

15 Dec 1777 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 15th Decemr 1777

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 13th instant & observe it will not be convenient for you to be here till after the 20th of January. I shall certainly be at Home the 26th & hope you will take a Bed at my House. I think two Papers will be Sufficient to advertise the Livings but Mr Wilson desires to see the Advertisement of which I have acquainted Mr Bell. I have seen Mr Trevelyan, he desires his Compliments and is much obliged to you for your offer but has no Thoughts of making a purchase in Newcastle. Inclosed you have a Bond to Dorothy Rickarby for £1500 which you will please to execute and return me. Mr Wilson mentioned that the usual Procuration must be paid the Attorney. I think this charge may be avoided for the future for I do not see the Necessity of employing a Person of the Law on this Occasion. The Leadmine Stewards have sent me their Accounts by which I find there will be more Money wanted to make the Pays on your Account from the 14th of February to the 30th June last than I expected as you'll see by the Account below; the Balance of which I must take up at the Bank.

I am etc Jno E Blackett

	£
Allanheads	3135.-.-
Coalcleugh	2600.-.-
Weardale	3680.-.-
	£9415
Subsistence Money	1200.-.-
	10615.-.-
Cash in hand	500
Do of J Bell	500
Do of D Rickarby	1500
	2500
Wanting to make the Pay	8115

10 Feb 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcas 10th Febr 1778

Dear Sir

Mr Fawcett & Mr Wilson after having <.....> examined the Seven Valuations made by your Agents and Workmen etc at the Lead Mines, Lead Mills, and fully

considered the same, have made their Report, Copy of which I inclose you; These Gentlemen have taken great pains in settling this Affair in an equitable manner between yourself & Sir John Trevelyan & we hope it may meet with your Approbation. I say nothing about your Ground as Mr Wilson has wrote to you fully on that Subject. Several Enquiries have been made about the Livings but no Price offered. I hope Mr Bells Letter would be in Time to prevent your disposing of Warden Living at the Price you at first named as I understand Mr Laidman had not given Mr Bell the true Value. No Alterations at the Mines. I expect the Agents the beginning of next Month for Subsistence for the Workmen. Inclosed you have a Copy of Conditions entered into in 1775 between the late Sir Walter Blacketts Agent & Mr Simpsons Agent for two Farms at Winlaton; One of the Hemmels is built & was paid for by Sr Wr Blackett and the Advance Rent has taken place. No Lease has yet been executed & Mr Simpson hopes that you will Confirm the Agreement by granting him a Lease. I have sold the Trees in the Front of your House etc to Geo. Strickett at the Valuation; he being the only Person that made any Application about them, they are all cut down and the roots stub's up. Mr Heron will be at Ferry Bridge the beginning of next Week in his Way to London of which he acquainted you the last Post. I am etc JEB

15 Feb 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
at Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 15th Februry 1778

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 9th instant, the Contents of which I communicated to Mr Wilson. I observe what you say with respect to your House & Ground and am obliged to you for the offer you made me. I have no Thoughts of becoming a Purchaser or being concerned with any Person in the Purchase; I have made your Resolutions known to some Gentlemen that made some Enquiries about it but no offers have been made & I wish that you may succeed in the sale of it. I wrote you the 10th instant to which refer you.

P.S. I have paid Money in advance on your Account & must Pay about £1300 to your Agents the beginning of next Month. I am unwilling to take up Money at the Bank at 5p Centm if it can be avoided. I have had an offer of £500 from Anderson at 4 1/2 p Centm & probably I may get more in Case it meets with your Approbation.

I am etc JEB

28 Feb 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Wakefield

Newcas 28th Februry 1778

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 15th instant to which refer you. Your Leadmine Agents will be here on Monday next for Subsistence which will amount to £1600. I had paid in Advance on your Account about £500 & this Morning I received of Mr Henry Shadforth of this Town £600 for which Sum I inclose you a Bond at 4 1/2 p Centm. You will please to execute it & return it to me. I shall be under a Necessity of taking up the £1600 at the Bank. I had not an opportunity of seeing Mr Wilson before he went into Yorkshire. No Applications have been made to me with respect to your Ground nor the Livings since I wrote to you.

The Interest due the beginning of next Month to Mr Wilson Mr Pearson & Mrs Sowerby will be £115. There are 659 ps of your Lead at Blaydon; it is not refineable. I have this day sold 600 of them to Mr Jonan Sorsbie Jr of this Town for £13.2s.6d p Fother. The Price is low; but it is 2s.6d a Fother higher than I sold a large Parcell of Sir John Trevelyan's a few Days since. It will be May before the Lead Carriage begins to Lead, By that Time Sir John's Lead will be all refined &, I expect, disposed of. The piece of fine Silver That Mr Hunter mentioned when you was last here is not yet sent down but I expect it next Week & it shall be sent to Messrs Plumb & Brown London. I expect the Price will be 6s.2d an Ounce.

The latter End of next Week I propose making a Visit to some Friends in Scotland & shall be absent about a Fortnight.

I am etc JEB

1 Mar 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble No 17 Leicester Street
Leicester Fields London

Newcas 1st March 1778

Sir

I received your Favour of the 26th instant with a Copy of Mr Allens Letter to you. The 18th January last I remitted a Bill to Mr Thomas Wall Paper Buildings in the Temple for £157.10s.0d being for half a Years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due this 14th Feby from Sir Thomas Blackett to the Revd Dr Thurlow.

I requested Mr Wall that he would make this Payment.

Mr Wall acknowledged the Receipt of my Letter & promised me to do it, of which Messrs Childs were advised. For the future I shall make the Remittance either to Dr Thurlow or Messrs Childs which ever will be most agreeable to the Doctor. If he is in London I wish you would call on him, have his Answer & advise me.

I am etc JEB

3 Mar 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcas 3d March 1778

Sir

I received your Letter & am very sorry you are so much indisposed. I compared the Tack Notes with George Lowe's Proposals, a Copy of which Mr Peart incloses with the Notes which I have signed. No part of the Materials at Fallowfield can yet be disposed of. I attended the Meeting Yesterday at Loftus's & was informed by Mr Willm Hunter that they had made an offer to accept of a Composition of £50 in lieu of repairing the Road & which was not complied with. I understand there is to be a Clause in the Bill to empower the Commissioners to Compound for repairing the Road as well as the Statute Work. This being the Case & Sir Thos Blacketts proportion of the Road to repair so trifling I think it would not be adviseable for Sir Thomas to give the Bill any opposition.

I observe you have sold the living of Chollerton for £700.

I have not heard from Sir Thomas lately but I had a Letter from Mr Noble from London on Sunday. I shall go into the North to Morrow & be absent about a Fortnight. I observe you have paid the Miss Roberts's & charged it in your Rental with Sir John Trevelyan.

I am etc JEB

14 Mar 1778 Cuthbert Peart to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 14th March 1778

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Thomas Jennings the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand three hundred & three Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot at the Market Price. The Advice of your Receipt of it will come properly before Aldn Blackett. I am
etc C Peart

oz

1303 1/2 at poz

28 Mar 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton near Wakefield

Newcas 28th March 1778

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 5th instant was forwarded to me to Scotland. I got home on Monday & had an agreeable Journey tho the Weather was very unfavourable. I observe what you say with respect to the offer Mr Heron made you. I shall Consult with Mr Wilson & if the old Bank will not let you have the Money at 4 1/2 p Ct we must take the Sum up at the other Bank & pay them off. I really think the Valuation made by your Lead Agents with the Assistance of other Agents & Workmen was equitable and fair, that Mr Fawcett & Mr Wilson went through the whole minutely & made a reasonable & just Report. The Materials and Utensils made use of by Sir John Trevelyan at the Lead Mills & Refinery were not valued till he had finished the Smelting & Refining of his Lead. The Rent of the Buildings from the Time of Sir Walter Blacketts Death maybe settled; In case you had been deprived of the benefit of the Engines at that period your Mines at Coalcleugh and Allanheads would have been lost so that it was certainly for the mutual Advantage of both Parties. No offers have been made for the Purchase of your House and Ground since I wrote you nor indeed do I see any Prospect of it at the Price you have fixed; for my own part I have no thoughts of going into an Understanding of that kind but I sincerely wish you Success in the Sale. The other day the Remaindr of a Lease of 21 Years (of which 15 are to go) of a House Quay & Wharf Adjoining your Premises at Blaydon was put up to Sale. it might have been attended with great inconvenience if not worse had it fallen into hands that would have erected Buildings for Refining etc. You wanted Room on your Quay for Iron & Timber going to your Mines. You had not a proper place to contain any Litharge & was liable to have it damaged on any sudden flood. I consulted with Mr Wilson & on those Considerations we thought it adviseable to purchase it for you if it could be had at a reasonable Price. I bought it for £122. The Agent for the Lead Company offered £120 & now blames himself much for not going further. Messrs Ridley & Simpson the Owners & the Annual Rent is £2.2s.0d, the late Proprietor expended a considerable Sum in Building the Quay & House. I hope you will approve of what we have done. No more of your Lead is yet come down to Blaydon owing to the badness of the Roads.

I am etc JEB

4 Apr 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot Bretton
near Wakefield

Newcas 4th April 1778

Dear Sir

I am told that Application has been made to one of the Owners of Winlaton Colliery to let his Share only; should any Application be made to you? I beg leave to recommend to you not on any Account to let separately being satisfied it is for the mutual Interest of yourself Mr Simpson & Mr Eyre to let jointly & I am informed that an unexceptionable person will make Proposals to take the whole which will I am satisfied be for the Interest of the joint Concern. As the Bishop of Durham has not

thought proper to accept of your Proposal for the Renewal of a Life in the Lease of Weardale Leadmines I would recommend that in Case of any Overture from the Bishop that you do not now offer him more than Eight hundred Guineas; If he does not accept of these Terms I should in your Case be very easy about it for I am satisfied it is the utmost you shod give considering the present State of those Mines & the Certainty of a French War which will affect the Lead Trade very much.

No more Lead can be got down to Blaydon till May, at present the Prospect of that Trade is very discouraging . I am with respect JEB

25 Apr 1778 John Erasmus Blackett

£200.-.- Newcastle 25th April 1778
Twenty Days after Date Pay to Sir Thomas Blackett Barot or Order Two
Hundred Pounds Value in Account & place the same to his Account
as advised by John E Blackett
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Foster lane
London

25 Apr 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Refiners Newcastle 25th April 1778
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Twenty Days Date payable to Sir Thomas Blackett Barot or Order for Two hundred pounds which you will please to pay due Honour to & place to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett. In a few Days I shall send you a piece of fine Silver of which shall advise you & Please to let me know the Price of fine Silver the 6th instant. I am etc JEB

25 Apr 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

To Sir Thomas Blackett Barot Newcastle 25th April 1778
Great Russel Street, Bloomsbury
London

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 20th instant to which refer you. Inclosed you have a Bill on Plumb & Browne for Two hundred pounds, if you would have another Remittance please to acquaint me as well as the Sum and it shall be sent you at a Short Date. When

I have your Answer about the Bond to Sir John Trevelyan it shall be filled up & sent you

I am with respect etc JEB

5 May 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot Great Russel Street
Bloomsbury London

Newcastle 5th May 1778

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 3d instant to which refer you. Inclosed you have the Report made by Mr Wilson & Mr Fawcett with a Receipt settled by Mr Wilson for Sir John Trevelyan to sign which Receipt should be returned to me that it may be annexed to the Schedules. The Interest for the Sum of £5100 from the 2d Febry to the 14th Febry amounts to £7.10s.10d for which Sum I have Ct Sir John Trevalyans Account & debited your Account. I find by Sir John Trevelyan's Letter of the 2d instt that your Bond to him for the £2500 was payable the 10th February last so that Sir John loses four Days Interest but as the Bond was filled up & has been examined by Mr Wilson I thought it best to let it stand as it is. When you Execute the Bond for £7600 your Bond to Sir John for the £2500 must be given up & you must have a Receipt on the back of the Bond for the Principal. I write to Sir John by this Post & inclose him the Bond for £7600 at 4 1/2 pCentm. On the 1st instant I took £100 of Mrs Harbottle of this Place for which she is to have your Bond at 4 1/2 pCentm. Mr Wilson Mr Bates & Mr Hedley were with me Yesterday & the Gentlemen consented to pay the Money for Sidgate Closes on my Receipt till the Conveyance can be finished & executed by you. I shall have the Money to morrow when I intend paying into the Bank £1500.- on your Account. Your Lead Stewards came on Monday for Subsistence for the Workmen when I paid them on that Account & for Wood & Candles £2100. I was obliged to take up £2000 at the Bank. The Works in Weardale are something better, those at Allanheads & Coalcleugh much the same. I had a good deal of Conversation with your Stewards & as the Lead Trade is not promising at present I strongly recommended it to them to attempt no new Tryals at present but to work those Groves that were the richest & most promising I am etc JEB

11 May 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot Great Russel Street
Bloomsbury London

Newcastle 11th May 1778

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 5th instant to which refer you. I received your Favour of the 6th instant and observe that you possibly may have occasion for more Money during your Stay in London. I have wrote to desire Messrs Plumb & Browne to supply you advising me of the same. Mr Bell will not be with me till the End of the Month but shall write to him about Mr Bowmans Bond & if any offer should be made for Warden Living I will acquaint you.

I shall acquaint Genl Beckwith your Answer etc. The 2d Battalion of the Royals are here stop'd at this Place. The Northumd Militia are at Tynemouth Barracks & after being reviewed here the 18th expect to be ordered to Berwick & part of the Yorkshire Militia to move here. We have an armed Ship at Shields & have applied for a 20 Gun Ship & a Detachment of the Artillery to be at Cliffords Fort. This I hope may be sufficient to protect this Coast from any Insult. Mr & Mrs Wilson are well & desire their Compts. Doctor & Mrs Drake are with them at present. I am with respect etc JEB

£300 - - Newcastle Bank 22d May 1778
Fourteen Days after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Three Hundred Pounds - Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jno Widdrington
London Pay the Contents to Sir
No 7669 Thos Blackett Bart or
Order value in Account John Blackett

22 May 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot Great Russel Street

Newcas 22d May 1778

Dear Sir

I received your Favour of the 14h instant inclosing Sir John Trevelyns Receipt for the £5100 for the Materials etc at the Mines.

On the 16h inst. Mr Bell paid me £700 on Account of Hexham Rents. When he has received the Rents of the Fenwick and Wellon Tenants he will pay me a further Sum.

I observe that you was to receive £200 this Week of Messrs Plumb & Browne on account of Silver. As this Sum almost balances their Account I thought it best rather than draw a further Sum of them to send you a Bill for £300 which you have Inclosed. You will please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill & advise me what Sum you received of Messrs Plumb & Browne that I may place it Account. I am at present about £100 in Advance on your Account & Mrs Scott has called on me for the £550 that you have on Bond. She requests the favour of you to accept of this short notice as it is on

her Sons Account to whom it will be a particular Service at this Time. As it will be some time before I shall be in Cash for your Lead and have Payments to make I shall have occasion for all or most of the Money that Mr Bell is to pay me.

I am with respect etc JEB

22 May 1778 Cuthbert Peart to Richard Wray

To Mr Richd Wray at Hexham

Newcas 22d May 1778

Sir

I send you herewith by the Direction of Mr Blackett Bank Notes & Cash - value 46.16.0 as below; being the Amount of your Charge for Candles delivered to Sir Thomas Blacketts Leadmine at Wolfcleugh to 31st March last. It will be a Satisfaction to know that you receive this Sum safe.

I am etc CP

	£	s	d
Sundd Bank No	K.296	5	- -
Do	L.198	5	- -
Do	F.405	5	- -
Tyne Bank	D 351	5	- -
Sundd Bank	K.198	5	- -
Do	B.116	5	- -
Tyne Bank	E 702	5	- -
Sundd Bank	K.178	5	- -
Tyne Bank	B 341	5	- -
Cash	1.	16.0	
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	£	46.	16.0

29 May 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Foster Lane London

Newcas 29th May 1778

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight Hundred and Ninety one Ounces which I desire you will place to Accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot & advise me on your Receipt of it. P.S. Please to advise me in your next what Money Sir Thos Blackett has had of you that I may Credit Your Account for the Same.

I am etc JEB

oz

891 at p oz

£500 -. -. Newcastle Bank 30th May 1778
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr Five Hundred Pounds - Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jos Saint
London Pay the Contents to Mrs Julia
No 7770 Scott or Order
John E Blackett

£50 -. -. Newcastle Bank 30th May 1778
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr Fifty Pounds - Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jos Saint
London Pay the Contents to Mrs Julia
No 7771 Scott or Order
John E Blackett

30 May 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot at Bretton
Yorkshire

Newcas 30th May 1778

Dear Sir

I am favoured your Letters of the 23d & 26th instant & observe That you have received the Bill for £300 & that you had likewise received the Bill Messrs Plumb & Browne. Please to inform me if this Sum is exclusive of the Bill I drew on them for £200. I have paid Mrs Scott the £550. Mr Bell Yesterday paid me £1000 on Account of Rents. What money remains in his hands will be necessary to pay the house & Stable Notes when you come into the North.

Please to let me know what Sum you would have remitted you at Bretton or to Mr John Cockshield. The Hogshead of Port shall be sent to Hexham & Mr Bell is advised of it. I have sold to Doctor Hall of this Place about 14000 ps of your Lead; one half refined & the rest Common at £13.2s.6d per Fother - part of this Quantity is now coming down from Dukesfield but it will be some time before the whole Quantity is delivered. I have sent a piece of your Silver containing 891 Ounces to Plumb and

Browne - that Article has lately fallen 3d per ounce. They will begin refining your Lead at Blaydon about the 10h June.

I am etc JEB

30 May 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Mrs Scott

Mrs Scott, Ripon, Yorkshire

Newcas 30th May 1778

Dr Madm

I have your Letter of the 24th instant inclosing Mr Meyricks Letter. I have likewise a Letter from Mr Meyrick dated 26th instant. This Gentleman is a Stranger to me & I'm at a Loss how to advise you in this Affair. It appears to me that unless the £500 is immediately lodged that he will not pay the Bills your Son has drawn on him & of Course they would be protested & returned; at the same time you should have some Assurance that Mr Meyrick will pay these Bills before you accept the Bill for £500 or lodge the Money in his hands. his Letter to me which I inclose you is very short and unsatisfactory. Inclosed you will receive two Bills as above for £550. I desire you will write a Receipt on the back of the Bond (a Copy of which I inclose you) and send it me by the first Post. I will send you the Interest for the odd Twelve Days amounting to 16s 2d the first Opportunity. I could not get the Bills at a shorter date. I would recommend that you should send the Bill for £500 to some Understanding Man that you can confide in to whom you must explain this Affair. he will see Mr Meyrick & settle this Business in the best & safest manner. As you are acquainted with Mr Wall, Paper Buildings in the Temple he would be a proper Person & I think would so kind as to do this Business for you should you write to him you may if you think proper Inclose my Letter.

I am etc JEB

8 Jun 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot at Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 8th June 1778

Dear Sir

I was Yesterday favoured with your Letter of the 6th instt & observe what you say about a Remittance from 400 to £600. I have at present in my hands about £500 & must in the Course of a Month pay £400 for Interest & £1460 on account of Subsistence for the Workmen. I shall in a few Days remit you a Bill for £400 but must be under a Necessity of taking up Money at the Bank to make the Payments. At present I do not know of any Business that may require your Presence here soon.

Inclosed you have Mr Bainbridge's Proposal. I think the Rent too small & understand Mr Simpson has wrote to you about it.

I am etc JEB

£400 -. -. Newcastle Bank 12th June 1778
Thirty Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr Four Hundred Pounds - Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jos Saint
London Pay the Contents to Sir Thomas
No 7848 Blackett Bt or Order value
in Account John E Blackett

14 Jun 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Wrote to Sir Thomas Blackett the 14th instt inclosing him the above Bill desiring he would advise on his Receipt of it. JEB

15 Jun 1778 Cuthbert Peart to Westgarth Forster

[Note: Undated but original sequence dates it between 14th & 21st June 1778]

Wrote to Mr Westgarth Forster desiring he & the rest of the Stewards would be in Newcastle on the 6 of next month & not on the 29th June, instant, agreeable to their Letters. CP

21 Jun 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot at Thorp Newcas 21st June 1778
near Malton Yorkshire

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 17th instant & observe that you have received proposals for taking the Colliery from Mr Morrison. I now understand from Mr Simpson that it is for Lord Mountsteward and Lord Beauchamp & himself & that he has wrote to you & Mr Eyse to that purpose. This Affair will require some Consideration & may be necessary that you and Mr Eyre should have a Meeting on the Occasion & that a skilfull Colliery Viewers should be consulted for Mr Brown has been employed by Mr Bainbridge. As this cannot be done imediately you (& probably Mr Eyre) will be in this Country in August to which Time it must be postponed. I have made Mr Wilson acquainted with this Business - he & I in Conjunction with Mr Eyres Agent will procure what Information we can about this Colliery. My Brother Sir Edward Blackett has not fixed any Time for his Journey. I shall acquaint him with your

obliging Invitation but apprehend it will not be in his Power to wait on You in his Way North. As to the Smelt Mill on Acomb Common I am satisfied that you & he will have no dispute about as he will leave it to Mr Fawcett & Mr Wilson to settle.

I have had Mr Bosville's Glass ready packed since the 21st April & have not had an opportunity of sending it but expect soon to send it by a Vessel to Bridlington. I have inclosed you the Note for which I have paid £54.9s.11d & charged it to your Account

I am etc JEB

24 Jul 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Foster Lane

Newcastle 24th July 1778

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred and Eighty five Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of It

I am Gentn etc JEB

oz
a pe fine Silver qty 985 at p oz

28 Jul 1778 Cuthbert Peart to Richard Wray

Mr Richd Wray at Hexham

Newcastle 28th July 1778

Sir

I received your Letter on Sunday last Inclosing your Note for Candles delivered to Sir Thomas Blacketts Leadmine at Wolfcleugh to 30th June last amounting to Forty six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and inclosed you have Newcastle Bank Notes to the Amount of Forty five Pounds which with £1 . 16s in Cash is in full of that Sum. I should be glad to know that you receive it safe

I am etc CP

1 Aug 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr Robt Makepeace, Goldsmiths
Serle Street Lincolns Inn London

Newcas 1st August 1778

Sir

I have this day sent you by Thomas Jennings the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred and Twenty six Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of it. I am etc JEB

oz Dwh
a pe fine Silver qty 926. 10 at p ounce

12 Aug 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 12th Augst 1778

Gentn

I am favoured with your Letter of the 8th instant with an Account of the last piece of Silver & am sorry to find the Price so low. I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to Messrs Bell Cookson & Co at Twenty Days date for Three Hundred pounds which I desire you will please to accept & place to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. I am etc JEB

24 Aug 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers
London

Newcas 24th Augst 1778

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive two Bills amounting to One Hundred & fifty seven pounds ten Shillings for one half Years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due from Sir Thos Blackett Bt to the Revd Doctor Thurlow the 15th Augst instant. When you are in Cash for the same you will please to send me Doctor Thurlows Receipt in the interim acknowledge the Receipt of these Bills by the first Post. I am sorry this Remittance was not made sooner but I will take Care it shall be regularly made for the future
I am etc JEB

By Post from London to Messrs Simpson & Blackett NCastle
May 27 1778 WS

No C.111

I promise to pay to Adam Idlirson Psgr or order on Demand the
Sum of Fifty Pounds. London the 15 day of May 1778 for the

Govr and Compy of the Bank of England
£50-0-0 By Post from Newcastle to Messrs Wm Jackson

Entd J Pretty Child & Co London August 24 1778
JEB

£107.10.0 Newcastle Bank 24th Augst 1778
Twenty Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr One Hundred & seven Pounds ten Shillings - Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jno Widderington
London Pay the Contents to Messrs
No 8450 Child & Co or Order value
in Accot John E Blackett

18 Sep 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Newcastle 18th Sepr 1778
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight Hundred and Sixty three Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

oz Dwh
a pe fine Silver qty 863. 10 at p oz

17 Oct 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths Newcastle 17th Octor 1778
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight Hundred & Forty Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt. I am etc JEB

oz
a pe fine Silver qty 840 at p oz

18 Oct 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot at Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 18th Octor 1778

Dear Sir

Your Agent Mr Isaac Hunter & Mr Bates have been looking over the two Farms at Winlaton & inclosed you have a Copy of their Valuation & likewise Mr Browns Valuation of three acres of young Oak Wood as it stands at present. Your Lead Agents are of opinion that these Farms are not necessary for the carrying on your Lead Concerns. Sir Thos Clavering & Mr Simpson are both desirous to know the Value you set on these Farms but before you make any offer to Sir T Clavering it is adviseble that Liberty should be granted by him for a Water Course through a small Field to your Lead Mill if necessary and Mr Simpson must be informed that the Parkhead Farm is Subject to the Annual Payment of £2-0s-0d to Mr Eyre.

