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse In Weardale

Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1771

Sir I hear so bad an Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the Bishop of Durhams Health & the probability appears so great that we shall in a little time hear of his Death, that I cannot help repeating to you my desire that, to prevent any Altercation, you will order all the ore to be drawn to the day, from time to time, as soon as possible, after it is severed from the Vein - & that you will send the same directions to Mr Hunter & Mr Westgarth as to Wolfscleugh and Kilhope Mines. I take this Opportunity of saying this again, because as Sir Walter is now here I may not have such early Intelligence, if any Thing happens, as I should have had if he had been in London. I am etc HR

**28 May 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 28 May 1771

Sir I reced your Letter about Mr Surtees's having discharged the Lead wains from coming thro his Lane at Apperley which I suppose he has a right to do so as I have been told the Wain men have always paid a Yearly Acknowledgement for Way leave - but This you will learn best from Them. it is well for us that there is a highway & that it is not much about - I think not quite a quar[ter] of a Mile. I commend the pains you have taken to get it repaired & after you have got all the Information you can about the parish boundaries and got as much done at the road as you can by them that are willing to join in the repair of it I should be glad to see you here to consider of what is to be done to remove any difficulties that may remain in our way; for we must have the Lead down in time; whatever it cost.

I hope the Rookhope Carriers are setting to work briskly, without any further Scruples.  
I am etc HR

**28 May 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse In Weardale

Newcas. 28<sup>th</sup> May 1771

Sir Sir Walter wants two strong Galloways; such as you have got him before in Weardale - he says he thinks the last, which was a very good one, was bought of Pringle - so, if he, or any Body else you can hear of, has such Galloways as you think will answer Sir Walter's purpose, he desires you will Buy him Two as soon as you can, & get them conveyed to Wallington.

I am etc HR

**31 May 1771    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 31<sup>st</sup> May 1771

Sir    By the Acco<sup>t</sup>. I have rec[eiv]ed from the Lead mines for the year ending 31 Dec. 1770 there have been 5764 B 1½ h of ore delivered to Dukesfield Mill, 1362 B 1h to Allanheads, & 4823 B 3h to Rookhope Mill, in all 11950 B 1½ h. And by the Acco<sup>t</sup>. I have received from you for the said year the quantity rec[eiv]ed at Dukesfield Mill is 5691 B 3½ h, at Allanheads 1436 B 1½h and at Rookhope Mill 4830 B 2½ h - in all 11958 B 3½ h which is 8B 2h more than were delivered from the Mines in the year. But what is worse than this, is the Disparity between the Delivery to and the receipts at the several Mills, as you will see by comparing what I have mentioned of the above Acco<sup>ts</sup>. for the Receipt at the Dukesfield Mill is 62B 2h short of the delivery from the Mines - the receipt at Allanheads Mill is 74B 0½h over the Delivery and the receipt of Rookhope Mill is also 6B 3½h over (Mr Walton makes it 10B 1½h over by his gen[era]l Acco<sup>t</sup>.) I could wish to have these disagreem[en]ts accounted for - & for the future desire you will give some attention to the closing these Acco<sup>ts</sup>. of the Ore, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec[embe]r yearly, as accurately as possible. For that being the day on which I bring these Matters to a Comparison in Sir Walter's Books it would look better to have them a little evener than they have been this last year. indeed I doubt some of the Carriers have been hoping to get pay for ore as if it had been delivered at Dukesfield Mill, tho they left it at Allanheads Mill; otherwise how can there be such a Difference as 62B 2h short at the former & 74B 0½h over at the latter? I have sold above 10000 p<sup>s</sup>. of Lead already, so shall have occasion for all your diligence in forwarding the quantities to Market from all the Mills. PS As there must be plenty of ore at the several Mills by this time, I hope the Smelters are hard at Work - & desire the slags may be worked up regularly & not suffered to run in Arrear. pray get the Carriers to Allanheads Lead as soon as possible. I am etc HR

**4 June 1771    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 4th June 1771

Sir    Sir Walter Blackett is not willing that Mr Walton should keep a public house at Rookhope Mill or have the least concern in that kind of Business - but orders him to have an Advance of £10 a Year to his Salary - So that from the 31 March last you are to charge him at the rate of £30 a year. I shall be glad to hear if any Rookhope Lead be got to Blaydon. last week we had a very brisk Carriage thither of the Dukesfield Lead. I am etc HR

**4 June 1771    From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr Will. Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcas. 4 June 1771

Sir    I was in hopes to have heard from you before this that you were better. I shall be very glad you can write me you are so - but that there may be for the future a less risk of your Health Sir Wr. Blackett is desirous you will engage Mr Westgarth Forster, whom you gave so good a Character of, in his Service & is willing to give him £40 a Year if you think it necessary.

You will consider about this directly - for Sir Wr. is in hopes of being at Hexham in a Week or Ten days & if you are well will then be gald to see you there but of this you will hear further when Sir Wr. can fix the time of his going thither. I am etc HR

**7 June 1771 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Richardson**

To Christ<sup>r</sup>. Ricardson Esq<sup>r</sup>. at Nunwick Near Penrith Cumberland Newcas. 7<sup>th</sup> June 1771

Sir As you and I are not so fortunate as to agree in our Sentiments upon Mr Maughan's behaviour to Mr. Thos. Thompson, I beg this Letter may with great Civility put a period to a Correspondence upon a Subject which cannot be determined by our Letters; at the same time assuring you that if there is a Judge or Court in which you shall think proper to proceed against Mr Maughan, should there be a decree or verdict given against Mr Maughan for his behaviour to Mr Thompson, I shall be willing to pay not only all nominal but real Expences attending the Suit and such a proceeding would be a Satisfaction to me that the Case might be cleared up to the public rather than have a report propagated of a flagrant Act of Injustice committed by Mr Maughan without that Assertion being ever cleared up.

I am etc HR

**6 June 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington Newcas. 6<sup>th</sup> June 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett orders me to write you to distrain the Goods belonging to George Brown, on his Farm at Fenwick, as soon as you can; and that in the meantime you do not let your Intentions be known, lest by an Execution or otherwise you should be disappointed - his Debt to Sir Walter is Six hundred and Twelve pounds ten shillings for two Year's & a half's Rent due Mayday last, as below. You will see by the Lease, which you have, that he has Eight Years to go in his Farm from Mayday next. & will consider whether this is not as proper a time of the Year to make this distress as any.

Sir Walter would have the Lease of <Deanham> Farm given up to Sir William Loraine, when he comes home; if it is not already done. only you will at the same time take Care to get the Counter part from him. I am etc HR

		£	s	d
½ y[ea]rs rent due Mayd[a]y.	1769	122	10	0
d[itt]o due Mart[inma]s.	1769	122	10	0
d[itt]o due Mayd[a]y.	1770	122	10	0
d[itt]o due Mart[inma]s.	1770	122	10	0
d[itt]o due Mayd[a]y.	1771	122	10	0
		£ 612	10	0

**12 June 1771 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bt. at Wallington Newcas. 12<sup>th</sup> June 1771

Honrd. Sir George Brown of Fenwick has not been with me yet, about the Seizure of his Goods - which I see were valued at £200 more this time twelve Months than they are now. So

that it is necessary to proceed to Sale, except he brings a Satisfactory Sum in Money before the five days are expired - which is not likely. I have wrote to Mr Forster and returned him the Schedule. I have acquainted the Mayor and Mr Clifton with that part of your Letter about the Beadman's place. Mr Ford is not yet come; but the Card is left at Mr Bells, where he is expected to morrow. Dr Lambert is not in Town, but I expect to see him by & by, and will tell him of your getting on horse back; which I hope will be of Service to your Health. The Keelmen made an intire Stop on Monday; and to day they have laid off all the Collieries below Bridge and those above will share the same fate directly. the Grievance they alledge, is the loading Ships at the Steaths with Spouts, which they apprehend will increase in time; and render their fraternity in a great degree useless. The Mayor has sent for the Soldiers from the Barracks, as there is reason to fear the Contagion. PS. Mr John Smith is dead. Mr Westgarth is rather better; & has engaged Mr Westg[art]h Forster in your Service : who he says was very ready to enter into it. I shall give Mr Westgarth what you ordered: which will best be done through the hands of Mr Mason, as before. I am etc HR

**12 June 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newcas. 12<sup>th</sup> June 1771

Sir Inclosed I return the Schedule of Geo Brown of Fenwicks Goods, which are distrained for Rent due to Sir Wr. Blackett ; having rec[eiv]e[d] it from Sir Walter this Morning. Geo Brown has not been with me, nor if he was to come can I tell what purpose it is now to answer, except he was to pay all Rent up to Martin[ma]s as other Tenants - but That is not at all likely. And as the Security for his great Arrear appears to be a very base one, & less by £200 than it was by your Valuation, this time twelve Months, There is a Manifest Necessity to proceed to a Sale, after the Expiration of the five days. If he brings me any Money I shall let you know how much it is, that you may not sell more than is wanted - but as to his pretence of coming to me on that Errand, he has forfeited all belief; & I dare say you will not rely upon his Word for it, in this Case. The procedure in Cases of distress for Rent is so clearly laid down in the Landlords Law, that you do not need any instructions from hence; but if you should have any Questions to resolve you have time enough to state them. I am etc HR

**14 June 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

Newcas. 14<sup>th</sup> June 1771

Sir The Bishop of Durham died on Sunday last \*, & tho I have no better nor earlier Intelligence of it than the Newspapers yet I think proper to send you this Acco<sup>t</sup>. by way of Dukesfield that before you set off for this place w[hi]ch by your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant you say you will do on Monday or Tuesday next you may give the Directions I desired you to do at your own Groves & to Mr Westgarth & Mr Hunter for Kilhope & Wolfcleugh. You will take care and desire them to do so too that the Ore which was severed from the Mine after Sunday last may be distinguished as far as possible & reserved at the Grove till a Treaty for Composition or payment in kind to the new Bishop is settled - the rest of the Ore, that is, what has been got before Sunday last must be got drawn & washed up & sent away to the Mills with all Expedition. I am etc HR

\* 9 June





**19 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to Douglas Lambert & Foster**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Douglass Lambert & Forster In Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> July 1771

Gentlemen Sir Walter Blacketts Fisheries in the Tweed will be to be let against Mich[aelma]s next; & He chuses to have them advertised to be let for three Year's by Way of proposal, according to the inclosed Advertisement; which before the inserting it, he desired me to apprise you of. I am etc HR

**19 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr William Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> July 1771

Sir Inclosed is Bell and C<sup>os</sup>. Bill on Glyn & Hallifax for Five hundred pounds, payable at 20 days from 12<sup>th</sup> inst[ant]t, which I have endorsed to You & desire you will place it to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. and advise the receipt of it. I intend it to enable you to pay the half years int[eres]t which will be due to Sir Edward Winnington on the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month on Sir Wr. Blacketts Mortgage of Wallington. Inclosed also is another Bill of Bell and C<sup>os</sup>. on Glyn & Hallifax for One hundred & Eighty six pounds payable at 20 days from 12<sup>th</sup> instant, which I have endorsed to you to make the quarterly & other payments as usual in London for Sir Walter Blackett to Mich[aelma]s next, & desire you will place the same to his Acco<sup>t</sup>. & send me the usual receipt for it. I am etc HR

£500 . . Newcastle Bank 12th July 1771  
Twenty Days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry  
Richmond Five hundred Pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
London. Pay the Contents to Mr William  
No 35370 Alvey Darwin or order Value  
in Account Hen Richmond

£186 . . Newcastle Bank 12 July 1771  
Twenty Days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond  
One hundred & Eighty six Pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
London. Pay the Contents to Mr William  
No 35371 Alvey Darwin or order Value  
in Account Hen Richmond

**19 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcas. 19th July 1771

Sir I cannot tell how to give directions about rebuilding the Houses at Lintzgarth that were burnt on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant till I have some Conversation with you about them and in the meantime

wish you could get a Survey & plan of the ground which is let for Ten pounds a year & of the Situation of the Mill & Mill Clerks house etc with respect to that Farm. The Assay which you sent me of Dry Sike Lead is 6 oz. 10 <scruple or dram> 3 grain so I have told Mr Mulcaster to refine what comes of that sort. I find Rookhope Lead now comes in very well and hope it will continue to do so. By your Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult. I see you have taken some pains to Examine into the Difference between the Delivery of the Ore last Year from the Mines and the receipt of it at the Mills & hope for the future we shall have more Accuracy in those Articles. I shall be glad to know, but possibly Mr Heron may write me, what is done at the Sessions about the Indictment of the Lead Way near Hedley. I am etc HR

**19 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to George Silvertop**

To George Silvertop Esqr. at Minsteracres

Newcas. 19th July 1771

Sir Your Tenant of Crook Oak keeps possession of a Field that was an Incroachment on Bulbeck Comon, but which is now allotted to Sir Walter Blackett for his Leasehold Estate at Crook Oak - And Mr Hunter of Dukesfield says you told him it should be given up if Sir Walter would lay his Title to that Leasehold Estate before Mr Fawcett - with Submission, Sir Walter need not go further for the Allotment than the Authority of the Award: But without urging that point I acquaint you that Mr Fawcett has been shewn what he says is Sufficient to ascertain Sir Walters Title to 999 Years in the Estate you are Questioning. I am etc HR

**20 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris<sup>r</sup>. Johnson Attorney at Law  
In Durham

Newcas. the 20th July 1771

Sir I shall be obliged to you if you will Excuse my paying the proportion of the Composition for the Lot Ore that was due to the late Bishop of Durhams Ex[ecu]tors to the day of his Death, till I can learn who is appointed by the Ex[ecu]tors to receive it. I dare say you will not think me blameable in desiring this when you consider I am an Agent & accountable for what I shall do herein. I am etc HR

**20 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to Nicholas Hallhead**

To Nichs. Halhead Esq<sup>r</sup>. In Durham

Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup> July 1771

Sir Mr Chris<sup>r</sup>. Johnson is very pressing with me to pay Him the proportion of the Composition for Weardale Lot Ore, due to the late Bishop of Durhams Ex[ecu]tors to the time of his Lordships Death; which I am ready to do, on knowing that he has an Authority from the Executors, or a right from his Office, to receive it. He will very likely want the half year's Moor Masters Rent which will be due, I suppose all of it, to the new Bishop, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of next Month.

I do not know whom to apply to for safe direction about these payments but yourself: & shall be obliged to You for your Advice Whether to make them to Mr Johnson without delay, or postpone Them till Lord Trevor and the Bishop come to Durham; which 'tis rumoured here will be sometime next Month. I am etc HR

**26 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr Chris<sup>r</sup>. Johnson Attorney at Law In Durham

Newcas. 26th July 1771

Sir I hope you will excuse the Difficultys I made of paying you the proportion of the Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due to the late Bishop of Durham's Ex[ecu]tors to the time of his Lordship's Death, as it proceeded from Ignorance of the Right you have by Virtue of your Office to receive all Rents due upon this Occasion. Having since my Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant received Satisfaction upon this Subject I have here inclosed you such a Receipt as you desired and if you please to sign and return it by any person you think proper I shall readily pay the Money. P.S. you will please to insert the Date in the Receipt. I am etc HR

**26 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

To Mr Thos Maughan at Newhouse Weardale

Newcas. 26<sup>th</sup> July 1771

Sir Mr Watson has told Sir Thos. Clavering that he has Orders from you not to raise any Ore at the Groves, he has a Tack of in Weardale, till the Bishop of Durham and Sir Walter have agreed upon a Composition. Sir Walter desires you will let me know, as soon as you possibly can, whether you have given him or his Agent any such Orders, or what you have said to them or either of them upon this Occasion, as nearly as you can recollect it. I am etc HR

**26 July 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Attorney at Law in Hexham

Newcas. 26th July 1771

Sir I have acquainted Sir Walter Blackett of the Contents of your Letter about the Lead-Way; and he approves of your having postponed preferring the Indictment against the part of it that is within the Township of Hedley, upon Mr Wm. Charleton the Duke of Northumberland's Agent's having made such a Request to you in Writing as is contained in the inclosed Card, which I return as you desired me, and do not doubt but you will preserve it. I am etc HR

**6 Aug 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 6 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has promised the Town of Hexham a Set of Standard Weights & Measures; which he supposed might have been obtained from this Town, under the Stat. 11 Henr. 7. cap. 4 - But our Corporation are very deficient themselves in this Article & have never marked or ascertained the Weights and Measures of other Towns in Northumberland as that Law desires. So Sir Walter is determined to have them from the Exchequer; not only Standard, but properly Authenticated to be such by the Frank of That Office. The Articles wanted you have below & Sir Walter desires you will Enquire how and when they can be had & that you will order them to be made and sent down by Sea directed to his Office in Newcastle. He

desires to know who you leave behind you in London during your Vacation to transact any business he may have occasion to write about

Weights and Measures for Hexham. -

A Four Stone Weight - half a hund[re]d W[igh]t

A One Stone Weight - or 14 po[un]ds Avoirdupois

half a Stone Weight

A Gallon Wine Measure } to be marked accordingly

A Gallon Ale Measure }

A pint of each Measure d[itt]o

An Eighth of a Pint Wine Measure d[itt]o

A yard Wand properly graduated

PS. We had so little Law Business here at our assizes that Mr Wallace slipt away before I had an Opportunity of giving him his general Retainer. When he comes to London I desire you will give it him. As Mr Weatherburn does not now come the Circuit I wish you wo[ul]d consider who is proposed to retain in his room. I am etc HR

**6 Aug 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 6 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered That Thomas Crawhall shall succeed his late Father as Clerk at Allanheads Lead Mill; so you will acquaint him of it & give such Instructions to him as you may find he wants, either in respect of the Business of smelting or in the making up of his Monthly, Quarterly & general Accounts. I am etc HR

**20 Aug 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 20 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1771

Sir The Road from Scrammerston etc through Unthank and Middle Ord & West Ord into Scotland was always represented by the late Mr Wm. Robson Mr Geo: Douglass and others as a private Road; & consistently with that Notion Sir Walter Blackett covenanted with his Lessees of Unthank Colliery to repair the same - but those Lessees having now other Objects in view, by being become the Lessees of Scramerston Colliery they refuse to pay the Acknowledgement which they formerly alledged was customarily paid for passing that road & have helped the Agents of Greenwich Hospital to the Testimonies of some Old Witnesses to prove its being a public Road. Sir Walter being desirous of knowing in what Light he is to view this Road bids me write you to collect the old people of that Neighbourhood that can speak to the Use of that Road & examine them as to what Obstruction has at any time been given to people passing that Way and whether any Acknowledgements have at any Time been paid for allowing them to pass. I am etc HR

**20 Aug 1771 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Coll: Forster Esq<sup>r</sup>. In Alwick

Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1771

Sir Mr John Bell has acquainted Sir Wr. Blackett of the Minute he had from you about Middleton hall Tithes, who bids me give his Compliments, & write you that Those tithes were conveyed to Greenwich Hospital on the 12 May 1769, when he was in London. As to Caldgate Mill Sir Wr. understand that all his Tithes in Ilderton Parish are sold - if therefore the Tithes of Caldgate Mill Grounds are not specifically conveyed to Lord Tankerville, whom Mr Bell was told after he saw you that Estate belonged to, Sir Walter says he is ready to convey them to his Lordship or whoever you may learn has a right to them. I am etc HR

**23 Aug 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Bell**

To Mr John Bell at Hexham Abbey

Newcas. 23<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1771

Sir Inclosed is my receipt for the half years int[eres]t due to me from Mr White, which I am obliged to you for receiving for me. Sir Walter will not come to Hexham to morrow; intending to go to Alnwick on Sunday. if I hear any Thing further to night, when he returns from Seaton Delaval, I will add a postscript, or write you by the Coach tomorrow.

Sir Walter has subscribed One hundred pounds to the reparation of Watling Street; so I desire you will, if you have Money enough, pay Mr Bullock, forty pounds in part of it, which is the Sum he wrote to me for; and you may either charge it in your Account, or take the receipt in my Name, as you please. I am etc HR

**26 Aug 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1771

Sir I have received by the Hexham Carrier the box Containing the two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield refinery. The Weight of one piece is five hundred & thirty eight Ounces & the other Seven hundred & fifty Ounces & a half. The Killhope Lead will not bear refining at the price which Lead is now sold at - so you may send it or Comon just as you please with respect to that Consideration: except the price should fall - the possibility of which is the only thing that makes it better to send the Kilhope Lead than the other. I am etc HR

**30 Aug 1771 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1771

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier, three pieces of fine Silver Bullion containing nineteen hundred and seven ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett Bt. as usual at the Market price & advise me on your receipt of them. I am etc HR

a p[ie]c[e] q[ua]nti]ty	538 oz	at	poz
another q[ua]nti]ty	750½ oz	at	poz
another q[ua]nti]ty	619 oz	at	poz
	1907½		

**2 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Archbold**

To Mr Will. Archbold at West Ord near Berwick

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir I have laid before Sir Walter Blackett the several proposals sent me for a Lease of his Fisheries in the Tweed; in pursuance of the Advertisement in the Newspapers, & Sir Walter bids me write you that another proposal being equal to yours it is necessary some addition should be made to each, that he may determine which to accept. And further as each of you desire an Allowance for the reparation of the Fisheries Sir Walter thinks it right to acquaint you that he is willing to allow, if necessary, the Sum of Ten pounds a year & no more, for the repair of all his Fisheries in the Tweed during the three years; on producing vouchers for the payments - & that he will not be at any further Expence whatever on Account of these fisheries except the Allowance of the Land tax. You will please to Name the Security you propose & to let me hear from you soon. I am etc HR

**2 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ramsay Lawrie & Paxton**

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Same day - Wrote to Messrs Ramsay Lawrie & T & J Paxton in above form exactly under direction to Jn<sup>o</sup>. Lawrie Merch[an]t in Tweedmouth.

**11 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir I received your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me Anth<sup>y</sup>. Wrights receipt for £500 for the ½ years intrest due from Sir Wr. Blackett to Sir Ed<sup>w</sup>. Winnington on the Mortgage of Wallington on 6 Aug<sup>st</sup>. last and have given you Credit for that Sum in the Account between us. And inclosed I return you the Duplicate of that Account signed by me; having received the other part signed by You.

PS. Inclosed is your promissory Note for the first Article of the Account - Sir Wr. has agreed with the newB[isho]p for the renewals of the Leases & for the Composition - And he is to be Mayor at Mich[aelmas]. I am etc HR

**13 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir Mr William Archbold of West Ord has offered Sir Walter Blackett Four hundred & thirty pounds Ten Shillings a Year for his Fisheries in the River Tweed call'd high & Low Bells with Needle Eye & White Sands together with the little close in which R Seyths house stands, & has proposed Mess<sup>rs</sup>. John Berry & Wm. Atkinson of Tweedmouth as his Sureties, which Sir Walter has agreed to. And you will see by the inclosed Copies of Mr Archbolds Letters and mine that it is further agreed that Sir Wr. is to allow the Land tax & Ten pounds a Year for the reparation of all his Fisheries in the Tweed if necessary on producing Vouchers for the payments & no more upon any Acco[un]t whatever. And that the Term is to be for three years from Mich[aelmas]s next. Sir Walter therefore desires you will draw up a Memorandum to this Effect & get Mr



Archbold and his Sureties to sign the same & then transmit it to me with a part for him to sign if they require it. I am etc HR

**13 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Douglas Lambert & Foster**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Douglass Lambert & Forster Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771  
under direction to Geo Douglass in Berwick

Gent<sup>n</sup>. Sir Walter Blackett bids me acquaint you that he rec[eiv]ed the proposal you sent to me for a Lease of his Fisheries in the River Tweed But that he having received one more advantageous than yours he has accepted It. I am etc HR

**13 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ramsay Lawrie & Paxton**

Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771  
Same day - Wrote to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ramsay Lawrie & T & J Paxton in above form under direction to Mr John Lawrie Merch[an]t in Tweedmouth.

**13 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Archbold**

To Mr William Archbold at West Ord Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1771  
near Berwick upon Tweed

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has received your proposal dated 30 Aug<sup>st</sup>. & your Additional One dated 5<sup>th</sup> instant by which you propose to give him £430 . 10s . 0d a Year for his Fisheries in the River Tweed which he accepts and has given directions this post to Mr John Grey Attorney in Berwick to draw a Memorandum according to the terms of your proposals So you will please to call upon him and sign the same along with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Berry & Atkinson your Sureties. I am etc HR

**14 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Adam Sibbitt**

To Mr Adam Sibbitt - Ancroft Greens Newcas. 14<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1771  
To the Care of Mr Anth<sup>y</sup>. Lambert at Tweedmouth

Sir Sir Walter Blacketts Colliery at Unthank being to be let against the first of Janry next, I acquaint you of it according to your desire in your Letter of the 8 of April last; wherein you said you would be glad to treat about her when at Liberty. If you continue to have any Thoughts of taking this Colliery I am ready to receive your proposals & desire you will favour me with a Line in answer hereto, because if you do not agree for her Sir Walter will think of some other Way of disposing of her. I am etc HR

**17 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London Newcas. 17<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has no Occasion to furnish any Scales or triangles or any other Weights & Measures for Hexham than those ordered in my Letter of 6<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. last. however as the Weights and Measures you mention will not I suppose be any great Addition to the Expence you may order those but not the Scales and Triangles. I am etc HR

**19 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Douglas Lambert & Foster**

To Messrs Douglass Lambert & Forster In Berwick Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771

Gent<sup>n</sup>. I desire you will pay Mr John Grey Twenty two pounds ten Shillings being Sir Wr. Blacketts proportion at one shilling & threepence in the pound of the Sum remaining unpaid of the Charge of obtaining the Act for the Improvement of the Fisheries in the Tweed. Take Mr Greys receipt on this Order & Sir Wr. Blackett will allow you the same in your Account of Rent. I am etc HR

**19 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey In Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir I received your Letters of the 13 & 14 instant & in Answer to the former I have sent you an Order on the other Side for Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Douglass Lambert & Forster to pay you Twenty two pounds ten shillings, which you say is Sir Wr. Blackett's proportion at one shilling & threepence in the pound, of the Sum remaining unpaid of the Charge of obtaining the Act for the Improvement of the Fisheries in the Tweed - perhaps these Gentlemen will decline paying this Sum till after Mich[aelmas] day, as their Rent is not due till then.

As to your Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>. I could not answer it by the return of the post as you required. I think as Mr Archbold is to enter to the Fisheries at Mich[aelmas], the rent must be payable in equal portions, half yearly, namely at Ladyday & Mich[aelmas] & desire you will make it so; and not as he proposes on the days the Rent of West Ord Lands is payable. I am etc HR

**20 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. at Leeds Yorkshire Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir Mr King paid me his half Year's Rent yesterday; and inclosed are two Copies of my Account of Kenton Rents for the half Year Ending at Martin[mas] last, the balance whereof is Two hundred & seventy three pounds ten Shillings & Eleven pence: for which Sum I have sent you inclosed Bell & C<sup>os</sup>. bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> indorsed to you or order. I desire you will Advise me of your receipt of the Bill & that you will sign and return me the Duplicate of the Acco[un]t.

Inclosed also is Mrs H Headlam's receipt for her half Years intrest & Copies of the Notes of repairs. I am etc HR

£273 . 10 . 11 Newcastle Bank 20th Sep<sup>r</sup> 1771  
One Month after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond  
Two hundred & seventy three pounds ten Shillings & Eleven pence  
Value received

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self  
Jos. Saint

No 35734

Pay the Contents to Richard  
Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. or Order value  
in Account

Hen Richmond

**20 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Foster Lane London

Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Gentlemen Inclosed are two Copies of your Account with Sir Walter Blackett; one of which I have signed & if you find them right you will please to sign the other & return it to. Etc HR

**20 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to George Brooks**

To Mr George Brooks at the Bishop of Durhams  
Palace - at Bishop Auckland

Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir I received your Letter wherein you mention that Ten Guineas was paid Mr Halhead on Acco[un]t of the Agree[m]t for the Lot Ore & hope Sir Wr. Blackett will pay you the Same. I have looked back into my Acco[un]t & find you are right & shall very readily pay you that Sum & the fees for inrolling the Lease of the inclosures the first Opportunity that offers. I am glad the Inrollment can be made from the Counterpart & shall be obliged to you to see it done. I am etc HR

**26 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey In Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 26 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir Inclosed I return you the Agreement for the Fisheries signed by Sir Wr. Blackett; which you will please to give to Mr Archbold & partners. I am etc HR

**27 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Attorney at Law In Hexham

Newcas. 27<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir I do not find that I have received any part of the Subscriptions to Hexham Bridge from the Subscribers whose Names are contained in the Book you gave me on the 17<sup>th</sup> Oct[obe]r 1770. Except the first payment of Sir Lanc<sup>t</sup>. Allgood & Mr Hen Errington's & the full of Mr Carr of Etals & Mr Collingwood of Cornhill's Subscriptions.

I have sent you herewith a Copy of your Book of Subscriptions, to which you will please to add such payments as have been made you since you gave it me. & as to the Money in your hands I shall be glad to receive it when you come next to Newcastle as you propose,

I wish you Success at the Sessions & am etc HR

**28 Sept 1771 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas**

To Mr George Douglass In Berwick upon Tweed  
Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Stow Boreham & Douglas

Newcas. 28th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771

Gent<sup>n</sup> Sir Walter Blackett having received an Acco[un]t that the Workings in Unthank Colliery are not carried forwards according to the Covenant in your Lease, Orders me to acquaint you that he expects you will on or before the thirty first of Decem[be]r next put the Drifts Shafts and other things belonging to that Colliery in such State & Condition as the Lease requires they shall be. I am etc HR

**5 Oct 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 5th Octo<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir I have no Objection to making the pay to the Carriers of the Dukesfield & Allanheads Lead from Apperley to Blaydon on the first Monday after Martin[ma]s day, which is the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r as you propose, & hope all that Lead will be got in before that time. the first time I see Mr Reynoldson I shall tell him to get ready against that day but as I said before I should not chuse to make him the pay Master of such a Sum, but that you should pay it at Dukesfield or else at Mr Mulcasters house or Mr Reynoldson's at Blaydon, as you chuse. I am etc HR

**18 Oct 1771 From Henry Richmond to Sercold & Jackson**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Serocold & Jackson Merchants - London

Newcas. 18<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1771

Gentlemen I am favoured with your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst[ant] offering to give me the preference in your Commissions for the several Articles you want at this port, particularly Lead - In answer to which I beg leave to thank you for the offer you make me & acquaint you that being Sir Wr. Blackett's Agent for the Management of his Lead Affairs I have always looked upon it as inconsistent to be concerned in that Branch for any other person & thereby to Act both as Buyer & Seller - & the variety of other Business which I am honoured with by Sir Walter makes it impracticable for me to undertake furnishing you with the other Articles you mention. So I can only say in Case you send any Commissions to this port for WB or WB.L Lead the former being Sir W<sup>r</sup>.s comon & the latter his refined Lead you will please to direct them to some of our Lead Merchants here & I shall be ready to sell to them at the Market price. The present prices are £17 our fother for the Comon Lead & £17 . 5s . 0d the refin'd - but likely to be higher. Our principal Lead Merchants are Mr Jona<sup>n</sup>. Sorsbie Mr Wm. Peareth Ra Carr Esq<sup>r</sup>. & Co. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Mosley Esq<sup>r</sup>. & Co. Mr Wm. Nesbitt & Co. and John Baker Esq<sup>r</sup>. I am etc HR

**19 Oct 1771 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Gentlemen I have drawn a Bill on you for Twelve hundred pounds payable to Messrs. Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup>. or order Thirty days after the date hereof, which I desire you will accept & place to Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc HR

**22 Oct 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir I have wrote to Mr Reynoldson to make up a Tickett of the Dukesfield & Allanheads Lead received at Blaydon in time for a pay to be made to the East hand Carriers on the Monday after Marti[ma]s day or the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov[embe]r; but have no Objection to make it on the 14<sup>th</sup> of that Month as you say the Carriers desire if Mr Reynoldson can get ready. As to the Hedges to be made for Sir Walter's Allotment of comon for Colpitts farm, I wish, when you see Mr Ralph Foster at Hexham, you would get him to look at the place & fix the best Way of doing it & let him settle the prices with the Undertakers.

PS. pray how far is the Smithyhaugh from the Comon allotted to it? I wish you could get a plan of the Situation of them for Mr Silvertop alledges it is too far off the Comon to have ever enjoy'd any right thereon. I am etc HR

**28 Oct 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 28<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir Mr Fawcett says Mr Collingwood & Mr Wilkey are the only persons that can give a discharge on Sir Wr. Blacketts bond for the £100 which is now wanted in part of it for Mr J. Armorer. if Mr Collingwood has any Objection to the receipts I sent you on the 18<sup>th</sup> Septem[be]r 1770 I wish he would mention what he thinks wrong & perhaps it may be altered to his Satisfaction - but till he signs a receipt & an Endorsement some thing like those Sir Walter is advised not to pay the Money. I am etc HR

**29 Oct 1771 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Dew**

To Daniel Dew Esq<sup>r</sup>. at The Bishop of Durhams  
Palace in Durham

Newcas. 29<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir I acquainted Sir Walter Blackett that His Lordship expects Four hundred pounds for inserting Mr Trevelyan's Life in Weardale Leases in the room of Thos. Hepples; But tho Sir Walter, for the particular reasons I mentioned to you, inclined to make that Alteration: yet he cannot give the Sum asked for it. Two hundred pounds is all he thinks it worth, & That is at His Lordships Service, if he pleases. Sir Walter desires his Compliments to his Lordship & is much obliged to Him for what you mentioned about a deputation for the Game on the Moors in Weardale; but finding his distance from that part of the Country will not allow him to <receive> the Office as he could wish he cannot think of giving His Lordship any trouble about it.

I am etc HR

**2 Nov 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir I hope this will find you seated again in your Chambers in Greys Inn, with Health sufficient at least till another long vacation.

Inclosed is Bell Cookson & C<sup>os</sup>. Bill on Glynn & Hallifax for One hundred & Seventy pounds payable at 20 days from this day which I have endorsed to You and intend for the quarterly payments you are to make for Sir Walter Blackett to 31<sup>st</sup> Decem [be]r next - so desire you will place the same to his Acco[un]t & send me the usual receipt for it. I see by your Letter of 23 July last that the last quarters remittance was £17 . 10s . 0d more than necessary, so have abated it in this remittance as I shall have occasion for Money for the Lead Mine pays next Month.

You will please to remember to pay Mr Wallace his General Retainer for the present Year as I desired in my Letter of 6<sup>th</sup> August.

I wonder what my Brother is doing so long in London I hope something to the purpose - for he is losing Business here. he had a Chancery Suit to conduct for the Lords of Winlaton against Mr Silvertop; which was put into his hands about two Years ago & no bill being filed yet, they have this day had a Meeting & employed Mr Jn<sup>o</sup>. Wright of this Town as their Attorney in the Cause. I am etc HR

£170 . . Newcastle Bank 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Hen[r]y

Richmond One hundred & Seventy pounds Value

received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Glyn & Hallifax .  
London

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington

Pay the Contents to Mr

William Alvey Darwin

No 35980

or Order value in Acct. Hen Richmond

**2 Nov 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir I have this day reced your Letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult. that Mr Collingwood has signed receipts for the Interest & a part of the principal due on Sir Walter's Bond, But you do not say That an Endorsement is made on the Bond as I desired, & as it is necessary should be made by Mr Collingwood; ~~Neither do you say that the receipts are proper receipts, such as I sent you.~~ You will please to let me know when this is made in proper form and I shall give an Order or send a Bill for the Money - tho I wish you would send me Copies of the receipts & then I can tell better how to give the Order. I am etc HR

**5 Nov 1771 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. the 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1771

Sir I have had Mr Reynoldson with me to day, and notwithstanding what I have said and written to him I fear he will not be ready with his Ticket for a pay for the Dukesfield & Allanheads Lead, brought to Blaydon this Year by the East hand Carriers, against the time you mentioned, namely the 14<sup>th</sup> of this Month. He is so very dull about it that he has been perplex'd



by your telling him you would send him an Acco[un]t of all the Lead delivered from the several Mills & has been waiting he says for That before he could reckon with the Wain men. I wish you would take a ride down on Friday or Saturday to Blaydon and then perhaps you may get his Ticket & be able to make out an Acco[un]t of what is due to those that are not Sir Walter's own Tenants & I may pay you the Money & they may come to Dukesfield to receive it. & as to Sir Wr.s Tenants we will leave him for the present to reckon with them. He says there are several of these Carriers that have Lead in their hands - if so, nothing should be paid those particular Men till they have brought it in. I am etc HR

**9 Nov 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 9<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir If Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Stow Boreham & Douglass will pay you the One hundred pounds & the six pounds seven Shillings upon the delivery of the receipts to them for the part of the principal Money due on Sir Wr. Blackett's bond to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Collingwood and Wilkie (for the benefit of Thos. & William Armorer) & for the Int'rest to the 30<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r last Sir Wr. Blackett will allow the same in part, of Their Rent due to Him for Unthank Colliery. & you may give them this Letter for their Satisfaction if they will do so. they are the only Tenants that I can expect to pay these Sums - And if they will not do it, the only alternative is for you to send me the receipts by the post and I will send a London Bill made payable at as short a date as possible to you or whoever you direct me to make it payable to. This was what I proposed in my Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1770, & I am not blameable for any delay or inconveniences that may have happened by Mrs Armorer & her friends non observance of it. I must have proper Vouchers when I pay Money & am only sorry you should have had so much trouble in the Affair.