As we have not heard from Mr Eyre or his Agent Mr Gibson (who undertook to write to him with respect to the proposals for the Colliery) Mr Wilson wrote a few days since to Mr Eyre on that Business. Mr Wilson informed me that he had an offer of £3000 at 4 3/4 p Ct which he had wrote to you about. I think you might take it & pay off that Sum to the Bank. There is no Demand for Lead at present.

I have lately been in Treaty with Dr Hall for 10000 pieces but he would not buy unless I dropt the Price considerably wch I do not at present think it advisable to do. You have at present at Blaydon 18000 ps and there are about 30,000 ps belonging to the other Lead Owners which is a very large quantity at this Season of the Year. Should we have dry Weather I hope to get 3 or 4000ps more of refineable Lead down to Blaydon before the Lead Carriage are off as that Quantity will be necessary to keep the Refinery at Work till May. I Yesterday sold Mr Jonah Sorsbie 2000ps Lead; one half refined at £13 a Fother.

I have lately been applied to by some Persons who are erecting a Work for making of White Lead. I am told they are people of property & should we agree on Terms they may take a large Quantity of your Lead

I am etc JEB

19 Oct 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 19th Octor 1778

Gentn

I sent you on Saturday last the 17th instant a Piece of fine Silver of which I advised you by that Post and I have this day drawn a Bill on you for Four Hundred

pounds payable to Messrs Bell Cookson & Co or order at one Month dated this day which I desire you will accept & place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot.
I am etc JEB

20 Nov 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr Robt Makepeace Serle Street
Lincolns Inn London

Newcas 20th Novemr 1778

Sir

On the 18th instant I drew a Bill on you at a months Date payable to Messrs Bell Cookson and Co for £266.7s.4d being the Amount for the last piece of Silver sent you. I have no doubt of your paying due honour to my Bill. Messrs Plumb & Browne have allowed 0 1/2 d an Ounce more than you have done for two pieces of Silver sent about the same time.
I am etc JEB

23 Nov 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot at Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 23d Novemr 1778

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 18th instant to which refer you. Mr Bell was with me this Morning & paid into my Hands £500 on Account of Hexham Rents - he tells me your Tenants have been backward with their Rents but expected that he should be able to pay me a Thousand Pounds in a Fortnight. As I had some Money of yours in my Hands I now remit you Messrs Bell Cookson & Co two Bills on Castell Whately & Powell dated 18th instant at 30 days date for One Thousand Pounds; The Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge by the first Post & likewise inform me what further Remittances you would have made to you.

We have still very bad Weather but I hope it will not prevent my being with you on Saint Thomas's day.
I am etc JEB

£500 - . - . Newcastle Bank 18th Novemr 1778

Thirty Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds - Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell

Jno Widdrington

London

Endorsed

No 9092

John Blackett

£500 -. -. Newcastle Bank 18th Novemr 1778
Thirty Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds - Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jno Widdrington
London
No 9093

24 Nov 1778 Cuthbert Peart to Westgarth Forster

Mr Westgarth Forster at Allanheads Newcas 24th Novr 1778

Sir

As Mr Blackett purposes going into Yorkshire next Month it would be more
Convenient to him for you and the rest of the Stewards to be in Town on Monday the
14th of Decemr & receive your Money on Tuesday the 15th of which you will please to
acquaint the rest of the Agents. I am etc CP

6 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robert Child Esqr & Co Berkley Square Newcas 6th Decr 1778
London

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Cookson & Co on Messrs
Castell Whately & Powell dated the 4th instant at 14 days date for Ninety Pounds
which when paid you will please to Credit the Account of The Revd Doctor Blackett for
the same advising him and me of the Receipt. P.S I have inclosed a Receipt for Doctr
Blackett to sign when he comes to Town & have wrote to him at Plymouth.
I am etc JEB

£90 -. -. Newcastle Bank 4th Decemr 1778
Fourteen Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Ninety Pounds - Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jno Widdrington
London Pay the Contents to Robt
Child Esqr & Co Value

No 9218

in Account
JE Blackett

6 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Edward Blackett

The Revd Doctor Blackett
Stoke Plymouth

Newcas 6th Decr 1778

Dear Sir

I have this day sent Messrs Child & Co a Bill for Ninety Pounds due the 18th instant which will be one Years Interest on Sir Thomas Blacketts Bond to you for £2000 due the 2d instant. As I was uncertain of your being in Town I thought it advisable to send the Bill to your Banker to whom I have inclosed a Receipt for you to sign when you come to Town.

I am etc JEB

6 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham

Newcas 6th Decr 1778

Sir

I received yours of the 4th and observe that you have received about Six hundred Pounds and can be here with it any day after Thursday next. I shall be at Home on Friday & Saturday next so you may come which ever day is convenient to you. I fear Sir Thos Blackett will be greatly disappointed at not receiving a larger Sum. I have already remitted him a £1000 & he writes me that I must bring him at least £1300 more.

The Tenants at Wallington paid up very well which I apprehend has not been the Case with Sir Thomas' Tenants .

I would recommend it to you that Application be made to the Tenants that are backward with their Rents for Sir Thomas does insist on their paying up & unless they do I shall be under a Necessity of taking up the Money at the Bank.

I am etc JEB

6 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcas 6th Decr 1778

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 28th Ultmo acknowledging the Receipt of the two Bills for £1000. Mr Bell writes that he will bring me £600 the End of this Week by which I imagine your Tenants have fallen greatly Short in their Payments. I have wrote again to him acquainting him that you do expect they will pay up for I must have £1000 at least. In a former Letter I sent you Bates & Hunters Valuation of Content & Parkhead Farms. The former was valued at £76 a Year which at 35 Years amounts to £2660. I asked Sir Thomas Clavering £2700 & inclosed you here his Letter to me by which you will observe that he expects to have an answer soon. The Content Farm is valued at £44 a Year, wch at 35 Years purchase amounts to £1540 and the Wood being valued at £100 I asked Mr Simpson £1650 for this Farm Subject to the Rent of £40 a Year to Mr Eyre. I have not yet had Mr Simpsons answer but find he thinks it too high. We have no Demand for Lead. Your Stewards are to be with me the 14th instant for Subsistence for the Workmen. I propose being with you the 19th instant but you shall hear from me again before I set forward. Mr Fawcett Mr Wilson Mr Heron & myself have been together two Days last Week and they have put finishing Stroke to the Business between you & Sir John Trevelyan relating to the Personalities at the Lead Mines Mills etc The particulars of which I shall acquaint you with when we meet. Those Gentlemen have not yet settled the Covenants that are to be entred into by you and Sir John for producing of Deeds when required. I am etc JEB

13 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot Bretton
Yorkshire

Newcas 13th Decr 1778

Dear Sir

Mr Bell was with me Yesterday, he could only get £650 which Sum he paid me on Account of Hexham Rents and I shall bring a Bill or Bills with me to that Amount. Mr Bell expects he shall be able to pay me about £600 more the Middle of January which shall be remitted to you if you think proper.

I hope to be with you the 19th instant & am etc. ps. I have had a Letter from Mr Francis Scott about the Price of Lead etc which I have answered. I am etc JEB

13 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browns Forster Lane
London

Newcas 13th Decemr 1778

Gentn

Inclosed I send you your Account with Sir Thos Blackett The Balance in his Favour £342. 3s. 9d for which I have drawn a Bill on you dated 12th instant at 30 days

date payable to the order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co which you will please to accept & place to Account. I shall send you a ps of fine Silver the beginning of next Month. In your next please to advise me the price of fine Silver the 28 Novr last. JEB

13 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Francis Scott

Francis Scott Esq Cheapside
No 27 London

Newcas 13th Decemr 1778

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 9th instant & observe that the India Co have given £13.5s.0d p Ton for Lead this Year and that at present it is sold in London at £13 p Ton. You may have here any Quantity of Sir Thomas Blacketts Lead you please at the following Prices - £12.17s.6d p Fother for the sort usually sent to India & £13.2s.6d p Fother for refined Lead. It is delivered here and we do not deliver it any other Place. The Time of Payment is three Months after Delivery. Sir Thos Blackett informed me that I should hear from you on this Business. & am etc JEB

London 112lb to the Cwt & 19 1/2 to the Fother containing 2184 lb
Newcastle Do----- & 21 to the Fother containg 2352 lb
Insurance from hence to London is at present 2& 1/2 Guineas pCentn
Expences on Shipping a Keel of Lead containg 300 ps

	£.s.d
Waterage from Blaydon to Shields	1.0.0
Freight from Shields to Londn at 8d a ps	10.0.0
Towns Dues & Pileing 1s.0d a Fother = 20fos	1.0.0
	12.0.0

14 Dec 1778 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robt Child Esqr & Co Bankers London

Newcas 14th Decr 1778

Gentn

I wrote to you on the 6th instant (under Cover to Robert Child Esqr) and inclosed you a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson and Co on Castell Whately & Powell dated 4th instant at 14 Days date for Ninety Pounds and desired it might be placed to the Account of The Revd Doctor Blackett. As you have not advised me of the Receipt of such Bill I am apprehensive that it may have miscarried in which Case you will please to stop the Payment and advise me of it. I am etc JEB

Dear Sir

I made a longer Stay in Ripon than I intended & only got Home the 21st instant. Mr Bell was with me Yesterday & paid me £500 on Account of your Rents - he was disappointed of about £150 which he expected to receive for Wood but hopes to have it soon. Inclosed you have Bell Cookson & Cos Bill on Castell & Co at a month for £300 & by this Post I send Sir Edward Blackett a Bill for £200 for the like Sum you received from him. You will please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill. I acquainted Mr Wilson that you had no Objection to the Request made by the Lessees of Winlaton Colliery for anor Year for the Winnings. Mr Eyre has likewise given his Consent. Mr Wilson did Expect to hear from you as he wrote on Business of Consequence. I have not heard further from Sir Thomas Clavering - I acquainted him that you had fixed the Lowest Price for the two Farms & would make no Abatement. Mr Bell informs me that neither the Leaseholders nor Freeholders within the Manor of Hexham can take up any part of the Waste without your Consent. That you may make your own Conditions with them and are not obliged to take 4d p Acre but that it has been thought adviseable to accept of that Sum; In the Divisions that have taken place in this Country the Lords have had a 1/16 th reserving the Royalties at which rate Mr Bell says it will be 5s 4d an Acre which would not be a bad Price taking the whole together but the Persons that do inclose commonly make Choice of the best Land. Mr Bell likewise informs me that several Persons have inclosed without the Consent of the late Sir Walter Blackett or yourself who do not pay Acre Money and that no Steps have yet been taken to Compel them. This is I think a Matter deserving your serious Consideration & that Mr Wilson should be consulted about it for if no Notice is taken of it you will be greatly injured & may in Time Lose your right. Mr Simpson tells me that he should soon send you his Proposals for the Purchase of Parkhead Farm.

Mr Morrow the Master of your Charity School of St Andws died suddenly Yesterday on Wednesday Night - the sooner this Vacancy is filled up the better & I should be glad to know if you have any Person in Yorkshire that you would appoint. In Case you have not I would recommend that Dr Fawcett our Vicar & Mr Ellison the Minster of the Parish be desired to Examine the several Persons that may offer & Enquire into their Characters & recommend to you the Person they find the best Qualified. I am etc JEB

£300.-.- Newcastle Bank 29th Janry 1779

One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esqr Three Hundred Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell

Jos Saint

London

Pay the Contents to Sir Thomas

No 9658

Blackett Bt or Order Value in

Account John E Blackett

7 Feb 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcas 7th Feby 1779

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 31st Ult to which refer you. I have sold Dr Hall 10000 ps of Lead, one half refined & the other Common at 12.12.6 a Fother & 200 Casks Lithage at 13 1/2 p Ton to be paid for in six Months in Bills at two Months date. As the Stock of Lead at this Market was large as well as that of Stockton & on the drop I thought it adviseable to accept of the Offer. Lord Percy is expected down soon & will expect the same favour you granted him last Year Pray what answer must be given him. The Content Farm at Winlaton was valued with the Wood at £1650 but that farm is Subject to an Outrent of £40 a Year payable to Mr Eyre for which I think you allowed some Abatement shod be made. Now Mr Simpson offers you £1550 for that Farm Subject to the Outrent - he desires his Compts & begs to have your Answer. Mr Gibson Agent to Mr Eyre (who is an Attorney) is preparing the Lease of the Colliery. I observe what you say with respect to the Meeting at Morpeth. An Application to Parliament to have the Affair of the Tithe of A[d]justment settled on a fair reasonable footing would I think be very proper but Parliament will not certainly disassent that Tithe.

As you are so Considerable a Lay Proprietor is it advisable for you to Stir in this Affair
I am etc JEB

10 Feb 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot at Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 10th February 1779

Dear Sir

You will think me troublesome with my Letters but as this brings you a good Account of your Weardale Mines I shall make no Apology. Your Lead Agents will be down here for Subsistence for the Workmen the 23d instant & will want £1400. The two Bonds you signed when I was at Bretton to Mr Cocking for £1000 at 4 p Ct. The other to Mrs Harbottle for \$500 at 4 1/2 p Ct will be dated the 22d instant.

From Mr Maughans Letter dated 5th instant "I have now the Pleasure to inform you that our new Vein at Longsike is now very rich in the leading forehead - it is let to Eight Men at £14 a Bing & I think they have got One Hundred Bings since Monday S'enight"

I am etc JEB

20 Feb 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot at Bretton
Yorkshire

Newcas 20th Febr'y 1779

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 10th instant & shall observe the Contents. Mr Simpsons offer for the Parkhead Farm making an Allowance for the Rent charge to Mr Eyre of £40 a Year you will please to observe comes within a Trifle of the Sum you asked.

On looking into the Will of Sir Wm Blackett I find that the Election of the Master of the Charity School of St Andws is in the Vicar of Newcastle & Churchwardens of St Andrews.

The Salary is £22 a Year & is charged on your Estate but the late Sir Walter Blackett some Years before his Death gave an Augmentation to the Salary of £5 a Year which has been continued by you. The £1000 charged on your Estate by the Will of Sir Willm Blacket was not laid out in Land by the Trustees agreeable to the Will & 6 p Ct Interest has been paid ever since the Death of Sir Willm Blackett. I have sold 2000 ps more of your Lead at £12.15s.0d p Fother. No offers are made for the Purchase of your House & Ground in this Town; not even an Enquiry about Them. I shewed Mr Wilson your Letter. We do not think your Affairs in this Country require your Presence very soon. In June or July I fancy it may be necessary.

I am etc JEB

10 Apr 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Forster Lane London

Newcas 10th April 1779

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Thos Jennings the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eight Hundred & nineteen Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

oz

a ps fine Silver qty 819 at p oz

11 May 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcas 11th May 1779

Sir

Herewith I send you Notes & Cash for £291.13s.6d & I must desire that you will pay to Mr Willm Sanderson the Sums undermentioned for wood bought of him at Healey for the use of Sir Thomas Blacketts Leadmines & please to send me this Receipts. I am etc JEB

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Weardale Mines	83.	6.	8				
Coalcleugh do	104.	3.	4	Bank Notes	290.	0.	0
Allanheads do	104.	3.	4	Cash		1.	13.4
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	291.	13.	4		291.	13.	4

1 Jun 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 1st June 1779

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 24th Ultmo acknowledging the Receipt of a Bill for £500. Mr Bell was here Yesterday & paid me £700 on account of Hexham Rents. As you desire a Remittance I send you inclosed a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at 40d dated this day for £500 the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I would avoid if possible applying for Money but am at present in Advance about £1000. The Lead Trade is indeed very bad at present & the Payments very long.

I Yesterday sold Doctor Hall 12000 ps Lead at £12.10s.0d p Fother half the quantity to be refined. This Price, tho low, is above the Stockton markets for their best Lead is equal, if not superior, to your refined at the Holland Markets; Indeed I was under a Necessity of selling to enable me to make the necessary Payments.

About the Middle of August I propose making the Lead Mills Pay at Dukesfield - it will amount to upwards of £7000 & Should have been made in the Spring but was postponed on Account of the State of the Lead Trade. I observe what you say with respect to Mr Ords Application for the seat at Saint Nicholas Church when I see him shall acquaint him with your Answer; in the mean Time I shall prevent his repairing & new lining the Seat.

Lord Adam Gordon, who is sent to command the Troops in the North called on me the other day & desired me to present his Compliments to you requesting the favour of the use of one of your Stables & Stand for his Carriage. he talks of taking a House within a few Miles of this Town when his Lady the Dutchess of Athol comes down. At present we have the Huntingdonshire Militia at this place they go soon to Morpeth & Alnwick & the Northumberland Militia to Beverly. The 25th Regimt

Lancer's are on their March here & its said we are to have the Lancashire Militia. I shall settle with & satisfy Mr Wilson if you think proper in the same manner that Sir John Trevelyn does Mr Fawcett; but do you mean that I should pay him for any other Business.

You would see an Account in the Papers of the late Captures made the 22d instant within Sight of Timmouth by four French Privateers - three Vessels were ransomed two were taken & it is supposed they have taken three with them. We had some Cruisers on the Coast but they could not come up with the Privateers - they will not ransom any Ship that has Lead which has raised the Freight of that Article & indeed for the present prevents any Ship taking it. We sent an Express to the Admiralty & have an answer That further Protection will be given the Trade; Indeed there is very great Need of it. I am going with my Daughters to Scotland in about a Fortnight and shall return about the Middle of July & ready to receive you in August. My House is at your Service while you stay. My Daughters join with me in best respects & am etc

JEB

Newcastle 15th May 1779 £500
Fifty days after date Pay John Erasmus Blackett Esqr or
Order Five Hundred Pounds Value in Account as p
Advice Jonn Sorsbie Junr

To Messrs Henry & Saml F Freeman Pay the Contents to the
in London Order of Sir Thomas
Blackett Barot Value
in Account

Sent p Post to Sir Thomas John E Blackett
Blackett this 15 May 1779

£500.-.- Newcastle Bank 1st June 1779
Twenty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr Five Hundred Pounds Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
Jno Widdrington

To Messrs Castell Whately
& Powell London Pay the Contents to Sir
No 10676 Thomas Blackett Bt or
Order value in Accot John E Blackett

6 Jun 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to William Ritchie

Messrs William Ritchie & Co Merchants
Glasgow North Britain

Newcas 6th June 1779

Gentn

I am favoured with your Letter of the 30th Ulto & observe the Contents. The Owners of Closegate Glasshouse from me which I understand was sent to you & you may have more through the same channel. We do not take any Charge about the Shipping; but least you should be put to any inconvenience by Delay I will send you Ten Casks by the first Opportunity; of which I shall advise you. The Price is £13.10s.0d p Ton

P.S There is not at present any Vessel loading for your Port.

I am etc JEB

6 Jun 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Lloyd & Callance

Messrs Lloyds & Callance Leeds
Yorkshire

Newcastle 6th June 1779

Gentn

I am favoured with your Letter of the 31st Ulto. The lowest Price of Sir Thomas Blacketts refined Lead is £12.15s.0d the Fother, common Lead £12.10.0d the Fother containing 21 cwt or 2352lb. We deliver it at Blaydon Kay about three Miles above this Place & are not at any Charge for Shipping. The Credit is three Months.

Any Commands that you may please to favour me with you may be assured shall be executed with Punctuality. I am etc JEB

14 Jun 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
London

Newcas 14th June 1779

Gentn

I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Thirty Days date payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co for Two Hundred & fifty Pounds which I doubt not you will pay due honour to & please to charge to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. In your next please to advise me of the Price of fine Silver. I shall send you a Piece soon. I am etc JEB

9 Jul 1779 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcas 9th July 1779

Sir

I received yours this Morning inclosing the Monthly Accounts but what is extraordinary the Plate of Silver is not come to hand. I have enquired of the Waggoner who says it did not come to their Waggon nor did he know any thing about it; this has made me very uneasy & as Corbeld is not in Town today I desire you will make Enquiry concerning it. We have at last got Mr Morrows account settled as to the Land Estate but how the Lead Account is to be adjusted I don't know & fear no better Account can be procured of the Lead delivered at Blaydon during Mr Morrows inability than what the Wainmen themselves can give & I doubt they are too sensible of Mr Morrows Inattention to that Department.

I am etc cp

9 Jul 1779 Cuthbert Peart to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcas 9th July 1779

Sir

I received a Letter from Mr Blackett Yesterday who desires me to answer yours, respecting a Person to succeed Mr Morrow at Blaydon, by acquainting you that he does not intend appointing an Agent there till his return Home about the 15th instant when he will pay due Attention to your Recommendation. I received a Letter to day from Mr Hunter of Dukesfield wherein he says he has sent a Plate of Silver containing 1077 1/2 oz which is not come to hand & fear something may have happened as the Waggoner Cutht Humble can give no Account of it. Please to enquire of Mr Corbeld about the Silver for I have been very uneasy.

I am etc CP

17 Jul 1779 Cuthbert Peart to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Forster Lane London

Newcas 17th July 1779

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Jno & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand & Seventy five Ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bt as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc CP

30 Jul 1779 Cuthbert Peart to John Robson

Mr John Robson Durham Castle

Newcas 30th July 1779

Sir

Mr Blackett received your Letter of the 26th instant respecting the Yearly Rent due to the Bishop of Durham from Sir Thos Blackett for Winlaton Lordship. I have examined the Accounts & find there were two years Rent due Martins last amounting to £9.6s.4d which Sums will be immediately paid at this Office on your sending the usual Receipt given to Mr Morrow

I am etc CP

3 Aug 1779 Cuthbert Peart to Joseph Dickinson

Mr Jos Dickinson at Coalcleugh

Newcas 3d August 1779

Sir

Mr Blackett received your Letter of the 30th Ulto acquainting him of your coming hither on Tuesday first for Subsistence Money for the Workmen & desires you will postpone your Journey till you hear further either from himself or etc

CP

10 Aug 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Morrow

Mr Robt Morrow at Blaydon

Newcas 10th Augst 1779

Sir

I am sorry to inform you That it is Sir Thomas Blacketts Pleasure to displace you as His Agent at Blaydon & as another is appointed you will please to give him Possession as early as you conveniently can

I am etc John E Blackett

18 Aug 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers London

Newcas 18th Augst 1779

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Cookson & Co on Castell Whately & Powell at One Months Date for £157.10s.0d for one Years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due from Sir Thomas Blackett Barot to the Right Revd Dr Thurlow Lord Bishop of the 15th instant. You will please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill & when in Cash for it inclose me the Bishops Receipt as usual

I am etc J E Blackett

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 18th Augst 1779
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings
Value received

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell
London

No 11276

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Messrs
Child and Co or Order Value
in Account John E Blackett

18 Aug 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
London

Newcas 18th Augst 1779

Gentn

I drew a Bill on you the 13th instant in favour of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co at 30 days date for £300 on Account of Sir Thos Blackett Barot which I doubt not you will duly Honour. & etc JEB

23 Sep 1779 Cuthbert Peart to Thomas Maughan

Mr Thomas Maughan
In Weardale

Newcas 23d Sepr 1779

Sir

Lawyer Wilson desires me to Enquire of you who is now in Possession of a Smelt Mill with 4 Hearths called Scotch Ele. Also who is in Possession of a Close called Scotch Eele & what Quantity of Land that Close contains & what is the present Rent. Of what Tenure the Ground is & in what Parish? Who is the present reputed Owner? You will please to be particular in informing yourself about this Business. Your Answer is desired on Thursday next

I am etc CP

2 Oct 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths
Forster Lane London

Newcas 2d Octr 1779

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Robt Cave the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand & Seventy three Ounces which I desire you will place to accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

5 Nov 1779 Cuthbert Peart to Westgarth Forster

Novemr 5th 1779

Wrote Mr Forster of Allanheads, by Mr Blacketts Directions, to Employ Alexr Whaley, a Tenant of Sir Thomas Claverings to make Candles for Allanheads Mines instead of John Hutchinson who had a Share with Mattw Robson of Hexham CP

[Written in the left hand margin] v.a Letter from Sr T Clavering

6 Nov 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Forster Lane London

Newcas 6th Novr 1779

Gentn

I have this day drawn a Bill on you in favour of Sir Thos Blackett or order at 30 days date for £300 which I doubt not you will duly honour & you will please to charge it to his Account

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & seventeen Ounces which I desire you will place to Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

13 Nov 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
at Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 13th Novr 1779

Dr Sir

Your favour of the 8th instant I reced. I can't inform you the day that Mr Coulthard died but Mr Bell tells me you have three months yet to nominate the Person who is to succeed to the Curacy at Allandale. I have sold Dr Hall 5000ps Lead at £12 p

Fother; one half refined & 500 ps Slag at £11.15s.0d a Fother which is above the Stockton Market & I wish I could sell a larger Parcel at the same Price. I shall let the Gardens Stables etc for the best Rent I can get & advise you of it. In the joint Purchase that Mr Hedley & I made of you it was necessary that it should be in the Name of a Person in Trust for us which is the Reason for Mr Mosleys Name being made use of. Inclosed I send you two Bills as above amounting to £500 the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge that it may be filed with the Receipts.

I am etc JEB

£200.- Newcastle Bank 10th Novemr 1779
Thirty Days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Two Hundred Pounds Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jno Widdrington
London Pay the Contents to the
No 11869 Order of Sir Thomas
Blackett Bt value in
CP Acct John E Blackett

£300.- Newcastle Bank Novr 6th 1779
Thirty Days after date Pay to the Order of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot Three
Hundred Pounds value in Accot & place the same to his Account as advised by John E
Blackett
To Messrs Plumb & Browne
Forster Lane London CP

21 Nov 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robert Child Esqr & Co Bankers Newcas 21st Novr 1779
London

Gentn

Inclosed you have a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co dated 16th instant at 30
days date for Ninety Pounds on account of the Revd Dr Blackett of Plymouth the
Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge & advise the Doctor of the same.

I am etc JEB

£90.- Newcastle Bank 16th Novemr 1779
Thirty days after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus

	Blackett Esqr Ninety Pounds	value received
		For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
To Messrs Castell Whately &		Jos Saint
Powell London	Pay the Contents to the order of	
No 11913	Messrs Child & Co Value in accot	
	John E Blackett	

28 Nov 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot at	Newcas	28th Novr 1779
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire		

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 16th instt I received. I observe that you have had a Visit from Forster & Westgarth. I imagine they will be got Home. The Assignment etc that you return'd are not yet come to hand. Please to advise me by whom they were sent that some Enquiry may be made about them. Mr Bell received the 6 Dozn of Rhenish very safe, it is very good Wine & I hope will please in the Summer. Mr Bell has looked at that part of the Garden near Mr Heron's House & has valued it at £5 a Year. Do you approve of Mr Heron having it at that Rent? On the 10th instant Mr Bell paid me £200 & on the 16th instant £600 on account of your Rents. I now inclose you a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 27th instt at 25 days date for Four Hundred Pounds; The Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I observe what you say as to the Curacy of Allandale. In my Opinion Mr Stokoe is the most proper Person to succeed to it, he will give Satisfaction both to you & the Parish & Mr Harris will be very glad to be his Curate. No demand for Lead.

I am etc JEB

	£400.-	Newcastle Bank	27th Novemr 1779
	Twenty five Days after date	Pay to the order of John	
	Erasmus Blackett Esqr Four Hundred Pounds	value received	
		For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self	
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell		Jos Saint	
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thomas		
No 11985	Blackett Barot value in Account		
	John E Blackett		

4 Dec 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Forster Lane	Newcas	4th Decemr 1779
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London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing Seven Hundred & Seventy one Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Market price& advise me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

771 Ounces at p oz

26 Dec 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
at Bretton Yorkshire

Newcas 26th Decemr 1779

Dear Sir

The Box of Writings arrived safe. Mr Bell paid me on the 21st instant £800 on account of your Rents. Your Lead Stewards came here this Evening & to morrow I shall pay them £1600 for Subsistence to the Workmen & for Wood Payments. There are no material Alterations at the Mines since I last wrote you.

I have strongly recommended to them to lay off those Groves that do not work to Profit. The Lead Trade continues very bad & I fear it will be worse; indeed at this Season we cannot expect any great Demand. The last refined Lead I sold was at £12.5s.0d p Fother, at Stockton they have been selling their best Lead equal to yours under £12 a For and a parcel of Lord Carlisles was sold here lately at 11.15.0, it was refined. I fear we shall be under a Necessity of dropping the Price in the Spring when there comes a Demand as they have a Considerable Quantity on Sale at the Stockton Markets; Indeed I wish that Times may mend before the Spring but I don't see any Prospect of it at present. Sir Thos Clavering lately made an Exchange of some Lands with Mr Simpson & is going to enlarge his Park before he builds his Wall. He is desirous of knowing whether you will let him have the Content Farm now rented by Mr Simpson at £70 a Year. He will not give the Sum you asked him which was £2700. It was valued at £76 p Year by Mr Bates & Mr Hunter which at 35 Years Purchase will be £2660, he offers to leave the value to Mr Bates or any good Judge of Land but I don't think he will exceed 2000 Guins. The value of Land is drop'd within these twelve months but your Agent informs me that it is the best Land in that Estate.

I am etc JEB

31 Dec 1779 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths

Newcas 31st Decr 1779

Forster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & Seventy seven Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of it.

I have drawn a Bill on you for £500 payable to Bell Cookson & Co at 30 days dated 3rd January 1779. I am etc JEB

2 Jan 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Maughan

1780 Janry 26th Wrote Mr Maughan to be in Town on Wednesday the 23d Febr'y & to receive Subsistence money on Thursday the 24th & to acquaint Mr Dickinson & Mr Forster to be in at the Same Time.

9 Jan 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers London

Newcas 9th Janry 1780

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell Whately & Powell dated 1st instant at one month for £157.10s.0d for one half Years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due from Sir Thomas Blackett Bt to the Right Revr Dr Thurlow Lord Bishop of Durham [Lincoln inserted above Durham] the 15th February next. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill & when in Cash for it inclose me the Bishops Receipt as usual. I am etc JEB

<NB> The above Bill & Letter were inclosed under a Frank to Mr Thomas Watt Agent to Sir Jno Trevelyn Barot Temple London

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 1st Janry 1780

One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings Value
received For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell
London

Jos Saint

No 12212

Pay the Contents to Messrs Child & Co or Order
Value in Account

John E Blackett

25 Feb 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to John Hill

To Mr John Hill Ironmonger
Boston Lincolnshire

Newcastle 25th Febr'y 1780

Sir

Your Letter of the 19th instant to Sir Thomas Blackett came to my hands last Post. I dispose of that Gentlemans Lead etc the present Price is £12.0s.0d p Fother for Common Lead & £12.5s.0d for Refined: the Fother containg 2352 lb. The Lead to be Shipd at your Expence & paid for on the Shipping by a Bill on London at 2 months date. I shall be glad to serve you & am etc JEB

29 Feb 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot at
Bretton near Wakefield

Newcas 29th Febr'y 1780

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated this day at 30 d date for £500: The Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. Sometime the next month I shall make you another Remittance .

Since I got Home Mr Bell sent me £200 on Account of the Rents; I expected more & wrote him to that Purpose & desired he would be very pressing with them. The Tenants in general are at this Time very backward with their Rents but yours are I think more so than your Neighbours. The Content Farm at Winlaton was let to Mr Simpson from 1st May 1776, it contains about 54 & ½ Acres. The present Rent is £70 a Year & there was an Advance at the last Letting of £14.10s a Year according to the Valuation of Mr Bates & Mr Hunter. Your Lead Stewards were down here the 24th instant for Subsistence for the Workmen. I paid them £1450.

Mr Maughan says Weardale Mines are improving. Allanheads & Coalcleugh are much the same. I repeated to them that you did insist on nothing being done worked but what is profitable & that in Case they do not reduce their Workings that you will be under the disagreeable Necessity of laying in your Leadmines. The Dead work was laid off before.

I have recommended this so strongly that I have no Doubt of their doing it & am etc JEB

£500.-.- Newcastle Bank 29th Febr'y 1780
Thirty days after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Whately
& Powell London
No 12663

Jno Widdrington
Pay the Contents to the
Order of Sir Thos Blackett
Barot value in Account
John E Blackett

4 Mar 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 4th March 1780

Gentn

I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co at 30 days date for Three Hundred Pounds which you will please to pay & Charge to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett. In your next please to advise me of the Price of fine Silver. I expect to send you two Pieces in about three Weeks & am etc
JEB

26 Mar 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 26th March 1780

Gentn

I Yesterday sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand & Twenty one Ounces which I desire you will place to the Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It. Mr Walton informs me that he got 5s.7 3/4 d p oz for a piece of Silver the 18th instant & had drawn for the Amount. That it has since advanced 0 1/4 an Ounce I am etc

JEB

26 Mar 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcas 26th March 1780

Dr Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell Whately & Co dated 25th instant at a Months date for Five Hundred Pounds the Receipt of

which you will please to acknowledge. I have not heard from the Mines since I wrote you nor is there any material Alteration in the Lead Trade, expect an Advance of 5s a Fother. I am now selling Common Lead at £12 & refined at £12.5s p Fother. In Sir Walter Blacketts Time a small part of the Ropes for the Leadmines was got of Mr Fras Peacock of this Town, on the Stewards making great Complaints of the quality of the Ropes we got no more from him - he was very active at the late Election against Sir John Trevelyan & I understand attributes his losing your Business to that, he intends writing to you on the Subject & I thought it necessary to name it to you. Mr Bell writes me that he hopes to pay me soon £200 on account of your Rents but complaining much of your Tenants having disappointed him. I am etc JEB

£500.- - Newcastle Bank 25th March 1780
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
Jno Widdrington
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London
No 12861
Pay the Contents to the
Order of Sir Thomas Blackett
Barot Value in Account
John E Blackett

19 May 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcastle 19th May 1780
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co at 30 days date for Three Hundred Pounds which you will please to pay & Charge to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. I shall send you a piece of Silver the 27th instant & desire you will advise me of the Price on the 6th instant. I am etc JEB

27 May 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcastle 27th May 1780
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Frans Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand & forty three Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett & advise me on your Receipt of It.

oz I am etc JEB
a ps fine Silver qty 1043 at poz

28 May 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

To Mr Luke Noble at Sir Thos Blacketts
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 28th May 1780

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 27th instant at a Months Date for Five Hundred Pounds on the Account of Sir Thos Blackett Barot the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge and advise Sir Thomas of the same. I am etc JEB

£500.-.- Newcastle Bank 27th May 1780
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington &Self
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jos Saint
London Pay the Contents to the order of
No 13392 Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Value in Accot
John E Blackett

NB The Stewards to be in Town the 12th June & receive their Subsistence Money the day following.

28 May 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
White Hart Buxton Derbyshire

Newcas 28th May 1780

Dear Sir

On the 20th instant Mr Bell paid me £800 on Account <of> of your Rents & I expect he will be able to pay me a further Sum in a short Time. I have by this Post

wrote to your Steward Mr Luke Noble & inclos'd him a Bill for £500 on your Account of which I advised him to advise you.

I have not yet fixed a Time for the Pay for your Mines & Mills. They will Amount to near £29000 & I expect to have the Money against the Time without taking up any more Money. Genl Beckwith has applied to me for your leave to make use of your Laundry for his Cocks during the Race Week. I understand it shall be the last Time he will ask that Favour of you. You will please to favour me with your Answer. What Time do you propose being in this Country?

I am etc JEB

17 Jul 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Nicholas Walton

Mr Nichols Walton Junr Farnacres

Newcastle 17th July 1780

Dear Sir

At my return from the North I found your Favour of the 30th Ult. I understood that you was from Home which was the reason that you I did not answer it & I was in hopes of meeting you on Saturday.

I observe that a Dispute was likely to arise respecting the Boundary of the Long Ditch etc & that you recommended that Mr Fryer should attend the Examination. I intirely approve of it on the part of Sir Thomas Blackett & have wrote to Mr Joseph Dickinson to that purpose.

I am etc JEB

18 Jul 1780 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 18th July 1780

Sir

Your Plate of Silver is come safe to hand containing 1150oz.10dwts. Mr Blackett is now from Home but I have sent him your Letter by which he will be very well pleased to see that you get better forward with Carriage of Rookhope Lead as the want of it might have been very prejudicial to the Refinery here.

I am etc CP

26 Jul 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 26th July 1780

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell Whately & Powell dated 25th instant at one Month for One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten

Shillings being half a Years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due to the Right Revr Dr Thurlow Lord Bishop of Lincoln the 15th August.

Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill & send me His Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc JEB

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 25th July 1780
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jos Saint
London Pay the Contents to Messrs Child
No 13753 & Co or Order Value in Account
John E Blackett

15 Aug 1780 Cuthbert Peart to Richard Wray

Mr Richd Wray Hexham

Newcas 15th Augst 1780

Sir

Inclosed you will receive Bank Notes to the amount of Sixty Pounds which with £2.8s.0d in Cash is in full for Candles delivered to Wolfcleugh to 30th June last. I am etc CP

20 Aug 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 20th August 1780

Gentn

I Yesterday drew a Bill on you payable to the order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co at a months date for £600 which I doubt not you will pay due honour to & place to the account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. I am etc JEB

15 Sep 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
London

Newcastle 15th Sept 1780

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Frans Ridley the London Carrier a pe fine Silver containing One Thousand & Eight Ounces which I desire you will place to accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Bt as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

15 Oct 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
London

Newcas 15th Octor 1780

Gentn

I Yesterday drew a Bill on you at 30 days date in favour of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co for Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds which I doubt not you will pay due Honour to & place to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot.

I am etc JEB

24 Nov 1780 Cuthbert Peart to Richard Wray

Mr Richd Wray
Hexham

Newcas 24th Novemr 1780

Sir

I send you herewith inclosed Three Bank Notes amounting to Fifteen Pounds which with 12s.0d to be given you by the Hexham Post is in full for Candles delivered to Wolfcleugh Mines to 30th Sept last.

I am etc CP

9 Dec 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 9th Decemr 1780

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Seven Hundred & fifty Eight Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

oz Dwts
a ps fine Silver qty 758.10 at poz

19 Dec 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers
London

Newcastle 19th Decr 1780

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 5th Decemr at 30 days for One Hundred Pounds. You will please to give Dr Blacketts accot of Plymouth Credit for this Sum advising him & me of the Receipt of the Bill.

I am etc JEB

£100.- Newcastle Bank 5th Decemr 1780
Thirty days after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred Pounds value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jno Widdrington
London Pay the Contents to the order
No 14658 of Messrs Child & Co value in
Account John E Blackett

19 Dec 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Edward Blackett

The Revd Dr Blackett
Plymouth

Newcastle 19th Decemr 1780

Dr Sir

I this day remitted a Bill to Robert Child Esqr & Co for £100 which will be due the 7th Janry & desired them to place it to your Account. You did not send me a Receipt for the last Years Interest so have inclosed two Receipts which you will please to sign & return me in the inclosed Cover. I am etc JE Blackett

23 Dec 1780 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Godfrey Bosvilles at Thorpe near Bridlington Yorkshire

Newcas 23d Decemr 1780

Dear Sir

I observe you have had more Demands upon you lately than you expected. I have got a Bill on London for Two Thousand Pounds that will be due the 28th January

to satisfy the Demand made by Doctor Walker. Please to let me know what further Sum you would have remitted to you & whether I shall send the two Bills to you at Thorpe or to your Steward Mr Noble. Our Affairs in America have a much better Aspect but I do not much like the Appearance of Things at Home. A Dutch War is to be dreaded. It would affect the Lead Trade much but I hope it may be warded off. I have the Pleasure to tell you that the Price of Lead is lately advanced. The last I sold was at £13.5s.0d Common & £13.10s.0d refined. The demand is never great at this Season. I may have £14 for refined Lead but expect it will be higher unless we have a War with the Dutch. I observe Mr Geo Knowsleys Letter from Hull that the Price was on the 21th Novemr last at £13 p For which allowing for the Difference of the Fothers between Hull & this Place would be equal to £13.1s.4d p Fother. At that Time I sold your Lead at £13.10s.0d; but had the Hull Markett been considerably higher it would be Madness to Ship Lead from this Port for Hull for Sale for the Charges would be considerable & much more than the Difference of Price could possibly be.

Mr Bell called on me this Morning & paid me £350 on Account of your Rents.
p.s. I have sold 100 Casks of Lithage at £14 & now ask £14.10s.0d p Ton. Your
Accounts will be sent you soon. I am etc JEB

£2000.-.- Newcastle Bank 25th Decemr 1780
One Month after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
Two Thousand Pounds Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Jno Widdrington
Powell London Pay the Contents to the Order
No 14851 of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Value in Account
John E Blackett

6 Jan 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcas 6th Janry 1781
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I sent you Yesterday by Frans Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Eighty seven Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

8 Jan 1781 John Erasmus Blackett

£500.- Newcastle Bank 8th Janry 1781

One Month after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Whately
& Powell London
No 14954

Jos Saint

Pay the Contents to Sir Thomas
Blackett Barot or Order. Value
in Account

remitted Mr
Noble

John E Blackett

22 Feb 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robert Child Esqr & Co Bankers
London

Newcas 22d Feby 1781

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 20th instant at 25 days date for £157.10s.0d which Sum is to pay the Lord Bishop of Lincoln for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Leadmines on accot of Sir Thos Blackett Bt from the 15th Augst 1780 to 15th instant. You will please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill & when paid inclose me the Bishops Receipt. I am etc JEB

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 20th Feby 1781

Twenty five days after Date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & fifty seven pounds ten Shillings
value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Whately
& Powell London
No 15285

Jno Widdrington

Pay the Contents to Messrs
Child & Co or order. value
in Account

John E Blackett

9 Mar 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

NB. The above Bill was sent by Sir Thomas Blackett to pay Rt Beatson for Bend Leather for the use of the Mines & Mills

£102.18.0 Newcastle Bank 9th March 1781

One Month after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & two Pounds Eighteen Shillings
value received

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London
No 15437

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
Jno Widdrington
Pay the Contents to

17 Mar 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 17th March 1781

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Robert Cave the London Carrier a piece fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & thirty four Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

oz Dwt
a ps fine Silver qty 934.10 at poz

24 Mar 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sent the above Bill to Sr Thos Blackett Barot Great Russel Street Bloomsbury London

£450.-.- Newcastle Bank 24th March 1781

One Month after Date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Four Hundred & fifty Pounds Value received

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London
No 15564

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
Jno Widdrington
Pay the Contents to Sir Thos
Blackett Barot or order
Value in Account
John E Blackett

28 Apr 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 28th April 1781

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Thirteen Hundred & thirteen Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

oz

a ps fine Silver qty 1313 at poz

9 Jun 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 9th June 1781

Dear Sir

I received your Favour of the 3d instant & observe that you are arrived at Bretton & that Mr & Mrs Bosville & Miss Wentworths are staying with you. Your Lead Stewards were down here last Month, there was little Alteration in the Mines. Weardale was rather improving. The War obliges me to give longer Credit so shall not have it in my Power to make the Lead Pays before August. The Pays for the Several Lead Mines & Mills will amount to £25498 which I shall be enabled to make at that Time & shall send you a Bill for £500 some time this Month. I lately sold 7000 ps refin'd Lead at £14.17s.6d p Fother, 2000 ps Common & 1000 ps Slag Lead at £14.12s.6d to Doctor Hall. I expect the Price of Lead will keep up but the wet Weather we have lately had will retard the Carriage of the Lead much. I observe you have had a Letter from the Committee of Saint Andrews Parish in this Town soliciting your Subscription for An Organ. Your House & Gardens are in that Parish & as you are an Encourager of Musick the Parishoners are in hopes that you will be at Unison with them. I acquainted Mr Wilson with what you say, he is at present confined with the Gout.

I am etc JEB

12 Jun 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Alder

Daniel Alder Esqr at Adderstone near Belford North Newcas 12th June 1781

Sir

I am inform'd by Sir Thomas Blacketts Agent in Weardale that you proposed making the Partnership Pay the 20th instant.

I think it necessary to acquaint you that I shall not advance any Money for that Purpose on Sir Thomas Blacketts Account untill his Demand & the Executors of the late Sir Wr Blacketts Demand on the Estate & Effects of the late Mr Bacon are discharged.

I here enclosed you the Account & am etc

JEB

29 Jun 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcas 29th June 1781

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co of this date payable at 20d date for Five Hundred Pounds, the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge.

I have lately sold about 5000 ps Lead, the Common at £14.17s.6d the refined at £15.2s.6d p Fother. I now ask £15.5s.0d for Refined. I am etc JEB

£500.-.- Newcastle Bank 29th June 1781
Twenty Days after date Pay to the order of John
Erasmus Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds Value
received For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington Self
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jos Saint
London Pay the Contents to the Order
No 16360 of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
value in Account
John E Blackett

7 Jul 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 7th July 1781

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Robert Cave the London Carrier a Piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & Twenty six Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

oz
a ps fine Silver qty 926 at poz

26 Jul 1781 Cuthbert Peart to Thomas Maughan

Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse
in Weardale

Newcas 26th July 1781

Sir

Inclosed you will receive An Abstract of Lord Carlisles Admittances to his Estate near Stanhope which, from the Description, may enable you to say whether his Lordship is working the Leadmines in the freehold or Copyhold part of the Estate or in the Waste or some Encroachment or Inclosure taken from It. Mr Bell & you will correspond about this Business.

I am etc CP

28 Jul 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robt Child Esqr & Co Bankers
London

Newcastle 28th July 1781

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive Messrs Bell Cookson & Cos Bill on Messrs Castell & Co for One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings at 25d dated 27th instant; being half a Yrs Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln the 15th of next Month. You will please to Advise on your Receipt of this Bill & when paid send his Lordships Receipt as usual.