I am etc HR

**16 Nov 1771 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr John Grey Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir Inclosed are two Bills drawn by Bell Cookson & Co. on Glyn & Hallifax for the One hundred and six pounds seven shillings as above, which agreeable to your Letter, of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, I have endorsed to Mrs Ann Armorer or order, in return for the two receipts you inclosed me, signed by Henry Collingwood Esq<sup>r</sup>. ; for the Interest & part of the principal Money due on Sir Walter Blackett's Bond to him & Mr Wilkie in trust for Thos. & Willm. sons of the late William Armorer of Berwick. You will please to let me know by the return of the post, that you have received these Bills; otherwise I shall apprehend a Miscarriage & be induced to stop payment. I am etc HR

£50 . . Newcastle Bank 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry  
Richmond Fifty Pounds - Value received

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax  
London

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self  
Jos. Saint

Pay the Contents to Mrs. Ann Armorer or Order value in Accot  
No 36087 Hen Richmond

£56 . 7 . 0                      Newcastle Bank 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771  
Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry  
Richmond Fifty six pounds seven shillings                      Value received  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax                      For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self  
London                      Jos. Saint  
Pay the Contents to Mrs. Ann Armorer or Order value in Accot  
No 36088                      Hen Richmond

**16 Nov 1771    From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths                      Newcas. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771  
In Forster Lane London

Gent<sup>n</sup>. I sent you yesterday by Matt Lee the London Carrier, a piece of fine Silver, weight Six hundred & Sixty one ounces; which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t as usual with Sir Walter Blackett at the Market price and advise me on your receipt of it. I am etc HR

**17 Nov 1771    From Henry Richmond to John Gott**

To Mr John Gott at Woodhall near Bradford Yorkshire                      Newcas. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me acquaint you of the failure of Hexham Bridge which by the great flood last Night is said to be intirely carried away - he does not think it necessary for you to come thither directly but will write you further about it soon. I am etc HR

**20 Nov 1771    From Henry Richmond to Thomas Headlam**

To Mr Thos. Emerson Headlam                      Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir Sir Walter Blackett is told that the Ferry Boat at Sudwick, near Sunderland is well contrived and of good Accommodation: & therefore would be obliged to You if you could before you go to Hexham, send a person, you have a good opinion of, to take the Dimensions & make a Draft & Estimate of the Charge of Building such a Boat; & that you will Place the Expençe of doing this to his Account. I am etc HR

**23 Nov 1771    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London                      Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir Sir Wr. Blackett is so hurried that he desires me to write you in Answer to what you say about Mr Cooksons wanting his £100 that he would have it raised out of the India bonds he purchased in May last & desires you will send him a proper instrument for the sale of so much of them & then Mr Cookson may have his Money as soon as he pleases or his occasions require. We have had on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant a greater Inundation of the Tyne, the Wear & the Teas than I believe ever was before. Hexham bridge is intirely gone & so the Arches of the Tyne bridge

here; in short all the bridges on the Tyne are broken but Corbridge & that is damaged. the Damage & Desolation exceeds my description so I refer you to the inclosed Newspaper. The Chancery Suit between the Lords of Winlaton & Mr Silvertop being as I wrote you put into the hands of Mr John Wright Att[orne]y in this town I have spoke to him to employ you as Sollicitor in it wh[ic]h he has promised to do. Surely my Brother has met with something Extraordinary in London that makes him turn his back of business here. What his Schemes are I know not, but I fear they will never compensate his Loss of business. Sir Wr. is well &  
I am etc HR

**30 Nov 1771 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

To Mr Ralph Heron Attorney at Law In Hexham Newcas. the 30th Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir Yesterday I received the Articles for the building Hexham Bridge dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 1767; which you sent me for Sir Walter Blackett: & I have this Morning delivered the same to him.

Sir Walter tells me you gave him the paper dated paris 24<sup>th</sup> Octo[be]r 1770 respecting the said Bridge & therefore I here inclose you your Letter advising the receipt of it, according to your desire.  
I am etc HR

**6 Dec 1771 From Henry Richmond to Boreham & Douglas**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Boreham & Douglass In Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 6th Decem<sup>r</sup> 1771

Gent<sup>n</sup>. Mr William Brown proposes to be at Tweedmouth on Tuesday Evening the 31<sup>st</sup> instant, & desires you will against that time have the Water down & the Shafts & other parts of the Colliery in such Condition that he may be able to make a view of the same. & also that you will have the Fire Engine in such repair that he may be able to certify her to be what the Lease requires you shall leave her.

Mr Ralph Forster & Mr John Bell will be at Tweedmouth on Tuesday Evening the 31 instant to receive the rents & I hope you will the next day pay to Mr Bell all the Rent that shall then be due from you to Sir Wr. Blackett & his receipt will be your discharge for the same. & I shall be obliged to Mr Douglass if he will acquaint the other Tenants of the Rent day that they may be in readiness to make their payments.  
I am etc HR

**8 Dec 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To Mr W<sup>m</sup> Westgarth at Coalcleugh Newcas. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir I am sorry you have had so severe a fit of Illness but glad you are now better. Your not being able to at the time appointed to settle your Account will be inconvenient – however as there is no difference between the draught you sent & my Acct. but in Reay & westgarths & Jona<sup>n</sup> Kitsons Articles for Candles (each of which are only 149.5.0 instead of £150 4s 6d) if you alter these Articles & insert 4456 recd of me the 16 instant and send a receipt for that Sum it will make your pay and leave you £250 for subsistence for a double lodging. & the balance of your general account will be £817.2s 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> d including the Arrears only you must strike out the 02d in <Assb.> Surtees & C<sup>os</sup> £53.1.7. So you will settle your general Acct. accordingly & sign it &

send it along with the receipt in which you will take Care to express that the money is reced of  
S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett by my hands  
I heartily wish you better & am etc

HR

**9 Dec 1771 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London  
Newcas. 9<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1771  
Sir Sir Walter desires you will buy for him as soon as you can at any of the stationers where  
you can meet with it, a Book entitled the History of London Bridge printed about the year 1750 -  
there are two editions of it in Octavo, but he wants the larger one which is most likely the later  
publication & he desires you will send it by the Fly Coach directed to him - I believe the Coach  
sets out from the George & Blue Boar, Holburn, on Mondays Wednesdays & Fridays.  
Ps I suppose you, as Agent to Mr. Gibson would of course have been employed for Mr.  
<Silvertop> but I hope you will give the preference to the Lords of Winlaton as you cannot be  
employed for both.

I hear nothing yet of My bro<sup>r</sup> ! pray do you suppose he is still in London.

I am etc

HR

**13 Dec 1771 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir Inclosed is Bell & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> for Three hundred pounds: payable 30 days after  
this date and endorsed to you. I send you this Bill in part of the Rents I have received from your  
Kenton Tenents – for as Mr King is not ready with his rent, tis better I should remit this Sum  
into your hands than keep it in mine waiting his Motions. You will please to advise the receipt  
of the Bill. Mr Graham is desirous of having his lease he says he has done a good deal to the  
farm & intends doing more but is discouraged by the uncertainty of the Tenure form I sent you  
on 30 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1768, which is Corresponded and to the Lease refered to in the article, is what he  
requires but I do not doubt to his agreeing to any reasonable variation you think proper  
I am etc

HR

£300 Newcastle Bank 13 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1771

Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Henry Richmond  
Three hundred pounds value received

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax  
London N<sup>o</sup> 36257

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Widderington

pay the Contents Richard Wilson Esq on order value in Accounts Henry Richmond

**30 Dec 1771 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir On the 13<sup>th</sup> instant I sent you a Bill for Three hundred pounds on Account of your Kenton Rents; of which the above is a Copy: but have had no Letter of Advice that you have received it As you know well the Equity of my requiring a Receipt for money remitted you, I am satisfied you would have wrote me directly, or at least have ordered your Clerk to have done so, if you had received the bill therefore If I do not receive an Account by the return of the post that you have got it, I shall conclude it has miscarried & get the Drawers to send a proper Caution to Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> about the payment till they hear from us.

Ps I beg leave to wish you many happy years  
I am etc

HR

**30 Dec 1771 From Henry Richmond to James Hebden**

To Mr James Hebden Clerk to  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Wilson Esq ... Leeds ... Yorkshire

Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1771

Sir On the 13<sup>th</sup> instant I sent a Bill for £300 of which the above is a Copy, [see letter of same date to Richard Wilson] by the post directed to Rich<sup>d</sup> Wilson Esq Leeds, Yorkshire on Account of his Kenton Rents and desired he would advise the receipt of it, but have not yet been favoured with a Letter about it—so that I do not know what to conclude—whether the Bill has miscarried, or it is thro multiplicity of business that the giving me the necessary advice is neglected – in either case my uneasiness makes me beg you will let me know whether such a Bill is come to hand or not and that you will do so by return of the post

For the future I wish Mr Wilson would give you discretion to advise me of such bills as I shall send him: for I do assure you it is a very great Abatement from the pleasure I have in acting for him that my bills are not advised of regularly

I am etc

HR

**3 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to Jerrard Strickland**

To Jerrard Strickland Esq York

Newcas 31<sup>d</sup> Janry 1772

Sir I received the favour of your letter but I do not know of any person likely to buy such an Estate in Yorkshire as you describe but I will enquire among our married men and if any them seem inclined to such a purchase I shall acquaint you immediately. My wife joins me in compliments and wishes for many happy years, to you a & Miss Stricklands

I am etc

HR

Postscript to the above letter 4 Janry 1772

Sir W<sup>a</sup> Blackett bids me to add a postscript, that finding the Subscriptions in this Neighbourhood for the relief of sufferers by the late Inundations are not extended to Yorkshire - he is desirous of subscribing £50 to be paid to the Committee in the C<sup>o</sup> of York for the relief of sufferers by the late Inundations, to be applied by them as they should think fit- Accordingly. I have sent you inclosed Bell and C<sup>os</sup> bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> for Fifty pounds which I shall be obliged to you if you will advise me by return of post you have reced.

I am etc

HR

**8 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Charlton**

To William Charleton Esq<sup>r</sup> at Alnwick

Newcastle 8 Janry 1771 [sic]

Sir Having this day received from Sir Walter Blackett the Eighty pounds ten shilling which you gave him for me I have inclosed herein sent you a receipt for the same  
I am etc

HR

£50 Newcastle Bank

4 Janry 1772

Twenty five Days after date pay to the order of Mr.  
Hen<sup>y</sup> Richmond - Fifty Pounds - value received

To Messr<sup>s</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

London

Pay the contents to Jerrard

John Widdrington

N<sup>o</sup> 36386

Strickland Esq on order or order value  
in account - Hen Richmond

**10 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas the 10<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Sir Inclosed I send you three Bills as above - the first w<sup>ch</sup> is for One Hundred & fifty seven pounds ten shillings is meant for Mr Thurlows half years Composition due 22<sup>d</sup> instant - the second for Two hundred & Twenty pounds is for the quarterly payments you have to make for Sir Walter Blackett to the 31<sup>st</sup> March next - & the third is intended for the half years interest due to Sir Edward Winnington on the 6<sup>th</sup> next month - the first & third bills you will please to place to our Acco<sup>t</sup> till you can send me the receipts for these Sums & in the mean time advise me of the receiving of these bills - & for the other bill I desire you will send me the usual Sort of receipt to be a Voucher to be to my Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter.

Sir Walter sends you by this post two Bills on Sir Jeffery Elwes for £300 each which need not be presented for payment till the purchase Deeds are delivered to Mr.<Chester> - they are not quite compleated - a Surrender in the Manor of Hexham being to be made but that will be got done before Sir Walter sets out for London & and I expect he will bring the deeds with him. My Sister Headlam got a frank of me t<sup>o</sup>ther Day to enquire of you about my Brother, whose Conduct, especially in not writing to her, makes her very uneasy - indeed it is strange that he should shew no Concern for so long a time for her affairs & Connections here. & that his Expectations should be so sanguine of great rewards for his Keel and Longitude Schemes as to make him quit his profession wherein he is allowed to be Eminent! I wish you many happy years

I am etc

HR

£157 10.0 Newcastle Bank

8 Janry 1772

Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond One hundred & Fifty seven pounds ten shillings as value received

To Messr<sup>s</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

London

Pay the contents to Mr W<sup>m</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

N<sup>o</sup> 36420

Alvey Darwin on order value in acco<sup>t</sup> - Hen Richmond



£220 Newcastle Bank

8 Janry 1772

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Two hundred & Twenty pounds value received

To Messr<sup>s</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

London

Pay the contents to Mr Will<sup>m</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

N<sup>o</sup> 36419

Alvey Darwin on order value in acco<sup>t</sup> -

Hen Richmond

£500 Newcastle Bank

8 Janry 1772

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Five hundred pounds value received

To Messr<sup>s</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

London

Pay the contents to Mr W<sup>m</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

N<sup>o</sup> 36421

Alvey Darwin on order value in acco<sup>t</sup> -

Hen Richmond

### **13 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Sir I have this day received by the Hexham Carrier a Box containing two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery the weight of one of which is Nine Pounds & Twenty ounces & the other is Eight hundred & Sixty Nine Ounces. I am sorry for the Accident to your Knee & hope a little time & Care will bring it to rights again. I shall speak to Mr Reynoldson when I see him to let you know what Lead he has received he has been infirm since the late Flood & has not yet made me up his yearly Ticket. Last week he was complaining that Mr Walton has not been Down nor sent him an Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the Rookhope Lead as Mr Harrison always used to do.

I shall be glad to have your pay as early as possible this year

I am etc

HR

### **16 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Collingwood Forster Esq. at Alnwick

Newcas 16<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Sir I acquainted Sir Walter Blackett this morning of the Sum you offered for the 10/19<sup>ths</sup> of the pastureship Corn Tithes of Lucker Moor \_ the 77 acres of land & the Corn Tithes of the detached pieces of Ground that are said to have been ancient Encroachments of the said Moor \_ which Sum namely Five hundred pounds he agrees to take.

So you will prepare a Draught of the Deeds accordingly & settle the time of Entry & the payment to be on the Execution

I am etc

HR

### **18 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>r</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newcas 18<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier two pieces of fine silver containing Seventeen hundred & Eighty nine ounces, as below, which I desire you will place to Accd<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett, as usual, at the Market price & advise me on your receipt of them

I am etc

HR

ounces

920 at p.oz

Ps. this being my first Letter this

869 at p.oz

year I beg leave to wish you many

1789

happy years.

**20 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Mann**

To Mr John Mann, Attorney at Law Durham

Newcas 20<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Sr I received your Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing <me> one of our Exchange Banknotes, N<sup>o</sup>.D.580, for five pounds, w<sup>ch</sup> you desired me to give as your Contribution towards the. Relief of the poor Sufferers in Newcastle by the late Inundation. I have accordingly it to Bell Cookson & Co, that is, our Old Bank & seen it entered in their Book as your Benefaction

Your generous and extensive Benefactions on this Melancholy occasion are deserving of imitation.

My Wife and I join in wishing you a happy New Year and I am etc

HR

**22 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

To Mr John Fenwick in Roberts's Place York

Newcastle 22<sup>nd</sup> Janry 1772

Sir I have received your Letter inclosing me a Receipt for Forty seven pounds Ten Shillings for the Year's Interest due to you from Sir Walter Blackett this day - and in return I send you inclosed Bell & Co<sup>s</sup> Bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> for the same Sum payable to me or order & endorsed to you & I have got it pay<sup>ble</sup> at 25 Days from the 21<sup>st</sup> instant w<sup>ch</sup> is a favour & I desire as it is for our mutual Security that you will write me by the Return of Post that you have received it safe. I wish you many happy years & am etc

HR

£47 10

Newcastle Bank 21<sup>st</sup> Jany 1772

Twenty five Days after Date to the Order of Mr Henry Richmond Forty seven Pounds Ten Shillings Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

Pay the Contents to Mr John Fenwick

London

on Order Value in Account

N<sup>o</sup>. 36439

Hen Richmond

**24 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Hunter**

To Mr Hunter. Attorney at Law In Hexham

Newcas 24 Janry 1772

Sir I have acquainted Sir Walter Blackett with the contents of your Letter; who proposes to set out for London on Monday next, & will take the Deeds with him. As to the Surrenders they may be sent by the post as soon as passed; which he hopes you will not lose any time in getting done.

I am etc

HR

**27 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas 27<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Sir Sir Walter set out for London this morning & expects to get thither on Saturday Evening or Sunday Morning. I have sent with him directed for you the purchase Deeds of Overhuntrods Estate which you are to deliver to Mr. Chesters Chancery Office as soon as some Admittances necessary to Compleat the Title can be obtained at Hexham Court, & sent up to you by the post. when you get the whole then, on delivery of them, the two bills which Sir Walter sent you on Sir Jeffery Elwes may be presented for payment.

I shall be obliged to you if you will the next time you write let me know, in Confidence, whether you have heard any Thing lately of my Brother os can form any probable conjectures about him \_ for I begin to fear for him; as your Clerk wrote my Sister Headlam he was seen about six weeks ago in a street leading to the Foundling hospital & as he has not wrote to her nor any body here that I can hear of for about six months; tho he knows his nephew George Headlam was intended to have been bound to him: & my Sister does not know what Steps to take till she has his Consent.

I am etc

HR

**29 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To Mr. John Grey Attorney at Law in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Sir I wrote you on the 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. last that Sir Walter Blackett desired you would examine whether the Road thro' Unthank Middle -Ord & West Ord towards Scotland is a Public or a private Road - but have not yet received any Acco<sup>l</sup>of your Success particularly as to Mr Pringle of Akeld's Testimony. the Season of the Year will scarce allow you now to make any Progress in the Inquiry, but as soon as you can you will please to do something in it. For Mr. Douglass, who undertook the Repair of this Road in April 1767 when he was a Lessee of Unthank Coll<sup>ry</sup>. upon a presumption I suppose of its being a Private Road, that might be confined to the Use of that Colliery did actually repair a part of it that Year tho' very insufficiently; & then dropt any further proceeding in it But now that he is become a Lessee of Scremerston Colliery adjoining he wants this Road to be a public one & put into repair at Sir Walter's Expence under the said agreement in 1767, which he is now proposing to carry into Execution.

On the other Side you have an extract of the Clause in Mr Douglass & partners Lease of Unthank Colliery that relates to this Road & a Copy of Mr. Geo: Douglasses agreement drawn by you for the repairing it. When you have compared these with such Testimonies as you have taken about the nature of the Road you may perhaps be able to tell me what I should say in Answer to Mr. Douglasses declared Intention of repairing the Road under that Agreement; & Sir W<sup>r</sup> desires you will favour me with your Sentimentt about it. If this Road can be maintained to be a private one perhaps the same reason may still subsist for repairing it that induced Mr. Robson to stipulate for it when he let the Colliery to Mr. Douglass & partners. I am etc HR

**29 Jan 1772 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup>. Member of Parliament  
in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Janry 1772

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

I hope you are well after your Journey, which from the Weather we have had here I fear has been an unpleasant one. The Meeting yesterday about the Bridge was more numerous than had been expected. & the result so far as I can learn it, is to employ the Rawlings to bore above & below the Bridge: & then to have M<sup>r</sup>. Milne down at the rate of two Guin<sup>s</sup> a day & his Expences to give his Opinion which is the properest place for a new bridge \_ & in the meantime to endeavour to get a Petition signed to parliament, requesting that nothing may be done in pursuance of the Corporation's petition 'till it is found whether M<sup>r</sup>. Milne's Opinion coincides with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Smeaton's & Wooler's \_ I am told they tried to get Mr<sup>r</sup>. Ellison of Parkhouse to sign their Petition, but he declined it. It is insinuated by this Set of people that M<sup>r</sup>. Wooler did not employ skillful honest men to make his boreings, & that the public here have not been well used by the Boreings & Report's having been kept a Secret from them. They seem to apprehend, for this is a time of Apprehension, that the Sandhill & Side are to be left by the Road from the New Bridge & be in the same predicament with Battle Bank \_ & this increases their party \_ M<sup>r</sup>. Milne has wrote them that he will come as soon as the Boreings are finished \_ That Lord Bute will use his Interest to prevent any Resolutions being come to till they are heard but that the Bishop of Durham said he had delegated to you full Power to judge and act for him in this Matter.

The inclosed Representation of M<sup>r</sup>. Jona<sup>n</sup>. Thompson has been distributed about the Town today.

I am etc

HR

**1 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup>. Member of Parliament  
in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1772

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Richard Abridge was paid his Wages before he set out, & I have since paid Samuel Tomlins, the Cook, in full of his wages and for his Journey; having first settled with him the House Notes. D<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett who has been seized suddenly with a Cholera Morbus & was very ill of it, is quite recovered & able to do duty again. I have paid D<sup>r</sup>. Sharp the £80 for Branxton Living & he says L<sup>d</sup> Crew's Trustees do not intend applying to Parliam<sup>t</sup> this Sessions for the Act to settle their Boundaries. The Opposers of the Javel Group Bridge had another Meeting yesterday; at which £50 was subscribed: which is but a small Sum to pay the Borers, & M<sup>r</sup>. Milne, & to support an opposition. in this Cause D<sup>r</sup>. Hall has subscribed five Guineas. I find there is a dread among some of the Inhabitants of the Sandhill & Side that a dry Arch is to be thrown over the Close & the Road to mount up the Long Stairs, and by the Castle Garth to the Head of the Side!

M<sup>r</sup> Thompson's Representation is generally exploded, & does not need any Counter publication. I am etc

HR

**5 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas 5 Febr'y 1772

Sir I reced your Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup>. instant inclosing me Mr Thurlows receipt for £157. 10s. 0d for his 2 years Composition for weardale Tithe ore due 22<sup>d</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. & have given you Credit for the same in our Acco<sup>t</sup>. I am glad to hear Sir Walter is got well to Town & thank you for the Acco<sup>t</sup>. of it. The frost is so very intense that it is expected the River here will be froze up so that our ferry boats will not pass after tomorrow if so all Communication Southward must be carried by Roads and that will occasion much delay which I mention that you may not wonder if I am deficient seemingly in punctuality. I am obliged to you for what you advise about my Brother, But my Sister Headlam, who from her Connection with him inhouse keeping & is most interested is still for waiting a little further Every week produces a new Debt I think & it was said to day upon change that he owes above £900 beside your Debt w<sup>ch</sup> no body here knows of - I find it is the general opinion of his intimate Acquaintance that he will not return hither - yet I wish to know if possible what Way he is in, that I may be of such Service as I can to him tho he has never communicated to me any Thing he was about.

Indeed I fear as you do very much for him from the uncommonness of his Conduct, when all particulars are summed up together - & sometimes I am apprehensive of some fatal melancholy Accident & to tell you the Truth Endeavour to prepare myself for the worst. If you hear or suspect any Thing pray let me know it I am etc

**8 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir W. Blackett Bt. MP. in Half Moon street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 8 Febr'y 1772

Hon<sup>r</sup>. Sir

By your Letter, which I received last night, I think you have not received mine of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, therefore I have inclosed a Copy of it. I have seen M<sup>r</sup> Simpson M<sup>r</sup> Peareth M<sup>r</sup> Blackett M<sup>r</sup> Beag & the Recorder & they all agree that no Alteration can be made in the Resolution come to, with M<sup>r</sup> Thompsons Consent, at the last Meeting for the Ponteland road, & that there is no reason to apprehend disturbance, except in M<sup>r</sup>. Thompson's mind from the abiding by those Resolutions M<sup>r</sup>. Cuthbert tells me M<sup>r</sup>.Thompson has been obliged to lower the price of his Coals six pence a fother, since that Meeting; which gravels him very much, & has made him assert Falsehoods, that he is easily convicted of, such as denying that the Resolution at the Meeting respecting him, was read to him; which all that were present remember was done, with this Circumstance that he made an Exception, after his Agent, as to paying toll for himself & his Agent, w<sup>ch</sup>. was agreed to - So that he has mist the popularity he arrived at by his publication & is looked upon as a Bad-Man capable of saying any Thing.

There is a probability that the Opposition from this Side of the Water, to the Bridge, at the Javel Group will diminish; & that a Jealousy of the Gateshead people will succeed it - but I hope notwithstanding the present prosperity Gateshead by getting a post house & Market etc & there will on the Arrival and concurrence in opinion of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Milne & Wooler be produced a unanimity of Sentiment for a Bridge in the best place.

Some of the Opponents are puzzled about the function of these two Architects; but D<sup>r</sup>. Hall who was Chairman and subscribed 5 Guineas for an opposition was heard to say to day that perhaps these Two Gentlemen coming down together might be the best Way of adjudicating matters - M<sup>r</sup> Ridley has not written to M<sup>r</sup> Simpson or any of the Aldermen about the Bridge that



I can hear of. I have seen M<sup>r</sup>. Aubone & delivered him your Compliments. I found by him that what he had wrote you about was a £40 Warrant in 4 <Cha> 1.<sup>st</sup> which is the same Year that the £40 Warrants & proceedings thereon were had of which you have a Copy in the office from the Corporation Book - What I mentioned about the Bp. of Durham's having said to M<sup>r</sup> Milne that he had delegated to you a power to judge for him in Matters relative to the Bridge was from an Acco<sup>t</sup>. given me of what was produced at the Meeting of the Opponents; but I find his Lordship has written to D<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett that he had given M<sup>r</sup> Milne for Answer that he had full Reliance on the Corporation of Newcastle that they would do in this affair what was for public Ability & the more so as they had you at their head & that not knowing much of the matter himself he totally acquiesced in what the Corporation sho<sup>d</sup>. think the best - As to the road from the new Bridge going by the Forth banks to the Neglect of the Sandhill etc I find it would occasion a general Clamour of all those residing in that part or the Town, if not of the whole Body of Inhabitants. so Difficult it is to reconcile the public utility & local considerations together.

Since my last M<sup>r</sup>. Maddison & M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Swinburn are dead. And we have had a great fall of Snow so that it lay about two feet thick on level ground on the Country & the frost has been so very intense for three days that nothing but the high Tides attending the new Moon prevented the Rivers being frozen up - But yesterday & to day we have had a thaw tho so moderate one that I hope there will not be any great Flood

Mr Jono<sup>n</sup> Sorsbie says he has an order & as soon as he gets cash will pay me One hundred pounds which you have paid or are to pay M<sup>r</sup> Wooler, for the Corporation - if he pays me this morning I must give him a receipt for it & Charge it in my Cash Acco<sup>t</sup>. but as M<sup>r</sup> Wooler, 'tis said now, is coming hither, he might pay him himself if you have not already done it, which please to let me know - I do not hear any Thing yet from Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. Hunter of Hexham about the Surrenders that were to Compleat the Title of Overhuntsrods Estate. I am etc HR

### 13 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to George Douglas

To M<sup>r</sup>. George Douglas in Berwick upon Tweed      Newcas 13<sup>th</sup>. Feby 1772

Sir      I received your Letter that you intend to finish this ensuing Summer the Road through Middle Ord Estate, which you were to have done about four Years ago; I do not know that Sir Walter Blackett will now chuse to have it finished; for your Letter came so little a while before he set out for London that there was not time to consider the Matter, & so I can give you no Answer to it      I am etc      HR

### 16 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> MP in Half Moon Street      Newcas Sunday 16 Feby 1772

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir

The Recorder M<sup>r</sup> Simpson M<sup>r</sup> Peareth M<sup>r</sup> Mosley & M<sup>r</sup> Blackett are all of Opinion that your coming down at this time will be of no Service, but rather a Delay of Business; unless a petition for the Common Council to sign to Parliam<sup>t</sup>. is necessary in any respect for carrying the Agreement abo<sup>t</sup>. repairing the Bridge into Execution. It is to be expected that after such Reparation Those that had Houses on the Bridge will think they have a right to rebuild them, & I am told they are preparing a petition for Allowance or Relief in that case - The Ald<sup>n</sup>. & Common<sup>rs</sup>. are to meet to morrow forenoon to have the several Letters respecting the Conclusion come to about this Bridge laid before them & the same day the Ald<sup>n</sup>. dine with



M<sup>r</sup>. Mosley, when they will write you their Sentiments - w<sup>ch</sup>. seem to be not to meddle at all with the Reparation till the Bishop is fully satisfied that he is obliged to join in it. If his Lordship should be long in determining on this Point or Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Milne & Wooller should not find the Repairing the Bridge so practical as some imagine then the Sessions may be lost w<sup>ch</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Peareth & M<sup>r</sup> Simpson do not think it will be any great Loss, as during the Summer more Knowledge may be gained & a cooler & better Judgement may be formed by many that are now misled by a heated Spirit of Contradiction In the mean time the D<sup>r</sup> & his fraternity here together with those of Gateshead are exulting as on a victory. But all impartial Men are sorry at the Measures you have been forced into, & convinced nothing better could have been obtained, nor any assistance had from parliament, unless Unanimity had strength'ned the Application

M<sup>r</sup> Lambert the Attorney has bought part of the Old Houses that adjoin That w<sup>ch</sup>. Mr Harvey lived in for £250 w<sup>ch</sup> is very dear; but he says the Owner could have had that sum at least for it from another hand.

I have sent a Kit of Salmon in the Michael James Richardson Ma<sup>r</sup>. If you wo<sup>d</sup>. chuse to have any Hams & Hogs Cheeks from M<sup>r</sup> Hill this year M<sup>r</sup> Darwin had best write for them without delay, as he is acquainted with M<sup>r</sup> Hill.

I have paid M<sup>r</sup> Ellison of Whelpington the hundred pounds you ordered for the Addition to the Vicarage House. I am etc HR

### 19 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richard Wilson Esq. at Leeds in Yorkshire

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> Feby 1772

Sir M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph King having paid me his rent this morning, I have, herewith inclosed, sent you two parts of my Acco<sup>t</sup>. of your Kenton rents for the half year Ending Mayday last; the balance of which Three hundred & thirty one pounds, five shillings & sixpence; & inclosed is Bell & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> for that Sum - You will please to acknowledge the receipt of the bill & to sign & return me one part of the Accot.- Inclosed also is M<sup>rs</sup>. Han<sup>h</sup>. Headlams receipt for her half years interest, & a Copy of Ralph Smiths Note of repairs. I am etc HR

£331. 5. 6

Newcastle Bank

19 Feb.<sup>y</sup> 1772

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr. Hen<sup>y</sup>. Richmond

Three hundred & thirty one pounds, five shillings & sixpence

value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Mess.<sup>r</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

Pay the Contents to Richard Wilson Esq.

Jos. Saint

No 36696 London

on Order value in Account

Hen Richmond

### 24 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Coll<sup>d</sup>. Forster Esq. at Alnwick

Newcas 24<sup>th</sup> Feby 1772

Sir I received your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me a Description of the prem[is]es at Lucker, as you intend to insert them into the Conveyance. but Sir Walter Blackett, who came here last Night, desires you will send me the draft of the Conveyance to have it settled before you Engros the Deeds I am etc HR

**29 Feb 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> Feby 1772

Sir The box you mention, containing one part of S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. Blacketts Will, was brought hither this Morning; & I have told Sir W<sup>r</sup>. of it, who is very well; after coming in 48 hours from London.

As to the Case with M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcetts Opinion, about the Corn tithes of Sir Ralph Milbanks Allotment of Hexham Common in right of his Ingrounds at Bullister Bush - You are right in saying that it should have been charged therein expressly that Sir Ralph wants to Cover those Tythes by the Modus or Quit Rent of £13 4d p<sup>d</sup> for the said Ingrounds. Against which we say that the Ingrounds are in the parish of Warden & the Allotment in the parish of Hexham & that Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett is intituled to the Tythes of the parish of Hexham.

Inclosed is a Copy of the Case and opinion, lest that which you have sho<sup>d</sup>. be any way incorrect. - I am obliged to you for your letter of this Day Senight about My Brother. I am sorry to find him put to such Shifts as you mention - and doubt he is fallen low both from that & what Sir Walters Servants tell me of John Williams; who was formerly in this family - having met with him often at a Coffee house in St. Giles's - No reputable part of the Town.

I am etc

HR

**25 March 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Hudson**

To John Hudson Esq at Bessingby Yorkshire

Newcas 25<sup>th</sup>. March 1772

Sir Inclosed is Bell & C<sup>os</sup>. bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup>. for One hundred pounds payable at 25 days from the 24<sup>th</sup>. instant which I have endorsed and sent to you by the desire of Walter Trevelyan Esq. to be placed to his Acco<sup>t</sup>. you will please to advise me of the receipt of the bill and that you have placed it accordingly; to be a voucher to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. - Sir Walter Blackett bids me acquaint you that he reced your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup>. instant & that he is obliged to you for your good Wishes, & that he is so much engaged in Business that he cannot at present write to you, which he hopes you will excuse. I hope M<sup>rs</sup>. Hudson & your Family are well I am etc  
HR

£100

Newcastle Bank 24<sup>th</sup> March 1772

Twenty five days after date pay to the Order of M<sup>r</sup>. Henry

Richmond One hundred pounds - value received

To Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

N<sup>o</sup>. 36888 London

pay the Contents to John Hudson

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington

Esq. or order value in Acco<sup>t</sup>. Hen Richmond

**29 March 1772 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Smith**

To Mr. Thomas Smith No: 49 Tooley Street London

Newcas 29 Mar 1772

Sir In Answer to your Letter to Sir Walter Blackett of the 24 instant he desires me to acquaint you that as you do not mention how long it is since the Note you enquire after is supposed to have been paid to you as Servant to Mr Benson & C<sup>o</sup> he cannot give you any particular Answer - All the Notes he pays in London are left there and if you think it necessary

when he returns to London to enquire whether that Note of about £4 that you mention was paid to yourself or no he will there be able to satisfy you I am etc

HR

**3 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas 3<sup>d</sup> April 1772

Sir Since your Letter of the 23<sup>d</sup>. July last M<sup>r</sup>. Cooksons Money has been paid off so I suppose this quar<sup>s</sup> remittance will be £27. 10s. 0d less than formerly and that £288. 11s. 6d will do. but I shall not send you a bill till I hear from you on this Subject

Sir Walter Blackett who still continues out of Order thinks the Company of his Nephews would be of Service to him, if it suited their Convenience to come & stay with him a while here, as his coming to London is uncertain. He therefore desires as he cannot write himself that you will wait upon Sir John and Mr. Trevelyan & acquaint them of this & that he could wish they would order their Affairs so as to stay or return as occasion may be. But he desires you and they will take care that he may have a Letter of their coming a day or two before they arrive - And less M<sup>rs</sup>. Scott should hear of S<sup>r</sup> Walters Illness & imagine it worse than it really is he desires you will wait upon her & tell her that the hurry and the Anxiety occasioned by the Bridge and other public business has discomposed him a little but that he hopes a little rest, the Company of his friends & riding about will relieve him.

The inclosed Engagement of Sir Walter to pay the Revd. Mr. <..> Hudson £30 a Year Sir Walter thinks should be examined into . for tho M<sup>r</sup>. Hudson gave it up on getting the Schoolmasters place at Hallifax Yet if that place is only upon Subscription or other uncertain terms and not by Engagement of a certain Sum to make up £50 a Year to him with the Curacy Sir Walter thinks this Annuity ought to be mentioned to him & all the Arrears thereof paid up deducting only the Twenty Guineas endorsed and accordingly Sir Walter desires you will write to M<sup>r</sup>. Hudson to know definitely the Nature of the Schoolmasters place he has accepted & then to let him know your opinion whether his Intention in granting M<sup>r</sup>. Hudson this Annuity is fulfilled

PS. have you heard anything more about my Brother. for he has not written any Thing yet to any body here. ? I am etc

HR

**13 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> April 1772

Gentlemen I have drawn a Bill upon you for Seven hundred pounds dated this day and payable to Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson and C.<sup>o</sup> or Order Twenty five days after date which I desire you will accept and when paid place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett I am etc HR

**13 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> April 1772

Sir Inclosed is Bell and C.<sup>os</sup> bill on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> for Two hundred & ninety pounds on Account of the quarterly payments you are to make in London for Sir Walter Blackett between

the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>m</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June rent which you will please to place to his Account accordingly and send me the usual receipt for it. Sir Walter does not contradict the direction about writing to the Rev.<sup>n</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Hudson.

He continues still much out of order and gets no sleep. D<sup>r</sup>. Askew is now employed for him and I hope will do him service. Sir John & M<sup>r</sup>. Trevelyan are not come at this time I am writing this but will probably be here this Evening & contribute I hope to divert Sir Walter from that Anxiety about the Bridge & other public Business that distresses him so much & they will prevail upon him I hope to go to Wallington or else where to be out of the way of all Conversation about it.

That Letter which I inclosed you to Sir John may be returned me if he was set out before you got it.

Gen<sup>l</sup>. Mackay has a pipe of Madeira coming for Sir W<sup>m</sup>. with some of his own to London but Sir Walters is to be sent down hither. he does not mention the Ship, so the meaning of my naming this to you is only in Case he should when it comes desire your Assistance or even payment both of Duty and Wine etc Charges you may do it - tho it is proposed to him by this post to let his Agent or Broker manage and pay all for Sir Walters wine & that the money will be repaid the General here by me Care must be taken that a proper Dispatch or permit is sent with the Wine if you are applied to.

My Brothers Conduct is very bad indeed particularly in the instance you mention. he has wrote to no body here that I can hear of; which perplexes My Sister a good deal as she must move to Hexham in a little time.