I am etc JEB

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 27th July 1781

Twenty five Days after date Pay to the order of Jno Erass

Blackett Esqr One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings

Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington Self

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell

Jos Saint

London

Endorsed

No 16998

John E Blackett

7 Aug 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Foster Lane
London

Newcas 7th Augst 1781

Gentn

I sent you on Saturday last by Robt Cave the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & Forty Ounces which I desire you will place to

account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

oz

a ps fine Silver qty 940 at poz

22 Aug 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 22th Augst 1781

Gentn

I Yesterday drew a Bill on you at Twenty Days date payable to the order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co for One Thousand Pounds which I doubt not will be duly honoured & you will be pleased to place it to the account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. We make a Lead Mine Pay in a few Days which is the reason of my drawing on you for a Larger Sum than I otherwise should have done at this Time. I am etc JEB

24 Aug 1781 Cuthbert Peart to Richard Wray

Mr Richd Wray Hexham

Newcas 24th Augst 1781

Sir

Inclosed you will receive Bank Notes to the Amount of £45 which with £1.16s.0d in Cash is in full for Candles delivered to Wolfcleugh to 30th June last. I should be glad to know that you receive this Money safe & am etc CP

5 Sep 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

NB The above Bill was given to Sir Thos Blackett Barot the 5th Sepr 1781 for his own private use

£500.-.- Newcastle Bank 4th Septemr 1781

One Month after Date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell
London

Jos Saint

No 16882

Endorsed to Sir Thos
Blackett Barot
John E Blackett

25 Sep 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bt Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcas 25th Sepr 1781

Dear Sir

Mr Chrisr Blackett called on me a few Days since & acquainted me that he had some Conversation with you on the Lead Trade. that you had consented to sell him Lead & likewise to recommend him to Messrs Lancaster & Co as a proper person to purchase Lead for them; As to the first I shall certainly sell your Lead to whoever you think proper at the Markett price but I would by no means advise you to recommend Mr Blackett to Messrs Lancaster to do Business for them as I am satisfied it cannot answer any good Purpose for your Interest & it is what Sir Wr Blackett & the Persons concerned for him always avoided interfering in. I do assure you the Doctor Hall has always done Business with me in the most fair open manner, the scarcity of Money of late owing to the War has obliged me to give longer Credit than formerly & he has I must own rather exceeded it of late. but as the demand for Lead is now brisker I shall keep him to his Engagements. As to the Sales of your Lead I will answer for it that the Prices are equal & sometimes Exceed those of the Lead Company or any other Proprietors at this Port & I am most thoroughly satisfied that it will not be for your Interest to interfere the least in the Recommendation of any Person to purchase your Lead. If Mr Blackett should apply of himself to Messrs Lancaster or any other Persons to do Business for them you have nothing to do with it & he has a right to make any Application of that kind. There are Persons at this Place who purchase Lead for Messrs Freemans of London & I have dealt with them but I prefer doing Business with Dr Hall as being more punctual & Safe & the Lancasters have always instructed Dr Hall with a fuller power than the Freemans gave Mr Sorsbie; he was always much more backward in his payments than Dr Hall & there is £800 which has been due from him to Sir Wr Blackett & his Executors for these 8 Years & I have got his Sons Bond for the Sum but am doubtfull whether he is able to pay It. After saying this you will Judge whether you think it advisable to take any other Steps in this Business.

On the 12th instant I sold Dr Hall 2500 ps of C Lead at 15.2s p for & 2500 ps refd Lead at 15 3/4 which parcel is not yet come down to Blaydon; but as the roads are mending I hope to have it down soon. when we have more to Sell I shall ask £15.15s & £16.0s & £16.5s 0d for Litharge. I have got Bills from Dr Hall for £5000 at 2 months date & expect at the End of next month to have £5000 more I am etc JEB

27 Oct 1781 Cuthbert Peart to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne

Newcas 27th Octr 1781

Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Robt Cave the London Carrier a ps of fine Silver containing One Thousand & two Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise on your Receipt of It. I am etc CP

9 Nov 1781 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Newcastle 9th Novemr 1781

Wrote Mr Isaac Hunter that a Piece of Silver was safe received containing 1017 Ounces
CP

14 Nov 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Alder

Danl Alder Esqr at Adderstone
near Belford North

Newcas 14th Novemr 1781

Sir

Some Intimation having been given me as to making the Partnership Pay I now acquaint you it will be convenient to Sir Thomas Blacketts Agents to do so on Wednesday the 21st instant so you will please to give necessary Directions as to this Business should the day appointed be convenient to yourself.

I am etc JEB

20 Nov 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 20th Novemr 1781

Dear Sir

Your Leadmine Stewards were with me to receive Subsistence for the Workmen. They report that the Mines are pretty much in the same State they were when you were in the North & will raise a Considerable Quantity of Ore this Year. At the End of the Year I have given them Directions to make out an Account of the Stock in hand etc when you come North in February next the Stewards will be here for Subsistence Money & I hope the Accounts which will be laid before you will be Satisfactory.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co dated 16th instant at a month for £500, the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I have not seen Mr Bell yet but expect he will be with me the End of this Week with some Money

on account of your Rents. I Yesterday made a Considerable Sale of Lead at the Prices as under which are higher than any that have been made at this Port. Doctr Hall has paid me £5000 on account in two Bills at 2 months.

When the Lead Carriage stops the End of this Month I expect there will be at Blaydon 14000 ps lead exclusive of the late Sales most of which will be for Refining & Litharge to keep them employ'd till May when the Carriage Starts. I am etc JEB

Dr Hall 2000 ps refd Lead at 16 3/4

3000 ps Common at 16 1/2

500 ps refd Slag at do Chr Blackett

2000 ps refd 16 3/4

500 ps C Slag at 16 1/4

3000 ps C 16 1/2

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5000

£500.- Newcastle Bank 16th November 1781

One Month after Date pay to the order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell

Jno Widdrington

London

Endorsed to Sir Thos

No 17418

Blackett Barot by J E Blackett Esqr

24 Nov 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 24th Novemr 1781

Gentn

I Yesterday drew a Bill on you at 30 days date for Four Hundred Pounds payable to the order of Bell Cookson & Co which you will please to pay & place to the Account of Sir Thos Blackett Barot.

I am etc JEB

8 Dec 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robert Child Esqr & Co
London

Newcastle 8th Decemr 1781

Gentn Inclosed you have a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated this day at 25 days date for £100 for which you will please to Credit the account of the Revd Dr Blackett of Plymouth advising him of the same & me of the Receipt of the Bill. I am etc JEB

£100.- Newcastle Bank 8th Decemr 1781
Twenty five Days after date pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred Pounds Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately John Widdrington
& Powell London Pay the Contents to Robt Child
No 17600 Esqr & Co Value in account
John E Blackett

8 Dec 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter at Newcas 8th Decemr 1781
Dukesfield

Sir

As the Price of Lead is likely to keep up I would recommend it to you to keep all the Hearths going briskly that we may have a good Stock against the Carriage may start in the Spring which in Case of a favourable Season I hope will be early & to induce them to it I shall have no Objection to advance them some Money on that reason. I am informed that the Grove discovered near Newbegin is very promising. That they have already raised a pretty large Quantity of Ore which tho not rich in Lead yet the Lead yields 27 Ounces of Silver p Fother. I understand the Ore is purchased by the Persons who have erected a Refinery opposite Blaydon at £3.15s.0d p Bing. As the Carriage to Dukesfield would be short may it not be an Object for Sir Thomas Blackett to purchase the Ore provided it can be had at a reasonable Price. Pray give me your Thoughts on the Subject & if you should be of that Opinion you may without Difficulty procure a Sufficient Quantity to make an Assay from which we may be able to form a Judgement what offers to make. I am etc JEB

21 Dec 1781 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot Newcastle 21st Decemr 1781
Bretton Yorkshire

Dear Sir

I received your Favour of the 10th instant and have according to your desire subscribed Ten Guineas to the Organ for Saint Andrews Church being the Sum I borrowed of you when last at Bretton. I hope you have received the Book of Accounts. Your Lead Stewards were with me for Subsistence for the Workmen on Tuesday last.

They came a Week sooner than usual on account of the Holydays. They gave pretty much the same account of the State of the Mines as when last down. They will be down again about the 20th Febry next & before that Time send me a State of their Accounts. On the 19th instant I sold Mr Chrisr Blackett 2000 ps of Common Lead at 16 3/4 p Fother 1000ps refind lead at £17 & 100 casks Litharge at 17 1/4 p Ton. It is probable I shall not make any more Sales of Lead (except small parcels) till the Spring. The person who made proposals for Renting your Garden at £20 p Year will now have nothing to do with it & the only offer I have made is from Dale who will not give more than 10 p Annum from May next. I am etc JEB

1 Jan 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 1st January 1782

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 21st Ult to which refer you. Inclosed you will receive a Bill of this date drawn by Bell Cookson & Co at a months date for One Thousand pounds the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge & hope you think I begin the Year well. I have not sold any more Lead since I wrote you last nor do I expect or desire it till the Spring.

P.S. I have this day paid £2000 to the Bank & am etc JEB

£1000 Newcastle Bank 1st January 1782

One Month after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Thousand Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Whately
& Powell London

Jno Widdrington

No 17800

Pay the Contents to Sir

Thomas Blackett Barot

or order value in account John E Blackett

4 Jan 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 4th January 1782

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Francis Ridley the London Carrier a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand one Hundred & Sixty one Ounces which I desire you

will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

20 Feb 1782 Cuthbert Peart to Robert Child

Robert Child Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 20th February 1782

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive Messrs Bell Cookson & Cos Bill on Messrs Castell Whately & Co for One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings at 30d dated this day; being half a Years Composition for Weardale Tithe Ore due to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln from Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. You will please to advise Mr Blackett on your Receipt of this Bill & send His Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc CP

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 20th February 1782

Thirty Days after date Pay to the order of Mr Cuth Peart One
Hundred & fifty seven pounds ten Shillings Value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jas Saint
London Pay the Contents to Robt
No 18229 Child Esqr & Co value in Acot
Cuth Peart

9 Mar 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 9th March 1782

Dear Sir

Your Lead Stewards were with me the 25th Ulto for Subsistence for the Workmen. The Mines are much in the same State they were when the Stewards were last down etc they expect to raise as much Ore as they did last Year.

I shall make the Pay for the Mines in May & expect that it will amount to near £30000 which Sum I shall provide. The Price of Lead at the London Markett is below this which is very extraordinary & I fear it will not be in our Power to keep it up this Year when the Lead comes down to Markett; however I shall do my Endeavour since I got home have sold upwards of 2000ps for foreign Marketts. Refin'd at £17 p Fother, Common at 16 3/4 & Litharge at £17.5s.0d p Ton. I shall remit you £1000 next Month and expect to be called upon by Sir John Trevelyan for 3 or 4 Thousand Pounds in June

next in part of your Bonds to him which Sum I shall be prepared to pay. I
am etc JEB

7 Apr 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble at Sr Thos Blackett
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 7th April 1782

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell Whately
& Powell dated 6th instant at 30 days for One Thousand pounds on account of Sir
Thomas Blackett Barot the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge & I must
desire you will forward the inclosed as I imagine Sir Thomas Blackett is from Home.
I am etc JEB

	£1000 Newcastle Bank 6th April 1782
	Thirty Days after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
	Blackett Esqr One Thousand Pounds Value received
	For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
To Messrs Castell Whately	Jos Saint
& Powell London	Pay the Contents to to the order
No 18624	of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
	Value in account
	John E Blackett

7 Apr 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot

Newcas 7th April 1782

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 19th instant to which refer you, not receiving an Answer induces
me to think you were gone to Town but as that may not be the Case I send this under
Cover to Mr Noble to whom I have sent a Bill on London for One Thousand Pounds on
your Account. I have had several Meetings with the Gentlemen concerned in the Lead
Trade & I have wrote to Sir Mattw Ridley on that Business.

The Tax on the Lead Carriage would be very oppressive it would be a Charge on
your Concern of about £600 a Year; but I apprehend it will be dropt. That on the
Coasting Trade (unless some Alteration is made in it to Exempt the Ships in the Coal
Trade which a small Quantity of Lead) will be a very heavy Load on the Lead Trade. I
hope the Price of Lead will keep up this Year. I have sold some small parcels at

£16.15s.0d for Common £17 refined Lead & £17.5s.0d Litharge. I expect the Lead Carriage will start the end of this Month & am etc JEB

20 Apr 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 20th April 1782

Gentn

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand & Eleven Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

oz
1011 1/2 at poz

22 Apr 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Great Russel Street Bloomsbury London

Newcas 22d April 1782

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 8th instant to which refer you. I understand Mr C Blackett has wrote to you Complaining against me for not selling him a Quantity of Lead I must therefore take up a little of your Time to Explain that Matter.

Mr C Blackett had sometime since enquired of me if I had any Lead to dispose of for the London Markett without naming any Quantity or offering a Price. I told him I had not for the Quantity that I had sold him & Dr Hall was not at that Time at Blaydon, he then desired to be informed when I had a Quantity to sell. I told him I should on his making Enquiry let him know when I should sell for Mr Richmond & myself have always thought it was more for the Interest of the Seller (when the Trade would admit of it) to be applied to & a price offered than to offer the Lead to Markett to all the Buyers. On the 10th instant I was applied to by Dr Hall for 20000 ps Lead, he offered 16 3/4 for Common & £17 p Fother for refined Lead. I declined selling that Quantity but entered into an Agreement with him for 10000 ps, equal Quantities. My Object was to sell such a Quantity as would in a great measure fix the Price for the Year, at least prevent its dropping. This was following the Line which the late Mr Richmond always pursued & which I am satisfied is for your Interest. The Lead Carriage was every day expected to start, other Lead Owners might have closed with Mr Hall & on the whole I thought it an adviseable measure for your Interest & what I would submit to any Man

of Knowledge in Trade. When Mr Blackett heard of the Sale he applied to me for a Quantity at the same Price which I could not at this Time sell him till the former purchase or a great part of it was delivered or a sufficient Quantity come down to Justify me in making a Sale. I should have had no Objection to have sold him a Quantity the latter End of next Month when we may expect a good Quantity down. Mr C Blackett called on me at your Office this Morning by his appointment & to my Surprise brought his Brother Mr John Blackett. I was alone & am sorry to say that I never met with such Treatment as I did from Mr C Blackett since I have been in Business & hope never shall again. I think the more Buyers there are at Markett the better & have always avoided giving an undue Preference at the same Time I thought it adviseable to keep myself disengaged that when I thought it was for your Interest to sell a Quantity even to one Person by which means the Price would be fixed & supposed to be at Liberty to do it Your Interest being my first Object. Was I never to sell a Parcel of Lead to one Person without making an offer of a Quantity to the other the Buyers would soon Combine & fix a Price which we must be under a Necessity of accepting, while there is a Jealousy amongst them that will not be the Case. Mr C Blackett has thought proper to say that it has been my Endeavour to drive him from the Markett that I have treated him & his Friends very Ill and even told Mr Peart that both himself & Friends were satisfied that there was a private understanding between Dr Hall & myself & that we went Shares in the Commission. A worse Thing could not have been said of me. I detest the Action & flatter myself you will do me the Justice to believe what I say. This disagreeable Business gives me much uneasiness & I hope when we meet to satisfy you that I have not merited such Treatment from Mr C Blackett for I again declare to you that it has never been my desire or wish to give anyone of the Buyers a Preference.

I must do Mr C Blackett the Justice to say that he has fulfilled his Engagements with me for the Payment of the Lead as has Doctor Hall. I have fixed the Lead Pays for the End of next Month. The Amount will be £29790. I am etc JEB

4 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot Newcastle 4th May 1782
G Bosvilles Esqr Great Russell Street Bloomsbury London

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 22d Ulto to which refer you. I was sorry that I was under a Necessity of writing on a Subject of so disagreeable a Nature. I am now much more so in hearing that you have been much indisposed being sensible that these Things will give you uneasiness. I hope this may find you perfectly recovered which shall be glad to hear. By sinking to the Coal on the Winlaton Estate the Water which supplied your Refinery at Blaydon is taken off & you are now at the Expense of 38s a Week for blowing the Bellows. I have been at Blaydon several Times lately to Examine the

Springs etc near the Reservoir and to measure the distance from thence to the Place where the Water from the Fire Engine comes to the Day. The Springs are trifling & in Summer almost dry. There is not Coal to bring the Engine water to the Reservoir but it may be brought to the Top of the Wheel at the Refinery the Distance being 1020 Yards & the Expense of the Pipes or Boxes I am informed will be upwards of £200 besides the Damage to be paid Mr Ayre for bringing it across his Ground & the frequent Repairs of the Boxes & after all when the Fire Engine stops working the Refinery will be stop'd. Mr Rastrick of Morpeth a Mill Wright & a very ingenious Mechanic (who has erected several Machines for raising Water etc in this Neighbourhood) was recommended to me & as it was necessary that no Time should be lost in this Business I took him with me to Blaydon Yesterday to ask his Opinion. he recommends a small Wind Mill to be built at the West Corner of the Refinery Yard for raising Water from the River for the Supply of the Wheel and likewise of the Reservoir by the present Pipes but as the Mill may be at Times laid off for Want of Water Wind he likewise recommends a small Engine to go with one House. The Bellows may be wrought by the Engine without the Assistance of Water but the blast would not be so equal which would be of great disadvantage to the Refinery etc.

Should you approve of a Scheme of this kind I imagine you would have it postponed till you come into this Country as you understand these Things very well & you'll probably bring Mr Beatson with you. I have some other Schemes which I think may answer very well. The first is to build a Slag Hearth & the same Engine to work the Bellows, at present we are under a Necessity of selling the Slag & as they take it away as it suits there Convenience the Slags or a great part of them are carried away by the Floods (which was the Case in the late Floods) & the Field adjoining was hurt by the Quantity of small Slag. The next is to have a Contrivance for sifting Litharge which in the present method of doing it is so very detrimental to the Health of the Workmen. The other is to have the same Engine to grind Bones; the finest part of which may be used in the two Refinerys the other part for manuring of Land. I only offer this for your Consideration & if you should approve of something of the kind I hope we shall see you next Month. If this takes place the £10 a Year which you pay Sir Thomas Clavering for liberty of bringing Water to the Reservoir will Cease.

Your Lead Carriage starts to morrow but the Roads are still very bad & the Season exceeding backward. I am etc JEB

8 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot at Mr Sydenhams
Frith Street Soho London

Newcas 8th May 1782

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 4th instant to which refer you. I was last Post favoured with yours of the 4th instant; the Contents of which gives me great Pleasure as I am happy

to find that my Conduct in the management of your Lead Concerns meets with your Approbation. You may be assured it has & shall be my endeavour to Conduct that Business, more especially what relates to the Sale of it, in the best manner I am capable of your Interest being always my first Object. I am much obliged to you for the Confidence which you are pleased to place in me by giving me a Copy of your Letter to Mr C B & asking my Opinion of it. I think it is very proper on the Occasion & that you have said no more than the Allegations & Charges in his Letter well warranted you to do. I have seen Mr C.B. several Times upon 'Change, he has not thought proper to make the least Apology for his Behaviour to me nor for his Attack on my Character nor has a Word passed between us since the 22d April the day that I wrote you but Mr Peart has had some Conversation with him & he is as violent as ever. I am etc JEB

8 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 8th May 1782

Gentn

I am favoured with your Letter of the 4th instant acknowledging the Receipt of a Cake of Silver. I make it it only 318.4.0 so imagine there must be a mistake of £3 of which you will please to advise me & rectify it accordingly. I was in hopes of having 6.3 3/4 d p OZ as Mr N Walton got that Price for a Piece sent to Mr Holmes at the same Time.
I am etc JEB

15 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bt at Mr Sydenhams
Frith Street Soho London

omitted

Newcastle 15th May 1782

Dear Sr

I am favoured with your Letters of the 9th & 11th instant & am glad to hear you are better. I observe what you say as to the Conversation you have had with Mr Freeman & preston and the Proposal they have made for the Purchase of 10000 ps Lead or more at the same Price that Dr Hall gave & to take it away after that Quantity is completed. My great Object as I mentioned before in selling Mr Hall so large a Quantity was the keeping up the Price of Lead. That having taken Affect I do not at present think it adviseable to sell so large a Quantity as 10000 ps especially as the lateness of the Season has prevented the Lead Carriage from leading, for tho they usually started early in April they have not yet made a beginning. I you have no Objection I would make those Gentlemen the following offer. To sell them 5000ps one

half to be refined, 2500 of which to be at the Price which Mr Hall has agreed for viz refined at £17 p Fother, Common at £16.15s.0d. The remainder an Advance price of 5s.0d p for, viz refd 17 1/4 & Common at 17 p Fother to be paid for as usual. As to Mr C.B having the Commission notwithstanding his Behaviour to me I shall not Object to him provided you do not but I am not certain whether he will continue the Business. As Mr Freeman & Mr Preston have made this offer to you I think the answer should come properly from you. I observe what you say as to the Works I proposed to be erected at Blaydon & am glad to find that a Scheme of that kind meets your Approbation. Mr Rastrick is at present at Berwick erecting some Works there. I expect him over soon when shall have some more Conversation with him on the Subject & shall acquaint you what Resolutions we come to.

I am etc JEB

17 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcas 17th May 1782

Gentn

I have the favour of your Letter of the 7th instant & have agreeable thereto Debited your account £318.4s.0d for the last Piece of Silver sent you. I have this day drawn a Bill on you at 20 days date for £300 in favour of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co which I doubt not you will duly Honour and place to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. JEB

P.S. to Plumb & Brownes Letter I have your favour of the 14th instt by this Post & observe that you gave me leave to Charge 6s.3 3/4 d p OZ for the last Piece of Silver but as I have carried it to Accot at 6s.3 1/2 d shall not make any Alteration at present tho I assure you the former Price was given by Mr Holmes. I am etc JEB

24 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Preston

Thomas Preston Esqr Tooley Street
London

Newcas 24th May 1782

Sir

I have your Favour of the 20th instant & note the Contents. I have no Objection to Mr C Blackett having the Commission of wch he is made acquainted but I cannot deliver any part of the Lead till we have such a Quantity down that Mr Hall may not meet with any Interruption in Shipping the Lead he purchased.

I have wrote to Messrs Freeman by this Post to the same purpose; Those gentlemen are desirous of purchasing 100 Casks of Litharge. I have made them an

offer of that Quantity jointly with you at £17.10s.0d p Ton. If agreeable to you please to advise Mr C. Blackett & Messrs Freeman of the same. I am etc JEB

24 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Freeman

Messrs Henry & Saml T Freeman
Merchants London

Newcastle 24th May 1782

Gentn

I have the favour of your Letter of the 20th instant and observe that you & Mr Preston accept the offer made you by Sir Thomas Blackett for 5000 ps Lead on the Terms mentioned.

I have no Objection to Mr C Blackett having the Commission of which he is made acquainted but I cannot deliver any part of the Lead till we have such a Quantity down that Mr Hall may not meet with any Interruption in Shipping the Lead he purchased. I have wrote to Mr Preston by this Post to the same Purpose & offer him & you Gentn 100 Casks Litharge at £17.10s.0d p Ton. If agreeable to you please to advise Mr C Blackett of the same.

I am etc JEB

24 May 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bt at Mr Sydenhams
Frith Street Soho London

Newcas 24th May 1782

D Sir

I wrote you the 15th instant to which refer you. I have Letters by last Post from Messrs Freeman & Mr Preston accepting of the 5000 ps Lead on the Terms you offered. They are very desirous that Mr C Blackett should have the Commission & as I have not heard from you in answer to my Letter imagine you will have no Objection to his having it. I have in Consequence made him acquainted with the Sale & have wrote to Messrs Freeman & Mr Preston accordingly. Mr C Blackett has likewise accepted my offer of 100 Casks Litharge at £17. 2s p Ton. Mr Peart tells me he appears much ashamed of his Behaviour and is very desirous of the late Affair being forgot & his being on good Terms which I shall have no Objection to provided you have not but shall take no further Steps till I hear from you & am etc JEB

4 Jun 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bt at Mr Sydenhams

Newcas 4th June 1782

Frith Street Soho London

D Sir

I am sorry to acquaint you that Mr Wm Chapman of this Place to whom I sold 600 ps Lead in February last has stop'd Payment & expect that a Statute of Bankruptcy will be taken out against him, he had considerable Dealings & was concern'd in some Collieries in this Neighbourhood that were doing well.

The Corporation had agreed to let him & his Brother a Colliery & the Lease was preparing. Mr Airey of this Place sold him a parcel of Lead since that Time for which he is indebted to him £460, & to Messrs Liddell & Thomlinson for another Parcel. I now understand he has hurt himself much in the Corn Trade & in a Colliery in Scotland & some valuable Ships were lately taken by the Enemy in which he had Concerns. he purchased Lead for the Board of Ordinance & on that Credit both Mr Airey & myself sold him the Lead. he engaged to pay me in Cash the middle of May but I find he has drawn for the Money which makes him appear in a very bad light. I cannot at present say how his Affairs may turn out & am apprehensive they are in great Confusion. A Brother of his was concerned with him who has an Estate in the County of Durham of about £600 a Year but I understand there is a very considerable Mortgage upon it. I have been with Mr Wilson to consult him on this Affair & as soon as a Meeting of his Creditors is held you shall be acquainted with the Opinion of the Meeting etc. I am etc JEB

14 Jun 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
at Bretton near Wakefield

Newcastle 14th June 1782

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 5th instant on a very disagreeable Subject to which refer you. A Statute of Bankruptcy is sent for by Hunter against William Chapman & Brother. I have consulted with Mr Wilson on the Business & every proper Step will be taken on the occasion of which I shall advise you. The middle or End of July I should imagine will be as soon as it will be necessary for you to come into this Country. Your Lead Stewards will be with me next Week for Subsistence after which you shall hear from me & am etc JEB

3 Jul 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bt at
Bretton near Wakefield

Newcastle 3d July 1782

Dear Sir

I was Yesterday favoured with your Letter of the 1st instt & am glad to find that you are got to Bretton & are better. As I was a little doubtfull of Mr Rastricks Abilities for executing the Work proposed I thought it most adviseable to wait till you came into the County when you could have some Conversation with him on the Subject & possibly you may bring Mr Beatson with you who is very knowing in these matters besides his Advice may be of Service with respect to your Mills at Hexham. Mr Laidman of Hexham is dead & I told that Mr Stephens who purchased this Presentation has disposed of it but I have not yet heard the Persons Name or Age. When I know you shall be inform'd. There will be a Meeting of Chapmans Creditors the beginning of this Month when I shall attend with Mr Heron & you shall be advised of the Result, he has acted in a very knowish manner & I wish the Law could punish him. Now the Roads are good your Lead is coming down to Blaydon very fast. There is no Alteration in the Prices since I wrote to you, viz Common £17 Refined £17 1/4 p Fother & Litharge 17 1/2 p Ton. I have sold to Carr & Widdrington Mosley & Airey etc about 1500 ps & to Mr Hall 100 Casks Litharge. Since the last parcel to Mr C Blackett it will be about Ten Days before the Quantity is come down to Blaydon which will Complete the Quantities sold and there will be near 300 Casks Litharge to make. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 2d instant at 25 days date for £1000; the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I shall pay Sir John Trevelyan 3 or 4 Thousand Pounds this month or the next in part of your Bond to him. I am etc JEB

£1000.0.0 Newcastle Bank 2d July 1782

Twenty five days after date Pay to the order of John

Erasmus Blackett Esqr One Thousand Pounds value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Whately

Jos Saint

& Powell London

Pay the Contents to the order of

No 19330

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot

value in account John E Blackett

24 Jul 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robert Child Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 24th July 1782

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive Messrs Bell Cookson & Cos Bill on Messrs Castell & Co for One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings at 20d dated 23d instant being half a Years Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Mines due to My Lord Bishop

of Lincoln from Sir Thos Blackett Bart. You will please to advise me on your Receipt of this Bill & send His Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc JEB

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 23d July 1782
Twenty days after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & fifty Seven Pounds ten Shillings
value received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Powell & Co Jno Widdrington
London Pay the Contents to Robt
No 19504 Child Esqr & Co or order value received
John E Blackett

18 Sep 1782 Cuthbert Peart to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcastle 18th Sepr 1782
Foster lane London

Gentn

On Saturday last the 14th instant I sent you by Frances Ridley the London Carrier, in Mr Blacketts absence, a Piece of fine Silver containing Eight Hundred & Seventy three Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price advising on your Receipt of it. I am etc CP

a ps Silver qty 873 Ounces at p oz

4 Oct 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Beatson

Mr Robt Beatson Cinderhill Newcastle 4th October 1782
near Bretton

Sir

I received your Letter of the 16th Ulto with your Account of the Bends & Hides sent by Pickersgills Waggon, they arrived safe & inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell Powell & Co dated 28th Ulto at one months date for £99.15s.6d the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I am etc JEB

£99.15.6 Newcastle Bank 28th Sepr 1782
One Month after Date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Ninty nine Pounds fifteen Shillings & Sixpence

value received	For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Powell & Co	Jno Widdrington
London	Pay the Contents to the
No 385	order of Mr Robert
	Beatson value received
	John E Blackett

4 Oct 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble at Bretton

Newcastle 4th Octor 1782

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 2d instant at one months date for One thousand Pounds on account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge & acquaint Sir Thomas with the same. I have wrote to him at Mr Bosvilles where I am informed he is at present. Inclosed is a Letter from Mr Beatson with a Bill for £99.15s.6d for the amount of some Bends & Hides for the Mines & Mills wch you will please to forward to him. I am etc JEB

£1000.0.0	Newcastle Bank	2d Octor 1782
One month after date	Pay to the order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esqr	One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint	
To Messrs Castell & Powell & Co	Jno Widdrington	
London	Pay the Contents to the	
No 383	order of Sir Thomas	
	Blackett Barot value in	
	Accot	Jno E Blackett

4 Oct 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton Wakefield

Newcastle 4th Octor 1782

Dear Sir

I have by this Post wrote to your Steward Mr Noble and inclosed him a Bill on London for One Thousand Pounds desiring him to advise you of the Receipt at the same Time Inclosed a Letter to Mr Beatson with a Bill for £99.15s.6d for the amount of his Charge for some Bends & Hides for the several Mines & Mills which arrived safe.

As you are a Sufferer by the Floods I hope they may make it up another Way for you'll see by Mr Dickinsons Letter, a Copy of which you have inclosed, that the late Floods have discovered a new Vein which is very promising & I hope will reimburse you for all the Damage done by the Floods both in this Country & in Yorkshire. Lead & Litharge continue at the same Price, since you were at this Place I have sold upwards of 4000 ps for foreign Marketts. I shall probably sell Mr Hall & Mr C Blackett 5 or 6000 ps more about the End of this Month. I had last Post a Letter from Messrs Plumb & Browne with the Price of the last Piece of Silver sold them for which they allow 6s.3 3/4 d p Ounce. On my return from Guilsland I found a Letter from Mr Wm Bosville at Brussels & likewise one from Messrs Danoot of same Place enquiring the Price of Lead with the Charges of Shipping etc & the Freight to Ostend; but as they expected this Business done freed from the Commission I refered them to Messrs Carr & Widdrington of this Place who will transact this Business for them & they have wrote to Messrs Danoot accordingly. In the late Sr Wr Blacketts Time & since we always laid it down as a Rule not to interfere with the Merchants of this Place in these Commissions as they could be of no Benefit to the Concern, would disoblige the Gentlemen who transact that Business & might possibly induce them to give the Preference to the Stockton Markett.

I have paid off your Bond to the late Mr Pearson for £400 & shall the End of this Month pay off Sr J Trevelyan £2000 in part of your Bond to him. Mr Graham offers me £5 a Year for your Gardens & what the Measurement amounts to more than Mr Herons park to pay so much more in Proportion to the Quantity of Ground. He is likewise desirous of having one of your Marble Chimney Pieces in one of the Bed Chambers & woud take it at a Valuation.

I am etc

JEB

13 Oct 1782 Cuthbert Peart to Mrs Wray

Mrs Wray Hexham

Newcastle 13th Octor 1782

Madam

Inclosed you will receive Newcastle Bank Notes amounting to £45 as below which with £1.16s.0d Cash is in full for Candles delivered to Wolfheugh Leadmines on Sir Thomas Blacketts Account & should be glad to know that you receive this money safe. I am etc CP

£. s.d

NB No Q185 10. 0.0

Q592 10. 0.0

Q423 10. 0.0

Q939 10. 0.0

X951 5. 0.0

45. 0.0
1.16.0 Cash
£46.16.0

9 Nov 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Goldsmiths Foster Lane London

Newcastle 9th Novr 1782

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Frances Ridley the London Carrier a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand Two Hundred & five Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of it. I am etc JEB

oz
a ps fine Silver qty 1205 at p oz

14 Nov 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
Bretton

Newcastle 14th Novr 1782

Dr Sir

I answered Mr Bosvilles Letter from Wardrew with respect to Mr Danoot. I have not the least doubt of that Gentleman being a Capital Merchant & perfectly safe to have any transactions with but for the Reasons I gave you in my former Letter we have always thought it adviseable not to interfere with the Merchants of this place in the Commissions for Lead etc. Carr and Widdrington have since had some Lead from me for Messrs Danoot. Your Leadmines are pretty much in the same state they have been for some time. Weardale is but poor except that part called Wolfcleugh which is doing well. At Allanheads the Level which has been going forward these 18 Months & will be Completed by Xmas will lay dry some of the best Workings where they have been drown'd out & save the great Expense of Pumping etc. I am in hopes those Mines will raise a Considerable Quantity of Ore next Year.

Coalcleugh is likewise doing very well but I have not heard any thing more of the new Vein that has been discovered since I wrote you. The present price of Lead is as follows, Common at 17 1/2 Refined 17 3/4 p Fother & Litharge 18 p Ton. I believe I shall sell Mr Hall & Mr Blackett 5 or 6000 ps Lead before Chrmas which is as much as I can part with reserving a Sufft Quantity for keeping the Refinery at Blaydon at Work till May & some little for the Demands from abroad. Mr Rastrick is preparing the

Stones Timber etc to enable him to go forward with the Wind Mill early in the Spring. Instead of having the Mill in the Place that was at first proposed it is to be in the Field opposite the Smelt Mill. I am etc JEB

24 Nov 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Bell

Messrs Richd Bell & Son
Merchants Hull

Newcastle 24th Novr 1782

Sirs

I am favoured with your Letter of the 18th instt enquiring the Price of Sr Thos Blacketts Lead. The present price is £17 3/4 p Fother for Common Lead & £18 for refined & 18 1/4 for Litharge p Ton. I have sold as much as I can deliver by the End of next Month and there is not any on Sale at this Markett at present.

Below you have the Charges of Shipping. You can inform yourselves of the Freight. I am etc JEB

Kings Duty 1s.0d p Ct & 10 p Ct upon that Duty

Towns Duty 6 p Ct p Fother

if the Property of a Freeman of London saves that Duty

Porterage 6d p Fother

Litharge 1.15.0

Cocke & Portry &) 1.5.4

Warrant)

Part of port Charges 0.5.0

Bills Loading 1.1

Comission 2 p Ct but if the Comission comes from a House in London it is usual to abate 1 p Ct

27 Nov 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
at Bretton

Newcastle 27th Novr 1782

Dr Sir

I wrote you the 14th instant to which refer you. I have lately had some Discourse with Mr Wilson Mr Bell & Mr Isaac Hunter about the Leases of Weardale Mines as well as those of the Lands. We are all of Opinion that it will be to your Interest to get the several Leases renewed provided that can be done on reasonable Terms. At present great part of these Mines are poor but Kilhope & Wolfcleugh (which

are in those Leases) are doing very well and are promising & the rest of those Mines yield you very good Profit as the Price of Lead has been for sometime past.

You have at present two Lives in those Leases. John Trevelyan (Sir Johns eldest Son) & Thomas Hepple. The latter is in a very bad State of Health & is at present in this Town under the Care of Mr Ingham, he does not drink but is in a low Melancholy Way & starves himself, he does not follow any Business but has £270 in your hands for which you pay him 5 p Ct, his Life is of that Consequence to you, which he is sensible of, that I thought it adviseable to get him Boarded in this Town where he will be taken some Care of. The Person is to be paid 7s a Week for Meat Drink Washing & Lodging which I think will be scarce Sufficient & part of this must be paid by you. he has got a swelled hand, has an ugly Cough & Mr Ingham thinks him in a very bad Way. In Case of his Death the Bishop has a Power of granting a Lease to any other Person which Lease shall take Place on the Death of Mr Trevelyan. This I was informed of lately & understand it is usual on those Occasions. There is no Doubt but the Bishop would have a Number of Applications for Leases on that occasion; the Quakers Co in particular would make great offers as their present Mines are very poor & your Leasehold under the Bishop joins both Allanheads & Coalcleugh where a Number of new Trials would be made & some of them it is probable would Succeed wch would not only be of great Detriment to your Concerns in those parts but must interfere with you very much at this Markett. The Bishop would very probably Close with some of the offers made him without acquainting you and giving you an Opportunity of treating with him. On these Accounts I am strongly of Opinion it would be to your Interest to renew with the Bishop if it can be done on reasonable Terms. When your Treaty with him broke off you offered 1000Gs for the Renewal of one Life. The Bishop asked 2000 Guins. He will now I think scarcely accept your former offer as he has already lost about £300 by the Interest of the Money.

He may now possibly be glad to accept 1500 Guins for the renewal of one Life & I really think it would be for your Interest to give that Sum or even more rather than lose those Leases to your Family. You have a greater Inducement on more accot than one to renew than Sr Wr Blackett had for he had only a Life Estate in them & was not obliged to leave more than 2 Lives.

Hepples Life was then a very good one & the Price of Lead had been low for some time. I have desired Mr Bell to come over here next Week & after having some Conversation with Mr Wilson Mr Bell is to go to Durham to ask the Bishops Agent some Questions with respect to the Leases of the Lands as to the Terms of Renewal etc.

This can do no harm & it may open a treaty for the Renewal of the two other Leases of the Mines should it meet with your Approbation on which Account I beg you will favour me with a Line as soon as you have considered this Affair; after which I shall take such Steps as you think proper & should this Affair go forward it may be necessary for me to come over to Bretton for a few Days to talk this Business fully over for in the state of Health which Hepple is I think no Time should be lost. Inclosed you have Copies of Mr Bells & Mr Hunters Letters on this Business.

Since I wrote you last have sold Messrs Mosley & Airey 2000 ps C Lead at 17 3/4 & 400 ps refd at 18 p Fother & hope the Price of Lead may keep up. I had a Letter from Messrs Richd Bell & Son of Hull desiring to know the Price of Lead with the Charges of Shipping etc & if I could supply them 5 or 600 ps in two or three Weeks. I have acquainted Them with the Price etc & that I could not supply them with the Quantity till January. There is no Lead at present but yours at this Markett on Sale. I must keep some to Supply the foreign Comissions otherwise they would be drove to another market which might affect the Sale of your Lead in future.

I am etc JEB

PS Fine Silver is now 6s.5 1/4 d p oz

8 Dec 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
at Bretton

Newcastle 8th Decemr 1782

Dr Sir

I received your favour of the 29th Ulto & observe the Contents.

Mr Bell came over here on Monday & after having a Meeting with Mr Wilson & talking over the Affair of the Weardale Mines very fully Mr Bell went next day to Durham, had some conversation with Mr Robson who informed him that Mr Dew the Bishops Principal Agent at Auckland was the proper Person to treat with, he accordingly went there & waited upon Mr Dew who gave him the Terms for a Renewal of the Lease of the Lands at Lintzgarth Kilhope & Weardale which you have at Foot; after which he repeated his Surprise that you had taken no Steps towards a Renewal of the Leases of the Mines. Mr Bell told him you had made an offer of a Sum to the Bishop which after mature Consideration with your Agents etc was thought to be fully adequate to the Advantage of the Renewal of the Lease & that you could not think of complying with the Bishops Demands. Mr Dew said he thought the Bishop was by no means unreasonable in fixing the Fine at 1500 Guineas which he said was the Sum named to Mr Wilson the last Time he saw him. Mr Bell told him you should be made acquainted with these Terms & that an Answer should be given him with respect to the Mines as well as the Lands. Mr Dew was desirous of an early Answer & proposed going for London the next day. As this is a matter of very great Consequence to you the Business cannot be carried forward so well by Letter I propose if you have no Objection being at Bretton on Wednesday the 18th instt & staying with you three Days. Mr Wilson declares he has not had any Conversation with Mr Dew since he was with me at Auckland in 1777 so that Mr Dew must be mistaken as to his mentioning the matter of the Fine to Mr Wilson & I am Confident that neither Mr Dew nor any other Person concerned in the Bishops Affairs ever acquainted me that the Bishop would

accept 1500 Guins as a fine for the Renewal of the Mine Leases.

I am etc JEB

Lives in the Leases of Lintzgarth, Kilhope & Welhope

Ralph Son of Robt Clarke Officer in the Customs at Stockton or Hull about 64 Years of Age

George Robson Steward to Sir Ralph Milbank of Halnaby about 39 Years of Age

	£.	s.	d
Lintzgarth One Life in the Room of Sr Wr Blackett	14.	0.	0
Exchange of Clarkes Life	7.	0.	0
	21.	0.	0

	£.	s.	d
Kilhope & Welhope One Life in the room of Sir Walter Blackett	86.	19.	10
Exchange of Clarkes Life	43.	9.	11
	130.	9.	9

10 Dec 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 10th Decemr 1782

Gentn

I have this day drawn a Bill on you at 20 days date Payable to the order of Bell Cookson & Co for Six Hundred Pounds on account of Sir Thos Blackett Barot which I doubt not you will duly Honour.

I shall send you a Piece of fine Silver the End of this Month & am etc JEB

29 Dec 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr under Cover to George
Brooks Esqr Green Street Grosvenor Square London

Newcastle 29th Decemr 1782

Sir

I acquainted Sir Thomas Blackett Barot with the Conversation that passed at Auckland between you and his Agent Mr Bell respecting the Renewal of the several Leases of Lands & Mines in Weardale held by Sir Thomas Blackett of the Lord Bishop of Durham. Sir Thomas has no Objection to the Terms you mention for a Renewal of the Leases of Lintzgarth, Kilhope & Welhope.

As to the Mines notwithstanding the Price of lead has advanced for these two Years past & is at present very high it cannot be expected to continue so. The Mines have have been for some Years past & still are very poor nor is there at present any Prospect of their improving so that Sir Thomas Blackett does not think there is any Reason for him to Change his Sentiments with respect to the Sum he formerly offered for putting in one Life in the two leases of the Mines in the Room of the late Sr Wr Blackett viz One Thousand Guineas; but in Consideration of the Loss of Interest of the Money Sir Thomas Blackett is willing to give 1200 Guineas for a Renewal of one Life in the two Leases of the Leadmines. You will be pleased to acquaint the Lord Bp of Durham with these Proposals & when Considered of favour me with your Answer.

I am etc JEB

30 Dec 1782 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 30th Decemr 1782

Gentn

On Saturday last I sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver Containing One Thousand & Twenty two Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of it.

I am etc JEB

oz

a ps fine Silver qty 1022 at p oz

7 Jan 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
at Bretton

Newcas 7th January 1783

Dear Sir

Inclosed you have a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co of this date at one month for One Thousand Pounds the Receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

I have wrote to the Bishop of Durhams Agent Mr Dew with respect to a Renewal of the Lease of the Leadmines in Weardale. When I have his Answer you shall be acquainted with it. I have got the Register of Jonathan Deplidge from Bessingby. he was baptised the 6th of July 1760. If you intend to put in a Life instead of William Sykes you will please to send me the Register with the Place of his Habitation.

I have sold a small Parcel of Lead at £18.10s.0d p Fother & Litharge at £18.15s.0d p Ton & expect to Sell Mr Hall & Mr Blackett about 4000 ps at that Price. I wish you many happy Returns of the Season & am etc
JEB

£1000.-	Newcastle Bank	7th January 1783
One Month after Date	Pay to the order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esqr	One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint	
To Messrs Castell Powell		Jno Widdrington
Sumner & Co	London	Pay the Contents to the
No 1073		Order of Sir Thos Blackett Bt
		Value in account John E Blackett

7 Jan 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

George Brooks Esqr Green Street
Grosvenor Square London

Newcas 7th January 1783

Sir

I acquainted Sir Thomas Blackett with the Conversation that passed between Mr Dew & Sir Thomas' Agent Mr Bell respecting the Renewal of the several Leases of the Lands & Mines in Weardale held by Sit Thomas Blackett of the Bishop of Durham. Sir Thomas Blackett has no Objection to the Terms Mentioned by Mr Dew for a Renewal of the Leases of Lintzgarth & Kilhope & Welhope; but he does not think there is any Reason for him to Change his Sentimts with respect to the Sum he formerly offered for the putting in one Life in the two Leases of the Mines in the Room of the late Sir Walter Blackett viz 1000 Guineas; for altho the Price of Lead has advanced for these two Years past & is at present very high it cannot be expected to continue so. The Mines have been for some Years past & still are very poor nor is there at present any prospect of their Improving; however in Consideration of the Loss of Interest of the Money Sir Thomas Blackett is willing to give 1250 Guineas for a Renewal of one Life in the two Leases of the Leadmines. You will be pleased to acquaint the Lord Bishop of Durham with these Proposals & when he has considered of them favour me with your Answer. I am etc JEB

17 Jan 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

George Brooks Esqr Green Street
Grosvenor Square London

Newcastle 17th Janry 1783

Sir

I was this Post favoured with your Letter of the 14th instant by which I observe that you had Communicated my Letter to the Lord Bishop of Durham & that His Lordship had been pleased to Consent to the proposals that I made for the Renewal of the several Leases of the Leadmines & Lands in Weardale provided the Renewals be Completed forthwith. I am very happy that this matter is now in a Train to be settled I hope to the Satisfaction of all Parties & I assure you that no Time shall be lost on my Part in forwarding the Business as much as possible. The two Lives in the Leases of the Leadmines are John Trevelyan Son of Sir John Trevelyan of Nettlecombe in the County of Somerset and Thomas Hepple late of Kirkhill in the Parish of Hartburn & County of Northumberland but now of the Parish of St Andrews in this Town. John Trevelyan is at this Time in Italy but Sir John will be in Town in a few Days & will give such Certificate as I should hope may be Satisfactory.

Inclosed are such Instructions as I am at present enabled to give you & should any other be necessary you'll be pleased to acquaint me & they shall if possible be procured. You will please to inform me in what manner his Lordship would Chuse to have the Fines paid Whether in Cash or a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co Bankers of this Place on their Bankers in London payable at Ten Days date or at Sight. Thomas Hepples Certificate I have got & Mr Kirton saw him the other day. The new Life in the Leases of the Leadmines will be Jonathan Long John Depledge of West Bretton in the County of York Farmer and Maltster aged 22.

I am etc JEB

18 Jan 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
Bretton near Wakefield

Newcastle 18th Janry 1783

Dear Sr

I have your Favour of the 12th instant acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill for One Thousand Pounds.

Some Letters have passed between the Bp of Durhams Secretary Mr Brooks & myself. I found from him that 1200 Guineas was not likely to be accepted of as a Fine for the Renewal of the Leases of the Leadmines in Weardale but that something more possibly might & I have now the Pleasure to acquaint you that I have entered into an Agreement with the Bishop for 1250 Guineas for the Mines & the Sums we offered for the Renewal of the Leases of the Lands. I wrote to Mr Brooks last post & sent him full Instructions to proceed with the several Leases & hope they may be Completed soon. I shall Endeavour to get it so settled that you may Execute when we meet at Ripon about the middle of next Month but you shall hear further from me on the Subject. I am of your Opinion that the Price of Lead may be Carried to too great a Length & that Caution should be used in the advance of the Price; at the same Time it is adviseable to

take the Advantage of a rising Markett & I have the Pleasure to tell you that the present Price is £19.5s.0d p Fother for refined & I have reason to believe it will keep up this Year.
I am etc JEB

18 Jan 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

George Brooks Esqr Green Street
Grosvenor Square London

Newcas 18th Janry 1783

Sir

I wrote to you last Post to which refer you. As you possibly may not have the present leases of the Leadmines & those of the Lands, in Town, I could Send them up by some safe hand should you think it necessary of which please to advise me & likewise if you are in want of any other Instructions for Completing the Leases. I am etc JEB

In the margin Old Leases Sent p Mr Nl Clayton Attorney at Law 27th instant

26 Jan 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bt
at Bretton

Newcas 26th Janry 1783

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 18th instant to which refer you. The Bishops Secretary Mr Brooks writes me that " Sir Thomas Blackett must sign an Engagement to deliver up the Leases (upon receiving back the Fines) and making void this whole Business if it shall appear that Mr Trevelyan was not living upon the day the new Leases were delivered". I have consulted Mr Wilson in this Matter & that there may not be any Delay in this Business he has drawn up a proper Engagement to be signed by you which he sends you this Post & when executed by you it must be inclosed to Mr Nathl Clayton at Greys Inn No 2 Londn.