Something will be done to morrow about the writings that are in his Office & Closet by Lawyers Clennell and Wilson & Mr Widdrington I intend to have no Concern with them having no time at present to engage in such a Business I dare say you will believe. I am etc

HR

£290

Newcastle Bank 11<sup>th</sup> April 1772

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr. Hen.<sup>y</sup>

Richmond Two hundred & ninty pounds \_ value

received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Hallifax  
N<sup>o</sup>. 36986. London

pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup>. Will.<sup>m</sup> Jm.<sup>o</sup> Widdrington  
Alvey Darwin or Order value in Acco.<sup>t</sup> Hen Richmond

### 13 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to Jerrard Strickland

To J Strickland Esq<sup>r</sup>. York

Newcas 13 April 1772

Sir

I received the favour of your Letter, which I could not answer without communicating it to Sir Walter. He hopes you will excuse him for not writing and desires me to give his Compliments & tell you he is sensible of your Friendship in proposing the visit to him - but Mr. Carr of Etal is with him & Sir John and Mr. Trevelyan are expected today so that he thinks he need not trouble you at this time but reserve the Satisfaction of your Company till he sees further.

It is unfortunate that the Mayoralty confines Sir Walter either to Newcastle or within reach of it on Emergencies so that getting to Wallington is almost all that can be effected.

D<sup>r</sup>. Askew is prescribing for Sir Walter at present; but in two or three days I hope he will go out of Town and leave the Care of the Bridge to others; & That I am convinced will be the likeliest way recover his health. I am etc

HR

**17 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To Mr. Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> April 1772

Sir

Inclosed is a Copy of a plan left with me by M<sup>r</sup>. Coll<sup>d</sup>. Forster of a part of Newstead Grounds & other Grounds adjoining: by which you will learn (from the parts coloured yellow) the parcels he wants to buy the Corn Tythes of from Sir Walter Blackett - I desire you will let me know whether you apprehend Sir Walter is intitled to the Corn Tythes of the several pieces of Ground so distinguished & which M<sup>r</sup>. Forster represents to me to have been old Incroachments off Lucker alias Newstead Moor and now or late in the possession of Robert Ray & Geo York - lest Sir Walter should sell what he has no right to - You will be so good as return me the plan with your answer.

PS. Inclosed also is Mr. Forsters Description of the premises & you will please let me hear from you by the first opportunity & at the same time return me this Description. I am etc  
HR

**22 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Collingwood Forster Esqr. In Alnwick

Newcas 22<sup>d</sup> April 1772

Sir

You will receive herewith by the Alnwick Carrier the Dra.<sup>ts</sup> of the Conveyance & Assignment from Sir Walter & Mr Darwin to you and M<sup>r</sup>. Russell your Trustee - & also a Description of the premises to be conveyed, all which I received from you in Febry last & laid directly before M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett for his perusal. I only got them from him last Week since which I thought it proper to consult M<sup>r</sup>. Ralph Forster who knows the premises - You will see M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett has made an Alteration in your description of the premises by scoring out in Two places what he thinks improper. For Sir Walter claiming no Tithe in the premises but Corn Tithe ought not to mention any other in his Conveyance.

You may if you please let the Deeds be engrossed directly according to this Description as altered by M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett and Sir Walter, who is here now, will execute the same  
I am etc HR

**28 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr. Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 28<sup>th</sup> April 1772

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett has ordered that Mr. Salkeld shall have an Addition of Five pounds a Year to his Salary from Ladyday last and that the Arrears of Rent which he stands indebted to Sir Walter in your Rental for Martinmas last amounting to £34. 7s. 6d shall be discharged, which you will do by profit and loss in your next Rental.

PS. If you have time to make out a new Rental the Discharge may be as well be made now.  
I am etc HR

**29 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To mr. Chris. Johnson Attorney at Law in Durham

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> April 1772

Sir

At the Assizes at Durham in the Year 1767, as I remember, Sir Walter Blackett had an Indictment tryed to you about repairing the Way from Edmund biers to Blaydon and the Defend[ant]s were found guilty My Brother was concerned in it but the papers I am now informed was never returned But still remained in your Hands. it is right it should be sent up to M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin to be ordered that it may remain as an Evidence who ought to repair the Road. If you will do this without Loss of time Sir Walter will be obliged to you & either by Mr Darwin or me as you chuse will pay any Charge attending the doing of it I am etc HR

**29 April 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Anderson**

To M<sup>r</sup> John Anderson at Unthank near Berwick on Tweed

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> April 1772

Sir

I am told that M<sup>r</sup>. Thompson the Tenant of Allerton has laid a Bounder Stones with Letters upon it a considerable Way within Sir Walter Blacketts South Boundary and near the Engine. I wish you would inform me or if you do not know that you would as from me inquire of Mr Thompson what the Meaning is if any in dropping it there & I shall be glad to receive a Line from you explaining this Matter as soon as you can. I am etc HR

**1 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Staniland**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Staniland at Stella

Newcas 1<sup>st</sup> May 1772

Sir

Inclosed I return you the Article for Carrying on the Suit against Mr Silvertop signed by Sir Walter Blackett as you desired - & also a Letter from me to M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin about getting Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Blackett to sign to which you will please to add directions respecting Lord Widdrington - Mr Simpson can tell you best whether it will be necessary to get M<sup>r</sup>. Ridleys Bond to it. I am etc HR

**1 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas 1<sup>st</sup> May 1772

Sir

Inclosed herewith you will receive the Article for carrying on the Suit in Chancery against Mr Silvertop; which Sir Walter Blackett has consulted first at the desire of Lord Widdrington who desires Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Blackett may also execute it & then he will do the same. So you will wait upon Sir Edward about it. & then the Article I understand is to be sent to Bath to his Lordship - But with regard to that you will receive directions from Mr Staniland who is to



get Mr Simpson to execute before he sends the Article and those directions to you. I am etc  
HR

Ao this sent open to Mr Staniland as above

**8 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. Darwin in Greys Inn London

Newcas 8<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup>. Johnson writes me that he has got the Record of the Tryal at the Assizes at Durham in 1767 about the Lead Way from Edmondobiers to Blaydon drawn up & will send it to you in two or three days - you will let me know whether you will pay him the Charge of it, or I may do it if he brings he brings his Bill to me.

The inclosed Letter my Sister Headlam desires you will keep till my Brother calls upon you, or you know how to Convey it to him - it contains, she says, Details of what has been done respecting his Writings & other things - & about her own Affairs & removal to Hexham, whither she went yesterday - in all this business she has followed her own Opinion or the Advice of Sawyer Wilson & is as I wrote you before. - for I neither chose nor had time to engage in so disagreeable a Matter - besides I did not approve of her going to Hexham nor of some other Resolutions she has taken - I hear my Brother has been with you since your last Acco<sup>t</sup>. of him and wonder much what a way of life he is fallen into - PS. Sir Walter is still very much out of order  
I am etc HR

**8 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Forster Lane London Newcas 8<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Gent<sup>n</sup>.

I have sent you this Day by Fran<sup>s</sup> Ridlay the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver containing fourteen hundred & twenty nine Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett, as usual at the Market price & advise me of your receipt of them I

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one piece	q <sup>ty</sup> 843	am etc HR
the other	q <sup>ty</sup> 586	
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	1429	

**16 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. Darwin in Greys Inn London

Newcas the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Sir

I sent you on the 27<sup>th</sup> Janry last by Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett the purchase Deeds of OverHuntrods Estate w<sup>ch</sup>. you were to deliver to M<sup>r</sup> Chesters in Chancery Office as soon as you should receive some Admittances necessary to complete the Title - Accordingly I have here inclosed you copy of the Admittance of Lance March & Rob<sup>t</sup> Willan as Heirs of Eben<sup>r</sup>. Wardell to the prem[is]es dat<sup>d</sup>. 22 April last - And also Copy of the Surrender from W<sup>m</sup>. Chapman <Extor> & Lan March & Rob<sup>t</sup>. Willan Heirs of Eben<sup>r</sup>. Wardell & Isaac Hunter & Wife to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Salmon of the

<S<sup>d</sup> premes> for an Augmetation of the Curacy of Ninebanks in the Manor of Hexham dated 22 April last - so that now the Title is compleat in the Governors of Qu[een] Ann's Bounty - you, on delivering the Deeds to M<sup>r</sup>. Chester will present for payment the two Bills which Sir Walter sent you on Sir Jeffery <Elwes> on the 10 Janry last - you will please to advise me of the receipts of these Copies & write Sir W<sup>r</sup>. when you receive the money

M<sup>r</sup>. Widdrington having heard that my Brother lodges now & has done these Six Months at Mr Brignels, Jeweller, in Northumberland Street, desires me to acquaint you of it

P.S. Sir Walter is at Wallington but no better

I am etc HR

**25 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esqr. at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcastle the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Sir

Mr King desiring as usual further time for the payment of his Rent; I have sent you inclosed, an Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the Rents I have received for you, Bell & C<sup>os</sup>. Bill on Glyn & Comp<sup>y</sup>. for Three hundred pounds payable at Thirty days from the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant & desire you will advise me of the receipt of it

I am etc HR

£300\_.\_. Newcastle Bank 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1772

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr. Hen<sup>y</sup>.

Richmond . - Three hundred pounds - Value received

To Bell Cookson Carr Widdington & Self

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Glyn & Hallifax  
London

pay the contents to Richard  
Wilson Esqr. or order value in  
Account

Jos Saint

No 37276

Hen Richmond

**25 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. Darwin in Greys Inn London

Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Sir

I duly received your Letter inclosing the Case & Sir Ralph Milbanks Letter about the Tithes of Bullister Bush, which I have communicated to Sir Walter & he will wait Sir Ralphs coming into the Country. Sir Walter desires you will give either to Sir Edward Blackett or Mr Totton two Guineas for one M<sup>rs</sup>. Bayly a Clergymans Daughter. & that you will give to Mary <Massie> the writer of the inclosed Letter, something to relieve her according as you may see occasion - he leaves the sum to your discretion - The waste My Brother has made of fortune & Character grieves me much ; & what adds to it is the finding out he is still <preserving> his labours; having made applications lately to the <Com<sup>tee</sup>> of the Customs about that for measuring Keels - a Thing I find not approved of, as a practical method by the people in the Trade; tho they admit it ingenious - neither do the Gentlemen in the Counties countenance it, tho they are Civil in their Answers. His Longitude Schemes are Chimeras; he never mentioned them to me, but those to whom he has I <conceive> such of them as are Judges & honest, say they are vain.

PS. Sir Walter continues still in the same way as when Sir John Trevelyan left him. A good night relieves him but it only seems now & then

I am etc HR

**26 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Alder**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Dan<sup>l</sup>. Alder at Adderstone near Belford

Newcas. The 26<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Sir

I have on the other Side sent you M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's Executors proportion of Weardale Rents compositions etc for the year's 1769, 1770 & 1771 together with the particular Acco<sup>t</sup>. as usual of their proportion for the last year & hope you will reimburse Sir Walter Blackett this Money as soon as you can.

I am etc HR

**30 May 1772 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Collingwood Forster Esq. in Alnwick North

Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Sir

I sent you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April last by Horsley the Alnwick Carrier the drafts of the deeds for the purchase of the Tithes & Grounds at Lucker, as settled by M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett; with a Letter from me that Sir Walter was willing to execute as soon as you please to get the deeds engrossed - I hope you received them & thought to have seen you when you were in Town here, but did not know of your day. I shall be glad to hear from you on this Subject as soon as Convenient.

I am etc HR

**3 June 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1772

Sir

I have enquired after the surrenders & Admittances mentioned in your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Ultm. & which you say Mr. Chaster has requested you are wanting to compleat the title of hunterods Estate - & M<sup>r</sup>. John Bell tells me that M<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Hunter the vendor had no Copies of the Admission of 10 Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1719 of Leonard Shield nor of the Surrender from Leon<sup>d</sup>. Shield & Eliz<sup>th</sup>. his wife to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Shield nor of Tho<sup>s</sup>. Admittance thereupon but that he will see M<sup>r</sup>. Hunter & Endeavour to get Copies of them from the Court Rolls in a few posts - This is a Stop to this Transaction that I should have thought a Fifty years possession would have rendered no Way necessary.

Inclosed I return you the two bills, one for £21. & the other for £19 drawn by my Brother on M<sup>r</sup>. James Clarke Merchant in this Town & which you sent me last post - M<sup>r</sup>. Clarke says he is much surprised at the dra<sup>ts</sup>. & that he will neither accept nor pay them; having no Connection nor Acco<sup>t</sup>. with my Brother - As to the Deficiency of franks which you complain of - I doubt I cannot remedy it by applying to Sir Walter who is still very indifferent - if I can get any, I will send you them - but I should think you might get a few from Sir Ridley & some others of the Members you have had so much intercourse with this Sessions

I am etc HR

**8 June 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 8 June 1772

Sir

Inclosed are Copies from the Court Rolls of the Admittances and Surrender which you said were wanting to compleat the Title of Huntrods Estate Viz<sup>t</sup>. the Admittances of 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1719 of Leon<sup>d</sup>. Shield & the Surrender of the same date from Leonard Shield & Eliz<sup>th</sup>. his wife to Thomas Shield & Thomas's Admission thereupon - I hope this matter will now be settled soon & Sir Walter reimbursed the Money he has advanced to help it forward which I shall be glad to hear

I am etc HR

**13 June 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas. 13<sup>th</sup> June 1772 Saturday

Sir

I have sent to go by the Fly Coach that will set out for London on Monday a Box directed to you containing an Assignment of a Trust <Term> of part of Lucker Estate which is comprised in the Indres of 8 & 9 May 1753 & in the assignm<sup>t</sup>. of 15 May 1762 which Sir Walter Blackett desires you will execute and return to me by the Coach - he has sold the parcels therein described to M<sup>r</sup>. Coll<sup>d</sup>. Forster who desires this Assignment may be made to M<sup>r</sup>. Burrell before he pays the Money. Sir W<sup>r</sup>. seems to be rather better, tho' far from well or as we have known him

I am etc HR

**26 June 1772 From Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster**

To Collingwood Forster Esq. at Alnwick

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> June 1772

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett and Mr Darwin have executed the Deeds, and Sir Walter has no objection to your Bond for the Consideration Money in the manner you proposed it to me, so the sooner we Exchange them the better.

I am etc HR

**29 June 1772 From Henry Richmond to James Hebden**

To Mr. James Hebden - Clerk to Rich<sup>d</sup>. Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
at Leeds - Yorkshire

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> June 1772

Sir

As our Gentlemen of the Newcastle Bank have made provision for the payment of their Bills at John Cookson Esq<sup>r</sup>. N<sup>o</sup> 66 Lombard Street I have returned you the Bill I received from you this post - for Mr King the Indorser is not in Town and you do not say whether I am to require the value of the Bill of him so I think it best to return it as I understand you will be sure of it in London which I suppose has been the Original Intention - I find by Letter from Mr. Thomas Wilson that the Bill for £300 is paid.

I am etc HR

N<sup>o</sup>. 1887 22 June

£10. 10 .0

Newcastle Bank 15<sup>th</sup> May 1772

Thirty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Joseph

King Ten Guineas value received

To Messrs. Glyn & Hallifax  
No. 37201 London

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Endorsed Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
Joseph King June 22<sup>d</sup>.

**29 June 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> June 1772

Sir

I have received the Box containing your Assignment of the Trust Term to Bryan Burrell Esq. I have also received your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing Mr Cooksons Letter to S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. for Charity & mentioning one you have from Richd. Barr of the like Sort & have acquainted Sir Walter Blackett of them, who says he desires to be excused - I am obliged to you for your Letter about Glyn & Hallifax - our Bankers took immediately the proper Steps for payment of all the bills they had drawn on them at John Cookson Esq<sup>r</sup>. N<sup>o</sup>. 66 Lombard Street. But they have had some difficulties to struggle with these on Acco<sup>t</sup>. of a Run upon them, which has made it necessary this day for the principal Gentlemen of the Town and Neighbourhood to enter into an Association to take up all Notes that shall be brought for payment within a limited time and give in lieu thereof their promisory Notes payable at 20 Days - Sir Walter has been very much out of Order within these few days - but he had a good Night, Last Night, and is better to day - I hope you are very well

I am etc

HR

**8 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr Darwin - Greys Inn - London

Newcastle 8<sup>th</sup> July 1772

Sir

Inclosed Bell Cookson & Comp<sup>s</sup>. Bill on Castell Whately & C<sup>o</sup>. payable to me or Order at 20 Days from this day & endorsed to you to enable you to pay the half Years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Mines, which will be due to M<sup>r</sup>. Thurloe the 22<sup>d</sup>. instant - You will please in the mean time to place it to my Account and advise me of the Receipt of it - I shall in a few posts send you a Bill for Sir Edward Winningtons half year's intr<sup>t</sup>. - Our Bankers have had some difficulties from the panic occasioned by the failures of so many of their Fraternity, as you may judge from the inclosed paper - but the run upon them continued but a few days; and there is now an End of it

I am etc

HR

£157-10-0

Newcastle Bank 8<sup>th</sup> July 1772

Twenty days after date pay to the Order of Mr. Hen. Richmond  
One hundred & Fifty seven pounds ten shillings value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

Jos. Saint

To Messrs. Castell Whately & Powell N<sup>o</sup>. 66 Lombard Street London  
No. 2 Pay the Contents to Mr. William Alvey Darwin or Order Value in Account  
Hen Richmond

**10 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

To M<sup>r</sup>. William Westgarth at Coalcleugh  
to the Care of the Hexham Postman

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> July 1772

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett received your Letter, desiring leave to go to Harrogate on Account of your Health - he has no Objections to your going - only hopes you will give proper Directions about Carrying on the Groves both at Coalcleugh and in Kilhope in your Absence - & that the other Stewards will be resident and attentive to those great Concerns during That time - I wish you may receive benefit from the Waters - PS. Sir Blackett says you may send your Report about Fallowfield to him direct it to Jos<sup>o</sup>. E Blackett Esq. I am etc HR

**11 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Anderson**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Anderson at Unthank  
Near Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup>. July 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup>. Forster and M<sup>r</sup>. Bell will be at Tweedmouth on Tuesday Evening the 28<sup>th</sup> instant - & I desire you will pay your Rent to M<sup>r</sup>. Bell and acquaint all the other Tenants to do the same and his Receipt will be your discharge - If the Tenants of the Colliery are in your Neighbourhood please to acquaint them also of the Rent day, which will be the 29<sup>th</sup> instant. I am etc HR

**11 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Messr. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> July 1772

Gent<sup>n</sup>.

I have this day sent you by Thos. Jennings, the London Carrier, a piece of fine Silver containing Seven hundred & Sixty seven Ounces: which I desire you will place to Account as usual with Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup>. at the Market price and Advise me on your receipt of the same. I hope you have not felt any inconvenience from the failures of so many Bankers & their Connections - I shall have Occasion in a little time to draw upon you. I am etc HR

**14 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Sharp**

To The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Dr. Sharp at Balmbrough Castle near Belford North

Newcas 14<sup>th</sup>. July 1772

Sir

I have acquainted Sir Walter Blackett with the Contents of your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant & he desires his Compliments & has no Objection to have the Ground in Dispute between Hexham and Blanchland settled in a friendly way as you propose ~~as you propose~~ --But he is advised that the most effectual Method of doing it will Be by a Deed to be executed by all parties obliging themselves to apply to Parliament next Sessions for an Act to appoint Arbitrators to adjust the Boundary of the disputed Ground which we think has varied within these few Years And after that Adjustment that such persons skilful in Division of Land as shall be named in the Deed shall have power to divide and allot according to the Quantity & Quality of the Ground. & that other proper Clauses be inserted in the Deed & subsequently in the Act



for the compleat Determination of the Dispute that has so long subsisted - In the proposed Deed it may be proper for both parties to have a Covenant inserted for the Examination of Old Witnesses without Delay lest their Testimonies should be lost before the Act can be carried into Execution - It will be necessary to have the Concurrence of Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Wentworth in this Affair but Sir Walter will make that Application in due time. If you approve of this Method you will please to order a Dra<sup>t</sup>. of such a Deed to be prepared: Or let me know if you chuse I should get it done. I am etc  
HR

**17 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. William Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> July 1772

Sir

Inclosed you receive three Bills as above - the two first amounting to £500 I send you to pay S<sup>r</sup>. Ed Winningtons half years due from Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett the 6<sup>th</sup> of next Month and in the mean time desire you will place these Bills to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. & advise me of the Receipt of them - the other Bill for £170 is to enable you to make the quarterly and other payments for Sir W<sup>r</sup>. to the 30<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>. next & you will please to send me the usual Receipt for it to be a voucher to my Acco<sup>t</sup>. with Sir Walter.

Sir Walter seems to be something better these two or three days; he went from hence yesterday for Harrogate - & before he went asked if you would be in Newcastle this vacation - I told him I believe you intended it & then he desired I would write you to bring any papers you have respecting his private Affairs.

I shall be very glad to see you here

I am etc HR

No 69014 Newcastle 3<sup>d</sup>. July 1772 £400 -0 0

Forty days after date pay M <sup>r</sup> . Joseph Saint or Order Four hundred	
pounds, the value received, place the same to Account as by advice	
from	Jonathan Sorsbie
To Mess <sup>r</sup> . Henry & Samuel F Freeman	pay to Mess <sup>r</sup> . Bell Cookson
In London	Carr & C <sup>o</sup> . or Order value rec <sup>d</sup> .
pay to Mr. William Alvey	Jos. Saint
Darwin or Order in	Pay to M <sup>r</sup> . Hen <sup>y</sup> . Richmond
Account	or Order value received
Hen Richmond	Bell Cookson Carr & C <sup>o</sup>

N 69153 £100 NCastle July 18<sup>th</sup> 1772

Twenty five Days after date pay Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bell Cookson Carr & C<sup>o</sup>  
or Order One hundred pounds value in Acco<sup>t</sup>. as advised by  
Hen Airey

To M<sup>ss</sup>. Theo. Crowley & C<sup>o</sup>. pay to M<sup>r</sup>. Hen<sup>y</sup>. Richmond or Order  
In London value received  
Bell Cookson Carr & Co.  
pay to Mr. William Alvey  
Darwin or Order value in  
Account Hen Richmond

N 69154

£170

NCastle July 18<sup>th</sup> 1772

Twenty five Days after date pay Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bell Cookson Carr & C<sup>o</sup>  
or Order One hundred & seventy pounds value in Acco<sup>ts</sup>. as advised by  
Hen Airey

To M<sup>ss</sup>. Theo. Crowley & C<sup>o</sup>. pay to M<sup>r</sup>. Hen<sup>y</sup>. Richmond or Order  
In London value received

Bell Cookson Carr & Co.  
pay to Mr. William Alvey  
Darwin or Order value in  
Account Hen Richmond

**24 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

1772 July 24<sup>th</sup> wrote Isaac Hunter about the Monthly & Quat<sup>ly</sup>. acco<sup>ts</sup>. of the Smeltings HR

**26 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Adams**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Adams - Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> July 1772

I have received your Letter inclosing the Draft of the intended Deed between Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett & Lord Crewes Trustees & have shewn the same to one of Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blacketts Counsell with whom I consulted before I wrote to D<sup>r</sup>. Sharp.

The plan upon which you have drawn the Draft is not agreeable to what I mentioned in my Letter to Doctor Sharp owing in all likelihood to the Doctor not leaving the Letter with you. Sir Walter Blackett is advised that a proper Deed should be executed by him & Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Wentworth ( who in case he survives Sir Walter will be intitled to the Estate) & Lord Crewes Trustees reciting the Matters in dispute between the parties and that it will be advantageous to have such disputes settled in an amicable manner but as the same cannot Effectively be done without the Aid of parliament the parties are to agree to use their Endeavours to obtain ( the next Session ) An Act for that purpose which shall Contain such Clauses as AB. & CD. (two Councillors one on each Side) shall think proper to empower certain Arbitrators two or 3 Councillors to determine by such Evidence as the parties shall bring before them the precise Bounder Line & whether the Ground in Dispute is or is not part of the one Common or waste or the other and as to allotting or dividing the same it is apprehended that all necessary powers for that purpose will more properly come into the Act which is to enable proper persons to make a Division of the Common or Commons of which the Ground in Dispute shall be deemed & awarded to be a part or parts. And as both parties must have several old witnesses & it may be advantageous to have some of them examined by the Arbitrators before the Act is obtained I understand a proper Clause may be inserted in the Deed for that purpose empowering the Arbitrators to administer (by consent of parties) oaths to Witnesses and do other necessary Acts & that such Evidence in Case of the Death of such Witnesses before they can be Examined under the Act shall be deemed and accepted by the Arbitrators as Legal Proof & that such Deed so far as the Nature of the several Rights of the parties will admit shall be binding to the parties & their Legal Representatives.

As I understand the Trustees are to obtain an Act of parliament for other purposes I am informed the necessary Clauses as to this Business might be therein inserted if it would save the parties much Expense in so doing but in that Case as well as what I have proposed above Sir Walter Blackett & S<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Wentworth must approve of nay indeed Nominate the same Number of Arbitrators as the Trustees

When the Out Lines of the Business can be fixed the Deed will soon be settled and I write this to you as the Solicitor for the Trustees as D<sup>r</sup>. Sharp has applied to you to act in that Capacity therefore pray Confer with your Clients & let me hear from you

P.S. I think it at present unnecessary to return the Draft you sent. I am etc HR

**31 July 1772 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 31<sup>st</sup>. July 1772

Sir

I have examined the Assays of ore from Low Coalcleugh & Whitewood veins and find the former yields 8oz. 0 p[enny]w[eigh]t. 20 g[rain]s and the latter 7oz. 7 p[enny]w[eigh]t. 0 g[rain]s to a fother so you may refine them together & indeed it may be as well to smelt the ore together as you propose & I desire to know what the produce will be of 20 bings at the ore & Slag hearth of these two Sorts together. I should be glad if you would at your leisure let me know what you reckon the Charge of Refining a Fother of Lead will be; computing the Waste at £14 a fother - that I may Compare with our Charge at Blaydon - I find by Mr Caleb Hunter that they have wrought of late some Ore at Allenheads at so much a Ton in Lead, w<sup>ch</sup>. explains what you said about some of the Lead, included among the Wastes being better than Culling Ore Lead. This Lead deserves to be Classed with the ore hearth Lead certainly and yet as they do not in the Grove Acco<sup>t</sup>. charge the Mill with any Ore for or on Account of it We shall be deceiving ourselves about the produce of the Smeltings, especially if they raise any Quantity in this way - You may Consider about This against the next time we meet  
I am etc HR

**1 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin Greys Inn London

Newcas 1<sup>st</sup>. August 1772

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. inclosing me M<sup>r</sup>. Thurlow's Receipt for one hundred & fifty seven pounds ten shillings for the half years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due to him from Sir Walter Blackett on the 22d. Ult<sup>o</sup>. & have given you Credit for the same in the Account between us.

I am concerned for my Brother & wonder what will be the End of his Infatuation. Sir Walter is still in Yorkshire and does not say he is any better - you would see in the papers the news of M<sup>r</sup>. Trevelyans Marriage which was an agreeable surprise to people here - I am etc HR

**3 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

To Walter Trevelyan Esq. at <Bluits> Yorkshire  
[Note: possibly Bluits Inn in York]

Newcas 3<sup>d</sup> August 1772

Sir

Your Green frock laced Suit was sent this Morning by the Fly in a Box directed to you to be left at the Golden Lyon in Northallerton till called for - M<sup>r</sup> Blackett will write to London

directly for the Eal Basketts as you desire - & I have ordered a Kit of Salmon to be sent to Edw<sup>d</sup>.  
Meynall Esq<sup>r</sup>. agreeable to your Letter this post I am etc HR

**11 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Grey Attorney at Law in Berwick upon Tweed Newcas 11<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>st</sup>. 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Lawson Armstrong has been with Sir Walter Blackett complaining that Will<sup>m</sup>. Archibold's People have interrupted his Tenants in the Enjoyment of his Fishery in the Tweed called Canny which adjoins to Hobshole. that they have destroyed the Boundary of White Sands Fishery w<sup>ch</sup>. was set up in Sir Walter's presence. & that they have taken the Net & Fish from his Tenants of Canny Fishery that were fishing above Sixty Yards within his Boundary & to the Westward of Sir Walter's. & he has allowed me to take a copy of his Dra<sup>t</sup>. of the Fishery & Testimonies of some old People in his favour; to send to you for your Examination

Accordingly Sir Walter desires you will examine into the particulars of this Dispute that you will collect from M<sup>r</sup>. Douglas M<sup>r</sup>. Lambert & others what they can say touching It & the Boundaries of the respective Fisheries - & when you have obtained sufficient Information that you will send me a State of the Case, as it appears to you, together with your Opinion what is right and equitable for Sir Walter to do: either by way of amicable decision of the Dispute, or support of his own Tenants in what they have done. You will please to let me hear from you in Answer to this as soon as you conveniently can. I am etc HR

**11 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772  
In Foster Lane London

Gentlemen

I have drawn a Bill on you for Seven hundred Pounds payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup>. or Order Twenty days after this date which I desire you will accept and when paid place to Account as usual with Sir Walter Blackett I am etc HR

**12 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Forster**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Forster at Lucker Near Belford Newcas. 12<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster having made his Valuation of Lucker Tithes, free Land, Cottages and Stints for this year Sir Walter Blackett bids me offer them to you in preference to any other, and would be glad, as you know the Value of them, that you would as soon as possible let me know what you will give him for them. I am etc HR

**14 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Nebh Blagdon**

To Capt<sup>n</sup>. Neb<sup>h</sup>. Blagdon Deputy Water Bailiff at Shields Newcas. 14<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772

Sir Sir Walter Blackett desires his Compliments and will be obliged to you if you will Employ some Fishermen to catch Soles and other Fish on Monday Morning next for his Entertainment to the Judges etc on that day. what they can get should be at the Mansion house before Twelve o'Clock, or a Messenger to let the Cook know that they cannot get any. The Exence you may be at about this Sir Walter will repay you thankfully. I am etc HR

**17 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas. 17<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772

Sir

I have reced your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>. instant inclosing me Anth<sup>y</sup>. Wrights receipt for Five hundred pounds for Sir Edward Winningtons half Years interest due 6<sup>th</sup>. instant on Sir Walter Blacketts Mortgage of Wallington & have given you Credit for the same in the Account between us. In the same Letter I received a Copy of our Account settled & signed by you and in return send you one signed by me. This is well done whether you visit Newcastle or no this vacation - but I hope you intend to do so, as it is your third Year & we have <Custom> for it. I have paid Lawyer Wallace his general Retainer for this Year & have given one for the first time, to Lawyer Lee. I fear My Brother will not discover the vanity of his pursuits till too late. 'Tis now a twelvemonth since he left off Correspondence with his Relations, & by what you say of the Neglect of My Sisters Letters he does not seem disposed to resume it - however she desires you will keep the Letter till you hear further.

Sir Walter seems to be better than he has been, and if this Assize Week does not hurt him I hope he will regain his Health. I am etc HR

**18 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Forster**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Forster at Lucker near Belford

Newcas. 18<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772

Sir

In Answer to your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup>. instant, Sir Walter Blackett expects Eighty Pounds for Lucker Tithes, free Land Cottages & Stints for the present Year. M<sup>r</sup>. Ralph Forsters valuation is £99.5s.0d which is so little short of former Years that Sir Walter thinks the Rent may Continue the same. You will please to let me know by the return of the Post whether you will give Sir Walter Eighty Pounds for these Tithes etc for this Year. I am etc HR

**25 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newcas. 25<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772

Sir

When I was at Wallington I mentioned to you a proposal S<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Blackett had made to S<sup>r</sup>. Walter about dividing their Estate at Winlington. I then told you something of the Nature of that Estate & shall at the next Opportunity you give me acquaint you further with the particulars necessary for you to know before you and M<sup>r</sup>. Bates proceed to make such division w<sup>ch</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. & S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. are desirous of having set about soon

M<sup>r</sup>. Bates will probably call upon you in a little time to talk the Matter over with whom you will concur in every thing that you judge will be for Sir Walter's Interest in this Matter  
I am etc HR

Ps M<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup> Forster Will give no more than £70 for Lucker Tithes etc w<sup>ch</sup>. S. W<sup>r</sup>. has agreed to take for this year

**25 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Forster**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Forster at Lucker near Belford

Newcas. 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772

Sir

I have laid your Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant before Sir Walter Blackett, in which you offer him only Seventy Pounds for Lucker Tithes free Lands Stints & Cottages for this Year. he thinks it too little, (after all reasonable Allowances made for the part Sold off) But however is unwilling to treat with any other about Them & therefore agrees to Accept your offer of Seventy Pounds for this Year  
I am etc HR

**28 Aug 1772 From Henry Richmond to Lawson Armstrong**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Lawson Armstrong at Ulgham near Morpeth

Newcas. 28 Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772

Sir

By Sir Walter Blacketts direction I send you, as above, a Copy of M<sup>r</sup>. Greys Letter in Answer to mine about the Dispute between the Tenants of his Fisheries & your's - And also a Copy of the Testimonies of some old People examined by M<sup>r</sup>. Grey about it - These you will Please to Compare with those you took & then form your Judgement of the Case - As to what M<sup>r</sup>. Grey advises that this Dispute will be better settled by a Reference than a Law Suit it is quite agreeable to Sir Walter's Way of thinking - so Arbitrators may be named & Bonds executed to abide by their Award as soon as you Please  
I am etc HR

**4 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

I have received by the Hexham Carrier two pieces of Silver Bullion from Dukesfield Refinery, one Weighing Six hundred & Sixty four Ounces & the other Seven hundred & forty Ounces & have given the Refinery Credit for the same.

I wish you would make an Assay of the Slag Lead of Coalcleugh Ore - I do not suppose much is made by Refining it, & the mixing it with other refined Lead lowers the quality of it, & has occasioned some Complaints  
I am etc HR

**4 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths

Newcas. 4<sup>th</sup>. Septem<sup>r</sup> 1772



In Foster Lane London

Gent<sup>en</sup>.

I have this day sent you by Tho<sup>s</sup>. Jennings the London Carrier three pieces of fine Silver weighing together Two Thousand & Seventy Eight Ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Accot. as usual with Sir Walter Blackett at the Market Price & advise me on your receipt of Them I am etc HR

Ounces

674<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> at poz

664 at poz

740 at poz

2078<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

**5 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Grey Attorney at law in Berwick upon Tweed Newcas. 5<sup>th</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Lawson Armstrong is inclined to refer the Dispute about Canney Fishery & has wrote to his Friends in Berwick to advise him who is a proper person to be his Referee - Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett would wish to have M<sup>r</sup> Lambert & desires you will give his Compliments and ask him if he will allow him to name him - M<sup>r</sup>. Armstrong made some Objection to him as being Tenant of the opposite Fishery called Ether Mouth and it being his Interest to have the <Scars> in Dispute remain unoccupied but I suppose this trifling Objection will not be insisted on. if it should pray who in your Opinion is the next proper person to be Sir W<sup>r</sup>'s Referee in this Matter? & would it not be the best way for the two Arbitrators to chuse an Umpire before they proceed to Business - I suppose a common Arbitration Bond will not do & therefore desire you will send me the Dra<sup>t</sup>. of a proper one with the penalty that should be inserted and any other particulars that you think necessary I am etc HR

**9 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. in Leeds Yorkshire Newcas. 9<sup>th</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph King having at last paid me his Rent I have here sent you my Acco<sup>t</sup>. of your Kenton Rents for the half year Ending Martin[ma]<sup>s</sup>. last & desire you will sign & return me the Duplicate - The Balance of this Account is Three hundred & thirty two Pounds nineteen Shillings & threepence for which Sum I have here inclosed you Bell and C<sup>os</sup>. Bill on Castell & C<sup>o</sup> & desire you will advise the Receipt of it or let M<sup>r</sup>. Hebden do it by the return of the Post - Inclosed is Copy of R<sup>t</sup> Tomlins & Jn<sup>o</sup> Harle's Notes, & also M<sup>rs</sup>. Ken Headlam's Rec<sup>t</sup> for her interest.- Weatherburns Lease will be out at May<sup>ds</sup> next & the farm may be advanced - But I will get S. W<sup>r</sup>. B<sup>ts</sup>. Land Steward to give me his Opinion, as soon as the Corn is off the Gro<sup>d</sup>. & will let you know it - the houses of this farm will want Reparation I am etc HR

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Newcastle Bank

8<sup>th</sup>. Septem<sup>r</sup> 1772

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of M<sup>r</sup>. Hen<sup>y</sup>. Richmond

Three hundred & thirty two Pounds nineteen Shillings & three pence

value received  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Castell Whately & Powell  
Lombard Street London  
No. 236

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
Pay the Contents to Richard  
Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. or Order Value  
in Account Hen Richmond

**12 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Grey Attorney at law in Berwick upon Tweed      Newcas. 12<sup>th</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup>. Lawson Armstrong has named M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Marshall of East Ord for his Arbitrator & has waived his Objection to M<sup>r</sup>. Lambert - he desires these two Gentlemen may name an Umpire before they begin Business and that the Bonds may be ingrossed so I shall be obliged to you to let me know what time M<sup>r</sup> Lambert thinks will be Sufficient to make their Award in ( taking time Enough) and whether there is any objection to Mr. Marshall as Referree in the Case - & then I shall get the Bonds ingrossed here according to the form you sent me. I am etc HR

**21 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Chris<sup>er</sup>. Johnson Attorney at Law In Durham      Newcas. 21<sup>st</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

I wrote you on the 29<sup>th</sup>. of April last desiring you would send to M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin the <Poster> on the Indictment of the Road from Edmonbiars to Blaydon - but find you have not done it - it is necessary for me to repeat my Request that you will transmit it to M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin without delay. I shall be at Durham the latter end of this week, or the next, & if you have not then sent it to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin hope you will have it ready to deliver to me. I am etc HR

**24 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to Lawson Armstrong**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Lawson Armstrong at Ulgham Near Morpeth      Newcas. 24<sup>th</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

The Arbitration Bond between you and Sir Walter Blackett are ready and may be executed on Tuesday Morning between 8 & 9 o'Clock as Sir Walter will then be here

I should be glad to know whether it will Suit you to be here at that time.  
I am etc HR

**23 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to Adams**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Adams Attorney at Law In Alnwick      [omitted -] Newcas. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

I received your Letter and the Draught of the bill yesterday & observe that you propose being here in about ten Days from the date of your Letter, which is the 16<sup>th</sup> instant - I therefore

think it right to acquaint you that M<sup>r</sup> Wilson is abroad & will not be home for ten days from this day - & that till his return the Consideration of the bill must be postponed.