Mr Clayton the Attorney was going up to Town on Business & I thought it a good Opportunity to send up the old Leases by him he may Compare them with the new Ones see the Latter executed & bring them down. I have got a Bill at the Bank according to the Bishops desire for £1463.19s.9d the Amount of the Fines wch Mr Clayton takes up with him to be paid on the Delivery of the new Leases.

When I have got the new Leases down it will be necessary that you should Execute some Power or Powers of Attorney empowering some Person to take Repossession of the Premises in your Name wch I believe the lawyers Term Livery & Seizin.

These Powers may be executed by you when we meet at Ripon. I propose being there about the middle of next month but you shall hear from me before I go.

& am etc JEB

26 Jan 1783 Cuthbert Peart to George Brooks

George Brooks Esqr Green Street
Grosvenor Square London

Newcastle 26th Janry 1783

Sr

I received your Letter of the 21st instant and observe the Contents. The old Leases will be sent up by Mr Nathl Clayton who goes for London to morrow Morning & will wait upon you with them immediately on his Arrival in Town, he will have Chambers at No 2 Greys Inn. Such an Engagement as you mention is drawn up by Mr Wilson & sent this Post to Sr Thos Blckett to be signed by him and forwarded to Mr Clayton in Town by the first Post. When a proper Certificate can be procured that Mr Trevelyan was living upon the day the new Leases were delivered that Engagement may be Cancell'd on Surrendering the old Leases & the Delivery of the new Ones to Mr Clayton he will give you a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 27th instt at 10 days date for £1463.19s.9d the Amount of the several Fines. You will be pleased to send me separate Receipts for the Fines for my Vouchers as were done on a former Occasion a Copy of which Receipt I inclose you. When you let me know the Amount of the Fees for the several Leases I will immediately send you a Bill for the Sum.

£. s.d

Fines on the Renewal of the 2 Leases of the Leadmines

in Weardale 1250 Guineas	1312.10.0
Do of the Lease of Lintzgarth	21. 0.0
Do of the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope (Lands)	130. 9.9
	1463.19.9

I have inclosed you the Certificates etc by Mr Clayton and have desired him to pay you the Fees etc & am etc JEB

£1463.19.9 Newcastle Bank 27th Janry 1783

Ten Days after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esqr One Thousand four Hundred & Sixty three

Pounds nineteen Shillings & nine Pence Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner
& Co London

Jos Saint

No 1216

Endorsed
John E Blackett

NB The above Bill sent to Mr Nathl Clayton Attorney at Law in Newcastle along with the Leases the day above CP

5 Feb 1783 John Bell to George Brooks

George Brooks Esqr Green Street
Grosvenor Square London

Hexham Abbey 5th Feby 1783

Sir

I was astonished at receiving a Letter from Mr Aldn Blackett the other day intimating that a mistake had happened between Mr Dew & me respecting the Renewal of Lintzgarth & Kilhope & Welhope Leases. On Thursday the 5th of Decemr last about Ten o'Clock in the Morning I waited upon Mr Dew at Bp Auckland & acquainted him that I came on behalf of Sir Thomas Blackett to treat with about the Renewal of the Leases of Lintzgarth Kilhope & Welhope. Mr Dew then said I must furnish him with a Rental wch I accordingly did & gave him the Rental of Lintzgarth first which I aver to be no more than £10 a Year but he seemed not satisfied with it & looked at his Books where he found that £14 had been paid for putting in a Life in that Lease in the Year 1760 & he said tho' he must acknowledge that Land was perhaps 25p Ct lower than a few Years ago yet the Lord Bishop of Durham had never come down in his Fines, to which I replied that Sir Thomas would never differ with His Lordship for so small a Sum as £4 & therefore would agree to give £14 the Sum paid on the last Renewal which was assented to by Mr Dew.

I then at his Request gave him the Rental of Kilhope & Welhope which is £88.17s.6d out of wch deduct £1.7s.8d the Rent paid annually to his Lordship & there will remain £86.19s.10d the Net Yearly Rent which was agreed to be paid for the Renewal of the last mentioned Estates. I then asked Mr Dew what Sum his Lordship would require for Exchanging a Life & he answered half the Sum for putting in a Life. I then took Pen & Ink & put down in my Book in Mr Dews Office

	£. s. d
Lintzgarth One Life in the Room of Sr Wr Blackett	14. 0. 0
Exchange of Clarkes Life	7. 0. 0
	21. 0. 0
	£. s. d
Kilhope & Welhope One Life in the room of Sir Walter Blackett	86.19.10
Exchange of Clarkes Life	43. 9.11

130. 9. 9

Now this seems rational for as no more than a Years Rent was ever asked or paid for putting in a Life in the Place of one that was dead certainly Exchanging a Life cannot with Propriety be valued so high for various Reasons. How the mistake you mention has happened I cannot tell but with great Deference to Mr Dew & yourself I assert it never could have been agreed on the part of Sir Thomas Blackett to have given 3 Years Rent for the putting in a new Life and Exchanging one. By your mode you Charge 1 Years Rent for the new Life & two Years for the Exchange when the Exchange as I have said before for various Reasons ought to have been less than the new Life. I am etc John Bell

5 Feb 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

George Brooks Esqr Green Street
Grosvenor Square London

Newcastle 5th Febr'y 1783

Sr

I received your Favour of the 30th Ulto the Contents of which I must Confess surprised me much & postponed answering it till I had seen Mr Bell who I immediately sent for from Hexham & inclosed I send you a Letter from him wch I hope will satisfy you that this mistake did not originate with me but that I have been led into it by some misunderstanding between Mr Dew & Mr Bell; at the same time I must say that 1 & 2 Years Rent for the Exchange of a Life is in my opinion too high for tho' Clarke is 72 Years of Age he is Hail & Strong & Robson is a very good Life & had I thought that you would have insisted on so high a Fine for the Exchange of Clarkes Life I would have waited & let it drop; However as I find you make a Point of it I have inclosed sent you a Bill as above for £151.9s.9d you mention not doubting but you put Sir Thomas Blackett on a footing with every other Lessee under the Lord Bishop of Durham. You will please to acknowledge Receipt of the Bill & at your Leisure send me the proper Receipts. ps From the Confidence I have with Mr Bell & his Punctuality etc in Business I have every Reason to believe that he is not mistaken & am etc

JEB

£151.9.9 Newcastle Bank 5th February 1783
Ten Days after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & Fifty one Pounds nine Shillings
& nine Pence Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self

To Messrs Castell Powell
Sumner & Co London

Jos Saint

No 1281

Endorsed
John E Blackett

6 Feb 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robt Child Esqr & Co Bankers
London

Newcastle 6th Febr'y 1783

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 5th instant at 20 days date for One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings being for half a Years Composition Rent of the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln as Rector of Stanhope from Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. You will please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill & when paid send me his Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc JEB

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 5th February 1783

Twenty Days after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten
Shillings Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
Jos Saint

To Messrs Castell Powell
Sumner & Co London

No 1282

Pay the Contents to the order of Robt Child Esqr
& Co Value in accot with the Lord Bishop of
Lincoln John E Blackett

12 Feb 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot
at Bretton

Newcas 12th Febr'y 1783

Dear Sr

My last Letter to you was the 26th Ulto to which refer you. The transaction with the Bishop of Durham is now concluded & I hope to your Satisfaction. There was a misunderstanding between Mr Bell & Mr Dew with respect to the Fines for a Renewal of the Lease of the Lands the Particulars of which I shall acquaint you with when we meet. I have Business which will prevent me being at Ripon before the 26th or 27th instant; any Time after that for a Fortnight you will find me there. I had desired Mr Clayton to bring down the Leases and to forward them to me from Boroughbridge to

Ripon but on second Consideration the Ceremony of Livery & Seizin should not be delayed & I have desired Mr Clayton to send the Leases in a Tin Case by some of the Machines on Sunday Monday Morning the 17th instant directed for Josa Wilson Esqr at Pontefract. Mr Wilson has wrote to desire he would send over his Servant to Bretton with it as it must be forwarded to me imediately by the Fly you probably will go over to Mr Wilsons at Pontefract to Execute the Leases there in which Case Mr Wilson must be acquainted with it to prevent his sending it to Bretton. Mr Wilson writes to you by me.

The Power of Attorney executed by you came to me by Post. At present there is little Demand for Lead, the last I sold was at £19.5s.0d p Fother.

P.S. I have this moment received the new Leases from London by the Fly & am etc JEB

14 Feb 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers
London

Newcastle 14 Febr 1783

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 12th instant at Twenty Days date for One Hundred Pounds. You will please to Credit the Account of Dr Blackett of Plymouth for this Sum advising him as well as me of the Receipt of it. I am etc JEB

£100.- Newcastle Bank 12th Febr 1783
Twenty Days after date Pay to the order of John Erass
Blackett Esqr One Hundred Pounds value received
For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Powell
Sumner & Co
London

Jno Widdrington

No 1324

Pay the Contents to Messrs Child & Co
value in accot with The Revd Dr
Blackett John E Blackett

14 Feb 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to John Robson

Mr John Robson at the Castle
Durham

Newcastle 14th Febr 1783

Sr

The several Leases of the Mines & Lands in Weardale which have lately been renewed by the Lord Bishop of Durham will be in my Possession on Wednesday the 19th instant. I shall be glad to know what day next Week after that Time may be Convenient for you to meet Sir Thomas Blacketts Agents on the Premises; Mr G Brooks having informed me that you are named by his Lords[hi]p in the Power of Attorney to give Livery & Seizin.

As this Business should not be delayed I hope you will Name an early day to meet at Newhouse in Weardale.

Yor Answer will oblige etc

JEB

18 Feb 1783 Cuthbert Peart to John Robson

Mr John Robson

Newcastle

18th February 1783

at the Castle Durham

Sir

Mr Blackett desires me to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to him by this Post & has fixed Wednesday the 26th instant for you & your Clerk to meet Sir Thomas Blacketts Agents at Mr Thomas Emersons at Newhouse in Weardale for the Purpose of giving Repossession to Sir Thomas as Lessee of Weardale Leadmines.

I am etc CP

19 Feb 1783 Cuthbert Peart to John Robson

Mr John Robson at the Castle

Newcas

19th Feby 1783

Durham

Sir

Mr Blackett received your Letter this Morning intimating that you could not on accot of Business meet Sir Thomas Blacketts Agents at Newhouse on Wednesday the 26th instant & therefore empowers me to fix Monday the 3d of March to meet at the above Place so as to do the Business on Tuesday the 4th. I am etc CP

NB The above Business was done on the 4th of March in the Presence of Mr John Bell of Hexham Mr Westgarth Forster of Allanheads Mr Thomas Emerson in Weardale Mr Cuth Peart of Newcastle & Mr John Baynes of Durham

22 Feb 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne

Newcastle

22d Feby 1783

Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day drawn a Bill on you in favour of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co at 20d date for £400 which I doubt not will be duly honoured & you will please to Charge it to the account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot. I am etc JEB

22 Feb 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 22d Feby 1783

Gentn

I have this day sent you by John & Jas Jackson a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand one Hundred & twelve Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett price advising me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

A ps fine Silver qty 1112 Ounces at p oz

7 Apr 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 7th April 1783

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell Powell & Co dated 5th instant at one Month for One Thousand Pounds which is on Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot; the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge advising Sir Thomas of the same who I imagine is in London. I propose making the Pays for the Leadmines & Mills in Easter Week. They will amount to about £32000. You have the present Prices at foot but the Demand is small.

I am etc JEB

	£ s d
Refined Lead	19.10.0) p Fother
Common do	19. 5.0)
Litharge	19.15.0 p Ton

£1000.-.- Newcastle Bank 5th April 1783

One Month after date Pay to the order of John
Erasmus Blackett Esqr One Thousand Pounds Value
received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jno Widdrington
London
No 1680 Endorsed to Sir Thos Blackett Barot

11 Apr 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcastle 11th April 1783
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I am favoured with your Letter of the 5th instant with an Account of the Last Price of Silver sent you for which I have Debited your account £348.13s.2d. I have this day drawn a Bill on you at one months date payable to the order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co for £350 which I doubt not you will duly honour & place it to the Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot.

I am etc JEB

17 May 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcastle 17th May 1783
Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by John & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & thirty nine Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett price advising me on your Receipt of It. I am etc JEB

A ps fine Silver 939 Ounces at p oz

6 Jun 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bt Bretton Newcastle 6th June 1783
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dr Sir

As nothing material had occurred in the Lead Trade etc I did not trouble you with a Letter. We have little or no Demand for lead the high Price of that Article prevents any considerable Purchases being made for the foreign Marketts & the great Dealers stand off in Expectation of the Price falling. it has already had a drop of 10s p Fother at that Markett and I do apprehend we shall be under a Necessity of reducing the Price before we can make any Considerable Sale. I am sorry to give you so bad an Account of the Health of the people employ'd in the Leadmines at Allanheads & the Neighbourhood for these two months a very ugly disorder has prevailed in those parts which has carried off a great Number of people; it began at Alston & has Spread much of late. I was in hopes the Change of Weather might have Stop'd its progress but am informed it is more violent & attended with worse Symptoms, amongst the Common People it is of the putrid kind the better sort are attacked with violent <Pleuritick> Complaints & are carried off in two or three Days. Forster writes me that one of your Workmen was seized with it on Tuesday Morning about 11 o'Clock & was Dead before Night. Mr Stokoe the Clergyman was taken ill on Sunday, Dr Hall was with him early on Tuesday morning & he died that Afternoon. It has now become a very serious Affair & as I am satisfied you would have every thing done that is proper on the occasion not only for the Relief and Assistance of the Workmen in your Service but for the sake of the Public I have had some Meetings with Mr Walton the Agent for Greenwich Hospital Estate & it being our Opinion that the poor People had not proper Advice & in many cases had been improperly treated we thought no Time should be lost and have desired Dr Hall & Dr Brown to inform themselves fully of the nature of the Disorder & that they would give such Advice & Directions to the Apothecaries in the Neighbourhood & Likewise to the Agents of the Mines as to the Treatment of the poor People as they thought would be most conducive to their Recovery as well as stopping the Progress of the Complaint. This I hope will meet your Approbation.

You will have a Number of Applications from Persons to succeed Mr Stokoe but as he had a Curate who will do the Duty I think you had best not dispose of it till you come into the Country & have fully considered on the Matter & of the Merits of the several Persons that may apply. It is the Opinion of the Faculty that bad Provisions have been the Cause of the Disorder; all kinds of Grain in those parts have been very bad & the Potatoes quite Rotten.

I am etc JEB

2 Jul 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 2d July 1783

Sr

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 1st instant at one month for One Thousand Pounds on account of Sir Thos

Blackett the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. There has not been any Demand for Lead since I wrote last to Sir Thomas Blackett nor is there yet any Alteration in the Prices.

I am etc JEB

£1000.- Newcastle Bank 1st July 1783

One Month after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esqr One Thousand Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Powell

Jno Widdrington

Sumner & Co London

Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos

No 2381

Blackett Barot value in accot

John E Blackett

5 Jul 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne

Newcas 5th July 1783

Foster Lane London

Gentn

I have this day sent you by Thomas Jennings the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand & Thirty Ounces which I desire you will place to accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Barot as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of It.

I am etc JEB

13 Jul 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Newcastle 13th July 1783

Gentn

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a ps of fine Silver containing One Thousand & Eighty Seven Ounces which I desire you will place to Accot with Sir T.B. as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of it.

I am etc JEB

Messrs P & B London

8 Aug 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson

Newcas 8th Augt 1783

Cinderhill Yorkshire

Sr

I received your Letters of the 4th & 31st Ulto with your Notes for two Packs of Leather Bends amounting to 71.19.3 on Accot of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot for which Sum you have inclosed Bell Cookson & Cos bill on Castell & Co of this Date at 30 Days which you will please to acknowledge the Receipt of. The Leather is safe arrived & I have paid the Carriage which it has hitherto been Customary for you to do.

I am etc JEB

£71.19.3 Newcastle Bank 5th July 1783
Thirty Days after Date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Seventy one Pounds nineteen Shillings &
three pence value received

To Messrs Castell Powell	For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self
Sumner & Co London	Jos Saint
No 2664	Endorsed to Mr John
	Beatson of Cinderhill
	JEB

12 Sep 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to William Wilson

Wm Wilson Esq
Bretton

Newcastle 12th Septemr 1783

Dr Sir

I have your Favour of the 10th instant & observe what you say with respect to Mr Geo: Anderson's late purchase. I have not seen him since the receipt of your letter. I do not imagine he will think it Nesesary to have the Articles drawn up until your return, nor indeed do I see that it can be done with Propriety, till we have a Meeting together to settle that Business. The Pews in St Andrews Church are I imagine included in the Purchase, but those in St Nichos Church I should think cannot, for they were purchas'd again by Sir Thos Blackett after the Death of Sir Walter with the Consent of the Vestry for which a Yearly Rent of a Guinea is paid, & cannot legally be conveyed by Sir Thos Blackett to Mr Anderson: so that on the disposal of his property in Newcastle, that Gallery with fall to the Church, & the Church Wardens, or the Vestry will have the Disposal of it, & as our Family have not at present a Single Seat in any one of the Churches of this Town, I intend (with the Approbation of Sir T.B.) applying to the Vestry for the Purchase of it, paying the same Rentl. I have not yet mentioned the Affair to Mr Anderson but have no doubt he will see it in the same light that I do. Sir TB & I had some discourse with Mr Anderson about Building an Office for

transacting Business; it will be Necessary that it should be inhabited & as Sir Thomas must Rent a house for Mr Peart or give him an Increase of Salary as an Equivalent it will be worthy of Consideration whether it may not be adviseable for him to purchase or Build a House for both purposes. It will likewise be Necessary that a House with a School room should be provided for the School Master & the Boys of St Andrews Charity school which should properly be in that Parish. Sir Thomas left this place so soon after the Purchase was made that we had no time to consider & talk over these Matters but as you are well Acquainted with them I must desire you will have some discourse with him on these points. I am etc JEB

P.S I have seen Mr Anderson & he is of oppinion that the Article cannot be settled till your return when we can have a Meeting. On my Acquainting him with the Tenure of the Seats in St Nichols he is perfectly satisfied he will not have any claim to them.

16 Sep 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble
Bretton near Wakefid Yorkshire

Newcastle 16th Septemr 1783

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Smith Payne & Smiths dated 15th instant at 30d date for One Thousand Pounds on Accot of Sir Thos Blackett Bart the Receipt of which you will please to Acknowledge. When Sir Thos was at Hexham an Application was made to him by the Revd Mr Martindale for a Subscription towards Building a School House at Slaley & on Consulting with Mr I Hunter I think Sir Thos consented to give £20 but I wait for his Ansr before I shall do it. Please to Acqut Sir Thos that I have sold 200 Casks of Litharge at 17 3/4 p Ton but have not yet made a sale of any lead. I stand at 17 1/4 & 17 1/2 & am in hopes that the London Buyers will be under a Necessity of coming up to our Prices.

I am etc JEB

£1000.-.- No 4244

Newcastle upon Tyne 15th Septemr 1783

Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Thousand pounds Value received
Surtees Burdon & Co

To Messrs Smith Payne
& Smiths Bankers London

Pay the Contents to the Order
of Sir Thos Blackett Bt
Value in Accot

John E Blackett

26 Sep 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 26th Septemr 1783

Dear Sir

I have had a Meeting with Mr Wilson & Mr Geo Anderson to talk over & consider of the Heads for an Article to be executed by you & Mr Anderson for the carrying into Execution the late Purchase made by him of your Premises in this Place. Mr Anderson has already paid 1000 Gs, he proposes paying a 1000 more at Martins next - 4000 Gs on the 25th March next & 2000 Guins to be secured by his Bond to be paid within 3 Years with Interest in the mean Time at 4pCt Yearly; but in Case of Mr Anderson's selling any part of the Estate to the Amount of £500 or upwards that money to go in part Satisfaction of the said Bond and be paid to Sir Thomas Blackett. The Conveyance Deeds to bear date the 25th March & interest to be allowed to Mr Anderson for what he pays up to that Time at the rate of 4pCt. Mr Anderson to enter upon the House and Court immediately so as to pull down the House & lay the materials in the Court - to enter on the Rent of the Prem[is]es the 25th March next - The Pews of St Andrews Church to pass with the Estate. There are the several Heads which Mr Anderson proposes & which Mr Wilson & myself think are reasonable & fair provided it may be Convenient for you to indulge him with taking his Bond for the last 2000 Guins. Should it meet your Approbation on your advising me of the same the Article will be immediately prepared. You will hear from Mr Wilson in a few Days with respect to some Law from which he thinks necessary. I shall soon have a Meeting with Mr Anderson to consider of a proper plan for the Office as Mr Peart must either have a House provided for him or an Increase of Salary as an Equivalent & as the Office should be inhabited we think the same Building may answer both purposes should it meet your Approbation.

It will likewise be necessary to have a School Room for the Charity Boys & a Room or two for the Master but this may be further considered of. I have sold about 1500 ps of Lead at £17.5s.0d & £17.10s.0d & 200 Casks Lithge at £17.15s.0d but have not yet made any Sale for the London Markett & hope the Buyers will very soon be under a Necessity of coming up to the above Prices. I am etc JEB

10 Oct 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bt Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 10th Octor 1783

Dear Sir

I had the Favour of your Letter of the 1st instant which I postponed answering till Mr Wilson's return from Berwick. I have been with him this Morning & we had a good deal of Conversation on the Subject of your Letter.

I think you must have misunderstood my Letter possibly by not having explained myself so fully as I should have done. Mr Anderson is to pay Interest at 4pct for the Sum unpaid from the Time of his Ent[e]ring into Possession of the Premises & the Receipt of the Rents which he is desirous of doing at Candles next instead of Ladyday, he has already paid 1000 Guineas, proposes paying another 1000 at Martins next & 4000 Guineas at Candles next when the Deeds are to be Executed & he enters into Possession. The remaining 2000 Guins he hopes you will accept his Bond at 4pCt payable on or before the Expiration of 2 Years from the Time of his Entering into Possession; but he expects you will allow him Interest at 4pCt for the 1000Guins he has already paid as well as the 1000 Gs which he is to pay at Martins next from the Time of making those Payments to Candles next. This appears very reasonable & I imagine you will have no Objection to it. Please to favour me with your answer as soon as you can that Mr Wilson may be proceeding with the Article. The Plan and Situation of an Office & House for an Agent may be left to further Consideration. By the Will of Sr Wm Blackett you are obliged to Cloath the 30 Charity Boys but not to find a House & School Room for the Master. I have not sold any Lead since I last wrote you & really begin to be very uneasy on that Account as the value of your Lead at this Time at Blaydon will amount to upwards of £40,000.

I have had a great deal of Conversation with Mr Hall & Mr Blackett on the Subject, they decline naming a Price for any Quantity & say that at present there is little or no Demand for Lead at the London Markets. It is very plain that the London Buyers have entered into a Combination & as you have much the largest Stock of Lead they set their Mark on you & are in hopes of bringing you down to their own Terms. I have acquainted Mr Hall & Mr Blackett that unless they soon make a Purchase you will be under a Necessity of sending up to London 15 or 20000 ps Lead to be disposed of by Commission at that Market which would Affect the London Dealers in a Considerable Degree.

I hope the Apprehensions of this Measure may induce them to make a Purchase soon. I shall remit you another £1000 next Month & am etc JEB

15 Oct 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcas 15th Octor 1783

Dr Sir

I received your Letter of the 12th instant & am sorry we differ in Opinion with respect to the Proposals that Mr Anderson makes. I was indeed induced to favour it, thinking it more for your Interest than what you insist on as you will see by the State of

it at foot; however should you be still of the same Opinion I shall acquaint Mr Anderson that you will not allow him any Interest for the 2000 Guineas which he pays before his Entering into Possession of the Premises & that you do not expect any Interest for the 2000 Guineas for which he is to give his Bond for the first Year but that he is to pay that Sum during the Course of the second Year with Interest for the same at 4pCt. I observe what you say with respect to the Lead Trade as well as to the keeping as secret as possible what Quantities of Lead we may have at Blaydon & on the Road. I am obliged to you for the Confidence you repose in me with regard to the disposal of your Lead & you may be assured your Interest shall always be my Guide. It is out of our Power to keep secret the Quantity of Lead at Blaydon for tho we do not divulge it the Buyers of Lead at this Port are informed by their Agents of the Quantity within a Trifle. Mr Mulcaster does not admit them to Examine the Quantity but a person who is Conversant in it may from his Eye form a very good Judgement of it. No offers have yet been made me for Lead for the London Markett but after the discourse I have had with Mr Hall & Mr Blackett on the Subject expect to have some Proposals from them in a few days. The Inclosed is Copy of a Letter I received which merits serious Consideration. I am not <inclinable> to alter the Channel of that Trade for many Reasons but shod the Buyers persist in their Combination to beat down the Prices it may be expedient & adviseable to send a Quantity of lead to London but you shall hear further from me on the Subject.

I am etc JEB

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Difference in favour Sir Thos Blacket Barot ..	58. 3. 6

28 Oct 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Barot

Newcastle 28th Octor 1783

Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dr Sir

I received Mr Nobles Letter & Communicated the Contents to Mr Wilson & Mr Anderson, the latter has not the least Objection to the Terms you propose; agreeable to which Mr Wilson has drawn the Article which is executed by Mr Anderson & sent to you for the same Purpose. I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that I have made the undermentioned Sales of Lead which I hope may be Satisfactory to you. It was with some Difficulty I brought the Buyers to these Prices for they Stuck at £16.10s.0d & I believe that nothing would have induced them to have executed that Price but the Apprehension of your Lead being sent to the London market.

I am etc JEB

	£	s	d
5000 ps refined Lead at	17.	5.0)
5000 ps Common do at	17.	0.0)
1000 ps Slag at	16.15.0)	p Fother to Doctor Hall
100 Casks Litharge at	17.15.0)	

5000 ps refined Lead at 17. 5.0)
5000 ps Common do at 17. 0.0) p Fother to Mr C Blackett

The Slag Lead & Litharge are not yet agreed for; but expect Mr C Blackett will take the same Quantity as above at the same Prices

1 Nov 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Child

Robt Child Esqr & Co Bankers Newcastle 1st Novemr 1783
London

Gentn

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co for £157.10s.0d at 20 days dated this day being half a Years Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln the 14th August last as Rector of Stanhope from Sir Thomas Blackett Barot.

You will please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill; advising His Lordship of the same & when paid send me His Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc JEB

£157.10.0 Newcastle Bank 1st Novr 1783
Twenty Days after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten
Shillings Value received

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
London Pay the Contents to the order of Robt Child Esqr
No 3088 & Co value in accot with the Right Revd The
Lord Bishop of Lincoln John E Blackett

4 Nov 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne Newcastle Novr 4th 1783

Sir

I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co at a Months date for Six Hundred Pounds on Account of Sir Thomas Blackett Barot wch I doubt not you will duly Honour. I shall send you by the London Carrier on Saturday a Piece of fine Silver Containing Twelve Hundred & eighty Ounces & half wch I desire you will place to the Account of Sir Thos Blackett Barot as usual at the Markett Price, advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc J E Blackett

Ounces Dwt

A ps fine Silver p Thos Jennings qty 1280 10 at P Ounce

14 Nov 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle Novr 14th 1783

Dr Sir

On the 11th inst Mr George Anderson paid me the further Sum of £1050 being the second payment for the Premises Purchas'd of you in this Town & inclosed you will Receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated 11th inst at 30 days date for £1000 the Receipt of which you will please to Acknowledge. I have for some days past been in Treaty with Mr Hall for the Sale of 12,000 ps of Lead for wch he Offers me the same price as the last (Viz) £17 for Common & £17.5.0 for Refin'd, but at the same time he insists on the following Conditions Viz that the first Parcel of Lead that I have for Sale for the London Markett (wch will not be before April or May next) he shall have the Refusal of, & at the same time expects that I shall keep up the Price of Lead: The only inducement that Messrs Lancaster & Co can have for making so large a Purchase at this Season of the Year, is the getting almost the whole Quantity of Lead into their own hands, & by that measure keeping up the Price of that Article. I ask'd Mr C Blackett if he had any Authority from Messrs Freeman & Mr Preston to make another Purchase of Lead, he told me he had not, but wou'd write to them about it. Now it is certainly for your Interest that the Price of Lead should be kept up, & likewise that this you shou'd make this Sale as it would enable you to make the Lead Pays, & leave a Sufficient Quantity of Lead for the Foreign Commissions to this Port, as well as for the Carrying on of your Refinery at Blaydon. But shou'd you agree to Mr Halls Proposals, Messrs Freeman & Mr Preston wou'd thereby in a great measure be excluded from the Markett for your Lead for some time, & Mr Hall will not purchase any, unless he has the whole Quantity. I must therefore Request your directions in this matter for my Government. I am etc J E Blackett

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Forster Lane London

Gentn

Inclosed is your Acct with Sir Thos Blackett for fine Silver sent you this Year
which if you find right please to Sign & return it to; Gentn Yours etc J E Blackett
NCastle 20 Decemr 1783

29 Dec 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 29th Decemr 1783

Gentn

I Received your Letter of the 23th instt inclosing Sir Thomas Blackett's Account
signed by you & have drawn a Bill on you for £500 at 30d in Favour of Messrs Bell
Cookson & Co dated 26th instt which I doubt not will be duly honoured. On Saturday
next I shall send you by the London Carrier a Piece of Fine Silver containing One
Thousand & twenty seven Ounces. I wish you the Compliments of the Season & am
etc J E Blackett

30 Dec 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers
London

Newcastle Decemr 30th 1783

Sir's

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Cookson & Co of this date on
Castell & Co at 30 days date for £100 wch I desire that you will Place to the Account of
The Revd Doctor Blackett of Plymouth acquainting him with the same &
acknowledging the Receipt to Sir's yours etc J E Blackett

£100 Newcastle Bank 30th Decemr 1783

One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr One Hundred Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

London

No 3451

Pay the Contents to the Order of Messrs Child
& Co value in Accot wth the Revd Doctor Blackett

John E Blackett

30 Dec 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Edward Blackett

The Revd Doctor Blackett
Plymouth

Newcastle Decemr 30th 1783

Dear Sir

I have by this Post remitted a Bill to Messrs Child & Co for £100 for one Years Interest of £2000 on Sir Thomas Blackett's Bond to you due the 1st instt for wch you will Please to send me your Receipt, on your having advice from Messrs Child & Co of the Receipt of the Bill. My Daughter joins me in best Compts to you wishing you many happy Returns of the Season. I am etc J E Blackett

31 Dec 1783 John Erasmus Blackett to Plumb & Browne

Messrs Plumb & Browne
Forster Lane London

NCastle Decem 31st 1783

Gentn

Agreeable to my Letter of the 29th Ulto I send you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver Containing One Thousand & Twenty seven Ounces wch I desire you will place to Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Barot as usual at the Market Price Advising me on your Receipt of it.

I am Gentln Yours etc John E Blackett

9 Jan 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Barot
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle Janry 9th 1784

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 2nd inst & am glad to find that the Disposition of the Rooms in Mr Wilson's house meet with your Approbation; I observe what you say as to the Safe Closet & on Consulting again with Mr Anderson he is of Oppinion that the Proper place for it will be in the Part that I described in the Plan by taking off a small part of a Closet in Mr Wilson's House & wch he Consents to; It may be made there at a fourth Part of the Expencc that it wou'd in any other place, & rest on a Brick Arch instead of resting on Timber. When Mr Anderson purchased your premises in this Town, no Exceptions were made of the Iron Doors & Locks, nor indeed

£1000 Newcastle Bank 9th Janry 1784
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of
John Erasmus Blackett Esqr One Thousand Pounds
Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jno Wilkinson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of
No 3503 Sir Thos Blackett Value in Acct
J E Blackett

13 Jan 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Gentln

£157-10	Newcastle Bank	13th Janry 1784
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus		
Blackett Esqr	One Hundred & Fifty seven Pounds Ten Shillings	
Value received		
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co		
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Jas Wilkinson	
London	Pay the Contents to the	
No 3549	Order of Messrs Child & Co	Value in Acct
		J E Blackett

£21 Newcastle Bank 31st Janry 1784
Ten Days after Date Pay to the Order of Mr Ra Heron
Twenty Guineas Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
London
No 3634

4 Mar 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

I am favoured with your letter of the 24 Ulto & am concern'd for the Death of your Worthy Partner Mr Plumb. Inclosed you have your Account wch on examination if you find right I will with your leave draw a Bill on you for the Balance. I shall send you the Silver as usual & have not the least doubt of meeting with the same Exactness & Punctuality as heretofore.

I am etc John E Blackett

20 Mar 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Sir

I received your favour of the 9th inst inclosing your Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart. Balance in his favour £529-2-0 for which Sum I have drawn a Bill on you dated 20th inst Payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co at 20 Days date, wch I doubt not will be duly Honoured. In a few days I shall send you a Piece of Fine Silver of wch I shall Advise you. I am etc John E Blackett

22 Mar 1784 John Erasmus Blackett

£1000 Newcastle Bank 22nd March 1784
 One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
 Blackett Esqr One Thousand pounds Value received
 For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos
No 3900 Blackett Bart Value in Acct John E Blackett

26 Mar 1784 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield Newcastle 26 March 1784

Sir

Your Cake of Silver is Received safe; it is weighed & Contains Nine Hundred & twenty Nine Ounces. There is a mistake in Mr Salkeld's Decemr Quarter Rookhope Mill Accot Viz Wolfcleugh 377 3/8 Bings of Ore at 30d p Bing £18.17s.4 1/2 d. Please to get this Mistake rectified & send us your Accounts as soon as possible.

I am etc Cuth Peart

27 Mar 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred and twenty Nine Ounces, which I desire you will place to Accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett Price advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc John E Blackett

Newcastle 27th March 1784

sold Langlands & Co A pce fine Silver qty 929 Ounces at p Oz

[Written in the margin :] NB Mr Blackett consented to let Messrs Langland & Robertson have this Piece Silver v Their Account.

28 Mar 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle March 28th 1784

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 21st inst and observe that you wou'd have £10,000 Remitted you this Year, which shall be done; but I hope that it may suit your Convenience to have the Principal part of that Sum the latter end of the Year. Inclosed you have a Bill as undermentioned for £1000 you shall have another £1000 the end of April, the same in June £2000 in Augt & the Remainder in the following Months, which I hope may answer your purpose. The several Lead Mine & Mill Pays will amount to £86,000 wch it will not be in my power to make till about the 25th May. I intended making the Pays the end of April, but the late Sales I made added to the long Storm that we have had (wch prevented the Shipping of Lead for Nine Weeks) prevents me doing it sooner. I acquainted Mr Wilson with what you Mention. Mr Anderson has executed the Bond for the Two Thousand Guineas to compleat the Payment for the Premises that you sold him, it is in the hands of Mr Wilson & shall be delivered to me on the return of the Deeds executed by you. Shou'd you want £2000 more the latter end of the Year, you may have it to make up £12,000. I am etc John E Blackett

17 Apr 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle April 17th 1784

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand and Sixty two Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of it. I am etc J E Blackett

27 Apr 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart

Newcastle 27th April 1784

Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 19th inst as well as your former letter acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill that I sent you. I observe what you say Respecting Coll Anker's Application to you about your Lead as well as your answer to him on that Subject; when I hear from that Gentleman I shall give him every Necessary Advice as to that matter. The Lead for the Danish Markett is Shipt from hence by Messrs Carr & Widdrington & by Mr Alexander Adams, & your Lead has the Preference and is purchased for the Danish East India Co. Mr Widdringn Corresponds with Coll Anker, & probably may hear from him on the subject. In the Year 1658 Sir Wm Blackett sold a Parcel of Lead Amounting to £2273-6-1 to the Crown of Denmark, the Lead arrived safe & every Necessary Certificate etc was obtained; Notwithstanding wch no Payment was ever Received for it, tho' frequent Application have at different times been made for that purpose; From the Conversation I have had with Mr Carr I find that he is not fond of this Commission & wou'd not undertake it unless he had a Merchant of Character in London Gaurantee for the Payment. The present price of Lead is £17 p Fothr for Common £17.5.0 p Fothr for Refd & £18 p Ton for Litharge. I have sold some small parcels for the Foreign Markets, but have not yet made any Sale for London. I expect to make a large Sale next Month. I have fixed the Pay for the Lead Mills at Dukesfield for the 26th May Allanheads & Coalcleugh the 27th and Weardale the 28th.

I am etc J E Blackett

21 May 1784 Cuthbert Peart to John Bell

Mr Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 21st May 1784

Sir

Mr Blackett received your letter of the 18th inst & desires you will pay the £600 to Mr Hunter at Dukesfield to save Trouble etc & for which you will have Mr Blacketts receipt. Enclosed you have the Bank Notes to the amount of £60 fr which with 2.8.0 given to the Hexham Post is in full for Candles delivered to Wolfcleugh to 31st March last & wch you will please to pay Mrs Wray. We have got a very good Office in Westgate Street. I am etc Cuth Peart

NB No D 860	5.0.0
No B 694	5.0.0
No E 930	5.0.0
No G 32	5.0.0
No H 671	5.0.0
No H 672	5.0.0

No H 684	5.0.0
No H 685	5.0.0
No H 686	5.0.0
No H 687	5.0.0
No H 688	5.0.0
No H 583	5.0.0
	2.8.0 Cash
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22 May 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle May 22nd 1784

Sir

I this day have sent you by Jno & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver Containing One Thousand and Seventy two Ounces which I desire you will place to accot with Sir Thos Blackett Barot at the Markett price & advise me on the Receipt of it. I yesterday drew a Bill on you for £300 at 20d date payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co wch I have no doubt you will duly honor. In your next please to advise me what was the price of fine Silver the undermentioned days.

I am etc J E Blackett

March 13th 16th 26th May 8th

1 Jun 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 1st June 1784

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co this date at one Month for Two Thousand Pounds, the Receipt of wch you will please to Acknowledge. I had very fine Weather for my Journey; Made the Pays for the several Mines, & Lead Mills and heard no Complaints. The Mines are much in the same State they were when I last wrote you. There is no Alteration at present in the Price of Lead wch I am selling in small Quantities at £17 & £17.5.0 p Fodder & Litharge at £18 p Ton, but I am well informed that the Lead Company have sold 20,000 of Refined at £16.15.0 p Fother wch Price Lancaster & Co have offered me for 10,000 or 20,000 Ps but I wou'd not accept of it, & have no doubt of getting a better Price, tho' I may be under a

Necessity of coming down a little. I hope this may find you perfectly well & I am etc
J E Blackett

£2000 Newcastle Bank 1st June 1784
 One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
 Blackett Esqr Two Thousand pounds Value received
 For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos
No 4376 Blackett Bart Value in Acct
 John E Blackett

15 Jul 1784 Cuthbert Peart to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thos Emerson Newcastle 15th July 1784
Newhouse Weardale

Sir

I received a letter from Mr Blackett on Tuesday last wherein he says the time fixed for your being here for Subsistance was the 26th Augt but as Sir Thos Blackett will be here the first Week in Augt he thinks you had better meet Sir Thos at Hexham & at the same time receive your Money there of which pray acquaint the other Stewards. You will be acquainted of the day to meet Sir Thomas at Hexham. I am etc C Peart

P.S. Please to write Mr Blackett how much Money you will want & desire the other Stewards will do the same that we may provide accordingly.

17 Jul 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson Cinderhill Yorkshire

Sir

Inclosed you will receive Messrs Bell Carr & Cos Bill on Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co at 40d dated this day for £71.0.0 for Leather Bends sent hither for Sir Thos Blackett's Leadmines. Mr Blackett is at present from home & therefore desire you will advise me on your Receipt of the inclosed Bill. Both Packs came safe.

I am etc C Peart Newcastle 17th July 1784

£71 Newcastle Bank 17th July 1784

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Mr Cuth Peart
Seventy one Pounds Value Received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of Mr Jno
No 4640 Beatson Value in Acct C Peart

31 Jul 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr Foster Lane London

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand and fifty four Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett Price, & advise me on your Receipt of it. I shall in a few Posts draw upon you for £300

I am etc J E Blackett Newcastle 31st July 1784

A Piece of fine Silver qty 1054 Ounces at P Oz

31 Jul 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart Newcastle July 31st 1784
Bretton Yorkshire

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co dated 30th inst at a Months date for Two Thousand Pounds the Receipt of which you will please Acknowledge. I am etc J E B

£2000 Newcastle Bank 30th July 1784
Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr
Two Thousand pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thomas
No 4707 Blackett Bart Value in Account
J E B

4 Aug 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers
London

Newcastle Augt 4th 1784

Gentln

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated 3rd inst for One Hundred & Fifty seven Pounds Ten Shillings; being half a Years Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln the 14th inst from Sir Thos Blackett Bart. You will please to Acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill, advising His Lordship of the same & when paid send me his Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc J E Blackett

£157-10 Newcastle Bank 3th Augt 1784
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & Fifty Seven Pounds Ten
Shillings Value received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of Messrs
No 4723 Child & Co Value in Acct with the Lord Bishop
of Lincoln J E Blackett

7 Aug 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle Augt 7th 1784

Sir

I have this day drawn a Bill on you for Three Hundred Pounds at 30d dated the 3rd inst which I have no doubt you will duly Honour on Sir Thomas Blackett's account & am etc J E B

10 Sep 1784 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Dr Sir

Your Cake of Silver is come safe to Sir Thos Blackett's Office. It is weigh'd & Contains One Thousand Two Hundred & Forty one Ounces & an half which will be placed to the Credit of Dukesfield Refinery. I am etc C Peart
Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield Newcastle 10th Sept 1784

11 Sep 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle Septr 11th 1784

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand Two Hundred and forty one Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett Price, advising me on your Receipt of it.

I am etc J E Blackett

17 Sep 1784 Cuthbert Peart to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 17th Septr 1784

Dr Sir

Inclosed you will receive Messrs Bell Carr Cookson & Cos Bill on Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co at 35 days dated 15th inst for Twenty seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings; being so much I received of Mr Hunter for the Waggon which Bill you will please to advise me on your Receipt of. I shall the beginning of next week send you the Cash Book & am with respectful Compliments to your Son & Family at Bretton yours etc Cuth Peart

£27.16 Newcastle Bank 15th Septr 1784

Thirty five days after Date pay to the Order of Mr Cuthbt Peart

Twenty seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings Value Received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas Wilkinson

London

Pay the Contents to the Order of Mr Luke Noble

No 4906

Value in account C Peart

23 Sep 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle Septr 23rd 1784

Sir

I wrote to you on the 11th inst advising you of a Piece of fine Silver being sent to you to wch I refer you. I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co for £400 at 30 days date on Sir Thos Blackett's Account wch I doubt not you will duly Honour. I am etc J E Blackett

£400 - -

Newcastle Sepr 23rd 1784

Thirty days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co Four Hundred Pounds Value received & place it to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as Advised.

John E Blackett

To Lyde Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

24 Sep 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle Sepr 24th 1784

Dear Sir

I expect that this may find you returned from your Tour of the Lakes & I hope that you & the Young Ladies have been agreeably Entertain'd. Inclosed I send you Messrs Bell Carr & Cos Bill on Castell & Co of this date at One Month for £2000 the Receipt of which you will please acknowledge. I have had some Conversation with Mr Heron respecting the Business that we talk'd with Mr Bell about at Hexham; Mr Heron undertakes to Proceed against Mr Errington at the next Term every thing Necessary being prepared for that Purpose; Proper Steps will likewise be taken against Mrs Charlton with respect to the enclosure, & her Refusal of the Payment of Acre Money; and also against Thos Chatt of Dotland for Pulling Ling on Greenridge Moor, & carrying it of the Premises without liberty from you or your Agents. I am sorry to inform you that the Price of Lead is falling, the last Parcell sold was 2000 Ps of Messrs Monkhouse & Hoppers at £16.7.6 Common £16.12.6 Refin'd. I had refused that Price expecting that Dr Hall wou'd take 20,000 Ps at £16.10.0 and £16.15.0 P For for Messrs Lancaster & Co but on receiving their Answer, they declin'd making any further Purchase having lately Contracted for 30,000 Ps of the Lead Company, & at Stockton, & a Considerable Quantity in other parts; I then made Mr C Blackett an offer of 10,000 Ps for Messrs Freemans & Mr Preston at £16.7.6 & £16.12.6 he accepts of 5,000 on those Terms, but wou'd not go further: I was desirous of Selling 20,000 Ps for I now apprehend that it will be lower for there is no demand at present; the late Duty on Lead has certainly had a great Affect on the Price, & must give the Scotch a very undue Preference, they being Exempt from the late, as well as from the Old duty on Exportation. I am etc J E Blackett

£2000 Newcastle Bank 24th Sept 1784
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Two Thousand pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos
No 4944 Blackett Bart Value in Account
J E B

19 Oct 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Newcastle Octr 19th 1784
Hexham Abbey

Sir

Inclosed you have a Tickett for the Delivery of Six Pieces more Lead to Mr
Parker & I am desired to acquaint you that the Price of these & the former three Pieces
is £16.15.0 a Fother. I am etc C.P.