I am sorry you have been so ill but hope you are perfectly recovered I am etc HR

**29 Sept 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick

Newcas. 29<sup>th</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett & M<sup>r</sup>. Lawson Armstrong have this day executed Arbitration Bonds for adjusting their Disputes about Canney & Hobshole Fisheries by the Award of M<sup>r</sup>. Lambert and M<sup>r</sup>. Marshall, as you will see more particularly in the inclosed Ingrossements of the Appointment of the Umpire. Sir Walter desires you will give his Complim<sup>ts</sup>. to Mr. Lambert and desires he will join M<sup>r</sup>. Marshall in chusing an Umpire & proceeding in the Reference without Loss of Time & that when they have agreed upon an Umpire you will fill up the Blanks in the inclosed Appointments & get the Referrees to Execute them & then return them to me.

I am etc HR

**2 Oct 1772 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Rich<sup>d</sup>. Wilson Esq. Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

On the other Side is a Copy, as you desired, of the Copy you sent me of George Brown's Letter; asking leave to win some stone out of the Quarry behind Joseph Kings houses.

You did not send me the Sketch of the Piece of Ground he mentions; but I went with his Son, who then acted for him but is since dead, & viewed it, and he engaged not to take down or injure more than one little fir tree, that was stunted and of no value - The Boundes of our Corporation was riden Yesterday - I attended at Kenton & nothing was done to your Prejudice P.S. Please think of the Abstract of S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. Blacketts title Deeds which you were to return

I am etc

HR

**16 Oct 1772 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Adams**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Adams - Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas. 16<sup>th</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

When I received your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup>. instant M<sup>r</sup> Wilson was at Hexham holding the Court there - He returned Yesterday, when I acquainted him of your intention of waiting upon him; but he was obliged to go to Durham this Morning upon the Commission he told you of, which he says will confine him there a Month - if any thing could be done with him by the Agent of Lord Crews Trustees in Durham, as I believe he has taken your Draft with him, it would save time - P.S. If the Draft is not settled with him in Durham, I shall let you know when he returns and get him to appoint a time for our meeting I am etc HR

**16 Oct 1772 From Henry Richmond to Lawson Armstrong**

Newcas. 16<sup>th</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup> 1772 Same day Wrote M<sup>r</sup> Lawson Armstrong, of Ulgham. & sent him one part of the appointm<sup>t</sup>. of an Umpire by the Referees in the Dispute abo<sup>t</sup>. Canney & Hobhole fisheries  
HR

**19 Oct 1772 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

I am sorry to find M<sup>r</sup> Silvertop still keeps Possession of part of the Ground allotted Sir Walter from Bulbeck Common & intends as you say in your Letter of the 3<sup>d</sup>. Sept<sup>r</sup>. last to inclose the other part with a Stone Wall - if he does so you will let me know - He Presumes as many others have done on S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>sr</sup>. backwardness to Engage in Law Suits - but he may be sure that no Matter of right will be totally relinquished tho' its value be small - so I desire you will keep your Eye upon his Proceedings about Crook oak Allotment.

As to your last Letter, about the Refineable Slag Lead, I would have it wrought by itself & marked S. & no more Eight Stone pieces of Slag Lead sent to Blaydon. I am etc HR

p.s. You may continue to deliver Dukesfield Lead while the Season will allow

**23 Oct 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 23<sup>d</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

M<sup>rs</sup>. Ann Armorer writes me that she will want the Years Interest of £100 at £5 p Cent<sup>m</sup>. which will be due to her Younger Son on Sir Walter Blacketts Bond on the 30<sup>th</sup>. instant. I should be glad to know from you when her Son will be at Age, for if he is now arrived at it the Interest will not be due to her, but I must have his receipt for it - If he is still under Age then Sir Walter will be obliged to you if you will get the Tenants of the Fishery to pay her this Five Pounds taking a proper Receipt for it, & it will be allowed them in part of their Rent - I received your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>. instant inclosing the Arbitrators Appointment of an Umpire & have sent M<sup>r</sup>. Armstrong one of the parts of it  
I am etc HR

**27 Oct 1772 From Henry Richmond to Teasdale White**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Teasdale White at Humshaugh near Hexham

Newcas. 27<sup>th</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

There is £12. 19s. 2d due from you to S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett on the 22<sup>d</sup>. August last for 2 Years Interest on your Bond dated 22 Aug<sup>st</sup> 1770 at £4 p Cent<sup>m</sup>. - this Sum I desire you will pay me soon & I am etc  
HR

**28 Oct 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas. 28<sup>th</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup> 1772

Sir

As the Arbitrators in the Dispute between Sir Walter Blackett & M<sup>r</sup>. Lawson Armstrong about the Boundary between Hobshole & Canney will want soon to Examine Witnesses as to the Enjoyment of those Fisheries by the Respective Owners of them, Sir Walter leaves it to your Care to seek out the oldest and best Witnesses on his behalf & desires you will attend the Arbitrators at their several Meetings whenever there is Occasion or the Support of his Interest requires your assistance

I am etc                      HR

**4 Nov 1772    From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Chris<sup>r</sup>. Johnson    Attorney at Law In Durham

Newcas. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir     I see by the News Papers that a Comission is issued from the Court of Chancery for proving the Will & Debts of John W<sup>m</sup>. Bacon Forster Esq<sup>r</sup>.; to be opened next Monday in this Town. His Executors owe Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett, for their Proportion of Weardale Rents Compositions etc for the years 1769, 1770 & 1771 the Sum of £100. 6s. 10d as by the Acco<sup>t</sup>. which I sent to Mr Dan<sup>l</sup>. Alder on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May last & which he wrote me he had sent to you, as the acting Trustee. I desire therefore to know whether you will Pay this Sum or what is to be done about It. for you must allow it will be particularly hard upon Sir Walter if he is not reimbursed this Money without further delay. As to the Postea on the Indictment of the Road from Edmonbiers to Blaydon I hope you have found it before this & sent it to M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin - for in your Letter to me on the 3<sup>d</sup>. May last in answer to what I wrote you about it on the 29<sup>th</sup>. April you say - "I have recd your favour & have got the Record drawn up Pursuant to your Instructions, which shall be sent to Mr Darwin in two or three Days" I am etc     HR

**7 Nov 1772    From Henry Richmond to Robert Lodge**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Lodge at Barnard Castle

Newcas. 7<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir     Sir Walter Blackett having ordered Enquiry to be made about what you wrote him concerning the School house at Chapel in Weardale desires me to give his Compliments & acquaint you, that he is no way concerned in that School or School house - that the Trustees of it say that they intend to appoint a New Master as soon as they can meet with one to their own Mind - that whatever use is made of the house till that time he will have the benefit of it - & that they do not think John Walton is a proper Person

I am etc     HR

**10 Nov 1772    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To Mr. Darwin - Greys Inn London

Newcas. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Dear Sir

I congratulate you on your Marriage & heartily wish you and Mrs. Darwin every happiness the Domestic Life affords. & hope next year you will bring her to Newcastle to make amends for your Neglect of coming This. Inclosed is Bell Cookson & C<sup>os</sup>. bill on Castell and C<sup>o</sup>. for Two hundred & Seventy five Pounds to enable you to make the quarterly & other Payments for Sir Walter Blackett to 31<sup>st</sup>. Decem<sup>r</sup>. next. You will Please to place the same to his Acco<sup>t</sup>. & send me the usual Receipt for it - The Money which I mentioned as paid off was meant

to be the £2000 due to you as Ext<sup>r</sup>. of M<sup>r</sup>. Denton. I see by the News Papers that our Old Acquaintance M<sup>rs</sup>. Denton is dead - I shall in a little time write or speak again to M<sup>r</sup>. Johnson about the Postea. for I see by a Letter I had from him dated 3<sup>d</sup>. May last, in answer to mine of 29<sup>th</sup>. April, that he says. "I have received your favour & have got the Record drawn up Pursuant to your Instructions which shall be sent to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin in two or three Days" - So he must find it soon, or we must be advised what to do!

My sister desires her Compliments & is obliged to you for your Readiness to assist her - She has not heard yet from M<sup>r</sup>. Matt. Lowthiar - so will wait till she hears the Success of your visit to him - I desire my Compliments to M<sup>rs</sup>. Darwin & am etc HR

£275	Newcastle Bank 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> . 1772
Twenty Days after date Pay to the order of M <sup>r</sup> . Henry	
Richmond Two hundred & Seventy five Pounds - value	
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No. 468 London	M <sup>r</sup> . W <sup>m</sup> . Alvey Darwin
	or Order Value in Acco <sup>t</sup> HenRichmond

**30 Nov 1772 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson**

To Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup> In Leeds – Yorkshire

Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir

M<sup>r</sup>. King says you have agreed to let him retain his Rent as usual on paying Interest for it and therefore I have made up my Rental & sent it herewith - One part is signed by me and if you will sign and return the other I shall send you a Bill on London at a short date for the balance - M<sup>r</sup> King says he will remit you his Money himself as soon as he is able - If he should want a Bill for that Purpose I shall furnish him with one - And if your new Steward shall at any time want Information from me I shall readily tell him any Thing I know concerning your Estates. Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett will be obliged to you if you will return by the Carrier the Abstract you provided of the Title Deeds and transactions relating to his Estates. They will be much wanted soon on Acco<sup>t</sup>. of an Application to Parliament

P.S. Inclosed are Copies of Ralph Smiths and M<sup>r</sup>. Grahams Notes I am etc HR  
Inclosed also is a Letter from Jos King that shews he is in Arrears

**1 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup>. MP. at his house  
in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas. 1 Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir

I hope you are well after your Journey - The Wallington Tenants paid their Rent last week better than usual; but the payments and Allowances out of the Money received amounted to above £700 for Masons & Carpenters Work etc for repairs and <Imers> & what M<sup>r</sup>. Forster had got of the Tenants in Oats leading Ploughing etc - M<sup>rs</sup> Hudson has sent a Ring which I shall send you the first opportunity - M<sup>r</sup>. Willis says it is the Lower Class of Excise Officers who have only £50 a Year Salary that are for applying to Parliament for an Addition - the great Addition of Business laid on them & the Alteration in the prices of Things since the first appointment of their Salarys are their Reason for petitioning. But they do it I am told without



the Concurrence of the Excise and Treasury boards - I do not hear any News but what M<sup>r</sup>. Darwin writes that Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bayles & Gibson are trying to have their Cause heard at York Assises - but the Recorder does not approve of it thinking it most proper it should be tryed in Northumberland which is the adjoining County - P.S. It is expected that the Offenders against the Custom of Hexham Mills will all submit, pay Costs & make Satisfaction to the Miller - Inclosed is the Ring that I hope you will receive safe - M<sup>r</sup>. Willis has sent to me desiring his name may not be mentioned  
I am etc HR

**4 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson**

To Mr. Chris<sup>r</sup>. Johnson Attorney in Law In Durham

Newcas. 4<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir

I should have been glad if you had favoured me with an Answer to my Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup>. of last Month - the payment of the £100. 6s. 10d due from M<sup>r</sup> Bacon Forster's Ex[ecu]tors would be very Convenient, as I am going to make Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blacketts Pay for Weardale Mines & want Money.

As to the Postea, if I do not hear something satisfactory from you in a little time I do not know what way Sir Walter will have to remedy the loss you mentioned but an Application to the Judge who tryed the Cause. This or something else must be done soon so pray favour me with a Line upon this Subject  
I am etc HR

**11 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To Mr. Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newcas. the 11<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir you have been uncommonly late with your Accounts this Year: And have just allowed one time to make your pay within it - I have fixed your pay to be on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>. instant and you will give Notice accordingly - I shall expect you all here (well armed) on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. and shall pay you the Money on Monday. The next day you will go to Newhouse and make the pay there on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>. instant and after it is over you can go home to be ready to make your own on the 31<sup>st</sup>. P.S. I desire you will forward the inclosed Letters to M<sup>r</sup>. Maughan and M<sup>r</sup>. Westgarth directly as they are to fix their pays  
I am etc HR

**11 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. in  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir Bread N<sup>o</sup>.5 Newcastle Maslin (or Wheat & Rye) Bread N<sup>o</sup>. 6 Newcastle Rye Bread - The Sorts

I have sent by the Fly Coach that set out this Morning very Early, a Box directed to you containing 6 Samples of Bread - viz. N<sup>o</sup>. 1 Wallington household Bread N<sup>o</sup>. 2 Mrs. Sadlers at the parks household Bread N<sup>o</sup>. 3 Newcastle fine Wheaten Bread N<sup>o</sup>. 4 Newcastle household N<sup>o</sup>. 1 & 2 are made of Wheat by temsing it, when ground with a Hair Sieve: which takes out of the Winchester two Bushels, that is our Boll nearly six Gallons of Bran - the rest is made into the Bread in these Samples & the difference between them is owing to the one being fairer Corn

than the other - the Quantity of Bran here taken out is nearly one fifth part - The Sorts N<sup>o</sup>. 3. 4. 5. 6 are all made under the Laws of Assize, as in the inclosed paper, published by our Magistrates - the household Bread N<sup>o</sup>. 4 has, as the Baker M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison assures me, only four Gallons of Bran taken out of the boll with a hair Sieve; which is about one Eighth part - this is a good Sort of Bread which the Lower Sort of People, that do not use Maslin & Rye, are Content with; Except the Keelmen & some other workmen in the Coal Works whose great Earnings set them above Eating any but the finest Wheaten Bread that is made - it is probable not withstanding what M<sup>r</sup>. Harrison says, that the Bakers often take a quantity of fine flour out of the Boll of Wheat before they make it into household Bread. for it is often much inferior to the Sample N<sup>o</sup>. 4. But he thinks it would be practicable & no hardship upon the Baker to make only one Assize or denomination of Wheat Bread & That to be the household Bread with four Gallons of Bran / or six as may be thought best / taken out of it & no fine at all - In our Assize the price is certain & the Quantity given for it variable - the London Method is better which appoints a certain Quantity & the Price of it to vary in proportion to That of the Grain it is made of. If the Quantity & Quality of the Bread were thus ascertained by Law the Price might be left as that of other Manufactures are, to the Course of trade & to one Baker underselling another - The best Politicians have held it erroneous to attempt fixing a Price upon Labour - As to the Importation of foreign corn, there is a Duty I believe of 16s a Quarter (which is 4 of our Bolls) payable by 22 C[h]ar[les] 2[nd] Cap. 13 on the Importation of foreign Wheat when our own is under 53s 4d a quarter.

Different duties are payable on other Grains - It wo<sup>d</sup>. be right to take off all these Duties at lower Prices than in that Statute. I am glad S<sup>r</sup>. Ba Milbank has agreed to settle the Dispute about the Tithes of his Allotment of Hexham Common according to M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcetts Opinion.

D<sup>r</sup>. Lambert was buried Yesterday & I shall wait upon M<sup>rs</sup>. Lambert as you ordered, as soon as I can learn it will be Convenient - Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clinton the Shoemaker who applied for a Place has but an indifferent Character.

M<sup>r</sup>. Darwins Change of Habitation makes all the franks I have to him useless - a few of the new direction might be sent by the Post - I am glad to hear you keep your health but fear much Application to the business of the House will Prejudice it - I am very well and thankfull for your Inquiries - P.S. I communicated your Letter about the Corn & Bread to the Mayor & M<sup>r</sup>. Mosley the former said he would write to you tonight - The Weights & one measures for Hexham sho<sup>d</sup>. be sent soon. it is long since they were bespoke

I am etc

HR

## 11 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. at Leeds Yorkshire

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir

I have just now received the Duplicate of my Acco<sup>t</sup>. signed by you; & inclosed I send you my bill on Plumb & Browne for Two hundred and Ninety three Pounds three Shillings & three pence half penny payable Twenty five days after this day for the balance of It & I shall be obliged to you if you will advise me of the Receipt of this Bill by return of the Post and Express that it is for the balance of my Acco<sup>t</sup>. of Kenton Rents for the half Year Ending Mayday 1772 - Inclosed is M<sup>rs</sup>. Han<sup>h</sup>. Headlams Receipt for the half Years interest due 4 Nov<sup>r</sup> Last.

I am etc HR

Newcastle 11<sup>th</sup>. Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1772 £293. 3s. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d

Twenty five Days after date Pay to Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup> or Order Two hundred & Ninety three Pounds three Shillings & three pence half penny Value in Acco<sup>t</sup>. & place the same to Accot. with S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. B<sup>t</sup>. as by Advice from Hen Richmond

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

**11 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

Newcas. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Gentlemen

On Saturday last the 5 instant I sent you by Robert Carr the London Carrier a p[iec]<sup>e</sup>. fine Silver containing five hundred & six Ounces; which I desire you will Place to Acco<sup>t</sup>. with Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of it

And I have this day drawn a Bill upon you for Two hundred & Ninety three Pounds three Shillings & three pence half penny payable to Richard Wilson Esq<sup>r</sup>. or Order twenty five days after this date which I desire you will accept & place also to Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blacketts Acco<sup>t</sup>.

I am etc HR

**19 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Gawen Aynsley**

To Gawen Aynsley Esq<sup>r</sup>. at Littleharle

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir I have sent you by M<sup>r</sup>. Ralph Forster the Assignment of the Tithes of Sweethope, as settled by M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett. if you approve of it you will Please to let the date be inserted & to Execute it before M<sup>r</sup>. Foster who will attend you whenever you please to appoint - I have also sent by him Sir W<sup>m</sup>. Lowthers Lease to you of the Tithes of Thockrington dated 25<sup>th</sup>. March 1771 - I Should have sent you these things sooner but was in hope of your coming to Newcastle.

I am etc HR

**22 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To M<sup>r</sup>. Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington

Newcas. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir Inclosed herewith is a Letter for M<sup>r</sup>. Aynsley, together with Sir W<sup>m</sup>. Lowthers Lease of Thockrington and an Assignment of Sweethope Tithes from M<sup>r</sup>. Aynsley to Sir W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett - When you have read the Letter you will Please to seal it & wait upon or rather first send it to M<sup>r</sup>. Aynsley for him to appoint a time for Executing the Assignment - The Lease of Thockrington Tithes is to be given to M<sup>r</sup>. Aynsley & the Assignm<sup>nt</sup>. of Sweethope Tithes to be returned to me

I am etc HR

p.s. I have sent the Dra<sup>t</sup> of the assignment. lest M<sup>r</sup>. Aynsley sho<sup>d</sup>. want to compare it with the Engrossed. But you will return it to me by the first opportunity.

**25 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

To M<sup>r</sup>. John Grey Attorney at Law

Newcas. 25 Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir Inclosed herewith you receive according to your desire the Bond between S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup> Blackett & M<sup>r</sup>. Lawson Armstrong to abide by the Award of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lambert and Marshall about the Boundary of Canny & Hobshole Fisheries dated 29 Sep<sup>r</sup>. last & in case they should not make their Award before 29<sup>th</sup>. inst<sup>t</sup>. then to abide by the Award of such person as they shall chuse for Umpire in case he shall make his Award before 10 Febry next - Inclosed also is the said Arbitrators Nomination and Appointment of Mall Forster Esq<sup>r</sup>. to be their Umpire as aforesaid - both which Instruments I desire you will advise the Receipt - I am sorry there is so much Difficulty in deciding this dispute but hope nevertheless the Arbitrators will be able to make a Satisfactory Award in time. But if they cannot agree about it then you will please to give Sir Walter Blacketts Compliments to M<sup>r</sup>. Forster & that he will be Obliged to him if he could take upon him the Trouble of this Reference & M<sup>r</sup>. Armstrong has the Duplicates of the Bond & Appointment. I should be glad to hear from you what is doing in this Matter - Your Letter which is dated 21<sup>st</sup>. inst<sup>t</sup>. I only reced last Night - I wish you the Compliments of the Season

I am etc      HR

**25 Dec 1772    From Henry Richmond to Jerrard Strickland**

To Jac<sup>d</sup>. Strickland Esq<sup>r</sup> Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
at Parlington near Aberford - Yorkshire

Newcas. 25<sup>th</sup>. Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir

I received the Favour of your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>. instant about the Gun that was to come from Edenbrough for Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Gascoigne B<sup>t</sup>. directed to me. It did not come until last Night and I have directed it to Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Gascoigne B<sup>t</sup>. at Parlington to be left at the George Inn Aberford, as you desired. I have forwarded it to day by the London Carrier, Thos. Jennings, who will deliver it at Aberford, w<sup>ch</sup>. the proprietor of the Fly Coach wo<sup>d</sup>. not undertake to do, but at Wetherby.

I am etc      HR

P.S. The Carrier expects to be at Aberford about this day Se'enight

**25 Dec 1772    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>. M.P.  
in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas. Christmas day 1772

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir

I met with M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett & M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson yesterday about the Winlaton Division & find the effecting it will require more parchment and time than was at first supposed. They are of Opinion that M<sup>r</sup>. Gordon & the Representatives of the other Sisters of the late Sir W<sup>m</sup>. Blackett must be parties to the Division Deed or at least sign the petition to parliament to confirm it - but M<sup>r</sup> Darwin will be wrote to this post more fully by M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Lambert the Attorney who called upon me the other day to tell me Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. Blackett had employed him in this Business & he hoped you would favour him with your part of it. I am glad you are so well & wish you many happy Returns of this Season

I am etc      HR

**25 Dec 1772    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

Mr. Darwin Hatton Street N<sup>o</sup>. 4 London

Newcas. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1772

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett & Sir Edw<sup>d</sup>. have agreed to make an equal Division of the Land & Houses w<sup>ch</sup>. they have in Winlaton as tenants in Common under Sir W<sup>m</sup>. the G<sup>d</sup>. fathers Will which will be beneficial to both parties - to S<sup>r</sup>. Ed: as he wants to sell - & to S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. as he may get a bad partner especially in certain Closes at Blaydon necessary for his Lead Works adjoining the River there & w<sup>ch</sup>. are to be allotted to Sir Walter in the first place and an Equivalent given S<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. in another part. As all Trust Acco<sup>ts</sup>. are closed and no Money to be had from that qua<sup>r</sup>. for defraying S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>rs</sup>. half of the Expense of the Act - & Division (w<sup>ch</sup>. perhaps may amount to £150 or £200 as the Division will be made chiefly by S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>rs</sup> & S<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>ds</sup>. own Agents) it is proposed to raise the necessary Sum by mortgaging the part allotted to Sir Wr. - but you will please to consider whether the £173. 3s 0d purchased in the 3 p<sup>r</sup>. Cent Bank Annuities Consol in the name of Accountant Gen<sup>l</sup>. of the Court of Chancery can be made any use of in this Affair - It is also under M<sup>r</sup>. Fawcett's & M<sup>r</sup>. Wilson's Consideration how to order about the Title Deeds of this Estate that S<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. may have something to show when he offers his part to Sale

You know all the Deeds of the Blackett Moiety of this Estate are with you so you will consider about it and how Sir Walter can enter into any Covenant about producing them which his Heirs may not have in their power to fulfil - For you must know that this Division is proposed to be effected by Articles of Agreement between S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. and S<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. and Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Wentworth (for whom Mr Wilson is concerned) & that M<sup>rs</sup>. Goddon & if Representatives of the other Sisters of the late S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Blackett are to be parties to the Deed or at least are to give their Consent before parliament. it is also thought that in case any of S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>'s Sisters have made Wills and devised their contingent Interests in these Estates all the persons claiming under such Wills must either be parties or give their Consents in parliament - but you will be wrote to tonight more particularly by M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Lambert the Attorney who is employed on S<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>ds</sup>. behalf in this Business & I suppose will also be concerned for S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>r</sup>. in it as he is in other Matters in this neighbourhood

We have other Business going forward about ascertaining the Boundary between Blanchland and Hexham Manors w<sup>ch</sup>. has been a Dispute about a Century but is now become more considerable than formerly by L<sup>d</sup>. Crews Trustees riding in at their last perambulation a fresh Tract of Ground so that now above 2000 Acres are to be adjusted and This is to be done by Com<sup>rs</sup>. to be appointed by parliam<sup>t</sup>. in a Bill wherein many other Disputes w<sup>ch</sup>. these Trustees have with others are to be settled - You have been or soon will be wrote to by M<sup>r</sup> Heron of Hexham whom Sir W<sup>r</sup>. has appointed his attorney in this Matter - I wish you would consider what is to be done with M<sup>r</sup>. Chris. Johnson about the postea in the Indictment of the Lead Way for I can make nothing of him

I wish you and M<sup>rs</sup>. Darwin many happy Returns of this Season- P.S. Money is proposed to be raised by Mortgage of a part of the Hexham Estate to defray the Expense of settling the Boundary of Hexham & Blanchland - if this plan is to be executed you will consider whether Westburnhope will not be the readiest Title - and am etc HR

P.S. I sho<sup>d</sup> be glad to know if the Intr<sup>t</sup>. of the £173. 3s. 0d has been reced ysty [yesterday] or how much has been reced that I may make an Entry of it in Sr. W<sup>rs</sup>. Books

**30 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Selby Ord**

To The Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Selby Ord at Cockermouth Cumberland

Newcas. 30<sup>th</sup>. Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1772



Sir

Sir Walter Blackett writes that you have applied to him for £100 to be paid in of the £1100 for which he gave a Bond or deed of Gift to the late M<sup>r</sup>. John Ord of Broomdikes & that this £100 is asked for as your Share of that Sum. The whole Sum or any part of it will very readily be paid whenever S<sup>r</sup>. Walter can have a proper discharge for it - In order to which it will be necessary for me to have a Copy of the Bond or Deed of Gift. For tho' I have regularly paid the Interest of it, yet I do not know when & to whom the principal is payable

I hope you will be able to send me this Copy soon & to let me know where the Original is, that when the £100 you want comes to be paid a proper Endorsement may be made upon it; without which no part of the principal Sum can be paid  
I am etc HR

**31 Dec 1772 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Foster Lane London

Newcas. 31<sup>st</sup>. Decr. 1772

Gent<sup>en</sup>.

I have this day sent you by Robert <Lane> the London Carrier three pieces of fine Silver containing Nineteen hundred and forty five ounces as below: which I desire you will Place to Accot. with Sir Walter Blackett, as usual, at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of them - I wish you many happy Years & am etc HR

Ounces

a p[iec] <sup>e</sup> . - q <sup>ty</sup> .	758	at	poz
a p[iec] <sup>e</sup> . - q <sup>ty</sup> .	664	at	poz
a p[iec] <sup>e</sup> . - q <sup>ty</sup> .	523	at	poz

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**2 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to Selby Ord**

To The Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Selby Ord at Cockermouth in Cumberland

Newcas. 2<sup>d</sup>. Janry 1773

Sir Inclosed I return you the Receipt for One hundred Pounds, which you sent me in your Letter; w<sup>ch</sup>. I received this day - This Receipt will not be any discharge to Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett for £100 due on a Bond or deed of Gift of £1100 to M<sup>r</sup> John Ord as I understand his widow is living & have never heard that it was payable in Shares to his Children on their coming at Age - it will be necessary therefore as I wrote you on the 30<sup>th</sup>., ult<sup>o</sup>. that a Copy of that Bond or Deed of Gift should be sent me as soon as possible that a judgement may be made how Sir Walter is to get an absolute discharge on the payment of this £100 - this Copy I hope you can procure me directly from your friends in the North or if you will let me know where the Bond is I will write to some Attorney in the Neighbourhood to get a Copy that no time may be lost nor the opportunity you mention shipt of going to America in the Spring - with this Idea I wrote you on the 30<sup>th</sup>. ult<sup>o</sup>. on receiving Sir Walters Letter & without waiting the Receipt of yours - I beg leave to refer you to that Letter  
& am etc HR

**8 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To M<sup>r</sup> Darwin Hatton Street N<sup>o</sup>. 4 London

Newcas 8. Janry 1773



Sir Inclosed are two Bills as above; the former, which is for £500, is to Enable you to pay S<sup>r</sup> Edward Winningtons half years interest due from Sir Walter Blackett on the 6<sup>th</sup>. of next month, & in the mean time you will please to place it to my Credit & advise me of the Receipt of it - the other bill for £220 is sent you on Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the Quarterly & other payments you are to make for Sir Walter in London to 31<sup>st</sup> March next for which I desire you will send me the usual receipt to be my voucher with him - Sir Walter came here on Monday last and is very well - M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett & M<sup>r</sup> Wilson had a meeting yesterday at Sir Walter's about the Bill for dividing Winlaton upon the Plan mentioned in my last Letter and they desire that you will as soon as possible inform yourself with Certainty, of the Clerks of the house or otherwise, whether all the Parties to such a Bill must appear in person before the house of Lords, to give their Consent, or it will be Sufficient to have a Witness to prove their hands to the bill & their consent to the Contents of it. And you are also desired to learn what is the last day of the Lords receiving petitions for private bills & to communicate these particulars and any others that occur to you to M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Lambert Attorney at Law here; who is now employed for Sir Walter as well as for Sir Edward in this matter - I have told him as near as I can when M<sup>rs</sup> Marshall M<sup>rs</sup> Bruce & Lady Buchan died - The Council think there will be more trouble in getting the £173. 3s. 0d than in mortgaging the Estate: so that money must rest; only please to let me know when you have received the last two years Interest of it - P.S. I wrote you about paying My Brother 5 Guineas - My Letter was directed to Greys Inn but I hope you reced it nevertheless I am etc HR

Newcastle Bank 12<sup>th</sup> December. 1772 £500  
Forty Days after date Pay M<sup>r</sup> Henry Richmond, or order,  
Five hundred Pounds, value in Account as [per] Advice  
Jon<sup>n</sup>. Sorsbie Jun<sup>r</sup>.

To M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Beston  
Tooley Street, Southwork  
London

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup>  
William. Alvey Darwin  
or Order value in Acco<sup>t</sup>  
Hen Richmond

£220 Newcastle Bank 2<sup>d</sup>. Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1773  
Thirty Days after date Pay to the order of M<sup>r</sup> Hen<sup>y</sup>.  
Richmond Two hundred & Twenty Pounds - value  
received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & Powell  
No. 646 London

Pay the Contents to Mr William  
Alvey Darwin or Order Value  
in Acco<sup>t</sup>.

Hen Richmond

### 15 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron

M<sup>r</sup> Heron, Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 15 Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 1773

Sir By a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Adams and another from M<sup>r</sup> Wilson I am desired to acquaint you who are the legal Representatives of the late S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Blackett's Sisters - but I do not know them - I waited on M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett and M<sup>r</sup> Jac Lambert but they have not yet got a full Acco<sup>t</sup>. of them from M<sup>r</sup> Darwin but expect in a post or two to hear from him again. When anything certain is obtained M<sup>r</sup> Lambert or I will let you know. I am sorry you are so much straitened for time with

respect to the Blanchland Bill and am afraid you will scarce have enough to get a Description of these parties - I leave it to your Consideration whether when you have staid for it as long as possible you had not better come hither to see whether Mr Fawcett can from Mr Darwin's Letters help you fill up the Blanks in the petition - this may be saving a day or two that you might lose in waiting for Letters by your post. I am etc HR

**19 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
In Forster Lane London

Newcas. 19<sup>th</sup> Janry 1773

Gent<sup>m</sup>.

I wrote you on the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. that I had on that day sent you by Robert Carr the London Carrier three pieces of fine Silver containing Nineteen hundred & forty five Ounces and desired you to place the same to Sir Walter Blacketts Account as usual at the Market price and advise mw of your Receipt of them.

The Carrier would be in London on Saturday last & I should in Course have had Advise by this Nights post but not receiving it I trouble with this desiring to know whether you have received this Silver safe & what price you allow me to Charge for it I am etc HR

758 Ounces at p oz

664 d<sup>o</sup>. at p oz

523 d<sup>o</sup>. at p oz

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**20 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to Selby Ord**

To The Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Selby Ord at Cockermouth in Cumberland

Newcas. 20<sup>th</sup>. Janry 1773

Sir

Having seen, by Sir Walter Blacketts Bond for Eleven hundred pounds to William Carr of Etal Esq<sup>r</sup> In trust for Mr. John Ord of Broomdikes his Wife and Children, that there is One hundred pounds of that Sum intended for you; I have accordingly paid to M<sup>r</sup> Carr, upon his Receipt & Endorsement upon the Bond, the said £100: together with all interest due on the whole £1100 to the 19<sup>th</sup> instant - The interest I suppose M<sup>r</sup> Carr will pay to M<sup>rs</sup> Ord; of whom you can receive your share of it. & as to the £100 he desires me to tell you he will pay it you on your coming to him at Etal for it, & giving him a proper discharge. PS. M<sup>r</sup> Carr says it will be necessary, as he does not know you, that you bring some person with you that he is acquainted with; or at least a Letter from some such person perhaps Mr Grey the Attorney in Berwick, who drew the Bond, may know you I am etc HR

**21 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Alder**

M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Alder at Adderstone near Belford

Newcas 21<sup>st</sup> Janry 1773

Sir I wrote you on the 26<sup>th</sup> May last and inclosed you the Acco<sup>t</sup> of Mr Bacon Forsters Executors proportion of the Rents, fine etc for Weardale Lead mines for three years, amounting

to £100. 6s. 10d; which Sum remains still unpaid tho' I wrote also to Mr Chris<sup>r</sup> Johnson in Novem<sup>r</sup> about it - If it is not paid soon it will discourage any partnership Works in Weardale. I beg therefore you will interest yourself with the discharge of it I am etc HR

**26 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to Walton & Smeaton**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Walton & Smeaton Farnacres

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> Janry 1773

Gentlemen I received your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>. acquainting me that the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital have agreed to what M<sup>r</sup> Bell & you have done respecting the Division of Sam's Island & desiring me to signify whether the carrying the whole into Execution will be agreeable to Sir Walter Blackett. In answer to which I repeat what I communicated to you before that it is intirely agreeable to Sir Walter Blackett that the Division of that Island made by the Award of Sir William Blaxton Knight & Cuthbert Heron Esq<sup>s</sup>. & dated the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1635 should now be ascertained by the memorandums and plans signed by you both & M<sup>r</sup> Bell and dated 28<sup>th</sup> October last - As to the other part of your Letter Proposing that the part of that Island allotted to Dilston should be valued by persons indifferently chosen by the Commissioners and Sir Walter & that a Lease agreeable to their Valuation should be offered to Sir Walter for the Term for which he has engaged the whole Island to his Tenant - I shall take the first opportunity of laying the proposal before Sir Walter & giving you his Answer  
I am etc HR

**27 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to John Fenwick**

Mr John Fenwick - Roberts's Place York

Newcas the 27<sup>th</sup> Janry 1773

Sir

I received your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing your Receipt for Forty seven pounds ten shillings for a year's interest due 22<sup>nd</sup> instant on the £1000 remaining unpaid of Sir Walter Blacketts & Mr Peareths joint Bond to you; & inclosed I send you Bell & C<sup>os</sup> Bill on Glyn and C<sup>o</sup> for the same Sum payable at 30 days from this day - & I desire you will advise the receiving it, that Accidents may be prevented

I am obliged to you for the good opinion you Express of me in the offer you made of your Son: but I have no room for him in my office. Nor does the Nature of my business suit with taking a young Man in the Way you propose I am etc HR

**30 Jan 1773 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

Walter Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. Blewits Lendale Yorks

Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> Janry 1773

Sir

Inclosed are three Bills drawn by Bell and C<sup>o</sup> on Glyn & C<sup>o</sup> for One hundred pounds each & payable to yourself or Order at 30 days from this day which I send you in lieu of the three Newcastle Bank Notes, you left with me, agreeable to your desire - You will please to advise your Receipt of them, to prevent Accidents I am etc HR

£47 10 0

Newcastle Bank 27<sup>th</sup>. Janry. 1773

Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of M<sup>r</sup> Henry Richmond  
Forty seven pounds ten shillings - Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Hallifax & Mills  
No. 377 London  
Pay the Contents to Mr John Fenwick or order Value in Acco<sup>t</sup>. Hen Richmond

£100 Newcastle Bank 30 Janry 1773  
Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of Walter  
Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. One hundred pounds - value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Hallifax & Mills  
No. 401 London

£100 Newcastle Bank 30 Janry 1773  
Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of Walter  
Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. One hundred pounds - value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Hallifax & Mills  
No. 402 London

£100 Newcastle Bank 30 Janry 1773  
Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of Walter  
Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup>. One hundred pounds - value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Hallifax & Mills  
No. 403 London

**3 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

Mr Darwin - Hatton Street N<sup>o</sup>. 4 London

Newcas 3<sup>rd</sup> Feby 1773

Sir

Inclosed I send you Bell and C<sup>os</sup>. bill on Castell and C<sup>o</sup>. for £157.10s.0d to repay you M<sup>r</sup> Thurloe's <1/2> y<sup>rs</sup>. Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due 22<sup>d</sup>. Ult<sup>o</sup>. which you will please to place to my Credit and advise the Receipt of - I should have sent you it sooner but the bulk is I forgot it - Inclosed I return you M<sup>r</sup> Thurloe's Receipt which being in your Name will not be a voucher for me till you endorse it - I am sorry you have had so much of the Rheumatism; I know too well what it is & wish you perfectly clear of it

I am etc HR

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 3<sup>rd</sup>. Feby. 1773  
Twenty days after date Pay to the Order of M<sup>r</sup> Hen<sup>y</sup>.Richmond  
One hundred and fifty seven pounds ten shillings - Value  
received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & Powell  
No. 775 London  
Pay the Contents to Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order value in Acco<sup>t</sup>. Hen Richmond

**8 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to Robt & Wm Redhead**

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup> & W<sup>m</sup> Readhead

NC. 8 Feby 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup>. There is now a y<sup>rs</sup>. rent due from you to S<sup>r</sup> W Blackett for Unthank Colliery - I hope it will be convenient to you to pay it soon I am etc HR  
directed to Mr Rob Readhead at Lee near Rothbury

**10 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin - Hatton Street N<sup>o</sup> 4 London

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant inclosing me M<sup>r</sup> Thurlows Receipt for One hundred & fifty seven pounds ten shillings and have given you Credit for it on our Account.

Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett & D<sup>r</sup> Blackett set out this Morning for London - The D<sup>r</sup> has agreed to take £4 p Cent for all his Money in Sir Walters hand from the day that the next payment becomes due - of which I was to acquaint you - As to the Winlaton Bill, I doubt there will be a delay, till it is known whether Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Wentworth will sign the petition or no - which he probably will not do till M<sup>r</sup> Phipps informs him it is right - so that it seems necessary for you to satisfy this Gentleman and then he can write to Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. - & you can let M<sup>r</sup> Lambert know this is done and he will then proceed - but M<sup>r</sup> Lambert will write you to Night upon this Subject, more particularly I am etc HR

**10 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup>. MP. half Moon Street  
Picadilly London

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir I hope you are well - I forgot to pay Thomas Webster his Wages - there will be £16 due to him the 11<sup>th</sup> of next month for a Year's Wages - but if you pay him to this day it comes to £14. 14s. 6d I am etc HR

**11 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to Walton & Smeaton**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Walton & Smeaton Farnacres

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Gentlemen In Answer to the latter part of your Letter to me of the 26<sup>th</sup> of last Month, proposing that the part of Sam's Island allotted to Dilston should be valued by persons indifferently chosen by the Comm<sup>s</sup>. of Greenwich Hospital and Sir Walter Blackett and that a Lease agreeable to their Valuation should be offered to Sir W<sup>r</sup> for the Term for which he has engaged the whole Island to his Tenant, I am now to acquaint you that it will be more agreeable to Sir Walter if you will let him know what Rent you require for this Ground for 17 years from next Mayday & then he will consider whether he can give it I am etc HR

**12 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 12<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett has no Objection to your trying to take a Lease of way leave thro M<sup>r</sup> Surtee's Lane at Apperley with a Liberty of laying his Lead on the Comon you mention if you can get it for 20 Years & at a small Rent - So you may make the best bargain you can, but take Care to make it Subject to Sir W<sup>ts</sup> approbation; the securing this passage etc for the Lead is not meant to be a relinquishing of the public road which we are Endeavouring to support, but that tryal is to be proceeded with as if this thing had not been thought of - As to the Lettering Sir W<sup>ts</sup> Lead in the pan, as we were talking of I am satisfied it cannot be done, for the refined Lead in the Cast Metal pans but in the hammered iron ones - I have spoken to Sir Walter about it & he agrees the Letters should be **W. Blackett** so you have nothing to do but to Consider how to execute it at the several Mills & to send M<sup>r</sup> Mulcaster two or three Sets of Letters for the refined Lead at Blaydon - pray take some opportunity of informing yourself whether the Quakers Company intend to join Sir Walter in the tryal about the public Road & at an Equal Expense; as their Agent Anth<sup>y</sup> Watson assured us they would do.

PS The Common Lead may be Lettered in Cast Metal pans I am etc HR

**13 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Gentlemen

I have drawn a Bill on you for One thousand pounds dated this day & payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> or Order twenty five days after date which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> - And I have sent you by Fran<sup>s</sup> Ridley, the London Carrier, who sets out this day, a piece of fine Silver containing seven hundred and sixty six Ounces which I desire you will place also to Sir Walter's Acco<sup>t</sup> as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of it

I am etc HR

**13 Feb 1773 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Sir

Understanding from M<sup>r</sup> Jac Lambert that the Exemplification of the late Sir W<sup>m</sup> Blacketts Will must be produced before the house of Lords in Case you proceed with the Bill for the division of Winlaton, & as I know of no way of Conveying it to you so safe as by the Waggon which is always a fortnight in going to London I have therefore sent the said Exem<sup>pl</sup><sup>n</sup> by Fran<sup>s</sup> Ridley the London Carrier who set out this Morning and hope you will Receive it safe and desire you will write me so when you get it. I have paid the Carriage of it and shall be glad to have it back again when the Business is over.

After all the Applications we have made to M<sup>r</sup> Chs Johnson about the postea on the Indictment of the Road from Edmondbeirs to Blaydon and his declaration that it was lost I expect you will receive it from M<sup>r</sup> Jac Lambert by the same post you receive this as he shewd it me this Morning & said he would transmit it to you to Night. As I wrote in my last Letter the



Winlaton business is stop'd till M<sup>r</sup> Lambert sees a probability that Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Wentworth will sign the petition, which Lawyer Wilson who saw him lately at Pontefract says he will not do till M<sup>r</sup> Phipps writes him he may safely do it - so I hope as you have a Copy of the petition & the Wills etc you will prevail on him to write That Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> may without Scruple sign the petition - Mr Fawcett tells me the Bill is nearly ready and that he hopes & would write you so, that little proof will be wanted in the shape he has formed it, with a saving Clause to all parties but those who sign it

I am etc                      HR

**13 Feb 1773    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>. MP. half Moon Street  
Picadilly London

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, who thinks he passed you on Wednesday Evening in the dark about five Miles on this Side of Northallerton says he is satisfied S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wentworth will not sign the petition till M<sup>r</sup> Phipps writes him he may safely do it - so M<sup>r</sup> Lambert postpones waiting on him with it till he receives a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Darwin that M<sup>r</sup> Phipps has wrote him he may sign it.

Being told that the Exemplification of the late S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Blacketts Will must be produced in the house of Lords, in Case this Bill for the division of Winlaton is proceeded with, & knowing no way so safe as by the Waggon, tho' it is the slowest way, I have sent it by this days Carrier to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin & hope he will receive it safe for it is a Thing of Consequence; and should be sent back hither when this business is over - M<sup>r</sup> Darwins late Illness naturally makes one think about the Writings relating to this Estate, which are in his Custody and which it would be very proper, at least, to have a Schedule of. The postea on the Indictment of the Lead way which M<sup>r</sup> Chr Johnson said was lost, has been met with in its proper place in the Office at Durham and is now in M<sup>r</sup> Jac Lamberts hand who has promised to sent it by this Nights post to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin.

Mr Peareth thinks nothing can be done against the Combinations and Malpractices of the Lightermen this Sessions - there are many Laws in force against them - as the g Ann 1 Geo 1. 3 G2<sup>d</sup> & 11Geo 2.

I am etc                      HR

**26 Feb 1773    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup>. MP. Half Moon Street  
Picadilly London

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> Feby 1773

Hon<sup>rd</sup>. Sir

Your Answer to M<sup>r</sup> Fenwick about the Lead Road is very proper. lest he should do what he hinted was in his power it seems prudent to take a Lease of M<sup>r</sup> Surtees's Lane at Apperley, which you may have for 21 Years at £15 q Year including a Liberty of laying your Lead where M<sup>r</sup> Fenwick cannot prevent you - You will please to let me know if you approve of this Measure, which will be a Convenience as well as Security to your trade whatever becomes of the public Road - I acquainted The Mayor & M<sup>r</sup> Peareth with what you mentioned about the Masters bill - they say there is a Meeting of the Hostmen C<sup>o</sup> to day about it and the Mayor will write you the Result of it - M<sup>r</sup> Peareth thinks the Law hard & inconvenient & therefore if renewal the shorter the Term the better.

I am etc                      HR

**28 Feb 1773    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 28<sup>h</sup> Febr'y 1773

Sir    M<sup>r</sup> Surtees asks rather too much for his Lane, except we are to be intitled, as you mentioned when here tho' you do not say any Thing of it in your Letter, to a privilege of laying Sir W<sup>ts</sup> Lead where M<sup>r</sup> Fenwick cannot prevent us. if this to be the Case & Sir Walter is to have the intire use of the Lane, to the Exclusion of every body but those he Chuses, then I would make no Objection to the Rent for a Term of 21 Years - but I have wrote to Sir Walter for his Sentiments about it and Expect an Answer this day or to morrow - Se'night - so if you could be here on Tuesday Se'night we might consider of all the Clauses proper to be inserted in a Lease in Case Sir Walter agrees to take one, & you can then get M<sup>r</sup> Heron to prepare one to wait upon Mr Surtees with - I reced the Specimen you sent of the Letters for the pans of the Refined Lead & think they might have been better executed, particularly the B which has not Body enough. but nevertheless if you can get them fixed Close in the pan they may answer the purpose very well - it will be proper before you use these to have a Sett of Cast Metals ones at each Mill for the other Sorts of Lead - but when you Come down we may Consult further about this Measure. PS. I desire you will let me have the Mill Accots & the general Accots of the Mill Clerks as soon as possible

I am etc                      HR

**1 March 1773    From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett B<sup>t</sup> MP Half Moon Street Piccadilly – London

Newcas 1 March 1773

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir

It will give me the greatest Satisfaction to know that you are better of your Sore throat & feverish disorder.

The Assay Office here was established by the 1 Ann c.9 and agreeable to that Act the Goldsmiths Comp<sup>y</sup> here chuse their wardens and their Assayer who is sworn before the Mayor to Execute his office faithfully according to the form prescribed in the Act 13 & 14 W<sup>m</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. c. 4 which obliges him not to touch any Gold or Silver but what is Standard, this word touch in the Oath is not Expressive of the thing meant, which is that he shall not give his Mark or Sanction of Office but to Standard Gold or Silver; which is to be known two ways, by the Touch stone and Assay, but more certainly by the latter, that is, by putting a few Grains of the Gold or Silver upon a Test in the Fire & refining it as is done in your works at large - whether this inaccuracy in the <Oath> has opened the Way I cannot say, but a practice has crept into the Office of marking plate occasionally when Carriers or others are waiting for it tho not upon the two public weekly Assay Days - Tuesday & Fridays and also without Assaying it only taking off it enough to make the Assay & a promise to have the plate forth coming if deficient & then upon the next Assay day to make the Assay of it - This to be sure is adjudging before Tryal but nevertheless it is asserted that all the plate made here is Standard & will bear the Test & the Assay Master Mr Pryor who says this is not done above 4 or 5 times a year one year with another - says also he will venture his Character upon it that every piece of plate made here since his appointment by the Comp<sup>y</sup> in 1759 will bear the Test - The Mayor has a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Ridley on this Subject & is to have the Goldsmiths Cos Sentiments & transmit them to him this post - The Mayor & M<sup>r</sup> Peareth will write you if any new occurs to them about the Corn trade - what has been said that Scotland formerly furnished Northumberland with Oats and that now They take great quantities from us is without good Grounds as I am told - between 40 & 50 Years ago Oats used to be sent annually in Considerable quantities from hence but there is no such thing now - Your Miners

use little or no Oat bread only a little Oat meal perhaps for hasty puddings - their bread is mostly Rye - I do not hear there has been any failure lately of any of the piles of the temporary Bridge.

Young M<sup>r</sup> Landell who you bid me Enquire about has been addicted much to drinking of late  
I am etc      HR

**2 March 1773    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

2 Mar 1773    Wrote M<sup>r</sup> Darwin in that I had rec<sup>d</sup> W Berneys rec[ei]pt for £500 for S<sup>r</sup> Edw Winningtons ½ y<sup>rs</sup> intr<sup>t</sup> due 6<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>e</sup> & gives him C<sup>h</sup> for the Same      HR

**8 May 1773    From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London      Newcas 8<sup>th</sup> May 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup>

Yesterday I sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver Seven hundred & Eighty nine Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and Advise me of the Receipt of it - I have had a Stroke of the Palsy but am in a great measure recovered but not being able to draw Bills upon you as heretofore I have given up my Cash Account with Sir Walter to John Erasmus Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> this day whose Bills upon you you will please to honour. But in other Respects I expect still to be concerned for Sir Walter  
I am etc      HR

789 Ounces at      p oz

**19 May 1773    From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Wm Alvey Darwin Hatton Street Holburn London      Newcas 19<sup>th</sup> May 1773

Sir

I received your Letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant & I have this day drawn a Bill on you on Sir Walter Blacketts Account at Twenty days date payable to Sir Edward Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> or order for Five hundred and nine pounds being in full for the Sum of Eight hundred Pounds for which you gave Sir Walter Blackett a Receipt first deducting £291 on Account of your Quarterly Payments to the 30<sup>th</sup> June next - This I hope will enable you to send me your Receipt for the amount of your quarterly Account.

I left Sir Walter Blackett at Wallington yesterday he is much better - The damp weather we have retards Mr Richmonds Recovery.  
I am etc      John E Blackett

**25 May 1773    From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin Hatton Street Holborn London      Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> May 1773

Sir    I received your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant you will by this Post receive a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Gibson in answer to it. Inclosed you have a Bill for One hundred Pounds on Acco<sup>t</sup> of Sir Walter Blackett, as he has sent you your Receipt for the £800 - I expect your Receipt for £291.0s.0d as usual, that I may Charge that Sum to Sir Walter Blackett's Account.      I am etc    J.E.B.

Newcastle Bank 25 May 1773 £100.0.0  
Twenty Days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> One hundred pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Jn<sup>o</sup>. Widdrington  
Mitton London Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> William  
N<sup>o</sup> 775 Alvey Darwin or Order Value  
in Account.  
John E Blackett

**29 May 1773 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> May 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup>

I have this day sent you by John Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight hundred and fifty one Ounces which you will please to place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me of the Receipt of it.

Ounces I am etc HR  
851 at p oz

**31 May 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin Hatton Street Holborn London Newcas 31<sup>st</sup> May 1773

Sir

I received your Letters of the 24<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> instant & inclosed return you your Receipt for £291 it not answering any purpose as a Receipt and as Sir William Blackett has sent you the Receipt that you gave him for the £800 I must desire that you will send me a proper Receipt for £291 as you have usually done to M<sup>r</sup> Richmond & make it received (by John E Blackett) not by M<sup>r</sup> Henry Richmond, as you was before desired.

I am etc J.E.B.

**4 June 1773 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcas 4<sup>th</sup> June 1773

Sir

The Two pieces of Silver you sent by this Days Carrier came safe - the Weight of the one being Seven hundred & Fifty nine Ounces and the other Six hundred & Eighty six ounces - You say in your Letter that you will be here on the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> instant; but as Mr Mayor will be out of Town after Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> you had better come on that day and be here about Ten o'Clock in the Morning

I am etc HR

**4 June 1773 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London Newcas 4<sup>th</sup> June 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver, the Weight as below, which you will please to place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me of the Receipt of them I am etc HR  
759 Ounces at p oz  
686 Ounces at p oz

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**18 June 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin Hatton Street London

Newcastle June 18<sup>th</sup> 1773

Sir

I reced your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> the former inclosing your Receipt for £291 on Acco<sup>t</sup> of your quarterly payments to the 30<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> the latter inclosing my Bill on you to Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> Blackett for £509 which you have paid - This will keep our Acco<sup>t</sup> regular as the £800 was not charged to your Acco<sup>t</sup>.

Inclosed you have a Bill for £157-10-0 being for one Half Composition for the Tithe ore of Weardale Lead Mines due to the Rector of Stanhope 22<sup>d</sup> July next - You will please to pay M<sup>r</sup> Thurlow this Sum and Send me his Rec<sup>t</sup> as usual

I observe what you say with respect to M<sup>r</sup> Naters and I find that we must make Application to some one of the Creditors for the Information that we want in this Affair

You will hear from S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett - he went for Yorkshire on Monday last & returns the end of this Month - M<sup>r</sup> Richmond is better and sets forward for Buxton tomorrow I hope the Journey & the Waters may be of Service to him I am etc J.E.B.

£157-10-0

Newcastle Bank 18<sup>th</sup> June 1773

One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> One hundred and fifty seven pounds Ten shillings Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Mitton

Jos Saint

N<sup>o</sup> 893

London

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> William Alvey

Darwin or Order Value in Acco<sup>t</sup> John E Blackett

**23 July 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London

Newcas 23<sup>d</sup> July 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup> I shall draw a Bill on you the 3<sup>d</sup> August at 30 days payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> for One Thousand pounds which I desire you will accept & when paid place to the Account of Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> - I imagine you are mistaken ten shillings in Calculating the amount of the Piece of Silver sent you the 29<sup>th</sup> May last which amounts to £246.8s.8d that Sum being placed to you Account with Sir Walter Blackett. I am etc JEB.

**23 July 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin Hatton Street London

Newcas 23<sup>d</sup> July 1773

Sir I received your's of the 22<sup>d</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> acknowledging the Receipt of Bell and C<sup>os</sup> Bill on Hallifax for £157.10s.0d & when you have paid M<sup>r</sup> Thurlow please to send me his Receipt. I shall send you a Bill the 3<sup>d</sup> August for £500 to pay the half Year's Interest due to Sir Edward Winnington and at the same time remit you a Bill to enable you to make the quarterly & other payments for Sir Walter Blackett to 30<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> next of which please to advise me the Amount - Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett received the Acts of Parliament that you inclosed - he is now at Wallington and is very well - M<sup>r</sup> Richmond is at Buxton & has received benefit from the Journey & the Waters.

I am etc JEB.

**3 Aug 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newcas 3<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup> I wrote you on the 23<sup>d</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> to which refer you. I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Thirty days date for One Thousand Pounds payable to Messrs Bell Cookson & Co or Order, which I desire you will accept & when paid place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as Usual

I am etc J.E.B

£1000 Newcastle August 3<sup>d</sup> 1773

Thirty days after date Pay Messrs Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Saint or Order One Thousand Pounds Value in Account & place the same to Account with Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> as advised by

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths  
in Foster Lane London

John E, Blackett

**3 Aug 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

To M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin Hatton Street Holborne London Newcas 3<sup>d</sup> August 1773

Sir

I received your Letters of the 24<sup>h</sup> & 26<sup>h</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> the former Inclosing M<sup>r</sup> Thurlow's Receipt for £157.10s.0d; being half a years Composition for his Tythe Ore. the receipt is not quite regular being made received by the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Richmond, but as you say it will be attended with Difficulty to get it rectified I must be satisfied with it - I observe that your quarterly & other Payments on Account of Sir Walter Blackett to the 30 Septem<sup>r</sup> next amount to £182 6s 6d. Inclosed you have Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell and C<sup>os</sup> bill on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whaley & Powell at 30 days date for One hundred and Eighty two Pounds on Account of these Payments: likewise said Gentlemen's Bill at the same date on Castell and C<sup>o</sup> for One hundred & fifty Pounds on Sir Walter Blacketts private Account - I desire you will place the said Bills to the Separate Accounts. sending me the usual Receipt for the former & that you'll acknowledge to S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett the receipt of the Bill for £150.0s.0d - I also inclose you another Bill of Bell & C<sup>os</sup> on Castell and C<sup>o</sup> at 20 days date for Five hundred Pounds which I have endorsed to you & I desire you will place it to my Account advising me of the Receipt. I intend it to enable you to pay the half Years Interest which will be due to Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> Winnington on the 6<sup>h</sup> instant on Sir Walter Blacketts Mortgage of Wallington P.S. Sir Walter Blackett desires that the Acts for the Turnpike Roads & the private Roads may be sent him.

I am etc J.E.B.



£500 Newcastle Bank 3 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1773  
Twenty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Five hundred Pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whaley & Powell Jno Widdrington  
N<sup>o</sup> 1307 London Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> William  
Alvey Darwin or Order Value  
in Account John E Blackett

£182 Newcastle Bank 3 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1773  
Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett  
Esq<sup>r</sup> One hundred & Eighty two Pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whaley & Powell Jno Widdrington  
N<sup>o</sup> 1308 London Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> William  
Alvey Darwin or Order Value  
in Account John E Blackett

£150 Newcastle Bank 3 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1773  
Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett  
Esq<sup>r</sup> One hundred & fifty Pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whaley & Powell Jno Widdrington  
N<sup>o</sup> 1309 London Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> William  
Alvey Darwin or Order Value  
in Account John E Blackett

**20 Aug 1773 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

M<sup>r</sup> John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed Newcas 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1773

Sir You will see the Advertisement for the Sale of Unthank in the Papers agreeable to what passed between us - to which I have little to add at present but that the whole of The Threap ground contains about 165 Acres by the Survey we have - As to a new one M<sup>r</sup> Ra Forster has undertaken to get it done in October next and as to the Colliery the certain Rent of it is £200 a year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1772 for 21 years for 200 Tonns of Coals with an accruing Rent of £20 a tonn for the Surplus Workings but the Tenants to be at Liberty at the End of the 7<sup>th</sup> year on Notice. The Lease of the land Expires at Mayday next and there are no outgoings that I know of but if you please to send for John Anderson the Tenant he will inform you if he pays any and whether he pays all sorts of Tithes or is Exempt from any - Please to let me know if you learn any Thing from Jn Anderson if there are any outgoings & send me a Draft of the Conditions of Sale  
I am etc HR

**28 Aug 1773 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London      Newcas 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by Fran<sup>s</sup> Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight hundred and Twenty one ounces which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market Price and advise me on the Receipt of them

I am etc      HR

**18 Sept 1773    From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London      Newcas 18<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by John Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Nine hundred & forty Eight Ounces which you will please to place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of It

I am etc      HR

**23 Sept 1773    From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

M<sup>r</sup> John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed      Newcas 23<sup>d</sup> September 1773

Sir

I received your Letter inclosing the Draught of the Conditions of Sale for Unthank Land and Colliery which I think very proper - I have filled up all the Blanks in it and have made the 5<sup>th</sup> condition as you recommended - As to <affine> & Recovery I am very well satisfied there is no Occasion for any such thing. A Tonn of Coals consists of 420 Bolls of 36 Gallons Winchester dry Measure each which you may add if you please to the Description of the Premises at Unthank - The Tithes of Shotton consist of both the great & small Tithes & the Draught of the Description & Conditions of Sale of these Tithes are on the other Side - All these Premises will be advertised next month and inserted in the Newcastle London & Edinburgh Papers.

I am obliged to you for your good Wishes for my Health. I am a great deal better

I am etc    HR

**25 Sept 1773    From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

To M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Cambo near Wallington      Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir

I have Inclosed you Wm Heighleys voucher for Cambo Colliery which upon examining your Account for 1771 I find he has not signed - I desire you will get them signed by him & return them to me as soon as you can - The Balance of your Acco<sup>t</sup> for 1771 is £513.5s.6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d which differs only a penny from what you make it - I hope you have your last years Acco<sup>ts</sup> ready & shall be glad to receive it directly - your settled Acco<sup>t</sup> for 1771 will be sent you as soon as you return Heighley's Voucher signed by him - I gave you the old Plan of Winlaton Estate which I desire you will return me the first opportunity.

There should be no time lost in getting a Survey made of Unthank and the Threap Ground so if M<sup>r</sup> Duffield cannot meet about it immediately I desire you will write to M<sup>r</sup> Grey to employ the Man he spoke about I am etc HR

**15 Oct 1773 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1773

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by John Jackson the London Carrier two pieces of Silver containing One thousand four hundred and ninety nine Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett Bart as usual at the Market price and advise me on your receipt of them - P.S. I am obliged to you for your Congratulations on the Recovery of my Health only my Hand is not so useful to me as I could wish I am etc HR  
1499 Ounces

**29 Oct 1773 From Henry Richmond to Towneley**

To M<sup>r</sup> Townly to the Care of M<sup>rs</sup> Coats Hounslow Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> October 1773  
under Cover to M<sup>rs</sup> Coats Hounslow Middlesex

Sir

I have reced your Letter last Night and in answer to it acquaint you that Sir Walter Blackett is the proprietor of Unthank Estate which you enquire after and which is to be sold to the best Bidder on the 10<sup>th</sup> of next Month agreeable to the Advertism<sup>t</sup>. I also beg leave to acquaint you with the following particulars which are not in the public Advertism<sup>t</sup>. The Estate is at present under Lease for 21 Yrs which expires on the 12<sup>th</sup> May next at the Yrly Rent of £110 but it is considerably improved since it was let, by the Buildings & Fences and by the Cultivation of a good Tenant of it during the Term and is still capable of great Improvement. Besides the 400 Acres which Unthank consists of the Threap Ground is surveyed at 165 Acres one third of which belongs to Unthank. As to the Colliery it is let on Lease for 21 Yrs from the 1<sup>st</sup> Janry 1772 at £200 a Yr certain Rent for 200 Tonns of Coals each of which to contain 420 Bolls of 36 Gallons Winchester Measure each with an accruing Rent of 20 shillings a Tonn for all Surplus Workings but the Tenants are to be at Liberty at the End of the 7<sup>th</sup> Yr on giving Notice. The Conditions of the Sale are to be that the prem[is]es be put up at £8000 - that the highest bidder be the purchaser and if any dispute arises the prem[is]es to be put up again - that no person shall advance less than £20 each Bidding - that the purchaser shall enter into Articles with S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett as soon as convenient - that he shall enter to the Land and Houses on the 12<sup>th</sup> May next and be intituled to the Rents of the Colliery from the 1<sup>st</sup> Janry next and shall pay the purchase Money on the 12<sup>th</sup> May next on having a good Title made to the prem[is]es and proper Conveyances executed - And that the purchas Deeds shall be made at the Expençe of the Purchaser

I am etc HR

**2 Nov 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin, Hatton Street London Newcastle Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1773

Sir Inclosed you have two Bills drawn by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell & C<sup>o</sup> the one for Two hundred and seventy five pounds to make your quarterly and other payments on Acco<sup>t</sup> of Sir Walter Blackett to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> next. The other Bill for Two Hundred and Fifty pounds is to enable you to pay M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon 2½ Years inter<sup>t</sup> of Sir Walter Blackett's Bond for £2500 due the 20<sup>th</sup> instant agreeable to M<sup>r</sup> Richmond's Letters to you - I desire you will place the said Bills to Acco<sup>t</sup> advising me of the Receipt I am etc J.E.B.

£275

Newcastle Bank 27<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1773

Twenty five days after date pay to John Erasmus Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Two  
Hundred and Seventyfive pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdington & Self  
Jos Saint

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & Powell  
London  
N<sup>o</sup> 1614

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Alvey  
Darwin or Order Value in Account  
John E Blackett

£250

Newcastle Bank 22<sup>nd</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1773

Twenty five days after date pay to John Erasmus Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Two  
Hundred and Fifty pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdington & Self  
Jos Saint

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & Powell  
London  
N<sup>o</sup> 1610

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Alvey  
Darwin or Order Value in Account  
John E Blackett

### 9 Nov 1773 From Henry Richmond to John Grey

M<sup>r</sup> John Grey - Attorney at Law In Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas 9<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir I received your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant too late yesterday to answer it by that Post - As to the Counter parts of the Leases it will be impossible now to produce them at the Sale, for M<sup>r</sup> Forster, who is with you, has the Lease of the Land at Wallington and the Lease of the Colliery is too cumbersome to send by the Post - M<sup>r</sup> Bell has I suppose by this time given you the Survey of the Estate made some Years ago for we have not been able to get one made according to the present Improvements - I think it would be right if you would let me have the Bonds of Arbitration between Sir Walter Blackett & M<sup>r</sup> Armstrong about Canny & hobs hole Fisheries with M<sup>r</sup> Forsters Award. I am etc H Richmond

### 12 Nov 1773 From John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne - Foster Lane London

Newcas 12<sup>h</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup>

I have this day drawn a Bill on you for Twelve hundred Pounds payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> or Order Thirty days after date which I desire you will accept & place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett I am etc John E, B.

£1200

Newcastle Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>h</sup> 1773

Thirty days after date Pay to Messrs Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup>  
or Order Twelve hundred pounds Value in Account and  
place the same to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as advised  
by John E Blackett  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne. Goldsmiths  
Foster Lane London

**20 Nov 1773 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London Newcas 20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1773

Gent<sup>n</sup>

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver  
containing Eight hundred & nine Ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with  
Sir Walter Blackett Barot as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of it  
809 Ounces at p oz I am etc H Richmond

**22 Nov 1773 From Henry Richmond to John Selby**

To John Selby Esq at Beal near Belford North

Newcas 22 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir

I understand from M<sup>r</sup> Grey that you have agreed to purchase Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blacketts Estate at  
Unthank and I have a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Geo Selby Attorney at Law in Alnwick desiring to have  
the Abstract of the Title & other particulars to lay before your Counsel - This Abstract I have  
sent to Mr Geo Selby to save time but should be glad to know if I must send the other Things he  
writes for to him as your Attorney I am etc H Richmond

**22 Nov 1773 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

To M<sup>r</sup> Geo Selby - Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas 22 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir

I have sent you the Abstract of Sir Walter Blacketts Title to Unthank Estate as you  
desired & the Copies of the Leases will be sent as soon as they are done.

As to the Description which you want of the Premises I can give no other than are  
contained in the Abstract & Conditions of Sale only I never understood that any Coal in West  
Ord if there is any was ever meant to be sold I am etc H Richmond

**23 Nov 1773 From Henry Richmond to Westgarth Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster at Coalcleugh

Newcas 23 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir I suppose M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth is not well enough to come down hither next Week; if he is Sir  
Walter desires to see him here on Friday se'night the 3<sup>d</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> but if he cannot come you

will without fail - He desires that in the meantime you will take a view of Allanheads Mine & consider with yourself how she can be carried on in the cheapest and most profitable Way to Sir Walter considering the present low price of Lead - I have wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Hunter and he and you will fix the day for making this View - he and M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Allgood are to come down at the same time with you & you will give my Comp<sup>ts</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth & tell him that if he is not well enough to come down I desire he will inform you how he thinks Coalcleugh should be carried On to be profitable to Sir Walter at this time I am etc HR

**23 Nov 1773 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newcas<sup>s</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir Sir Walter Blackett desires that you & M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Allgood will come down hither on Friday se'night the 3<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> - along with M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster & that in the mean time you will settle with him what day he is to take a view of Allenheads Mine & that you will give him every Information that he may want concerning the same - I desire you will send a special Messenger with the inclosed over to Coalcleugh as soon as you receive this & learn what day he appoints for the view I am etc HR.

**6 Dec 1773 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

To M<sup>r</sup> George Selby - Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas 6<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir I have received your Letters of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> instant & was preparing to answer the former tho' not with the Dispatch you seem to have expected but your latter Letter has stop'd me in my Progress by the Difficulties you raise about Sir Walter's Title to the Coalmines under the Estate of East Ord & your saying it will be to no purpose to lay the Abstract before M<sup>r</sup> Selby's Counsel without some Satisfaction being given you in this particular - I have laid your Letter before Sir Walter Blackett & he says if M<sup>r</sup> Selby is not satisfied with such Title as appears upon the Face of the Abstract I sent you and his Covenant for peaceable Enjoym<sup>t</sup> he desires there may be an End of the Treaty and therefore I shall wait for your Answer whether the above Title will be satisfactory to Mr Selby or no.

I am etc HR

**7 Dec 1773 From Henry Richmond to J. Blenkinsop Coulson**

To J. Blenkinsop Coulson Esq<sup>r</sup> at Jesmond

Newcas 7 Decm<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir I received the favour of your Letter recommending the Son of Robert Taylor to be put into Saint Andrews Charity School but am sorry it is not in my power to do it as the Boy was not born in Saint Andrews Parish - If this Circumstance had been explained to us sooner I should, before this, have answered your Letter - The Delay proceeded from an Intention of putting the Boy into the School if he had been qualified. I am etc HR

**31 Dec 1773 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**



To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 31<sup>st</sup> Decm<sup>r</sup> 1773

Sir     The Piece of Silver you sent on Tuesday last the 28<sup>th</sup> instant from Dukesfield Refinery is weighed and it contains Eight hundred & Seventy six Ounces - I hope this Letter will find you got home safe from the Pays & I am etc  
HR

**2 Jan 1774     From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London     Newcas 2<sup>d</sup> Janry 1774

Gentlemen     On the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> I sent you by Rob<sup>l</sup> Cave the London Carrier Two pieces of fine Silver containing together One Thousand five hundred & thirty five Ounces; which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of Them     I wish you many happy Years & I am etc  
HR

**4 Jan 1774     From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

To M<sup>r</sup> George Selby - Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas 4 Janry 1774

Sir

I have sent you as you desired by the Alnwick Carrier a Copy of the Lease of Unthank Estate and of the Lease of the Colliery in Unthank & the Threap Ground and in the Township of East Ord adjoining & I hope you will be able from them and M<sup>r</sup> Browns Plan which I have also sent to make out a Description of the Colliery to be conveyed to M<sup>r</sup> Selby especially if you add to them the following particulars - I don't believe what is now called Middle Ord contains any Coal but however if it does it was not intended that any Coal but what lies in the present Township of East Ord and which is let to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Readheads should be sold & the Description which M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Brown gives of the Premises agrees with this - Namely " that Ord Estate where the Colliery lies is bounded in the East by Scremerston & part of Berwick hill in the West by Unthank & the Threap ground and that the Coal goes out to the North and that he does not know the Lands that bounder on the South Side" - Also M<sup>r</sup> Douglass who farmed the Colliery before the present Tenants took her told me some Years ago - That the part of the Colliery let to him & partners in East Ord lay under the Estates which M<sup>r</sup> Selby had bought of M<sup>r</sup> Kettleby & M<sup>r</sup> Cooper & under no other part of Ord Manor. " As to other Mines than Coal Sir Walter is willing to convey in the Terms of the Old Deeds & in no other - The Mode of the Conveyance I hope will not need to differ much from which M<sup>r</sup> Coll<sup>d</sup> Forster had for his purchase under the same Title & which M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>l</sup> Forster M<sup>r</sup> Iderton M<sup>r</sup> Roddam Greenwich Hospital & others have been satisfied with & which M<sup>r</sup> Coll Forster can inform you of

The Description of the piece of Ground in East Ord Township is as follows - "One Cottage now in ruins adjoining the Town Street & a Garth behind the same & a Cottage at the East End of the Garth bounding on the Lands of M<sup>r</sup> John Selby on the East & South Lands late James Grieve's on the North & the Town Street on the West" which as I wrote you before Sir Walter Blackett is willing to let M<sup>r</sup> Selby have at Thirty Pounds - I shall be glad of a Line from you of your receiving the particulars by the Carrier & am etc  
HR

**5 Jan 1773     From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

To M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin Hatton Street London

Newcas 5<sup>th</sup> Janry 1773

Sir

Inclosed you have Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Hallifax & C<sup>o</sup> for One hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings to enable you to pay M<sup>r</sup> Thurloes half years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due the 22<sup>d</sup> instant - You will please to advise me of the Receipt of the Bill & when M<sup>r</sup> Thurloe is paid send me a proper Receipt from him. I shall in a few Posts send you Bills for Sir Edward Winningtons half years Interest and for your quarterly Payments - Sir Walter Blackett is well and M<sup>r</sup> Richmond no worse tho' the severe Weather we have pinches him much - I wish you many happy returns of the Season & I am etc J.E.B

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 4 Janry 1774

Fifteen Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> One hundred & Fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings  
value received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Mitton  
No 1573 London

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup>  
William Alvey Darwin  
or order Value in Account  
John E Blackett

**9 Jan 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

To M<sup>r</sup> George Selby - Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas 9<sup>th</sup> Janry 1774

Sir

I received your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant and as to what you take Notice of in John Anderson's Lease Sir Walter Blackett's Intention is to put that Matter right for M<sup>r</sup> Selby before he enters to his purchase it being a Mistake which we were not aware of till after the Sale as the Lease has been kept at Wallington ever since its Execution. As to the Difficulties which appear to be in your Way respecting the Description of the Colliery in East Ord Estate I think they would be better got over if M<sup>r</sup> Selby you and I had an hours Conversation together about them - the sooner this is had the better as Sir Walter talks of going to London about the 19<sup>th</sup> instant but my Ill state of Health will not allow me to go from home so I must leave it to you to contrive a Meeting

I do not know whether I have a right copy of the Division Deed or no & therefore if we have a Meeting it would be best for you to bring your Deed or a Copy of it with you

I am etc HR

**11 Jan 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin - Hatton Street London

Newcastle Janry 11<sup>th</sup> 1774

Sir

I wrote to you on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant & then inclosed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell & C<sup>os</sup> Bill on Hallifax & C<sup>o</sup> for £157. 10s. 0d to pay M<sup>r</sup> Thurloe.

I have now inclosed you two Bills drawn by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell & C<sup>o</sup> on Hallifax & C<sup>o</sup> - the one for £500 is to enable you to pay Sir Edward Winningtons half years Interest due from Sir Walter

Blackett on the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month - in the mean time you will please to place it to my Credit & advise me of the receipt of it.

The other Bill for £520 is to be placed to the following Accounts £300 to Sir Walter Blacketts private Account (the Receipt of which you will please to advise him of as well as me) - the remaining £220 is on Account of the quarterly & other payments you are to make for Sir Walter Blackett in London to the 31<sup>st</sup> March next for which I desire you will send me the usual Receipt to be my Voucher with him.

Sir Walter Blackett desires me to acquaint you that he intends being in London sometime the latter End of this Month & he will be glad to hear from you any thing that relates to his affairs. the frost still continues very intense. I am etc J.E,Blackett

£520.-.- Newcastle Bank 10<sup>th</sup> Janry 1774  
Thirty Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Five hundred & Twenty Pounds value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Mitton  
No 1598 London Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> William  
Alvey Darwin or Order value  
in Account John E Blackett

£500.-.- Newcastle Bank 10 Janry 1774  
Forty Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Five hundred pounds Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Mitton  
No 1597 London Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> William  
Alvey Darwin or Order value  
in Account John E Blackett

**22 Jan 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to John Fenwick**

M<sup>r</sup> John Fenwick - Robert's Place York

Newcas 22<sup>d</sup> Janry 1774

Sir

Your Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Richmond came safe to hand inclosing a Receipt for Forty seven pounds ten Shillings for a years Interest due to you from Sir Walter Blackett this day; in return for it I have sent you inclosed Bell Cookson & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Castell & C<sup>o</sup> for the like Sum at a months date. You will please to acknowledge the receipt of this Bill by the return of the Post I am etc J E Blackett

£47.10.0 Newcastle Bank 21<sup>st</sup> Janry 1774  
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Forty seven Pounds ten Shillings value  
received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
John Widdrington  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & Powell  
No 1828 London Pay the Contents to  
M<sup>r</sup> John Fenwick or  
order value received John E Blackett

**2 Feb 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin Hatton Street London

Newcas 2<sup>rd</sup> Februy 1774

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett set out for London this day about Noon and I shall be very glad to hear of his safe Arrival there

I understand the Blanchland Petition and Bill are sent you tho I have not yet seen them - Westburnhope is pitched upon as the Estate to be mortgaged for defraying the Expende of this Act etc as I believe there can be a distinct Title made out for it but that you will consider as you have the Deeds - I shall write to M<sup>r</sup> Heron and endeavour to get a Copy of the Bill

With regard to the late Winlaton Act I think the sooner the Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Expende attending it is closed the better - As the Division was made by Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> and Sir Walter Blackett's own Agents there is no Expende attending that part of the Business that I know of but the valuing of the Wood by Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Wray - Sir Walter has paid him £7. 13s. 0d being thus Half of his Bill a Copy whereof I have herewith sent you

I am very sorry my Brother has not called upon you yet about the Assignment of his Trust as he proposed because I could have sent the Deed up by Sir Walter

I am obliged to you for your Enquiries about my Health and have hopes that warmer Weather will in a great Measure recover it - At present I am pinched with the severe Frost that is now set in I am etc HR

**4 Feb 1774 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ra : Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 4<sup>th</sup> Februy 1774

Sir

I have received a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Darwin by which I find you have sent him the Petition and Draft of a Bill for settling Matters between Lord Crewe's Trustees and S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett in respect of the disputed Boundary between Blanchland and Hexham

Sir Walter Blackett has asked me some Questions about this Bill which I could not answer as I have not seen it I should therefore be obliged to you for a Copy of so much of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Bill as relates to this Boundary

The first time you come to Town I should be glad to see you about drawing a Lease of a Lead mine between Sir Walter Blackett and M<sup>r</sup> Baker but as this Matter does not require haste I do not mean that you should come on purpose about it

There is certainly is a long Acco<sup>t</sup> between Sir Walter Blackett and you about Subscriptions to Hexham Bridge and Law Business which I could wish to have settled and therefore desire as soon as it is convenient to you that you will make up those Acco<sup>ts</sup>.

I shall be glad to know what has passed at last Sessions relating to the Indictm<sup>t</sup> of Ridley Township for the Repair of the Lead Way I am etc HR

**4 Feb 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcas 4<sup>th</sup> Februy 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have sent you by John and Thos Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven Hundred and thirtyone Ounces and a Half which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise on the rec<sup>t</sup> of it  
I am etc HR

**15 Feb 1774 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ra : Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 15 Febr 1774

Sir I received the favour of your Letter & shall be glad to see you when you come to Town - As to what you mention of the Subtractors of Grist from Hexham Mills having presented a Petition to Sir Walter Blackett I don't know of it only of one from Peter Keir - The Draught of the Bill against these Subtractors I believe Sir Walter has - if I get it I shall return it as you desire & I am etc HR

**19 Feb 1774 From Henry Richmond to Robt & Wm Redhead**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> & W<sup>m</sup> Readhead at the Lee near Rothbury

Newcas 19<sup>th</sup> Februy 1774

Gentlemen

I am sorry to have had occasion to ask you so often without Effect for the Rent due from you to Sir Walter Blackett for Unthank Colliery and am sorry now to acquaint you that Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett has ordered the Bond from you and Old M<sup>r</sup> Readhead of Kidlandlee to be put in suit unless you pay the two years Rent immediately which were due the first of January last  
I am etc HR

**19 Feb 1774 From Henry Richmond to Robert Redhead**

M<sup>r</sup> Readhead Sen<sup>r</sup> at Kidlandlee

Newcas 19<sup>th</sup> Februy 1774

Sir You entered into Bond with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert & W<sup>m</sup> Readhead for payment of Four Hundred pounds for the Rent of Unthank Colliery - There is now that Sum due from them to Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett for two years Rent - they have often been applied to but without Effect and now Sir W<sup>r</sup> has ordered the Bond to be put in suit unless the Money is paid immediately I am etc HR

**21 Feb 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to Walter Blackett**

To Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas 21<sup>st</sup> Febr 1774

Dear Sir Above you have a Bill on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne for Three hundred pounds which Sum you desired might be remitted to you about this time - You will be pleased to acknowledge the Receipt of this  
I am etc John E Blackett

£300.-.-. Newcastle 21<sup>st</sup> Febr 1774

Twenty days after date Pay to Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>  
or Order Three hundred pounds value in Account & place it to

Account with Sir W Bt as advised by John E Blackett  
To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Foster Lane London

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London      Newcas 21 Feby 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Twenty days date payable to Sir Walter Blackett  
Baro<sup>t</sup> for Three hundred Pounds which I desire you will accept & place to his Acco<sup>t</sup> when paid  
I am etc      J.EB

**25 Feb 1774    From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

To M<sup>r</sup> Geo Selby Attorney at Law In Alnwick      Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> Feby 1774

Sir

I received your Letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> instant and cannot yet send you the Boundaries you want as M<sup>r</sup> Bell is only now at Ord; having been stop'd going thither before by the bad weather - I shall write to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin in London to prepare copies of such Deeds Fines Recoveries Wills & Awards as you say M<sup>r</sup> Selby ought to have attested Copies of but whether the Expence of such Copies ought to be paid by Sir Walter Blackett or M<sup>r</sup> Selby I must leave to be considered of by Gentlemen of the Law who know what is customary.

I shall also write to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin for a Copy of the Assignment of the Term of 500 Years vested in him and as the Deeds in the Abstract relating to this Estate are in his possession it will be easy to have them inspected in London by any Counsel or Attorney M<sup>r</sup> Selby shall appoint  
I am etc      HR

**25 Feb 1774    From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

To M<sup>r</sup> Darwin - Greys Inn London      Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> Feby 1774

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett has sold to John Selby Esq<sup>r</sup> the Estate and Colliery of Unthank and the Coal mines in East Ord - M<sup>r</sup> Geo Selby Attorney in Alnwick is concerned for the Purchaser & he writes me that Mr Duane is employed as their Counsel & that he is of Opinion that "All the Deeds Fines Recoveries Wills & Awards mentioned in the Abstract ought to be set forth in the Schedule to be annex'd to the Deed & that M<sup>r</sup> Selbys Counsel or Attorney ought to have power to inspect the same & to compare the Abstract with them & that M<sup>r</sup> Selby ought at the Expence of Sir Walter Blackett to have attested copies thereof & also that the residue of the Term of 500 Years vested in you must be assigned to attend the Inheritance" - You have these Deeds & I suppose a Duplicate of the Abstract and therefore it is desired by M<sup>r</sup> George Selby that the Copies of these Deeds be prepared but especially the Copy of the Assignment of the Term to you as it will be first wanted in order to draw the Assignment which M<sup>r</sup> Duane advises.

You may if you please mention this matter to Sir Walter Blackett & take his Direction & you may let me know whether it is usual for the vendor to be at the Expence of such Copies as may in this Case be wanted

This Conveyance is to be executed against the 12<sup>th</sup> May so you will please to forward matters as much as you can & if you see Occasion may correspond with M<sup>r</sup> George Selby  
I am etc      HR



**3 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby Att<sup>y</sup> at Law in Alnwick

Newcas 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1774

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Bell is returned from Berwick and on the other Side you have a Description of the Bounder of Unthank, the Threap Ground, the Township of East Ord and also of the Cottages and Garth in East Ord which M<sup>r</sup> Selby has bought of Sir Walter Blackett and also of the Quay or Coal Staith in Tweedmouth which Sir Walter has since made him a present of.

These Boundaries I hope will enable you to settle the parcels that are to be conveyed to M<sup>r</sup> Selby and when you have the Dra<sup>t</sup> of the Conveyance settled by your Counsel I desire to see it before before it be ingrossed

I am etc HR

**5 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby Att<sup>y</sup> at Law in Alnwick

Newcas 5<sup>th</sup> March 1774

Sir

I have acquainted M<sup>r</sup> Darwin as you desired that M<sup>r</sup> Lodge of Grey's Inn is your Agent and that he may give him the Copy of the Deed vesting the Term of 500 Years in M<sup>r</sup> Darwin but he writes me that he shall not make Copies of any other Deeds 'till it is pointed out to him what is wanted and till he knows who is to pay him for them - for Copies of all the Title Deeds will come to £20 or upwards and this Expence he says can never fall upon S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett but upon the purchaser so you must settle this point among you as I wrote you on the 25<sup>th</sup> Ult and there I shall leave it - M<sup>r</sup> Darwin will take Sir Walter Blackett's directions whether M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett or some Counsel in London is to be employed on behalf of S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett to peruse the Dra<sup>t</sup> after M<sup>r</sup> Duane has approved of it - I conclude by the time I got your Letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> you would receive mine inclosing the Boundaries you wrote for

I am etc HR

P.S. I write my name now with my Left hand finding it more convenient than the Stamp I have used of late

**5 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas Saturd<sup>y</sup> 5 March 1774

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Selby writes me that M<sup>r</sup> Lodge of Grey's Inn is his Agent and will call upon you for the Copy of the Deed vesting the Term of 500 Years in You as that will be first wanted and that afterwards he will examine the other Copies but I have wrote him what you say that they ought to be at M<sup>r</sup> Selby's Expence - What is usual in such Cases must be agreed to, only I wish you would take S<sup>r</sup> Walter's Directions about it and also whether he would have the dra<sup>t</sup> perused by M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett or by some Counsel in London after M<sup>r</sup> Duane has approved of it as that may save time. As yet Sir Walter has no person of the Law employed but yourself so you will take care that all be right for him in this Conveyance - The Blanchland Bill I hope goes forward

properly but as that Matter is in the Hands Of M<sup>r</sup> Heron of Hexham I am a stranger to its progress - I conclude you have not heard or seen any thing of my Brother since the Beginning of Janry as you say nothing about him -My Left hand is a slow bad scribe but necessity may produce an Improvement in time I am etc HR

**5 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne, Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London Newcas 5<sup>th</sup> March 1774

Gentlemen I sent you yesterday by John Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven hundred and thirty eight Ounces and a half which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on your receipt of it - P.S. I now writing my Name with my Left hand of which you have a Specimen and find it more convenient than the Stamp I have used of late. I am etc HR  
Ounces 738<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> at p oz

**8 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Westgarth**

M<sup>r</sup> William Westgarth at Coalcleugh

Newcas 8<sup>th</sup> March 1774

Sir

Sir Ja<sup>s</sup> Johnstone has desired S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett will permit Mr Caleb Kidd to go and view and “give his Opinion as to the properest method of working his Mines which are situated not Fifty Miles from S<sup>r</sup> Walter’s and which would not occasion M<sup>r</sup> Kidd’s being absent for above three days”

Sir Walter has agreed to this so you will please to acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Kidd of it immediately that he may write to Sir James’ Steward of his being ready to wait upon him at any time he pleases to appoint after the Bargains are let - I am sorry to hear so indifferent an acco<sup>t</sup> of your health but I hope it will mend as the Season does - in the meantime I desire you will take care of yourself and also as much as possible of the Groves under your care - that you will have as frequent Conferences as your health will permit with M<sup>r</sup> Forster M<sup>r</sup> Dickinson and M<sup>r</sup> Kidd about the State of the Groves and that you will from time to time give them direction for the carrying them on properly that there may be as little stop to the works as possible  
I am etc HR

**8 March 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

To M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin Hatton Street London

Newcas 8 March 1774

Sir I received your Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant inclosing M<sup>r</sup> Wrights Receipt for £500 due the 6<sup>th</sup> Februry for Interest on Sir Walter Blacketts Bond to Sir Edward Winnington I am etc  
John E Blackett

**9 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to Carr & Widdrington**

1774 March 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Richmonds Compliments to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Carr & Widdrington & desires they will be so good as pay M<sup>r</sup> Blackett the inclosed Accot; as soon as Convenient.

**15 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Selby Attorney at Law in Alnwick

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> March 1774

Sir

Inclosed I return your Copy of the Boundary and Description of the Lands and Coalmines intended to be conveyed by Sir Walter Blackett to M<sup>r</sup> Selby with such Alterations as to me appeared necessary - The reason of some of these I have inserted in the Margin - You will see an Add<sup>l</sup> Sheet to your Copy containing the power of working the Colliery in the Threap Ground as they are set forth in Sir Walter's purchase Deed From M<sup>r</sup> Lisle this is necessary if you intend to insert the particular powers - So far as to the Colliery in the Threap Ground

As to the Mines in Unthank and East Ord the inserting particular the usual powers for working these Mines is not agreeable to what I wrote you on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Decm<sup>r</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Janry last wherein I acquainted you that S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> would not convey in any other Terms than in those of the old Deeds and therefore is not to grant particular powers or Modes of Working - this is all I can say to this Matter and as to the rest I must refer it to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin who has the Deeds and to whom I shall sent a Copy of your Boundary and Description of the Lands etc to be conveyed by S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Selby.

I wrote some time ago to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin to take S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup>'s Directions about employing a Counsel in London or one in the Country and hope as M<sup>r</sup> Darwin is Master of the whole Business that the Conveyance Deed will be easily settled but before it is ingrosed I desire to see it

I am etc

HR

**16 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 16<sup>th</sup> March 1774

Sir

Inclosed I send you M<sup>r</sup> George Selby's Copy of the Boundary and Description of the Lands and Coalmines intended to be conveyed by Sir Walter Blackett to M<sup>r</sup> John Selby with some Alterations made in it by me and also the Copy of the Conditions of Sale and of the Article for the purchase - These I send that you may be Master of the whole Business in case any more difficulties should arise for tho' we are agreed as to the parcels yet M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Selby as you will see by his Copy of the Boundary etc is for inserting particular powers for working the Mines in Unthank and East Ord - this was not thought right for Sir Walter to grant and with respect to Unthank as M<sup>r</sup> John Selby himself will be the Owner of the Soil and as to East Ord as S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> is only Lord of the Manor within which there are several Freeholders and accordingly I wrote M<sup>r</sup> George Selby on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Janry last that S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> would convey only in the Terms of the Old Deeds which I understand he agreed to - But as this is the Business of Gentlemen in the Law to judge of I leave it to your Care and have refered M<sup>r</sup> Selby to you so you will please to settle it with his Agent that we may get forward as the time of conveying the Agreeem<sup>t</sup> into Execution now advances fast

Sir Walter has made M<sup>r</sup> Selby a present of a Quay or Coal Staith in Tweedmouth where I do not know that he has the Mines and has also agreed tho it is not in the purchase Article that M<sup>r</sup> Selby shall have the Lead and Stone in Unthank and the Township of East Ord

I am etc HR

PS I hope you get forward with the Blanchland Bill w<sup>ch</sup> I have not yet seen any thing off

**21 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to Francis Laidman**

M<sup>r</sup> Fra<sup>s</sup> Laidman Surgeon in Morpeth

Newcas 21<sup>st</sup> March 1774

Sir By a Letter from Sir Walter Blackett last post I understand that your Son M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Laidman Surgeon in London has been with him desiring to have the hundred pounds which he will be intitled at the Age of Twenty one Years by Sir Walter's Bond now paid him I must therefore desire of you to send me a Copy of the Register of his Baptism as the first step to his obtaining this Money and that you will please to let me know whether the paying him it in London has your Approbation and then I will consider what is the best way of obtaining a discharge for Sir Walter  
I am etc HR

**21 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby Attorney at Law in Alnwick

Newcas 21<sup>st</sup> March 1774

Sir In answer to your Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> I can only say that I see no reason to making further Alteration in your Copy of the Boundary etc than such as I made when I returned it to you on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> only if the words "on the Lands belonging to the Township or Village of Scremerston on or towards the East" were struck out it was by Mistake and there can be no Objection to the Boundary being as you had described it - As to your mentioning the Number of Acres in East Ord in the Conveyance the Material Objections I had to it was that you called it One thousand five hundred Acres which exceeded the Number in the Award considerably - And as to the Boundary of the Garth it must stand as I have altered it without any Measure - P.S. The words scored under were not struck out in the Copy sent to Mr Darwin I am etc HR

**23 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcas 23<sup>d</sup> March 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup> On the 4<sup>t</sup> instant I sent you by John Jackson the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven hundred & Thirty eight Ounces & a half w<sup>ch</sup> I hope you recd safe but not having a Letter of Advice thereof by the last Post as I ought to have had occasions this Enquiry.  
I am etc HR

**31 March 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcas 31 March 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup> Inclosed I send you two parts of your Account with Sir Walter Blackett - I have signed one of them and if you find it right I desire you will sign the other & return it to etc HR

**13 April 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Foster Lane London

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Thirty days date payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> or order for Nine hundred pounds which I desire you will accept & place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett I am etc JEB

£900.-.-. Newcastle April 13<sup>th</sup> 1774  
Thirty days after date Pay to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup>  
or order Nine hundred pounds value in Account &  
place it to Account with Sir Walter Blackett Bart as  
advised by John E Blackett

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Foster Lane London

**16 April 1774 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 16<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Sir I have fixed the Mills pay to be made at Dukesfield on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May of which you will give proper Notices and be here on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> receive your Money on Tuesday and go home with it on Wednesday - You will give Intimation of this to the other Stewards and come armed as usual I am etc HR

**17 April 1774 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Heron Attorney at Law in Hexham

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Sir I hear you were in Town last week - a few Minutes of Conversation then would have communicated what I had to say to you about the Lead Mine Lease I wrote to you some time ago - If you have one of the Alston Moor Leases it would shorten your work in the drawing otherwise the Covenants will be difficult to adjust - This Lease will be wanted in a little time so if you are to be in this Town soon I shall be glad to see you about it but it is not worth while for you to come on purpose I am etc HR

**19 April 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to Walter Blackett**

Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 19<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Dear Sir Inclosed you will receive Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell & C<sup>os</sup> Bill on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell & C<sup>o</sup> for Two hundred pounds which is sent agreeable to your directions to Mr Richmond - You will be pleased to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill I am etc JEB

£200 - - Newcastle Bank 18<sup>h</sup> April 1774  
Twenty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Two hundred pounds - Value received

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

Powell London  
N<sup>o</sup> 2126

Pay the Contents to Sir  
Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> or  
order value in Account John E Blackett

**19 April 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin Hatton Street London

Newcas 19<sup>h</sup> April 1774

Sir Inclosed you have Bell & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Castell & C<sup>o</sup> for Two hundred & ninety Pounds on Account of the quarterly payments you are to make in London for Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett between the 31 Ult<sup>o</sup> & the 30 June next which you will place to his Account & send me the usual Receipt for it.

I am etc JEB

£290 - -

Newcastle Bank 18<sup>h</sup> April 1774

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Two hundred & ninety pounds - Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately &

Powell London  
N<sup>o</sup> 2127

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup>  
William Alvey Darwin  
or order value in Account John E Blackett

**21 April 1774 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 21<sup>st</sup> April 1774

Sir

I should have been glad to have acquainted you verbally when you were in Town with the particulars of the Lease I wrote you about, for I am a bad complainer with my left hand of things that in Discourse would have been intelligible enough. The Lease is intended to be from Sr W<sup>r</sup> Blackett to Mr Baker of Elamore for 21 years of Hackford Leadmine in Hexham Manor the bounder is to be twenty yards on each side the Vein as to Breadth and the Length is to be the distance between Hackford Burn to the East which I think is Devil's Water near the Haugh Grove - the Consid[eratio]n is to be one fifth part of the Ore well washed and the other Coverants as in the Alston Moor Leases - no time ought now to be lost in drawing this Lease and as you have an Alston Moor Lease I hope you will be able to send me the dr<sup>t</sup> in a little time

I am etc HR

**21 April 1774 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

John Westgarth Esq<sup>r</sup> at Unthank Weardale

Newcas 21<sup>st</sup> April 1774

Sir

I received your favour of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> and as I shall not be at Dukesfield Pay not being well enough recovered of the Stroke of the palsy which I had in March gone Twelve Months and W<sup>ch</sup> has reduced me to write with my left hand I must desire if you have any



proposals to make about any Vein of Lead Ore belonging to S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett you will transmit them to me here

You desire no Tack may be granted 'till you see me of any Vein in Hexham Manor w<sup>th</sup> occasions my mentioning that S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> has let a Lease of Hackford I am etc HR

**24 April 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 24<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Sir In my Lres of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> last Month I sent you all necessary particulars about the Conveyance of Unthank Estate fm S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> B<sup>t</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Selby and acquainted you that M<sup>r</sup> Duane and M<sup>r</sup> Lodge were concerned for him and you were the only person of the Law employed by S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> and said that the Money was to be p<sup>d</sup> on 12<sup>th</sup> May - I also wrote M<sup>r</sup> Geo Selby that you were the person that M<sup>r</sup> Lodge etc were to correspond with about this Business and there I left it - How it has happened that you do not know what progress is made in this Matter I cannot tell, Nor can I know it satisfactorily from any other person than yourself however I shall write to M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Selby Attorney in Alnwick next post about it. I am heartily sorry at what you say about S<sup>r</sup> Walter's being uneasy on Acco<sup>t</sup> of Corporation Business and if possible more so at what you wrote on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> about my Brother's Behaviour to him - But I have quieted my Mind by hoping S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> will not impute to me any thing on Acco<sup>t</sup> of my Brother's Eccentricity I am etc HR

**24 April 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby Attorney at Law in Alnwick

Newcas 24<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Sir I received a Lre by this days post from M<sup>r</sup> Darwin by which I find he does not know any thing of what is doing about the Conveyance, from Sir Walter to M<sup>r</sup> Selby, of Unthank Estate - now this I wonder at as I acquainted you that M<sup>r</sup> Darwin was S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup>'s Attorney in London and that M<sup>r</sup> Lodge might apply to him for any thing wanted - The time is now far spent and Sir Walter is uneasy at M<sup>r</sup> Darwin's telling him he knows nothing about the progress of this Business - I hope nevertheless that you are in great forwardness with it and that all will be ready against the 12<sup>th</sup> of May - I shall be very glad to have a Line from you by return of the Post I am etc HR

**29 April 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Sir I wrote M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Selby as you desired and he says the Drafts of the Conveyance of Unthank have been lying before M<sup>r</sup> Duane since the Middle of March & that your neighbour M<sup>r</sup> Lodge can tell better than he what progress M<sup>r</sup> Duane has made & what the Delay is owing to - M<sup>r</sup> Lodge and you have had some Conversation I understand about preparing the Copies of the proper Deeds & I suppose you have taken Sir Walter's Direction about them and about a Council to be employed in London to peruse these Deeds on his behalf after M<sup>r</sup> Duane has vetted them for M<sup>r</sup> Selby - I desire you will consider whether Sir W<sup>r</sup> should not have a Counterpart of the Deed - I have wrote S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> as you mentioned & am etc HR

**2 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

John Westgarth Esq<sup>r</sup> at Unthank near Stanhope in Weardale

Newcas 2<sup>d</sup> May 1774

Sir I have the favour of your Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> alt<sup>o</sup> saying you are at a Loss to make proposals for a Tack of a Lead mine as you do not know S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blacketts Terms for Duty etc - I also have your Lre to S<sup>r</sup> Walter on this subject which he desires me to answer: I cannot answer these Lres better than by referring you to my Lre of 17<sup>th</sup> May 1769 wherein I told you that Sir Walter did not approve of letting by the Method you then proposed and which I find you still adhere to, of your paying a Duty, He chuses having Lead Mills and Servants skilful in Smelting to reserve all the Ore giving all reasonable Encouragement to the Adventurer as to price by the Bing. If you incline to this Method you will please to let me hear from you and then I shall tell you further particulars - P.S. The taking a Duty in one instance is not to be drawn into a precedent for any other I am etc HR

**3 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas the 3<sup>d</sup> May 1774

Sir

In this and three other Covers you will receive back the Draft of the Conveyance from Sir Walter Blackett to M<sup>r</sup> Selby - also a Copy of two Awards adjusting the Inn grounds & Out grounds of East Ord and also a Copy of Sir Walters purchase of the Threap Colliery from Mr Lisle - Some of the Notes made in the margin of the draft I think should not have been made there & therefore I shall not put my Answers to them there but give you them inclosed on a separate paper according to the pages of the draft.

To be sure the parcels to be conveyed to M<sup>r</sup> Selby being various must appear a little confused to you who do not know the prem[is]es but if you had considered my Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of March last along with the Copy then sent you of M<sup>r</sup> George Selby's boundary & description of the Lands and Coalmines intended to be conveyed & the Alterations made in it by me I think it might have been intelligible that Sir Walter was to convey to M<sup>r</sup> Selby his Estate in Unthank with the Mines under the same & one third of the Threap Ground and two fifths of the Colliery under that Threap Ground and the Mines under the whole Township of East Ord and also two Cottages & a garth in East Ord Town & a Quay in Tweedmouth under the Title he derived from his Lady & that Sir Walter as to all these Estates would convey them in no other Terms nor with any other powers than are contained in the old Deeds - And this M<sup>r</sup> Selby has at least tacitly agreed to by proceeding with the Conveyance after this Declaration has been repeatedly made to him - And as to the purchased three fifths of the Colliery in the Threap Ground (of M<sup>r</sup> Lisle) S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> is willing to convey them in the Terms of his purchase.

As to the Questions contained in your Letter about the Boundaries etc I answer that the Boundaries in the Draft seem to be all right when compared with M<sup>r</sup> George Selbys Description etc which I sent you a Copy of on the 16 March.

The Collieries let to the Readheads are not properly Described in their Lease they holding thereby only the Colliery under Sir Walters own Estate in East Ord whereas it was intended they should have the Colliery under the whole Township of East Ord & they have accordingly wrought in M<sup>r</sup> Selbys own Share of East Ord Moor which was formerly the Estate of William Cooper - As to what right Sir Walter has to the Coals in other peoples freeholds in

East Ord by which I must suppose you mean the Inn Grounds - I cannot say further than you may see by the Deed in 1686 wherein all the Royalties are conveyed and by the Award in 1732 which shews the promiscuous State that the Inn grounds as well as the Moor had been in & the general Belief that Sir Walter is intitled to the Mines - there not having been any Workings nor any Mines that I know of in these Inn grounds - As to M<sup>r</sup> Selbys making Satisfaction for damage for working in East Ord it was thought as we had taken Care of Middle Ord that is Sir Walters part of it was not necessary for Sir Walter to stipulate about other peoples damages. As to the Difficulty you say there is about the words in the particulars for Sale "under the adjoining Estate of East Ord" to wit whether it means the whole Township of East Ord or only Sir Walters Estate therein

I think it will vanish when you consider that Sir Walter is to convey all the Mines under the Inn fields & Comon that were the Subject of the Award in 1732 - As to Wastes or Comons there are none but what were then divided Except a small piece which is in Contact with Tweedmouth & which is no part of the present Conveyance the Township of East Ord being made in the draft of the deed to bounder on that disputed Ground towards the East - And as to your last observation about the Impropriety of having no damage to be paid for Spoil of herbage in the inclosed Grounds of East Ord by working the Mines I think I have accounted for it before - And now that I have given answers to the several Questions in your Letter and have in the Inclosed papers answered the Queries put in the Margins of the draft I cannot help saying I wish you had made these inquires sooner I am etc HR

**4 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby in Alnwick

Newcas Wednesd<sup>y</sup> 4 May 1774

Sir To my great Surprise I received Letters from M<sup>r</sup> Darwin on Sunday last inclosing the draft of the Conveyance of Unthank with several Queries made by him in the Margin of it & a Letter with several more all tending to satisfy his doubts about the parcels etc which he said appeared to him very confused and uncertain - These Queries he might have made on his receiving the Copy of the Description of the parcels Boundaries etc which I sent him on the 16 March last, however I answered them all Yesterday and returned him the draft as he desired and don't doubt but you will have it very soon & that it may be engrossed and executed this Month or early in June as Sir Walter Blackett will I hope be then in the Country - If so it may not be necessary to fix any rent upon Unthank farm - If it should I shall against the 12<sup>th</sup> instant endeavour to obtain Sir Walters directions - I believe Sir Walter will have no Objection to Newcastle Bank Notes if they are not too small Sums I am etc HR

**4 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett B<sup>t</sup> MP Half moon street Piccadilly London

Newcas 4 May 1774

Hon<sup>r</sup> Sir By Sundays Post I received from M<sup>r</sup> Darwin the draft of the Conveyance of Unthank Estate with a great many Queries in the Margin of it & in his Letter which he might have made on the papers I sent him on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March last; however I answered them and returned him the draft by Yesterdays post and hope he will lose no time in getting it perused by Counsel on your part and returning it to M<sup>r</sup> Lodge for I have a Letter to day from M<sup>r</sup> Geo Selby by which I find M<sup>r</sup> Selby of Beal has his Money ready & is very uneasy that he cannot enter to Unthank on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May - He says he must buy Horses & and other Stock for the Ground as

it will then be left by the Way going Tenant & desires to know what Rent you wo<sup>d</sup> Expect for the Farm for this Year in Case the Conveyance should not be got forward with - I have wrote him that I hope it may be got ready for your executing by the time you return into the Country & that there will be no occasion to treat about Rent for the Estate; however you will please to consider what Answer I am to give him in case of any unexpected delay - He hopes you will take £30 more than Andersons Rent but M<sup>r</sup> Forster reckoned he could let it for £150 that is £40 more than Anderson paid & M<sup>r</sup> Selby has bought it at that rate so he should have no objection to that rent - I have answered M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth of Unthinks Letter & have spoke to John Donkin who will accomadate Tho<sup>s</sup> Lock with the Ground room as he desires I am etc HR

**7 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newcas 7<sup>h</sup> May 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup> I sent you Yesterday by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Nine hundred & Eleven Ounces; which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> as usual, at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt thereof I am etc HR

**13 May 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> MP Half moon Street Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> May 1774  
Piccadilly London

Dear Sir Inclosed you will receive Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax & C<sup>o</sup> for three hundred pounds. You will be pleased to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill I am etc JEB

£300-.-. Newcastle Bank 13<sup>th</sup> May 1774  
Twenty days after date pay to the order or John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Three hundred pounds - value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Gly Pay the Contents to Sir  
& Milton London Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>  
N<sup>o</sup> 2042 or order value in Accot John E, Blackett

**16 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

M<sup>r</sup> John Grey Attorney at Law Berwick upon Tweed Newcas 16<sup>th</sup> May 1774

Sir Inclosed I return you the Draft of the Conveyance from Sir Walter Blackett to M<sup>r</sup> George Malcolm and have made some Alterations in it and filled up the Blank for the Date - which I hope you will approve of and if so you may get it ingrossed and send it hither for Execution on S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup><sup>s</sup> coming to Newcastle which I suppose will be the beginning of next Month - I am obliged to you for your inquiries about my Health I am something better and hoping you are well am etc HR

**17 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> May 1774

Sir The Objection made by Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Clavering to the Blanchland and Hexham Boundary Bill is reasonable - for the Freeholders and Copyholders adjoining to the Ground in dispute have a Right of Common upon it and without their Consent the Bill may be objected to and lost for this Sessions tho' it manifestly is for their Advantage to have the Bounder fixed Now; lest the Inroads that have been made of late by the Blanchland people, in their perambulations, should be established. But General Clavering's Rights, as obtained by the Verdict, may be saved; by a proper Clause, if that will satisfy S<sup>r</sup> Thomas - As to this Affair and the very great Expencc incurred about it I am able to say little not having seen the Bill nor been consulted in the least since my Illness tho' I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Heron in the beginning of February desiring a Copy of the Bill and have thought it very odd they should proceed without communicating in the least with me and you know I have several times expressed my dissatisfaction in my Letters to you, - I am glad M<sup>r</sup> Duane is employed to settle Unthank Draft for Sir Walter and hope the Ingrossm<sup>ts</sup> will be ready against he comes into the Country - I wish you cou'd procure us, when they are to be had Three Guinea Half Guinea and Quarter Guinea weights stamped by the proper officer according to the Act now before the House and send them by the Fly directed to me - P.S. I suppose a further Expencc is incurred by carrying this Bill first into the House of Lords instead of the House of Commons I am etc HR

**19 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to Robert Morrow**

M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Morrow at Blaydon

Newcas 19 May 1774

Sir I have not yet got your Years Rental ending Mayday 1773 tho I have often asked you for it - I am now at a Stand for Want of it & you will be blamed if you don't bring it me on Saturday next I am etc HR

**24 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 24<sup>th</sup> May 1774

Sir

The Query that M<sup>r</sup> Duane has made respecting the Quarries in that part of the Town[shi]p of East Ord called Middle Ord, and what you say about it, is certainly right - for Sir Walter should not convey away the Quarries in his own Estates - Mr Selby bought only the Coalmines in the Town[shi]p of East Ord and S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> afterwards voluntarily added the Leadmines & Quarries to the purchase but that Gift must not be taken in so large extent as to be prejudicial to S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>rs</sup> own Estate at Middle Ord therefore there must be an Exception inserted in the Deed securing the Quarries in Middle Ord to Sir Walter

As to the Leadmines and Quarries in the Threap Ground they are intended to be conveyed to M<sup>r</sup> Selby according to the Right Sir Walter has in them, namely, As Lord of the Manor as to two fifths of the Mines of Lead and Coal and Quarries of Stone and as purchaser of M<sup>r</sup> Lisle as to three fifths of the Coal only but as to these three fifths you will please to see the



Copy of the purchase Deed which I sent you and take care that S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> conveys in no other Terms nor with any other powers of working than are contained in that Deed

You will please to attend to the little difficulty that may arise about this Threap Ground and Colliery etc - Sir Walter has One third of the Ground he has after also two fifths of of the Colliery and Leadmines and Quarries of Stone and or that Ground and this he has under the Title derived from his Lady - he also has the remaining three fifths of the Colliery (and you will please to observe it is only of the Colliery) as purchaser of M<sup>r</sup> Lisle  
I am etc HR

**25 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> May 1774

Sir It seems to me necessary that Sir Walter should have a Counterpart of the Deed of Conveyance of Unthank on Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Covenant about double Damage etc and I have mentioned it before but if M<sup>r</sup> Duane thinks so it would have more weight with M<sup>r</sup> Selby if he would advise accordingly upon the Draft I am etc HR

**27 May 1774 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Alder**

M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Alder at Adderstone near Belford

Newcas 27<sup>h</sup> May 1774

Sir I have sent you M<sup>r</sup> Bacon Forster's Ex[ecu]tors Account of their proportion of Weardale Rents etc for the last Year & also their Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett for the last five years. I have often asked M<sup>r</sup> Johnson, but in vain, for the Money due on the four former Years Accounts and therefore now send the whole to you hoping your Attention to the carrying forward these partnership Mines will induce you to provide for the payment of this £146 . 9s. 2d in a little time for you must be sensible there is much impropriety in putting Sir Walter Blackett thus to advance this Money for the Executors & that is contrary to the Tenor of the Lease by which they hold these Mines of him - I beg I may hear from you soon & am etc HR  
P.S. I am reduced to write with my left hand

**10 June 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Sir I am obliged to you for the Satisfaction your Letter gave me in the Account that the Bill for Settling the Boundaries between Blanchland & Hexham Manors had passed both Houses of Parliament tho I am ignorant of some parts of its Contents - I have not yet seen M<sup>r</sup> Adams but sho<sup>d</sup> be glad to receive from him or by any other Conveyance some of the Acts when the Royal Assent is given - As to the Unthank Business I sho<sup>d</sup> be very glad to have it brought to a Conclusion as soon as possible after Sir W<sup>rs</sup> Arrival here w<sup>ch</sup> will be about the 29 instant for I am advised it is necessary for me to go to Buxton this Year if it is but for a fortnight & I propose to do so if possible a few days after I see Sir Walter in order to be back against our Assizes - Where the Draft now is I don't know nor whether it will have to travel back to London as you mentioned not having heard any Thing from M<sup>r</sup> Selby nor do I know how it will be managed for you to Engross Sir Walters part of the Conveyance Deed if the draft should not be sent back to



London tho I am satisfied you ought to have the benefit of it as no other Attorney is employed on his behalf but yourself - I only wish you co<sup>d</sup> manage it so with M<sup>r</sup> Lodge & M<sup>r</sup> George Selby that the Engrossments might be ready & sent here for Execution by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at furthest otherwise I may be gone to Buxton & then it must probably remain till my return & how to settle with M<sup>r</sup> Selby the Purchaser about the time between his Entry on the 12 of May & the day of Execution I do not well know and should be glad of your Advice about the best Method of doing it - The Weights etc for Hexham have not yet been sent - It wo<sup>d</sup> be right to repeat your Orders for them and As to the Gold Weights w<sup>ch</sup> I wrote you about sho<sup>d</sup> be glad to receive them as soon as any are to be had for the weighing with Penny weights & Grains is not so ready a Way as Business often requires it

I am      HR

**10 June 1774    From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Same Day    Advised Mr Isaac Hunter of two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield Refinery    HR

**11 June 1774    From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne    Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup>    I sent you yesterday by Tho<sup>s</sup> Jennings the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver (in a Box) containing together One Thousand Five hundred and seventy one Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on your receipt of Them

I am etc    HR

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**11 June 1774    From Henry Richmond to John Grey**

M<sup>r</sup> John Grey    Attorney at Law in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Sir      George Mallcom must pay his purchase Money here to Jn<sup>o</sup> E Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> as soon as the Conveyance Deeds are executed by S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett of which Notice will be sent you but I do not expect him here till after our Races    P.S.    Scotch Notes will not pass here So M<sup>r</sup> Mallcom must either send Newcastle Bank Notes or good Money    I am etc    HR

**11 June 1774    From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby    Attorney at Law in Alnwick

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Sir      By the Lres I have from London I expect the Draft of the Conveyance of Unthank etc from S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett to M<sup>r</sup> Selby is now with you - if it is so I should be very glad of it and hope you will be able to get the Ingrossments completed and sent to me in our Race Week as Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett will be here the Week after and the Deeds may then be executed

I suppose you understand there is to be a Counterpart and I find M<sup>r</sup> Darwin expects to have the ingrossing it tho I don't know how that is to be done without delaying the Business which has met with but too much already - A few days after Sir Walter's Arrival I expect to be able to go to Buxton for a fortnight or so and to be back against our Assize Week and should be very happy if before I go this Business could be finished

As to the time from M<sup>r</sup> Selby's entering to the premises to that of the executing the Deeds we must consider the best Way of adjusting it - In the mean time I should be glad of your opinion about it and am etc  
HR

**12 June 1774 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 12<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Sir

The Lease of Hackford Leadmine which was to have been granted to M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Baker by Sir Walter Blackett is now to be granted to his Exors subject to the Trusts in his Will

The Exors are the Right Honble John Earl of Strathmore John Baker of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esq<sup>r</sup> and one of the Aldermen of the said Town John Hopper of Bishop Middleham in the County of Durham Esq<sup>r</sup> and Elizabeth Baker of Elermore Hall Widow of the af[ore]s[ai]d George Baker - The Draft of this Lease you will please to send me as soon as you can - I have not yet seen M<sup>r</sup> Adams but M<sup>r</sup> Darwin wrote me last Week that the Bill for settling the Boundary between Hexham & Blanchland Manors has passed both Houses of parliament and lay ready for the Royal Assent

As soon after these Acts are brought into the County as is convenient to you I could wish to have some Conversation with you about conveying this Matter into Execution

I am etc

HR

**12 June 1774 From Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter**

To M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Hunter at Allanheads

Newcas June 12<sup>th</sup> 1774

Sir I desire that after the 30<sup>th</sup> instant all the Rope that you shall want for Allanheads may be got of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Atkinson and Rutherford on the Keyside in this Town and that all the Rope that you may want for Wolfcleugh after the 30<sup>th</sup> instant be got of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stoddart Chapman and Liddell in this Town also  
I am etc HR

**19 June 1774 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 19<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Sir I do not doubt but you are right in not making the Lease of Hackford Leadmines from S<sup>r</sup> Walter to Mr Geo: Baker's Exors "expressly subject to the Trusts in his Will" the Exors desired it so but on my asking for a Copy of the Will Ald<sup>n</sup> Baker said M<sup>rs</sup> Baker had not administer[at]ed yet so you will please to make the Draft according to what you think right for Sir Walter to grant  
I am etc HR

**18 June 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London      Newcas      18<sup>th</sup> June 1774

Gentlemen    I sent you yesterday by Rob<sup>t</sup> Cave the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing seven hundred and ninety seven Ounces which I desire you will place to acco<sup>t</sup> with S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Bar<sup>t</sup> as usual at the Market price and advise me on your receipt thereof I am etc HR  
OZ 797 at                    poz

**3 July 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

1774 July 30<sup>th</sup>    Advised Plumb & Browne of a piece of Silver qty 805 Ounces at      poz

**3 Sept 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

1774 Sept<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>    Advised Plumb & Browne of a piece of Silver qty 844 Ounces at

**11 Sept 1774 From Henry Richmond to Robert Redhead**

M<sup>r</sup> Robt Readhead at Kidlandlee

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1774

Sir            I am sorry that notwithstanding Sir Walter Blackett's forbearance you have not yet paid the Money due upon the Bond from you your Son & Nephew for two Years Rent due to Sir Walter Blackett for Unthank Colliery on the first of Janry last - I did hope what passed between you and me, I think in June last, would have let you understand what must be the Consequences of your neglecting to discharge that Debt - Now I am to tell you that if you do not pay this four Hundred pounds in a Months time from the Date of this Letter the Bond will be put into the Hands of an Attorney to proceed against you      I am etc    HR

**11 Sept 1774 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby Att<sup>y</sup> at Law in Alnwick

Newcas 11 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1774

Sir            In Answer to your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant Sir Walter Blackett does not think at present of parting with his Lands at West Ord - I shall get you a Copy of the Division Deed you write for made in a little time only we are very busy at present And as to the Lease of the Colliery you must excuse my sending you that for a while till Sir Walter Blackett has obtained the Arrear of Rent due from the Tenants by Virtue of it                    I am            HR

**30 Oct 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane    London      Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> October 1774

Gentlemen    I sent you yesterday by Tho<sup>s</sup> Jennings the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven hundred and six ounces which you will please to place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir

Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on the rec<sup>t</sup> of it - P.S. I shall desire M<sup>r</sup> Blackett to draw a Bill upon you soon for £1200 which you will please to accept

I am etc

HR

706 ounces at

**3 Aug 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 3<sup>d</sup> August 1774

Sir I am favoured with your Letter of the 30<sup>h</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> & note the Contents - I am glad to hear you have met with M<sup>r</sup> Ridsdale & hope that he may be of Service in applying to the freemen - A joint Letter was sent him directed to <Mar bone> & Sir Walter Blackett will write to him again under Cover to you; in the mean time please to acquaint him that every proper Step shall be taken with respect to his Guild but that it will be necessary he sho<sup>d</sup> send me the Indenture which I imagine M<sup>r</sup> Bell gave up to him - Inclosed you have two Bills drawn by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell & C<sup>o</sup> - the one for £500 at thirty days date to pay one half Y<sup>rs</sup> interest on Sir Walter Blackett's Bond to Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> Winnington due the 6<sup>h</sup> instant - The other bill for £157 10s 0d for the half Years Composition of Weardale Tithe Ore due to The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Thurlow the 22<sup>d</sup> July last. Please to acknowledge the receipt of these Bills & when these Sums are paid to send me the receipts

I am etc Jn<sup>o</sup> E Blackett

£500 - 0 - 0

Newcastle Bank 2<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1774

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Five hundred pounds - value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & Powell  
London

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

N<sup>o</sup> 2479

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin or order value in Account Jn<sup>o</sup> E Blackett

£157 - 10 - 0

Newcastle Bank 2<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1774

Twenty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> One hundred & fifty seven pounds ten shillings  
value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Castell Whately & Powell  
London

Jn<sup>o</sup> Widdrington

N<sup>o</sup> 2478

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin or order value in Account Jn<sup>o</sup> E Blackett

**26 Aug 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> August 1774

Sir

I received by our last Weeks Carrier the Exemplification of Sir W<sup>m</sup> Blackett's Will agreeable to your Letter and also some Acts of Parliament about Blanchland - I am very sorry to

find that I am not to have the pleasure of seeing you here this Vacation with M<sup>rs</sup> Darwin as I had heard you intended

I have seen what you & M<sup>r</sup> Makepeice & M<sup>r</sup> Ridsdale have wrote in your several Letters about the London freemen but I have been at the Sea Side for six Weeks past on Acco<sup>t</sup> of my Health which is rather improved but by that Absence I have not kept up that Correspondence with you which I could have wished & hope to do hereafter so you will please to write to me from time to time about Election Matters or Sir Walters private Affairs as any thing occurs to you - I shall only say about Election Business that we are foremost at present and we must exert ourselves to keep in that Station - I don't recollect any Thing else at present to write you about & am etc  
Henr Richmond

**9 Sept 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to James Hague**

M<sup>r</sup> James Hague at M<sup>r</sup> Darwins No 47 Hatton Street London      Newcas 9<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1774

Sir

Inclosed you have Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>os</sup> bill on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax & C<sup>o</sup> for Two hundred pounds which when paid place to ~~Acce<sup>t</sup>~~ the Credit of S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett's Acco<sup>t</sup> with M<sup>r</sup> Darwin - As it is drawn at a short date I have endorsed it payable to you only in case of an Accident - Sir Matt Ridley set forward for London Yesterday & on his Arrival will apply to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin or you for some Money on Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett's Account - you will therefore please to let him have what part of this Sum he may have Occasion for taking his Receipt for the same

The free Burgesses of Newcastle residing in London will be called together soon - If M<sup>r</sup> Darwin or you can be of any Service to Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett & Sir Matt Ridley in this Business they will be obliged to you for your Assistance      I am etc      J,E,B.

£200 - -

Newcastle Bank 9<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1774

Three days after date Pay to the Order of Jn<sup>o</sup> Erasmus Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup>

Two hundred Pounds - Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Mitton  
London

Jos Saint

N<sup>o</sup> 2409

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> James Hague only value in Acco<sup>t</sup> with M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin  
John E Blackett

**31 Oct 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London      Newcas 31<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup>      I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> at Thirty Days date for Twelve hundred pounds which I desire that you will please to accept and place to the Account of Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup>      I am etc      John E Blackett

**31 Oct 1774 From John Erasmus Blackett to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street. London

Newcas 31<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1774

Sir Inclosed you will receive two Bills drawn by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell Cookson & C<sup>o</sup> on Hallifax & C<sup>o</sup> - One for Four hundred & fifty seven Pounds at 30 days date to make good your quarterly & other payments on Sir Walter Blacketts Account from 30<sup>h</sup> of June to the 31<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> next - The other Bill at Twenty days Date for five hundred pounds which will enable you to pay M<sup>r</sup> Simond the like Sum which M<sup>r</sup> Hague took up from that Gentleman by the direction of S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett - You are desired by Sir Walter to pay M<sup>r</sup> Simond the Interest for the <Time> & charge it to his Account - You will please to send me your receipt for £457 for the quarterly payments as usual - the hurry of the Election was the Occasion of my Omission for the former Quarter. I this post recd a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Hague with an Account of what he has expended on the Election Business & when every thing is discharged on that Account I desire you will send me an Account of what you have paid

I am etc J E Blackett

£457 - - Newcastle Bank 31<sup>st</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1774

Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> four hundred & fifty seven Pounds - Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Jos Saint  
Mitton London  
N<sup>o</sup> 2538

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin or Order value in Acco<sup>t</sup> John E Blackett

£500 - - Newcastle Bank 29<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1774

Twenty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus  
Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> Five hundred pounds - Value received  
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hallifax Mills Glyn & Jos Saint  
Mitton London  
N<sup>o</sup> 2535

Pay the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Alvey Darwin or Order value in Acco<sup>t</sup> John E Blackett

### 16 Nov 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newcas 16<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup>

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> instant I sent you by John Jackson the London Carrier two pieces of fine Silver containing together One Thousand Six hundred & Sixty four Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of them

I am etc HR

	Ounces				
a p <sup>ce</sup> fine Silver	q <sup>ty</sup> 838	at	poz		
Ano <sup>r</sup> p <sup>ce</sup> ad <sup>o</sup> -- .--	q <sup>ty</sup> 826	at	poz		

1664

### 6 Dec 1774 From Henry Richmond to Newcastle Churchwardens



To the Churchwardens of S<sup>t</sup> Andrews

Newcas 6 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1774

Gentlemen Friday 23<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> is fixed for the Distribution of Sir Walter Blackett's Annual Charity which will this Year be given in Money only; so you are desired to give Tickets as usual to Two Hundred poor people of your Parish and bring them altogether to Sir Walter Blackett's exactly at Eight o'Clock that morning I am etc HR

Wrote to the above Effect to the Churchwardens of Allsaints to ticket 300 poor of their parish and to be at Sir Walters exactly at 10 o'Clock

Wrote to the above Effect to the Churchwardens of S<sup>t</sup> Nicholas to ticket 200 poor of their parish and to be at Sir Walters exactly at one o'Clock

Wrote to the above Effect to the Churchwardens of S<sup>t</sup> Johns to ticket 200 poor of their parish and to be at Sir Walters exactly at two o'Clock

**1 Dec 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

1774 Decem<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Advised Plumb & Browne of a p<sup>ce</sup> of fine Silver sent them this Day  
Qty - 504 Ounces at p oz

**26 Dec 1774 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Faber**

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Faber at Calverley near Bradford – Yorkshire

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1774

Sir I have a Letter from Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett ordering me to write you about the four Pounds which he pays John Horn half Yearly for Interest of £200 and which John is desirous of receiving by your Assistance - if you think proper to do this Service for him Sir Walter will reimburse you in such Way as may be readiest to you and says he will write you accordingly - When you make these paym<sup>ts</sup> to John Horn please to get him to sign receipts to the Effect of the inclosed I am etc Hen Richmond

P.S. the form of the receipt is below

Sir Walter Blackett Baro <sup>t</sup> to John Horn	Dr
For ½ a y <sup>rs</sup> intr <sup>t</sup> of £100 at 4 pC <sup>t</sup> due 1 Nov <sup>r</sup> 1774	2.0.0
For ½ a y <sup>rs</sup> intr <sup>t</sup> of £100 at 4 pC <sup>t</sup> due 13 Dec <sup>r</sup> 1774	2.0.0
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	4.0.0

1774 Decem<sup>r</sup> Received of Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> by John Eras<sup>s</sup> Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> the Sum of Four Pounds in full of the above Note - As Witness my hand

**30 Dec 1774 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin - N<sup>o</sup> 4 Hatton Street London

Newcas 30 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1774

Sir I have given the Cuttings of the White Syrian Grape you sent to Sir Walters Gardener here as you desired - Sir Walter is inclined to take a Thousand Pounds of M<sup>r</sup> Lamberts on his Bond agreeable to M<sup>r</sup> Fawcetts request to him. so you will please to prepare a Bond against his return to Lond<sup>n</sup> in £2000 to Chris J Fawcett of the Town & County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esq<sup>r</sup> conditioned for payment of £1000 & ints<sup>t</sup> at £4.10s.0d p Cent<sup>m</sup> & I shall write Sir Walter about it. I wrote you about three Sets of Gold weights. to wit a Guinea ½ Guinea & qua<sup>r</sup> Guinea & now I see they will be to be had the 22<sup>d</sup> next Month of John Whitehurst N<sup>o</sup> 4 Bolt Court Fleet Street - you will please to get us them & send them by the Fly directed to me. I never was in a Lottery before but this Year I was foolish enough to try for my Boys but suppose I have got a Blank - My Ticket was N<sup>o</sup> 56706 so if you will be so good as order Enquiry to be made after its fate & if a Blank on what day it was drawn I shall be obliged to you: for it was bought after the Lottery was begun drawing. You will send to M<sup>r</sup> Blackett or me as soon as you can an Acco<sup>t</sup> of all your Payments about the Election that I may make out the whole Expence attending that Business which ended as honourably for us as could have been wished - I wish you the Comp<sup>s</sup> of the Season & am HR

**30 Dec 1774 From Henry Richmond to J Hutchinson**

M<sup>r</sup> J Hutchinson at Appleby

Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1774

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has desired me to give an Answer to your Letter complaining of damage done your Tenant by the smoke of Rookhope Mill. This is a charge cannot be admitted of, because the Benefit you & your Tenants have received by the Neighbourhood of the Mill is well known. However to obviate any occasion of further complaints Sir Walter will have no Objection to take a Lease of your Farm on the Terms he paid your Father which I believe was sixteen Pounds a Year I am etc HR

**30 Dec 1774 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Foster Lane London

Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1774

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by Rob<sup>t</sup> Cave the London Carrier a p<sup>c</sup> of fine Silver containing Five hundred & ninety three Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the market price & advise me on your Receipt of it I am etc HR

**26 Dec 1774 File note Henry Richmond**

26 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1774 Wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Maughan M<sup>r</sup> C Hunter & M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth fixing the Pays to be on the 11 & 12 of Janry first. HR

**11 Jan 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> Half moon Street Piccadilly London`

Newcas 11 Janry 1775

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett says the £1000 is to be lent in his Name & that it is ready so I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin to have a Bond prepared against your return to London which if you please to Execute & send to M<sup>r</sup> Blackett He will receive the Money. But I doubt the £1000 paid M<sup>r</sup> Trevelyan the Expence of the Election with the Pays etc which last Article comes to about £18500 will make it most prudent to use this Money than to pay D<sup>r</sup> Blacketts off at present.

I have answered the Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson w<sup>ch</sup> is an unreasonable one as his Estate is considerably advanced by the Neighbourhood of your Mill; tho' now & then an Accident may happen

The hogshead of Ale will be sent as you ordered to M<sup>r</sup> Cornelisson as soon as the Season will allow which M<sup>r</sup> Evans thinks will be in March. M<sup>r</sup> J Parks Guild is called & he may take up his freedom at any time

I sent to M<sup>r</sup> Aubone & have wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Faber about John Horns Money - M<sup>r</sup> Bell would write you that the fisheries could not be let to Satisfaction. So they are only let for one Year from 10<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> last to Anth<sup>y</sup> Lambert & partners for £370. M<sup>r</sup> Blackett went yesterday with the Money to make the Pays for the Leadmines & the Stewards are to take care till they receive further directions not to exceed 46s a Bing for the whole Charge of their Ore - for the price of Lead is not yet likely to mend. I am etc HR

**14 Jan 1775 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcas 14<sup>th</sup> Janry 1775

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by Fran<sup>s</sup> Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven hundred and ninety nine Ounces; which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on your receipt of it - I heartily wish you many happy Years & am etc HR  
799 Ounces at poz

**14 Jan 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street London

Newcas 14<sup>th</sup> Janry 1775

Sir

To what I said in my last about three sets of Gold Weights I have to add that I desire you will also send three sets of Silver Weights from a Crown piece downwards to Sixpence & also one Set of all the Subdivisions of the Gold Weights from five penny Weight down to one grain; which I see by the Gazette are to be had of John Whitehurst & I wish you could get of any good maker a pair of Scales suitable for weighing Guineas & infra to a Grain for all we get here are coarse & inaccurate things; fitter to produce disputes than to decide them - the sooner you send me these Articles after the 22 instant the better - the Charge of them you will place to Sir Walter Blacketts Account & if you can get a Case made for the Scales it will be more convenient than without.

I am obliged to you for your enquires about my Tickets & as I do not know when you propose visiting Newcastle wish you would get of M<sup>r</sup> Turner the Expence you have been at about this or any other Article on my Account & I will repay him

Sir Walter I understand will be in London soon after you receive this & then I suppose the Bond to M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett will be sent as the Money is ready.

A Copy of a little paper Deed being an Award allotting Eighty Acres of East Ord moor in right of West Ord was made last Year by M<sup>r</sup> John Bell & sent you but the Original was not returned me by him nor can it be found so it is feared it may have been burnt amongst the great Quantity of Election papers that were in his hand - If you have that Copy & would send it me it may be of use  
I am etc HR

**17 Jan 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> M.P Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> Janry 1775

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir

The Opinion which M<sup>r</sup> Thurloe sent you about Leadmines paying poor Cess I think was not left with me nor do I know whether he looked upon himself or you as most interested in the Answer to the Case which I suppose had been Stated by the parish of Stanhope: but I see by the Rules of the Court of Kings Bench that the Judges were so clear that Leadmines were intended by the Legislature to be exempt from poor Cess that they would not give the Council the trouble to reply. And Lawyer Fawcett is very Clear no rate can be justified in respect of the Rents or Compositions you pay either the Bishop or Rector

The paper of the Additions you intended to the Servants Wages I did not receive.

I expect a months time will enable me to settle such Accounts as the Conclusion of the Year, & the Pays make immediately necessary: & then I will apply to the making out such an Account of your Affairs as you described & will communicate the same to M<sup>r</sup> Blackett

A proposal has been made to the Magistrates by several Farmers & Butchers to have a Weekly markt for Cattle in this Town as in Morpeth etc if a proper place would be agreed upon & it is to be taken into consideration on Thursday. Four middling pine Apples which the Gardner cut on Saturday were sent with your Comp<sup>ts</sup> to the Mayor as the Guild was yesterday. I do not hear of any thing material that passed at it but a Demand made by M<sup>r</sup> Smith & M<sup>r</sup> Gibson to have some resolutions of the Burgesses ( as they called themselves) at the former Guilds now ent[e]red in the Guild Book & to have M<sup>r</sup> Mosley censored for refusing them Their Guildhall - all which the Mayor answered with propriety & a becoming Spirit  
I am etc HR

**26 Feb 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> Febry 1775

Sir

In Answer to your Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant desiring to know how you are to come at the Tithe of wool & Lamb of Shotton when the Stock is sold off the Prem[is]es which you say the farmer is for doing at Whitsuntide - The Answer is - You cannot stop the Sheep for the Tithe - perhaps as Whitsuntide does not fall till June this Year the Sheep will all have lamb'd & the Wool may be shorn before the Sale; consequently the Tithe thereof will become due to S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett & he will have his remedy at Law against the Farmer but if the Sheep have neither lamb'd nor are shorn & the Farmer does not compound with you for the Tithe of the Wool you must get M<sup>r</sup> Coll Forster to sue him for the Tithe of ajistment of the Sheep in Shotton as unprofitable Cattle depastured in Shotton with respect to their Wool: & as to the Tithe of Lambs if that is not paid the farmer must be sued either in the Ecclesiastical Court or at Law; only you

cannot Stop the Sheep for the Tithe as there does not appear to be any imputation of fraud in the Case you stated - You were desired to buy some Oats for these Stables - this was the time, so you may buy a hundred Bolls but do it directly or I must. M<sup>r</sup> Duffield ordered some Boxes to be made here but he should have told me of them without which they cannot be done. I am etc HR

**1 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett Boro<sup>t</sup> M.P  
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas 1<sup>st</sup> March 1775

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir Inclosed is the Account which you directed me to make out of the value of your real & personal Estates as near as it can be done at this time of the Year - the Accounts of the Leadmines for 1774 not being yet brought in - I have made a duplicate of this Account which I shall give to M<sup>r</sup> Blackett this Evening if I can see him; or at furthest to morrow. I am etc HR

**15 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> M.P  
Half moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas 15 March 1775

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir M<sup>r</sup> Heron having ingrossed the Lease of Hackford Leadmine which you agreed to grant to the Executors of M<sup>r</sup> Baker of Elmore & they being desirous of having it executed I have examined it & sent it by the Fly Coach this Day to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin to wait upon you with it. M<sup>r</sup> Evans Says here is a hogshead of very fine Ale; so it will be sent in the course of the next Month which M<sup>r</sup> Widdrington says is as soon as it will be safe to do it, to M<sup>r</sup> Osy at Rotterdam, in a double Cask; & I shall write M<sup>r</sup> Osy when it is Shipt.

I hope you are well.

I am etc HR

**15 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street London

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> March 1775

Sir

I have sent by this days Coach directed to you a Lease of a Leadmine in the Manor of Hexham which S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett agreed to grant to the Extors of John Baker Esq<sup>r</sup> & which M<sup>r</sup> Heron has engrossed & the Lessers are Earnest to have executed - I have examined it & you will please to wait upon Sir Walter with it; to whom I have wrote by this Post.

M<sup>r</sup> Blackett was saying there was some Alteration in the Schedule of the Debts Sir Walter owes in London & the quarterly payments to be made thereon - the last State I had of them was in June 1774. I reced some time ago the Weights and Scales for Money as I desired; but the large Weights and Measures for Hexham which I wrote you about on 6 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1771 by Sir Walters direction I have heard nothing of; till M<sup>r</sup> Blackett was lately asking me about them upon some Enquiry from Sir Walter or you. but I suppose that Enquiry must rather have related to the Set which was ordered for this Town when Mr Blackett was Mayor. P.S. Pray have you heard or seen any thing of my Brother of late - I hope he has dropt his visionary Schemes & is applying to Business again - No Doubt you have heard of M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Lamberts failure  
I am etc HR

**17 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron Attorney at Law In Hexham

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> March 1775

Sir M<sup>r</sup> John Bell having wrote to Sir Walter Blackett that M<sup>r</sup> Cuthbert was going to inclose a part of Nubbock Common Sir Walter bid him communicate the Matter to me & ordered that the Case should be stated by you. Accordingly M<sup>r</sup> Bell was to acquaint you with the facts: which he sometime ago told me he had done & that you would send the Case to me. As I have not received it & Sir Walter a Post or two ago enquired what has been done about this Matter I must beg the favour of you to send me the Case as soon as you conveniently can. I have sent the Lease of Hackford Mine to Sir Walter & am etc HR

**19 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 19<sup>th</sup> March 1775

Sir I received your Septem<sup>r</sup> Qua<sup>r</sup> Acco<sup>t</sup> & several Accounts of the Mill Clerks & am surprised that Coalcleugh Ore should have yielded so much better than Kilhope. I wish there is not some mistake with regard to the former or some negligence with respect to washing the latter. I think I once told you I did not want Is. Walton to make up Accounts of the produce of his Weardale Ore but to leave That to me. The sooner you can get ready for a Pay the better; for I would desire to have it made the last Week in April; if possible, or at furthest the beginning of May I am etc HR

**23 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale

Newcas 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1775

Sir In your Partnership Account ending 30<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> last you make the Ore delivered to Sir Walters Mill 118B. 2h & that he has 51B. 3h lying at the Groves & you say the Ore ~~lying~~ sent to M<sup>r</sup> Bacons Mill & lying is 170B. 1b. : Now I want you to distinguish how much is sent to M<sup>r</sup> Bacon's Mill & how much is lying; & desire when you come hither you will be so good as bring me an Account accordingly I am etc HR

**26 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> March 1775

Gentlemen

I have this day sent you by Rob<sup>t</sup> Cave the London a piece of fine Silver containing Seven Hundred and Nineteen Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on your Receipt of it

I shall in a few posts get M<sup>r</sup> J.E.Blackett to draw a Bill on you for Fourteen Hundred pounds on Sir Walter's Acco<sup>t</sup> and am etc HR



**26 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> March 1775

Sir Inclosed I return you the Draft of the Case about Nubbuck with such Alterations as appear necessary to M<sup>r</sup> Bell and me - You will please as soon as possible to get this case laid before both M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett and M<sup>r</sup> Wilson for their Opinion and as there are only two Queries I should suppose a Guinea would be a sufficient Fee to each but of this you are a better Judge than etc  
HR

**28 March 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron Attorney at Law in Hexham

Newcas 28<sup>th</sup> March 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has executed the Lease of Hackford Mine and it will be ready to be exchanged whenever the Counterpart is brought to me executed by all the Lessees; of which please to acquaint them or some person concerned for them - I hope I shall receive from the Council their Opinions about Nubbuck as soon as possible I am etc HR

**3 April 1775 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield  
to be left at Mr Pearson's, Surgeon in Hexham

Newcas 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1775

Sir I have fixed your Pay to be on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of this Month and desire if you have no particular Objection to the day that you will give Notice accordingly - So I could have you be here on Monday Evening the 24<sup>th</sup> receive your Money on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, go to Dukesfield with it on the 26<sup>th</sup> and make your Pay as I said on the 27<sup>th</sup> I am etc HR

**7 April 1775 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Alder**

M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Alder at Adderstone near Belford – North

Newcas 7<sup>th</sup> April 1775

Sir Inclosed is M<sup>r</sup> Bacon Forsters Executors's Acco<sup>t</sup> of their Proportion of Weardale Rents Compositions etc for the last Year & also their Acco<sup>t</sup> for the six Years past: & I cannot help expressing my wonder that the Extors should suffer this Money to remain unpaid so long; as they may be sensible they have no right to remove any Ore whilst such an Arrear is standing out against them - Your Attention to the carrying forwards the Partnership Mines & making the Pays so regularly makes me hope my Writing to you will be taken Notice of. but my Letters to M<sup>r</sup> Johnson have had no Effect. I am etc HR

**24 April 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin No 47 Hatton Street London

Newcas 24 April 1775

Sir Inclosed I return you your several Queries with Answers thereto in order to form an Addition to the Case concerning the Inclosure upon the Waste of the Manor of Hexham at Nubbuck & hope it will be satisfactory - A ship is come in here with a Box & a Case directed to Sir Walter Blackett which I suppose will prove the Scales Weights & Measures for Hexham but they are not yet landed - when they are got out I shall forward them to Hexham - As to the Schedule of Sir Walters payments in London he often asks me about these Matters & therefore I think you had better send me a State of them as I mentioned before - I wrote you on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Janry desiring that you would return the Copy of a little paper Deed sent you in May last being an Award allotting 80 Acres of East Ord moor in right of West Ord & acquainted you that the Original was mislaid & that that Copy which you have might be of use - As we have not yet found the Deed I sho<sup>d</sup> be glad you wo<sup>d</sup> return me this Copy I am etc HR

**26 April 1775 From Henry Richmond to Cornelius Osy**

Cornelis Joseph Osy Esq<sup>r</sup> at Rotterdam

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> April 1775

Sir By the direction of Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett I have shipt this day in the Love & Unity - Capt<sup>n</sup> Joseph Mack a hogshead of Ale directed for you to the Care of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Pieter Dander Hoeven & C<sup>o</sup> - It is intended as a present to M<sup>r</sup> Cornelisson at Antwerp to whom you will please to forward - it is inclosed in a Case with Saw dust between the Outer and Inner Casks and it will be a Satisfaction to know of its arriving safe. I am etc HR

**28 April 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron Attorney at Law In Hexham

Newcas 28<sup>th</sup> April 1775

Sir The Weights & Measures which were ordered by Sir Walter Blackett for the Court at Hexham near four Years ago are now come & in his Office here - I shall send them to you as soon as I know you are at Home or you will please to order the Carrier to call for them. I sho<sup>d</sup> be glad to know, when you open the Boxes, what they contain as I have not unpacked them here. Young M<sup>r</sup> Baker called upon me the other day with the Counterpart of the Lease of Hackford Mine executed only by M<sup>rs</sup> Baker & said that Lawyer Hopper had told them her executing was sufficient but I was not satisfied with That as the Lease is made to Lord Strathmore M<sup>r</sup> John Baker M<sup>r</sup> Hopper & M<sup>rs</sup> Baker jointly & without saying they are Extors of George Baker Esq<sup>r</sup> so I reserved the Lease till I should hear further & sho<sup>d</sup> know your Opinion about it. M<sup>r</sup> Bell was saying you wanted one of the Acts of Parliament about Blanchland & Hexham Boundary - I can let you have one by any Opportunity you direct; for I desired M<sup>r</sup> Darwin to send me some of them but he sent so few that I thought it right to be carefull of them for Sir W<sup>rs</sup> Office & did not doubt you wo<sup>d</sup> have had a Sufficient Number sent you as Attorney in the Commission. I am etc HR

**6 May 1775 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

NCastle 6<sup>th</sup> May 1775

Gent<sup>m</sup> I sent you yesterday by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing 884 Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the market Price and advise me on your receipt of it I am etc HR

**15 May 1775 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> George Selby - Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> May 1775

Sir I received your Letter that M<sup>r</sup> Selby is desirous of having the Lease of Unthank Colliery delivered him which he certainly should have had before this if Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett had obtained the Arrears due from the Tenants of the Colliery & which he cannot yet prosecute them for without the help of this Lease. We have got half of the Debt & as soon as we get the rest the Lease shall be sent you - in the mean time it shall be ready to attend any occasion M<sup>r</sup> Selby shall have for it & as he has an attested Copy I hope no inconvenience will arise to him while we find it necessary to reserve the Lease. I am etc HR

**20 May 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas 20<sup>th</sup> May 1775

Sir Your Account for the Year 1773 which you were too late in bringing in last Year will be examined with the Vouchers & the duplicate signed & sent you as soon as my present hurry of business is over: only I must beg you will let me have your last Years Acco<sup>t</sup> in a fortnights time; either with or without the Vouchers, for the present - the balance of your Account for 1773 when the Omissions are added is £359. 15s. 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d & the Debts £101. 19s. 1d & these you are to give Sir Walter credit for in your Acco<sup>t</sup> for last Year I am etc HR

**26 May 1775 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 26 May 1775

to be left at M<sup>r</sup> Pearsons – Surgeon in Hexham

Sir I am sorry your Ore Carriers from Coalcleugh & Allanheads are so difficult to deal with this Year - It will be wrong to lose much time in treating with them as there is so much Ore lying at the several Mines I see no other Way but for you to make as good a Bargain as you can with them either by promising them a Pay in October, or if no better can be, to give them some little Advance in the Price; but in doing this you will be attentive to what the Quakers Company & other Proprietors do & regulate yourself by their Conduct I am etc HR

**2 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1775

Sir I have signed the Duplicate of your Account for the Year 1773 & have sent it you by the Bearer Tho<sup>s</sup> Thompson & hope you will be able to let me have your Acco<sup>t</sup> for the last Year

in a little time as I wrote you last Week for I am quite at a Stand for want of it & Sir Walter has been asking me for the Acco<sup>t</sup> which I cannot make up till I have your's I am etc HR

**13 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> June 1775

Sir Your two pieces of Silver from Dukesfield are come to hand & are weighed - the one of them weighs Seven hundred & Twenty five Ounces & the other of them weighs only seven hundred & forty Ounces & a half so that you must be mistaken in your Weights. I am etc HR  
P.S. I have seen M<sup>r</sup> Marshall and discharged him

**13 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin - N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street London

Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> June 1775

Sir

The Commissioners appointed by the Act of Parliament have had one Sitting for Examining Witnesses touching the disputed Ground between Blanchland & Hexham & have adjourned to the 24<sup>th</sup> of next month when they will finish the Parole Evidence on both Sides; After that they will adjourn to some subsequent day when such written Testimony as each side can offer must be produced.

From such Copies of Grants as I have it seems as if something might be had to prove that the disputed ground or great part of it lies within the Manor of Hexham; but this opinion of mine I shall communicate to Mr Heron in a little time - What I could wish to know from you at present is - Whether you have any Office Copy of the Arch Bishop of Yorks Grant (Inter alia) to Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> ( dated 14<sup>th</sup> March in the 36 Year of his Reign) of the Manor of Hexham with its Members & Appurt[nance]s & whether you have the Original Grant from Queen Eliz<sup>h</sup> to Sir John Forster dated 12 April 1579 of the Spirituallity in Hexham & Hexhamshire & whether you have the original or an office Copy of King Charle's Grant to Sir John Heydon & others of the Manor of Hexham & also whether you have the Original Grant dated 20<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1632 from the said Sir John Heydon and others to Sir John Fenwick of the aforesaid Manor of Hexham with all its Members etc - Such of these particulars as you have you will please to Express & those you have not whether you can procure in Case they should be thought necessary to be exhibited to the Commissioners - It is possible this Business if agreeable to you, may occasion you a Journey to Newcastle I am etc HR

P.S. wrote Mr Darwin to send, 4 dozen <lb> of the best Tallow Mould Candles, by Sea.

**13 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron - Attorney at Law In Hexham

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> June 1775

Sir It will not be necessary to transcribe the Copy of the Grant of the Manor of Hexham which I have till you see whether or no it can be of any use to produce it & you will soon discover that when I have an opportunity of laying it before you so we will let it remain till you can conveniently come to Town; in the mean time I have wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin to acquaint me whether he has the Original ready to produce in Case it should be wanted & also where the

Originals are of some other Grants w<sup>ch</sup> I apprehend must also be had in Case this Grant of the Manor of Hexham is to be exhibited. I am etc HR

**17 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne - Goldsmiths Foster Lane – London Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> June 1775

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by Robert Cave the London Carrier Two pieces of fine Silver, in a Box, containing together Fourteen Hundred & Sixty five Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett B<sup>t</sup> as usual at the Market price & advise me of your Receipt of Them I am etc HR

	oz
a p <sup>e</sup> fine Silver in q <sup>ty</sup>	740 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Another p <sup>e</sup> D <sup>o</sup> q <sup>ty</sup>	725
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	1465 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

**17 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street London Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> June 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett is very desirous of having M<sup>r</sup> Wallace's Opinion on the Case about M<sup>r</sup> Cuthberts Encroachment on the Wastes of Hexham Manor adjoining to his Estates at Nubbuck and will be obliged to you if you will Enquire if it is done or if M<sup>r</sup> Wallace can let him have it soon I am etc HR

**22 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Robert Allgood**

M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Allgood Allanheads Newcas 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me acquaint you that he has thought proper to appoint M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster to Succeed M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Hunter as his Chief Grove Steward at Allanheads & that He has no doubt but your Father & you in your respective Stations will concur with M<sup>r</sup> Forster in every Thing that is for His Advantage & the carrying on the Grove properly. I am etc HR

**22 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Westgarth Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster at Coalcleugh Newcas 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has thought proper to appoint you to succeed M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Hunter of which I give you Joy & desire you will come down hither as soon as you can I am etc HR

**24 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcas 24<sup>th</sup> June 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has appointed M<sup>r</sup> Crawhall to be a Grove Steward at Coalcleugh so there will be a Clerk wanted at Allanheads Mill: about that & other Business I would wish to see you on Monday or Tuesday next. I am etc HR

**30 June 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> June 1775

Sir

I should be glad to know what sort of Health Tho<sup>s</sup> Hepple of Kirkhill now has & also whether Ralph Clarke Brother to the Clarke's of Newhouse is alive & in good Health for these are lives in two Leases which Sr W<sup>r</sup> Blackett is possessed of I am etc HR

**1 July 1775 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne - Goldsmiths Foster Lane – London

Newcas 1<sup>st</sup> July 1775

Gentlemen I sent you Yesterday by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight hundred & seven Ounces & a half: which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett, as usual, at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt thereof

I am etc HR

OZ 807<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> at p Ounce

**20 Aug 1775 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Marshall**

To M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Marshall in Hexham

Newcastle 20<sup>th</sup> August 1775

Sir I desire you will give my Compliments to M<sup>rs</sup> Loraine, the Money S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett owes her upon bond is ready (as I told M<sup>r</sup> Bell when he said she desired to have it) to be paid to her at any time & place she pleases. He fixed the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>: but you say, in your Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, she desires to have it on the 28<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup>. She will let me know certainly which day will be agreeable to her & it will be brought to her in money or bank notes, as she appoints.

I am etc HR

**22 Aug 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newcas 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1775

Sir Your not sending me your acco<sup>t</sup> as the other Agents do, in May or June, is inconvenient to Sir Walter's business, as I have often told you. but your falling so much behind as you did last year, & are now doing This, puts everything to a Nonplus & will bring a Censure upon you that I would wish to prevent I am etc HR

**7 Sept 1775 From Henry Richmond to Westgarth Forster**



M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster at Allanheads

Newcas 7<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir In Answer to your Letter to S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett about two proposals for Leases of Lead Veins in Hexham Comon; he says he has no Objection to let at a  $\frac{1}{5}$ <sup>th</sup> of the Ore well washed & for the Term of Twenty one Years if the Ground to be let was but well ascertained as therefore the Quantity in a Tack Note usually is Twelve hundred Yards in length and twenty Yards on each Side of the Vein so I would have you fix with M<sup>r</sup> Marshall & M<sup>r</sup> Teasdale where their respective Tacks are to commence & then I will get M<sup>r</sup> Bell to see them both & as soon after that as I can they will have Sir Walters determination - Care must be taken that M<sup>r</sup> Teasdale's Ground does not interfere with M<sup>r</sup> Marshall's - I hope you will be able to get this settled against you come down  
I am etc HR

**8 Sept 1775 From Henry Richmond to Westgarth Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster at Allanheads

Newcas 8<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Since I wrote my other Letter Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett has been asking me whether you had got from Mr Allgood all the Books belonging to his Office at Allanheads as well those in M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Hunters time as before - When you come to Newcastle you will bring an Account what Books you have got & if any & what are yet remaining in M<sup>r</sup> Allgoods hands for Sir Walter is intituled to every Account kept in his Office only Duplicates of the Cash Account might have been made for M<sup>r</sup> Hunter's Extors.  
I am etc HR

**11 Sept 1775 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan**

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Maughan at Newhouse. Weardale

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Clavering has told Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett that he is willing to Sell his own & his Brothers part of Shortthorns Estate & desired to know if Sir Walter would buy it - Sir Walter chuses, before he gives an Answer, to have your Opinion whether such a Purchase will be of any & what Advantage to his Estate at Newhouse or any inconvenience would ensue from its falling into other hands. You can let me have the Answer hereto when you come to Newcastle  
I am etc HR

**11 Sept 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street London

Newcastle 11 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Inclosed I return you the duplicate of the acco<sup>t</sup> which the Stroke of the palsy left standing open between us & which I am very glad Now to settle with you. I have read M<sup>r</sup> Wheble's note for the Candles & am obliged to you for the trouble you have had about this article  
I am Yr etc HR

**15 Sept 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin - Hatton Street London

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1775

**3 Oct 1775    From Henry Richmond to Robert Allgood**

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered you to be dismissed from his Service - he is pleased to allow you to continue till the 31<sup>st</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> next in Case you behave well and if you do so he intends also to make you a Present. I am etc HR

### 3 Oct 1775 From Henry Richmond to Westgarth Forster

Sir Sir Walter Blackett orders That M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Allgood be dismissed from his Service - he is pleased to permit him to stay till the 31<sup>st</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> next provided he behaves well & in that Case will also make him a Present - He also orders That M<sup>r</sup> Lanc<sup>t</sup> Allgood be taken into his Service directly so you will tell him to come down to Newcastle & call upon me as soon as he conveniently can.

I am etc HR

Gent<sup>n</sup> I have this day sent you by Robert Cave the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven hundred & Ninety eight Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the market price & advise me on your Receipt of it. P.S. I shall tell M<sup>r</sup> Blackett he may draw a Bill upon you in two or three Posts for Eleven hundred Pounds. I am etc HR

Sir I hear you have given up the Chandlers Business in favour of Matthew Robson - If it is so, I should be glad to know it from yourself I am etc HR

**15 Oct 1775 From Henry Richmond to Robert Redhead**

M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Readhead at The Lee near Rothbury

Newcas 15 Octo<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant is far from satisfying Sir Walter Blackett who has given you so much time for the payment of the Arrear of Rent due from you to him for Unthank Colliery; however he is willing to forebear a little longer before he puts the Bond in Suit & provided you pay One hundred Pounds in one month from this date and the other on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December next he will be Content otherwise M<sup>r</sup> Gibson will have orders to proceed I am etc HR

**15 Oct 1775 From Henry Richmond to Abraham Brown**

Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Abm Brown at Mollersteads

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett bids me write you in answer to your Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant That he has no Objection to your making a Trial on the terms of the Tack Note granted to Rich<sup>d</sup> Anderson & C<sup>o</sup> of which Company he is told you are one only. you will please to observe That, agreeable to the Rules of Tack Notes no time must be lost in carrying the same into Execution for half a Year is already elapsed of the time usually allowed for Trial. You will please to apply to M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster at Allanheads for any further particulars you want to be informed of I am etc HR

**15 Oct 1775 From Henry Richmond to George Selby**

M<sup>r</sup> Geo Selby Attorney at Law In Alnwick

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir I have shewn S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett your Letter demanding the Lease of Unthank Colliery which was left with him for the Recovery of the Arrears of Rent from the Tenants - Sir Walter has not yet got all the money but however does want to keep any thing from M<sup>r</sup> Selby that he has a right to; so if M<sup>r</sup> Selby of Beal will favour me with a Line desiring me to Send him Sir Walter Blacketts Lease to Rob<sup>t</sup> & William Readhead dated the 6<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1771 & promising to produce the said Lease in any Court at the Request and for the benefit of the said Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett in obtaining payment of the Arrear of Rent due to him for Unthank Colliery aforesaid I shall then deliver it to his Order. I am etc HR

**14 Oct 1775 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne - Goldsmiths Foster lane – London

Newcas 14<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1775

Gent<sup>n</sup> I sent you Yesterday by Jn<sup>o</sup> & James Jackson the London Carriers two pieces of fine Silver, Weight as below, which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of Them I am etc HR

	Ounces		
a p <sup>e</sup> Silver	q <sup>ty</sup> 594	at	p oz
Ano <sup>r</sup> p <sup>e</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	q <sup>ty</sup> 762 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	at	p oz
	1356 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>		

**30 Oct 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Cambo

Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> October 1775

Sir I have fixed the Rent day to be on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November of which M<sup>r</sup> Laidler will give Notice to the Tenants and you will please to have all the Bills got in and examined against that day - I wish you could contrive to lessen the Balance due from you to Sir Walter Blackett - till you do that you are not to expect any more Money but M<sup>r</sup> Laidler has orders to receive every thing and I do not doubt but you will assist him with Information and Acco<sup>ts</sup> to enable him to do that Business right till Sir Walter Blackett gives further Order - You will also let M<sup>r</sup> Duffield have the Garden Book for he is to pay those Bills and will return you your Receipt which I cut off the Bill you sent last in. I am sorry to find there is Eleven Pounds unpaid of former Garden Bills and wish you could discharge such Articles as you in that way received Money for I am etc HR

**30 Oct 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> half moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ed</sup> Sir M<sup>r</sup> Duffield has taken Money to pay the Garden Bill and M<sup>r</sup> Laidler thinks he can manage all other Receipts & payments till you order otherwise so no more Money will be paid to M<sup>r</sup> Forster on any Account & he thereby will be prevented from doing further mischief. The Rent day will be on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> when all Bills will be settled and it will appear whether he had got any more money of the Tenants than he owned with when you were here; he made no answer to the advice given him to Sell his Estate. I am told his Estate being only Dean & Chapter's Lease and no more than a personalty the Way to secure against other Creditors is to take out Execution under the Judgement & lodge it with the Sherif; but M<sup>r</sup> Darwin, to whom I suppose M<sup>r</sup> Gibson would send the Judgement, can advise about this - the hare you were so good as to send me escaped my mind but you will please now to accept our Thanks for it. I am etc HR

**10 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin Hatton Street London

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir

I hope S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett is better of his Cold - it will give me great Satisfaction to know That - With regard to your Letter of the 4 instant I immediately upon Receipt of it sent to Cambo for M<sup>r</sup> Ra Forster - he came here Yesterday about One o'Clock but shewed great Reluctance to tell me any thing further of the State of his Affairs than what he told Sir Walter at my House or to do any thing that wo<sup>d</sup> prejudice his other Creditors - At length by getting Mr Gibson to talk to

him (from whom by the by I find the Bond & Judgement is of little avail to us) we obtained from him an acco<sup>t</sup> of ~~all~~ his Effects as inclosed; by which it appears, & indeed M<sup>r</sup> Gibsons advice is Consonant thereto, that nothing else can be done than getting an Assignment of his Effects to Trustees for the benefit of all his Creditors - he went home last Night in order to make up his Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter & to see whether his Wife will assign her Interest in the Lease

he takes it very ill The Tenants should have been told to pay no more money to him & says he would not have received any more but nevertheless he has received since he ought not 8.14.6 for old Milstones but he says he has paid Nine Guineas for a Mare; by this at least shewing an Inclination to go on with his Cash Acco<sup>t</sup> tho he has been discharged & certainly ought to have been so publicly; having used Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett very ill - M<sup>r</sup> Gibson will keep the Execution in Reserve & will write to you about this Matter by this Nights Post - he will also write you by this Nights Post or in a post or two about purchasing (for S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blackett) the Interest which a person who lives in the Strand has to some old Houses & Ground in the High bridge here adjoining Sir Walters. I am etc HR

**10 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> MP Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ed</sup> Sir

It would give me great Satisfaction to know that you are better. M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster came here Yesterday. he was very unwilling to tell me further about his Affairs: but by degrees I got from him the inclosed particulars. As to giving you any further Security than the Bond & Judgement he thought he said it might injure the rest of his Creditors! indeed M<sup>r</sup> Gibson who was here during part of our Conversation said the Bond & Judgement would signify little against the Leasehold Estates as Fellgate is mortgaged to its full value & in Lavrick Hall M<sup>rs</sup> Forster has a joint Interest so there remains only his Household Goods & the Stock on his Farm which may together be worth £200. M<sup>r</sup> Gibsons advice is for M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Forster to assign their Effects and the residue of their Intrest in the Leaseholds to Trustees for the benefit of all their Creditors & for you to accept your distribution Share thereof - He went home last Night to try what his Wife would agree to do, & to make up his last acco<sup>t</sup> chusing to do it only with the help of ~~his~~ the Schoolmaster. he thinks himself hardly used in the Tenants being told to pay him no more money & yet he has received £8. 14s. 6d for old Milstones since he was discharged but he says he has paid £9. 9s. 0d for a Mare for Philip. M<sup>r</sup> Gibson will keep the Execution ready lest there should be occasion with respect to his Goods & Stock & will write by this Post to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin: to whom I have also written.

M<sup>r</sup> Blackett is better & called upon me today; he desired I would say so & that he doubted he could not write to you to Night. I am better & am etc HR

**14 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to John Laidler**

1775 Nov<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Wrote M<sup>r</sup> Ladler & sent him the Characters of ~~Joseph~~ Josh<sup>a</sup> Straker & M<sup>r</sup> Forsters Letters to Sir Walter with directions to let Donkin Rig farm to him agreeable to M<sup>r</sup> Darwins Letter.

**14 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

Same Day - Wrote also M<sup>r</sup> Duffield about the two Drainers & sent him the Direction, about employing them according to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin's Letter. HR P.S. desired that he & M<sup>r</sup> Ladler wo<sup>d</sup> give an Eye to M<sup>r</sup> Forsters goods & Stock unless he sho<sup>d</sup> remove any thing.

**14 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

Same Day - Wrote also to M<sup>r</sup> Forster desiring him to send the Account between Sir Walter and him without further delay. HR

**15 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> MP Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ed</sup> Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Forster writes me that ~~he agrees~~ his Wife agrees to assign her intrest in the reversion of the Leaseholds, to Trustees for the benefit of all his Creditors. so M<sup>r</sup> Gibson as soon as he has your direction, will proceed to take the Assignment etc. M<sup>r</sup> Forster says nothing about his account, therefore I have wrote to him to hasten him. I have wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Laidler about letting Donkin Rig to J Straker according to M<sup>r</sup> Darwins Letter & sent him M<sup>r</sup> Forsters Letter containing the proposals. M<sup>r</sup> Forsters conduct has been so contrary to good Faith that no dependence can be had upon him in any transaction whatever & if a good Land Steward could be found the sooner you were done with him the better. M<sup>r</sup> Laidler, if he could write better, seems to have sufficient Qualifications: but this is what you are the best Judge of. I have written to M<sup>r</sup> Duffield about the two Drainers; but M<sup>r</sup> Blackett, since I wrote says, he does not expect them for about two Months - Your return hither may contribute to your Health; it will certainly lend to the Adjustment of your landed Affairs, to your Satisfactions

M<sup>r</sup> Blackett desires I will mention that he goes to morrow to Wooler & will return on Saturday; & that he proposes to be at Wallington on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> which is the Rent day - before that day I hope we may get all settled with Forster; provided he sends his acco<sup>t</sup>; and an answer to my Letters to you & M<sup>r</sup> Darwin of last Friday is received in Course of post and no unforeseen obstacle comes in M<sup>r</sup> Gibsons Way. Your own arrival here in good Health against That day will give real Satisfaction to etc HR

**17 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Forster**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster at Wallington

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett orders me to discharge you immediately from his Service; of which you will please to take Notice.

P.S. I wish you had sent me your Account by the Cartman. I am etc HR

**17 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**



M<sup>r</sup> Duffield - Gardinir at Wallington

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered me to discharge M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster immediately from his Service which I have done by a Letter delivered him by the Bearer. As to the two Drainers M<sup>r</sup> Blackett tells me they will not come this Six Weeks or two months to Wallington; having met with a Job that detains them - P.S. I am sorry for your Accident; as to the Drainers I do not suppose they have any Beds of their own so they must be supplied.

**17 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to John Laidler**

M<sup>r</sup> John Ladler at Rothley Court

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett has ordered me to discharge M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forster immediately from his Service which I have done by a Letter delivered him by the Bearer hereof and you will be as Careful as you can that none of his Goods nor Effects are removed - & I desire you will take the Charge of all Sir Walters Affairs at Wallington till you hear further.

P.S. I desire you will assist the Bailif in the Seizure of M<sup>r</sup> Forsters goods with every advice & Information you can give him. The Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Forster is not to be delivered till the Bailif is in possession of the Goods. I am etc HR

**17 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ed</sup> Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Ra Forster will be discharged as soon as M<sup>r</sup> Gibson comes home, which I am waiting for; but to do That, till the Execution can be put in force, is only giving him notice to remove his Effects. No thing can be worse than Forsters Conduct! you are right in making him a public Example; only I am affraid you will lose more by this Step than by a Composition. but if M<sup>r</sup> Gibson & M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett whom he will consult can tell how to proceed with Effect the Execution will be immediately proceeded with; at least he will be discharged: & Ladler will have charge of every thing at Wallington but the Gardens; till you order otherwise. Six o'Clock. M<sup>r</sup> Gibson has been with me, & will levy upon Forsters goods to morrow, if the Bailif is in Town: but if not, on Monday at furthest. by the Bailif I shall send my Letters discharging Forster which M<sup>r</sup> Gibson says must not be delivered before the Execution is levied

P.S. Ladler will attend the Seizure of Forster's Effects. I am etc HR

**18 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street London

Newcas Sat<sup>dy</sup> Even<sup>g</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir To day, & not before, I received your Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant which should have come on Thursday Morning last; By that Post I received a Letter from Sir Walter, but M<sup>r</sup> Gibson was out of Town and did not return till last Night; and to day, the only Bailif he can trust is out of Town, but on Monday Sir Walter's orders will be executed against M<sup>r</sup> Forsters goods and Stock upon the Farm; but with regard to the House & Farm which by your Letter he is to quit

immediately, Mr Gibson tells me he cannot be dispossessed of it till Mayday next. To be sure this method of proceeding which will be executed before you receive this, is making a proper Example of a bad Man but then Sir Walter will be a greater loser than he would have been by M<sup>r</sup> Gibsons proposal of a Composition. The speedier Example is made of him I own the better; for he has received, M<sup>r</sup> John Bell tells me, £18. 10s. 0d of Hexham Rents & I shall not know till the Rent day, the 27<sup>th</sup> instant, what he has received of the Wallington Rents. His goods & Stock by the Accounts I sent you will not at the utmost, amount to £200. What is to be done as to the rest of his Debt I do not know - I must leave That to M<sup>r</sup> Gibson and you - I only wish to receive from Forster the account between Sir Walter and him which he has promised by a Letter I received from him last Night, to send me next Week; but this Steps of ours will I suspect, alter his Intention. Your Account of Sir Walter being better of his Cold & having got abroad gives me great Satisfaction -

P.S. The post mark of your Letter to me dated the 13<sup>th</sup> instant is erased & altered to the 15<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I blame our Post Master for. & indeed great Neglects have happened at this Office lately

I am etc HR

**19 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas Sund<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ed</sup> Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Gibson will seize M<sup>r</sup> Forsters goods & Stock to morrow, but he cannot be dispossessed of his House & farm till Mayd<sup>y</sup> next - Mr John Bell told me yesterday that Forster has received £18. 10s. 0d of Hexham Rents ~~and~~ he would have gone on, 'tis plain, to have picked up all he could if this publication of his dishonesty had not stopt him - M<sup>r</sup> Gibson & M<sup>r</sup> Darwin will consider what further use can be made of the Warrant of Attorney which is for £500: as I do not expect his goods & Stock will amount to £200 - his discharge from your Service will be published to morrow as soon as the Seizure is made. Rob<sup>t</sup> Allgood owes you above four Years Rent for <Redburn> which is £196 and Westgarth Forster says nothing will be due to him at Allanheads Pay. So you have no Security but the Stock on the farm - but M<sup>r</sup> Bell, in whose Receipt this Rent is, says It is Sufficient. One R<sup>t</sup> Campbell has drawn a Bill on you for £4. 14s. 0d for 150 Bottles of Spa Water which is paid - I humbly thank you for a dozen Bottles that I had of it, which were of Service & hoping you continue to recover your Health  
I am etc HR

**21 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ed</sup> Sir M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Forsters goods were seized Yesterday & a discharge from your Service at the same time delivered him & a Notice to quit the farm & house at Cambo served upon him - the Sherif (M<sup>r</sup> Gibson) will proceed according to Law with the Sale etc and I hope Cambo will be cleared of them before you come down. Rob<sup>t</sup> Allgood has taken a large farm at Whitfield of M<sup>r</sup> Ord & your £196 will go no doubt towards stocking it. 5 o'Clock the Post is just come, and I am much concerned at your Illness. With regard to Forster, he deserves all the rigour of the Law & I have not wished in the least to mitigate it, since his bad Mind shewed itself, Nor did I

send any Message to M<sup>rs</sup> Forster about her Interest in the Leasehold; I only, as I said to you in the Postscript submitted to M<sup>r</sup> Gibsons Opinion I am etc HR

**24 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London Newcas 24<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Gent<sup>n</sup> Inclosed is the Account between you & Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett which I have signed - I hope you will find it right, & if so desire you will sign & return me the Duplicate I am etc HR

**25 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

Mr Duffield at Wallington

Newcas 25<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Sir Walter Blackett desires you will assist M<sup>r</sup> Ladler in executing the Office of Steward at Wallington by keeping all Acco<sup>ts</sup> and by drawing upon M<sup>r</sup> Blackett to pay all such Bills as there may be occasion to pay at Wallington after the Rent day (particularly the Garden Bills) till Sir Walter considers further of this Matter - I hope you are better of your accident and am etc HR

**27 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> MP  
Half moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcas 27<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ed</sup> Sir

The Tenants will be told to day by M<sup>r</sup> Blackett who is at Wallington that they are not to pay any Rent but on the Rent days there, or into the Office here: and money will be sent from time to time from hence to pay all Bills for Workmen & others at Wallington & Enquiry will be made of Hepple & Potts about the £190. Forster and his Wife are not to be seen at present, but when the Sale is over it will be known what they intend about removing from Cambo; and whether the offer of the Years Rent will be effectual - M<sup>r</sup> Bell sometime ago allowed M<sup>r</sup> Forster to receive the Rent for Hallington Main Corn Tithe so I am afraid the loss of the £18. 10s. 0d will fall upon you.

Your goodness in thinking about my Writing I am very sensible of & thank you for and also for your licence for the Spa Water - The Reestablishment of your own Health is my earnest Wish.

P.S. I have received your Letter of Friday & rejoice that you are better - I shall order the Horses etc from Wallington and provision against your Arrival & wish you a good Journey

I am etc HR

**28 Nov 1775 From Henry Richmond to John Erasmus Blackett**

John Eras<sup>s</sup> Blackett Esq<sup>r</sup> at Wallington

Newcas 28 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir By a Letter Yesterday from Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett I have the Satisfaction of finding he is much better & that he proposes leaving London the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of next month - You will please to acquaint the Butler Coachman & Groom & also Ann Hepple of this that they may be ready in their respective Stations. Sir Walter says the Address was presented on Friday noon

Sir Walter wishes Forster & his Family were removed from Cambo immediately & if he was to do so Sir W<sup>r</sup> says he would forgive him the one Years Rent of his farm which will be due at Mayday

P.S. The Cook is here

I am etc HR

**10 Dec 1775 From Henry Richmond to Duffield & Laidler**

~~Mr Thomas~~ Mess<sup>rs</sup> Duffield and Ladler at Wallington

Newcas 10<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir

You may come hither any day the beginning of this Week you will with the Money and M<sup>r</sup> Blackett will receive it of you - I think Tuesday will be the best day - Notice had been taken of Rich<sup>d</sup> Dunn of Ryals plowing some of his best Ground which is so particular at this time that I desire that when you go to Fenwick that you will see what it is and what has induced him to do so - P.S. I desire you will discharge Dunn from plowing any more till he has leave

I am etc HR

**11 Dec 1775 From Henry Richmond to Newcastle Churchwardens**

To the Churchwardens of St Andrews

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1775

Gentlemen Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant is fixed for the Distribution of Sir Walter Blacketts annual Charity which will be given in Money only; so you are desired to give Ticketts as usual to Two hundred poor people of your parish & bring them altogether to Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blacketts exactly at Eight o'Clock that Morning. I am etc HR

Wrote to the above Effect to the Churchwardens of All Saints to Tickett 300 poor of their parish to be at Sir Walters exactly at 10 o'Clock

Wrote to the above Effect to the Churchwardens of Saint Nich<sup>s</sup> to Tickett 200 poor of their parish to be at Sir Walters exactly at one o'Clock

Wrote to the above Effect to the Churchwardens of Saint Johns to Tickett 220 poor of their parish to be at Sir Walters exactly at two o'Clock

**12 Dec 1775 From Henry Richmond to William Darwin**

M<sup>r</sup> Darwin N<sup>o</sup> 47 Hatton Street London

Newcas 12<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775

Sir Inclosed is the best Answer which M<sup>r</sup> Bell Sir Walter's Agent for Hexham Estate can give to your several Queries respecting Nubbuck Encroachments. I think if you compare this answer with the State of the Case and the Answer which I sent you on the 24 April last to your several Queries then sent me you will be able to make a very full Case for M<sup>r</sup> Wallace's

opinion; however it is the best we can make - In your Letter of the 7 instant you speak as if it had been Stated that the Encroachment<sup>t</sup> had been made for time immemorial and that the Rent or Acre money had been the same & never raised - now this is not at all the Case nor is it so stated so for it does not appear that any of the Encroachments at Nubbuck have been made sooner than 1680 & the Rent or Acre money till the Year 1744 has varied every Year - I am the more particular as to this point because it seems from your Letter as if M<sup>r</sup> Wallace laid much Stress upon it & from the supposed Antiquity of the Inclosure & certainty of the Rent to apprehend a freehold is created. What you say about my Brother I am sorry for - I told him that he had no certain method of getting a livelihood but Business & desired him to leave off following Schemes and Inventions that will certainly disappoint him I am etc HR

**14 Dec 1775 File note Henry Richmond**

14<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1775 Wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Maughan, M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth Forster and M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth fixing the Pays to be on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> instant HR

**2 Jan 1776 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 2<sup>nd</sup> Janry 1776

Sir The Lease of Hackford Mine to the late M<sup>r</sup> Baker's Exors was not carried into Exec<sup>n</sup> so that now the young Gentleman being of Age and desirous to have the Lease granted to himself I have spoke to Sir Walter about it who has consented and you will please to prepare and send to me directly a Lease from Sir Walter to George Baker of Elemore hall in the Co: of Durham Esq<sup>r</sup> that it may be executed in the Course of this Month lest Sir Walter should return to London - M<sup>r</sup> Marshall will apply to you I expect on the part of M<sup>r</sup> Baker who will pay you the Expende of the former ingrossments I am etc HR

**3 Jan 1776 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browns Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newcas 3<sup>rd</sup> Janry 1776

Gentlemen I sent you on Saturday last the 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> by Rob<sup>t</sup> Cave the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Six Hundred and Twenty nine Ounces which I desire you'll place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me on the Receipt of it P.S. M<sup>r</sup> Blackett will draw a Bill on you in a few days for six hundred Pounds I am etc HR

**15 Jan 1776 From Henry Richmond to Walter Trevelyan**

Walter Trevelyan Esq<sup>r</sup> Netherwitton

Newcas 15<sup>th</sup> Janry 1776

Sir I received your favour of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> - M<sup>r</sup> Blackett is abroad but the Balance of your quarterly paym<sup>t</sup> at £72. 10s. 6d according to the inclosed Note is sent by your Serv<sup>t</sup> - As to the Interest it is not due till the 25<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> but inclosed is a rec<sup>t</sup> dated that day which you will please to sign and the Money will be paid to the person by whom you then send it - I hope you Mrs

Trevelyan and your Son are well - I am tolerably well But am obliged to keep within doors this severe Weather I am etc HR

**23 Feb 1776 From Henry Richmond to Ralph Heron**

M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Heron, Attorney at Law Hexham

Newcas 23<sup>rd</sup> Febru<sup>ry</sup> 1776

Sir It is Sir Walter Blackett's Desire that M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett and M<sup>r</sup> Wilson should settle every thing relative to the Suit about Hexham Mills and they have desired me to acquaint you that they would have the Attorney and Solicitor General retained for Sir Walter in the Court of Chancery - As to Common Law we are sufficiently provided in Case an Issue should be directed as M<sup>r</sup> Wallace M<sup>r</sup> Lee M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett and M<sup>r</sup> Wilson have annual Retainers so you will please to write to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin to retain the Attorney and Solicitor General as soon as you can fix the Stile of the Cause and it will be unnecessary for me to write to M<sup>r</sup> Darwin about this Business  
I am etc HR

**26 Feb 1776 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browns Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> Febru<sup>ry</sup> 1776

Gentlemen I have this day sent you by Rob<sup>t</sup> Cave the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight Hundred and forty three Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco<sup>t</sup> with Sir Walter Blackett as usual at the Market price and advise me of the Receipt of it  
P.S. The Carrier expects to be in Town on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> I am etc HR

OZs 843 at p oz

**28 Feb 1776 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> MP Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 28<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1776

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir I hope you are well after your Journey.  
I forgot to give you M<sup>r</sup> Challoners Plan & M<sup>r</sup> Maughans Answer to his Request; which is inclosed. Jenny Baxter the Laundry Maid gave warning since you left Newcastle that she would be obliged to leave your Service on the 12<sup>th</sup> May: being to be married at that time. Sergeant Miller has paid the five Guineas which I have given M<sup>r</sup> Blackett to include in his Cash Acco<sup>t</sup>  
I am etc HR

28<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1776

Sir Walter Blackett may, if he pleases, Sell his half of Shields Pasture for £20: but then he must be indemnified by the Purchaser against all damages by the present or future Workings of the Groves therein; & must have free Liberty at all times of Ingress & Egress to and from the said Groves without paying damage for the same.

**11 March 1776 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**



M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield  
to be left at M<sup>r</sup> Pearsons Surgeon In Hexham

Newcas 11<sup>th</sup> March 1776

Sir The piece of Silver received this day from Dukesfield Refinery weighs only Six hundred & Twenty three Ounces - I think what you propose about getting the old crooked Wood upon Dukesfield Estate valued would not be amiss  
I am etc HR

**17 March 1776 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

17<sup>th</sup> March 1776 Advised Plumb & Browne of a piece of Silver sent them yesterday containing six hundred and twenty three Ounces.

**26 March 1776 From Henry Richmond to John Westgarth**

John Westgarth Es<sup>q</sup> at Unthank near Stanhope in Weardale

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> March 1776

Sir I beg leave to write you with my left hand, being deprived of my right a few words in answer to your Letter in favour of James Watson - I shall lay your Recommendation of him before Sir Walter Blackett but in my Opinion Watson being only a Miner, cannot be qualified to be a Smelter; much less the Director of a Smelt Mill, especially such a one as Rookhope  
I am etc HR

**26 March 1776 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield  
to be left at M<sup>r</sup> Pearsons Surgeon Hexham

Newcas 26<sup>th</sup> March 1776

Sir I hear M<sup>r</sup> Walton is dead. no doubt you have heard there are many Candidates for his Place. I desire to see you here on Friday or Saturday next about this matter and in the mean time would have you go to Rookhope Mill, where you have not been of late & see the State of Things & give such orders as you see necessary for the present  
I am etc HR

**30 March 1776 From Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Sir Walter Blackett Baro<sup>t</sup> Half moon Street  
Piccadilly London

Newcas 30<sup>th</sup> March 1776

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir Isaac Walton, your Clerk at Rookhope Mill, died last Sunday; & inclosed is a List of the several Persons who have offered to succeed him. it is of great Consequence to have an experienced, skilfull man in that place; as the greater part of your Ore is smelted at that ~~place~~ Mill. Three pieces of your Lead have been stolen from Allanheads Mill lately: if you think the inclosed Advertisement proper you will please to insert the reward. We have no Lead trade yet, & but a bad prospect: so you will be obliged to borrow the £1000 for Lady Loraine. M<sup>r</sup> Maughan has met with a good Grove in Middlehope Fell; & Allanheads & Coalcleugh are doing very well: therefore only a good price is wanting. In case M<sup>r</sup> Bacons Mines are to be sold, it

might be advantageous, considering your Connections with them, to give One Thousand Pounds for them. the seven Years Arrears due from his Extors amount to £198. 16s. 6d; for which I should suppose you have a right to distrain; but this is a Subject for M<sup>r</sup> Fawcett, when you please to consult him. Ralph Forsters Estates are advertised to be Sold on the 4<sup>th</sup> April - None have yet offered as Laundry Maid but Peggy Morrison, who was formerly in that Station, but was dismissed for being with Child. It is now Sunday [Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> *written in the margin*] & M<sup>r</sup> Hunter of Dukesfield, who I wished to see about the inclosed List, is not yet come - So, as a Mill Clerk should be appointed soon & as M<sup>r</sup> Marshall is by much the fittest I shall not postpone my Letter any longer. I hope you are well & am etc HR

Same Day - Wrote Sir W<sup>r</sup> Blackett that M<sup>r</sup> Westgarth of Coalcleugh died the 31<sup>st</sup> instant

**30 March 1776 From Henry Richmond to Joseph Dickinson**

D<sup>o</sup> - Wrote M<sup>r</sup> Jos Dickinson to take Care of Coalcleugh Grove till Sir W<sup>rs</sup> pleasure is known.

**5 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Daniel Alder**

M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Alder at Adderstone near Belford North

Newcas 5<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Sir Inclosed is M<sup>r</sup> Bacon Forsters Executors Account of their Proportion of Weardale Rents Compositions etc for last Year & also their Account for the seven Years past. I shall say no more at present about their Arrears - I hear the Executors are for selling their Share of the Partnership Mines I am etc HR

**7 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Marshall**

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Marshall at Hexham

Newcas 7<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Sir I received your Letter offering your Service as Mill Clerk to Sir Walter Blackett - I understand you are employed under M<sup>rs</sup> Loraine & also under M<sup>r</sup> Baker; & before I say any thing further must be satisfied you stand clear of those Engagements I am etc HR

[In the margin:] not sent having heard something to his disadvantage

**9 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Thomas Duffield**

M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Duffield at Wallington

Newcas 9<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Sir M<sup>r</sup> Blackett tells me the Drainers will be here on Saturday to come out with the Cart which is also to bring their Tools - You will therefore take Care that it comes in on Friday. As to any thing further about them I must refer you to my Letter in Novem<sup>r</sup>; only M<sup>r</sup> Blackett says they are to have Seven Shillings a Week cash for Wages & four Shillings Board wages - M<sup>r</sup> Blackett proposes to be at Wallington on Sunday Evening with M<sup>r</sup> Farrier which you will tell M<sup>r</sup> Evans & Nanny Hepple I am etc HR

**9 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 9<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Sir What you say against Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshall over Balances all I have heard of his Skill & Experience in Smelting, so I shall think no more of him. One Potts, clerk at Fallowfield has offered; if he is well qualified I desire you will tell him to come to me; but if you think M<sup>r</sup> Smith is preferable to him pray let M<sup>r</sup> Smith know I shall be glad to see him as soon as convenient - George Lowes who deals in Wastes has an Inclination to offer himself: What is his Character? Herewith I send you fifty hand Bills about the Lead that was stolen from Allanheads Mill which you will make a proper distribution of I am etc HR

**13 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Plumb & Browne**

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Gentl<sup>n</sup> I have sent you this day by Tho<sup>s</sup> Jennings the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver weighing Nine hundred & Six Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Walter Blackett B<sup>t</sup> as usual at the Market price & advise me on the Receipt of it

I am etc HR

906 Ounces at p oz

**13 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 13<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Sir As you say so much for M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith, who is now here, and as the time for Delivery of Lead is at hand when we shall want a Mill Clerk I desire you will go to Rookhope Mill & give him such Instructions as you find necessary to fit him for the Place, & pray take a little pains with him. I am etc HR

**16 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 16<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Sir

I think we should have all the last Years Lead got in before any more is delivered from their Mills. As soon as that is done you may begin - I should be glad to have your pay made soon and hope you are in great forwardness with your Acco<sup>ts</sup>. - About the 16<sup>th</sup> of next Month I suppose we may be able to have the pay so when you send the Acco<sup>ts</sup>. Let me know whether that day will Suit you - P.S. I wrote you on the 13<sup>th</sup> by M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Smith appointing him Clerk at Rookhope Mill and desire you will settle all about the House and Farm as will be most convenient to each party.

Upon considering I find, by reason of other Engagem<sup>ts</sup>. we cannot have the pay day sooner than the 23<sup>rd</sup> of next Month. I am etc H.R.

The Expense of running down into Lead 18 Casks of Wet Litharge which it is supposed will contain q<sup>ty</sup>. 108 CW<sup>t</sup>. - viz. -

Wages, Fuel and other Charges after they are laid on Sir Walter Blacketts Key	} 0 . 13 . 7½
Value of 12 cwt supposed to be lost in reducing the 108 cwt of wet Litharge into 96 cwt of lead at 13¾ pr Ton	} 8 . 5 . 0
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**25 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Carr & Widdrington**

To Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Carr & Widdrington

Newcas. 25 April 1776

Gent<sup>n</sup>. Above you have the best Computation we can make of reducing the wet Litharge you were speaking of & if you think proper to send for it we shall do what we can for you.  
I am etc H. R.

**29 April 1776 From Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 29<sup>th</sup> April 1776

Sir I have fixed your Pay to be on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May & therefore desire you will be here on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> - receive your money on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> - go to Dukesfield with it on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> & pay it away the day following. Of which you will give public Notice & come armed as usual.  
I am etc H. R.