5 Nov 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart Newcastle Novr 5th 1784
Bretton Yorkshire

Dear Sir

The large Stocks of Lead that you have at Blaydon at this Season & the small
Demand that there was for it made it necessary for me to reduce the Prices to
encourage a Sale so as to enable us to make the Lead Pays in due time, as well as the
several other Payments. As Mr C Blackett made the former Purchase I made him an
Offer of 8000 Ps Lead at the reduced Prices wch he would not accept of for his Friends
in London, unless he was satisfied that Dr Hall had purchased the same Quantity of
me; on making Dr Hall the same Offer he Accepted of it on condition that Mr C
Blackett shou'd not be informed of it, & that in Case of Mr C Blackett's second refusal
that he wou'd purchase the whole Quantity of 16000Ps. Mr C Blackett still persisting in
the refusal of 8000 Ps on the Grounds I mentioned, I sold Dr Hall the 16000 Ps at the
Prices below wch I hope will meet with your approbation. Inclosed you will receive a
Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co of this date at a Month for Two
Thousand Pounds the receipt of wch Mr Noble will please to acknowledge to Mr Peart

as I go from home on Sunday to fetch my Daughter from Scotland & may be absent for a fortnight. I am etc J E B

5000 Ps refd Lead at p	£16.7.6
10,000 Ps Comn Do with the usual Qty of Slag	16.2.6
1000 Ps Slag Do	16.0.0

£2000 Newcastle Bank 5th Novemr 1784
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Two Thousand pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of
No 5158 Sir Thos Blackett Bart Value in accot
J E B

17 Nov 1784 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Newcastle Novemr 17th 1784
Dukesfield

Sir

As there is now a large Quantity of Litharge Slags at Blaydon Mr Blackett has it under Consideration whether to dispose of them at 30s a Ton, a Price offered him, or to have them wrought up at Dukesfield so you will please to let us know in what manner you manage your Slags so as to obtain the Lead contained in them. Whether you run them up in the Slag Hearth in the State they come from the reducing Furnace, or put them through the Stamp Mill, wash them & then smelt up the washings. for Experiments sake lay to one side a Parcel of Litharge Slags, the Course of one Weeks Workings, observing the Quantity of refin'd Lead made on producing such Parcel of Slag. Note the Weight & then work it up either in the Stamp Mill or Slag Hearth with a proper flux of the poorest black Slag that can be got. The Slags produced should then be followed & all the Lead got from them added to what was got at the first Operation. This is submitted to your Consideration about which you will please to write to Mr Blackett. I am etc C Peart

Your Plate of Silver came safe Containing 1130 Ounces

8 Dec 1784 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle Decemr 8th 1784

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co dated 3rd inst at One Months date for Two Thousand Pounds, the receipt of wch you will please Acknowledge. Your Lead Stewards were with me the 30th inst when I paid them £2140 for Subsistance for the Workmen, the Mines were much in the same States. Since the last Sale of Lead to Dr Hall I have only Sold some small Parcells at an Advanced Price. I am etc J E Blackett

£2000 Newcastle Bank 3rd Decemr 1784
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Two Thousand pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir
No 5325 Thos Blackett Bart Value in accot
J E B

6 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle . Jany. 6th. 1785

Dear. Sir I received Mr Noble's letter Advising me of a Roll of Brawn that you have been so kind to send, for wch. please to Accept of our best Thanks, it arrived safe & is exceeding good: Mr Wilsons Roll likewise came safe. As there was a Considerable Quantity of Lead at Blaydon I thought it advisable to make Doctor Hall an Offer of 10,000 pieces at the prices I sold the last 16,000 pieces (Viz) £16 . 7 . 6 for Refined & £16 . 2 . 6 for Common; on his refusal I made the same Offer to Mr C Blackett wch he has Accepted of; I postponed writing to you for a few days till I had concluded this Bargain, & could advise you of it. I shall in a few days remit you a Bill on London for £1000. I have Advised Doctor Blackett of Plymouth that the £2000 on your Bond to him will be Paid in the 1st June next, the other Sums wch you have on Bond (Mr Wilson's excepted) will likewise be paid In during the Course of this year.

I am etc John E Blackett

7 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Jany 7th 1785

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing Eight Hundred & Thirty one Ounces & an half which I desire you to place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price and advise me on your Receipt of it. Inclosed is your Account which if you find right, please to Sign & return. I am etc John E. Blackett

11 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle Jany 11th 1785

Sirs Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 4th instant at 30 d[ays] date for £100 which I desire you will place to the Account of the Revd. Dr. Blackett of Plymouth acquainting him with the same and acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill to, Sirs yours etc John E Blackett

£100 .	Newcastle Bank 4th Jany. 1785
Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. One Hundred Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell & Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Messrs Child & Co
No 5495	Value in Acct. with the Revd. Dr Blackett.
	JEB

11 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Edward Blackett

The Revd. Doctor Blackett at Plymouth

Newcastle Jany 11th 1785

Dear Sir I have by this Post remitted to Messrs. Child & Co. a Bill for £100 on your account for one years Interest on Sir Thos. Blackett's Bond to you for £2000 due 1st Decem. last, on your receiving Advice of the Receipt of the Bill, you will Please to send me your receipt for the same. I am desired by Sir Thos. Blackett to acquaint you that his Bond will be paid off the 1st June next, you will therefore please to acquaint me to whom you will have the Money Paid. I am etc John E Blackett

11 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle . Jany. 11th. 1785

Dear Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 11th inst. at a Months date for £1000 the Receipt of which you (or Mr Noble) will please to acknowledge.

I understand that an Application has been made to you by the Revd. Mr Harris, to Succeed the late Mr Birkett in the Curacy of Chappel of Warden in Weardale, in the Gift of the Bishop of Lincoln as Rector of Stanhope, the Value of wch is from £65 to £70 the year, £20 of wch, is paid by the Rector of Stanhope, but the smallness of it has, I imagine, induced the Rector to Wave their right of Nomination, & the Appointment has usually been (with the Rectors consent) in the Proprietors of Lands in the Parish. On the death of Mr Birkett, your Agent at Newhouse (Mr Emerson) acquainted me that Mr Rotheram (a near relation of the Revd. Mr Rotheram of Houghton) a man of good Character, had for some time before Mr Birkett's Death, done all the Duty, with Credit to himself & to the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants; who were desirous of his Succeeding to the Curacy; I told him that if they were satisfied with Mr Rotheram, I believed that you would have no objection to him, but that I did not think it an object to trouble you with; I have since been informed that some persons who are rather Methodistically inclined, have prevailed on Mr Smith, the Curate to the Rector of Stanhope, to refuse his Approbation of Mr Rotheram; alledging that he is addicted to liquor, & notwithstanding he had a good Majority of the Inhabitants in his favour, his Election is set aside, & another day appointed for the Election. I am not acquainted with Mr Rotheram nor ever saw him, but Mr Emerson informs me, that the Charge against him id groundless, & that he has been ill used. I did not know till yesterday that Mr Harris had made any application to you, or that you had wrote to any person on the Subject; he is I believe a Man of very good Character, is well recommended & probably may be approved of by the Rector of Stanhope, & Appointed. Least this Matter should be Misrepresented to you, I thought it proper to acquaint you with the whole that I know of the Matter.

I am etc John E Blackett

£1000 .

Newcastle Bank 11th Jany. 1785

One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esq. One Thousand Pounds Value received

For Bell Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell & Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson.

London

Pay the Contents to the order of Sir

No 5535

Thos. Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.

JEB

21 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle Jany 21st 1785

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. dated this day at 30 d[ays] date for One Hundred & Fifty seven Pounds Ten Shillings Being half a Years Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due to my Lord Bishop of Lincoln, 14th Feby next, from Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. You will please to acknowledge the receipt of this Bill, advising his Lordship of the same, & when paid send me his Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc John E Blackett

£157..10..

Newcastle Bank 21st Jany. 1785

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. One Hundred & Fifty seven Pounds Ten Shillings
Value received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell & Sumner & Co
London

Thos Gibson.

No 5605 Pay the Contents to the Order of Messrs. Child & Co
Value in Acct. with the Lord Bishop of Lincoln
J. E. Blackett

21 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Jany 21st 1785

Sir I wrote to you on the 7th inst. advising you of a piece of fine Silver being sent to you to which I refer you. I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co for £350 at 30 d[ays] date, on Sir Thos. Blackett's Account which I doubt not you will duly Honor. I am etc John E Blackett

21 Jan 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle . Jany. 21st . 1785

Dear Sir I received your Letter of the 14th inst. Acknowledging the receipt of a Bill for £1000 & desiring another Remittance for £2000. Inclosed you have Messrs Bell Carr &

Co's Bill on Castell & Co of this date at a Month for that Sum the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I observe what you say respecting the Revd. Harris his Testimonial is unexceptionable. & its probable that the Rector of Stanhope will appoint him to the Curacy, both the Candidates are Strangers to me, & I have not interfered further in the Affair than I acquainted you in my last letter, & that was done on the Representation of Mr Emerson of Newhouse. I am etc

John E Blackett

£2000 . Newcastle Bank 21st Jany. 1785
Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell & Sumner & Co Thos Gibson.
London Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 5603 Blackett Bt. Value in Acct.
J. E. Blackett

18 Feb 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle . Feby. 18th . 1785

Dear Sir Mr Chrstr. Blackett has lately entered into the Gunpowder Trade & apply's to you by this Post to request the favour of you to take a Part of the Gunpowder for your Lead Mines from him, It will be of the same Quality & Price as that you have from others, & as Mr Blackett purchases your Lead for the Freeman's & Preston, if you have no Objection, you will be equally as well served by him. On the 3rd inst. Mr Geo. Anderson paid me £300 more on Account, so there now remains only £1000 on his Bond to you. Our Weather continues very Severe, yesterday & this day we have had great falls of Snow with the Wind at N. E.

Your Lead Stewards were with me for Subsistance for the Workmen the 25th Ult. there was at that time little or no Alteration in the State of the Mines. I am etc John E Blackett

27 Feb 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.

N.Castle . Feby. 27th . 1785

Dear Sir I wrote to you the 18th inst. to wch. I refer you. I received your Card by Mrs Soulsby & have wrote to Mr Noble about the Bends that Mr Beatson sent for the Lead Mines; It is very extraordinary that Mr Beatson will not take the Orders for the Bends

from me, & when he sends them write to me with an account of the Charge, that I may on their Arrival at this place, know to what Mine, or Lead Mill to send them, & likewise be enabled to make him a remittance for the same. This he was fully instructed to do when I was at Bretton but in Septr. last he sent a pack of Bends unknown to me wch after the receipt of his letter of the 14th Jany I am informed is for Coalcleugh, but neither Mr Dickinson nor myself received any advice of its being sent, nor any notes of the same; That Parcel as well as the Hides for Dukesfield are Arrived & when Mr Beatson send me his Account, I'll send him a Bill for the Amount. You will observe by the inclosed Advertizement from the York paper that a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lead Mines in Derbyshire had been held to take into consideration the late Tax on Lead, & that a Resolution was come to make Application to Parliament for a repeal of the said Tax. This certainly will be a very proper Measure, not only for the reasons set forth in the inclosed Resolutions, but as this Tax certainly enables the proprietors of the Lead Mines in Scotland (by being exempt form this Duty) to Undersell the other Lead at the Foreign Markets, & after all the Tax is by no means productive. I shall endeavour to get the Lead Owners etc in this place to have a Meeting for purposes above mentioned, & as I am informed that you are in Town you will have an Opportunity of conversing with Sir M Ridley, Mr Brandling, & the County Members etc on the Subject. I am etc John E Blackett

7 Mar 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq Foster Lane – London

Newcastle Mar: 7th 1785

Sir I have this day sent you by Thos Jennings the London Carrier a piece fine Silver containing One Thousand & Eighty Nine Ounces & an half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price, advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc John E. Blackett

7 Mar 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson

Newcastle Mar. 7th 1785

Cinderhill Yorkshire

Sir I received your Letter & inclosed you have Messrs Bell Carr & Co's Bill on Messrs Castell Powell & Co for Seventy three Pounds Nine Shillings & Sixpence being the <amo[un]t> of Bends & Hides sent to Sir Thos. Blackett's Lead Mines, which Bill please to Advise me on your receipt of. I am etc John E Blackett

£73..9..6

Newcastle Bank 7th March 1785

One Month after date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esq.
Seventy three Pounds Nine Shillings& Sixpence Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell& Sumner & Co Thos Gibson.
London Pay the Contents to the Order of
No 5822 Mr John Beatson Value received
J. E. B

26 Mar 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq Newcastle March 26th 1785
Foster Lane - London

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co at 30 days date for £450, on Sir Thos. Blackett's Account which I doubt not you will duly Honor.

I am etc John E Blackett

28 Mar 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. Newcastle . March 28th. 1785
Bretton - Yorkshire

Dear Sir I received Mr Nobles letter of the 6th inst, & have remitted Mr Beatson a Bill for the amount of his Leathers. Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co's Bill on Castell & Co dated 26th inst. at a Month for £1000 the receipt of which you, or Mr Noble, will please to acknowledge. Your Lead Stewards were with me for Subsistence for the Workmen the 22nd inst. there was then little or no alteration in the States of the Mines. The long continued Frost that we have had, has prevented Mr Hall & Mr C Blackett Shipping their Lead. I have a difficulty in getting them to make their payments According to their Agreements, & am under a Necessity of granting them some Indulgence on that Account, but have fix'd the Several Lead Mine & Mill Pays for the 2nd Week in May, with which the Stewards etc are well Satisfied they amount to about £38,000. I am etc John E Blackett

£1000 . Newcastle Bank 26th March 1785
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. One Thousand Pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell& Sumner & Co Thos Gibson.

London
No 5907

Pay the Contents to the order of Sir
Thos. Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
JEB

30 Apr 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Edward Blackett

The Revd. Doctor Blackett
Plymouth

Newcastle April 30th 1785

Dear Sir I have by this Post remitted to Messrs. Child & Co. a Bill of this date at a Month for Two Thousand and Fifty pounds to discharge Sir Thos. Blackett's Bond to you dated 1st Decem. 1777 for £2000 and Six Months interest on the same due 1st June next; you will please to lodge the Bond in the hands of Messrs Child & Co. with a proper Discharge I am etc J. E. Blackett

30 Apr 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co Bankers London

Newcastle April 30th 1785

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill of this date drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co. at a Months date for Two Thousand & Fifty Pounds on Account of the Revd. Dr. Blackett of Plymouth, the receipt of wch you will please to acknowledge; advising him of the same. I have desired Dr Blackett to lodge in your hands Sir Thos. Blackett's Bond with his receipt for the Principal & Interest, wch. when you are in cash for the Bill, you will please to enclose to me. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£2050 .

Newcastle Bank 30th April. 1785

Thirty days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq
Two Thousand & Fifty Pounds Value received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell & Sumner & Co

Jas. Wilkinson

London

Pay the Contents to the order of Messrs Child & Co.

No 6108

Value in Acct. with the Revd. Doctor Blackett

J. E. Blackett

23 May 1785 Cuthbert Peart to Mrs Hall

Mrs Hall Haydon Bridge

Newcastle May 23rd 1785

Madam I have Mr Blackett's directions to acquaint you that the Principal Sum of £1700 upon Sir Thos. Blackett's Bond & all interest due thereon will be paid off on the first day of Octobr. next. I am etc Cuth Peart

[In Margin:] Pd same day.

13 Jun 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle . June 13th . 1785

Dear Sir I hope this may find you well at Bretton after your journey. I think that the Warm Weather we have will be no Inducement to your staying in Town. A Month since the Lead Company sold to the three Houses in London 30,000 ps Lead at £15. 12.6 for Common & £15.17.6 for Refined; I was offered the same Price by Doctor Hall & Mr Blackett for a Considerable Quantity which I refused; At Mr Blackett's request I waited for an answer to his letter, but his friends would not give more. I then entered into Treaty with Doctor Hall, who made me an offer of £15.15.0 for Common Lead & £16.0.0 for refined, for 30,000 or 40,000 ps. on condition of having the Offer of the first Quantity for the London Market before Xmas, but in case I would not let him have 30,000ps he would not purchase a single piece; As I thought the Offer advantageous I agreed with him for 20,000 ps. half refin'd & half Common at £15.17.6 p Fodr. & 10,000 ps. refin'd Lead at £16.0.0 p fr. which Sale I hope that you will approve of. at present there is not above 14,000 ps. at Blaydon but it is coming down very fast. I now intend to advance the price 2s/6d p For. Mr C Blackett is very much disappointed & thinks himself not well treated but he has no cause for saying so, & his friends may blame themselves for being thrown out of the Market, Doctor Hall having engaged all the other Quantities at this place. Inclosed is Copy of a letter from Mr Millington the Acting Proprietor of the Works late Crowleys, when you come into this Country wch. I imagine will be some time the next Month we can have some discourse on the Subject. I have paid Doctor Blackett the £200 & in return have got your Bond for that Sum, with a proper Discharge on the same. on the 18th inst. I shall Pay off your Bond to the Exors of Dorothy Rickaby for £1500 & am etc J. E. Blackett

25 Jun 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 25th June 1785

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & Thirty seven Ounces & which I desire you will

place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price and advise me on your Receipt of it. . I am etc J. E. B.

Blaydon Refinery Cr. A Piece fine Silver - qty. 937 Ounces at p Oz.

1 Jul 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Eyre

Thos. Eyre Esqr. Hasset
near Bakewell Derbyshire

Newcastle July 1st. 1785

Sir Being informed that you granted a Way Leave to Mr Silvertop through part of your Estate for the Coals of Stella Grand Lease Colliery, I am desired by some of the Proprietors of that Colliery to acquaint you that they will be glad to Treat with you for a Way Leave for the Coals of their respective Shares; I am concern'd for Sir Thos. Blackett, Mr Gray of Backworth, Mr Fenwick of Bywell, Mrs Montague & some others join in this Application to you. I intended having some Conversation on the Subject with your Agent Mr Robinson when in this Country but was prevented.
I am etc John E. Blackett

4 Jul 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle July 4th . 1785

Sir Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co of this date at a Month for One Thousand Pounds on acct. of Sir Thomas Blackett Bart, the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge acquainting Sir Thomas of the same. Pray when are we to expect Sir Thos. Blackett in this country. My best respects to him if at Bretton.
I am etc John E Blackett

£1000 .	Newcastle Bank 4th July 1785
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 6496	Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	J. E. Blackett

27 Jul 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle July 27th. 1785

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 22nd inst. & am Concerned to hear that you are so much Indisposed wch. prevents us of the pleasure of seeing you in the North next Month. I hope that the enjoyment of Fresh Air at Bretton, with a little Quiet Company may soon set you right; I hope that you will be with us in the Autumn or Winter, which ever may be most Convenient & agreeable to you, for I assure you that your Affairs in this Country will require your presence; there are several Matters to lay before you for your Approbation , & Directions, wch. cannot so properly be Communicated to you by letter. I imagine that Mr Noble will be at this place about the usual time when he will find the Accounts ready for his Inspection but I wish that I could be informed of the time that he will be here that I may not be from home. We can then fix a day for the Dinner for the Agents at Hexham when I shall certainly meet them; they are to be down at this place the 5th Sept. next for Subsistence for the Workmen should that time suit you to be here? Would you have the Dinner Postponed till that time? I am etc John E Blackett

31 Jul 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Eyre

Thos. Eyre Esqr. Hasset
near Bakewell Derbyshire

Newcastle July 31st. 1785

Sir I had the favor of your letter of the 5th inst. the Contents of which I Communicated to the Parties concerned, & I shall take the most early opportunity of acquainting you with the Propositions that they have to make to you as to the way leave for their several shares of the Coals wch may be had from Stella Grand Lease Colliery. I am etc J. E. Blackett

1 Aug 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle . Augt. 1st 1785

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co. at a Months date for One Thousand Pounds on Sir Thos. Blackett's account, the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge, acquainting Sir Thos of the same.

I wrote to Sir Thomas the 29th inst. & desire my best Compliments to him & the Young Ladies. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£1000 .	Newcastle Bank Augt. 2nd 1785
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order of
No 6636	Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	John E Blackett

5 Aug 1785 Cuthbert Peart to Elizabeth Locking

Mrs Elizth. Locking Newgate Street	Newcastle 5th August 1785
Newcastle	

Madam I am desired to acquaint you that Sir Thos. Blackett intends paying you off the Principal Sum of £1000 upon his Bond & all Interest due thereon on the 22nd day of February next. I am etc CP

19 Aug 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co	Newcastle Augt. 19th 1785
Bankers London	

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. at One Month dated this day for One Hundred & Fifty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings; being half a Years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln, the 14th inst, from Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. You will please to Acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill, advising his Lordship of the same & when paid send me his Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£157 . 10 .	Newcastle Bank 19th Augt. 1785
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. One Hundred & Fifty seven Pounds Ten Shillings	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Js. Wilkinson

London
No 6720

Pay the Contents to the Order of Messrs. Child & Co
Value in Acct. with the Lord Bishop of Lincoln
John E. Blackett

19 Aug 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to John Knubley

Mr John Knubley
Gunsmith No. 11 Charing Cross London

Newcastle Augt 19th 1785

Sir I received your letter with your Charge for Six Pair of Pistols amounting to £19.11.0 for wch Sum I have enclosed you a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co on Messrs Castell & Co of this date at a Month the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge by the first Post. The Pistols Arrived safe and I hope may Answer. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£19 . 11 - Newcastle Bank 19th Augt. 1785
One Month after date pay to the Order of John E.
Blackett Esq. Nineteen Pounds Eleven Shillings
Value received

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
No 6722 London

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
Jas Wilkinson
Pay the Contents to the order of
of Mr John Knubley Value reced.
John E Blackett

21 Aug 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Augt 21st 1785

Dear Sir I hope that this may find you very well again & that Mr Noble got well home. Mr Wilson would mention to you something that has pass'd relating to the Grand Lease Colliery of which you have 1/12 share; A Mr Edington has made Application to me & some other of the Proprietors for a Lease of their shares of that Colliery as well as a way Leave through part of your Estate; he is an Adventurer & is not Connected with any Person of Fortune or Credit; on wch Account I would beg leave to Recommend that you have nothing to say to him. When you come into the North in the Winter we can have some conversation respecting the Grand Lease Colliery etc. Mr Peareth called on me yesterday & left two letters from Mr Tower to him, Copies of which I inclose you: You have seen the former, but you will please to let me know what Answer must be given the latter. I am etc J. E. Blackett

22 Aug 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Lushington

Revd Mr Lushington
Mendish House near Cambridge

Newcastle Augt 22nd. 1785

Sir Sir Thomas Blackett being desirous of Paying off the £1000 left by the late Sir William Blackett to the Vicar of Newcastle and the Church Wardens of St Andrews in Trust for the Purposes mentioned in his Will; and being Advised that it is Necessary that the Vicar & said Church Wardens should have a proper Notice given them of his Intentions, I beg leave to enclose you such Notice, a Copy of which is delivered to the Church Wardens.

I am etc John E Blackett

28 Aug 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Augt 28th 1785

Dear Sir I wrote to you the 21st inst. to wch I refer you. Mr Stephenson of Hull (who is Concerned for the Greater part of the Lead Proprietors in Derbyshire & Yorkshire) has been at this place, & I have had a good deal of discourse with him respecting an Application to Parliament for the Purpose of Obtaining a Repeal of the late Duty on Lead wch is very oppressive to the Lead Trade of this Country and likely to be more so, Mr Stephenson has taken a great deal of Pains, & has made himself Master of the Subject he has Corresponded with the Minister, & has no doubt of succeeding in Case the Lead Interest of the Kingdom join in the Application; There is to be a General Meeting of the Proprietors or their Agents of the Derbyshire & Yorkshire Mines, as well as some of the Exporters, at Middleham the second week in Septr. of wch Mr Stephenson is to give me more full Information.

As this is a Matter of great Moment to the Lead Owners, I think that you or some Person Concerned for you, who is acquainted with the Trade, should Attend the Meeting.

I shall be glad to know your Sentiments on the Matter & should you think it Necessary I will go the Meeting. Please to favour me with your Answer. I am etc J. E. Blackett

P.S. The Duty of £2.5.0 4/20 on Lead Exported not only Acts as a Bounty to the Scotch Duty free Lead, but is a great Encouragement to the Working the Lead Mines in Germany.

Since my letter of the 21st I have Sold to Dr Hall 11000 ps. of Lead at the following Prices wch Quantity will not be brought down to Blaydon with what is made there, till

the end of Decem. next. You will observe that there is an Advance of 5s p Fother & by Messrs Lancaster & Co Purchasing this Quantity they will be enabled to keep up the Price wch. is a desirable Object.

Refined Lead	5000 ps	£16. 5.0 p For.
Common Do.	5000 ps	16. 0.0
Slag Do.	1000 ps	15.17.6

3 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Septr. 3rd 1785

Sir I have this day sent you by John & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Five Ounces which I desire you will place to accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price advising me on your receipt of it. I am etc John E. Blackett

a pc. fine Silver qty 1105 ounces at p Oz.

6 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Septr 6th. 1785

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letters of the 27th Ult. & 1st inst and am glad to hear a better account of your health. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co of this date at a Month for One Thousand Pounds the receipt of wch you, or Mr Noble, will please to acknowledge. I am glad to hear that you intend being at the Meeting at Middleham; I have had a letter from Mr Stephenson of Hull & another from Mr Maynard of Chesterfield on the Business, but the day of meeting is not yet fixed on, when I know it, you shall be made acquainted, & I shall be glad to meet you at Middleham, & to return with you to Bretton for a few days.

I wish that you could prevail on Mr Charles Stanhope to come with you, for we must have him to support our Application notwithstanding the late Tax is a Child of his Friend Pitt's. Probably he may not think it proper to attend the Meeting, but at the same time give us his Assistance when the Business come before the House. Your Lead Stewards are with me at present for Subsistence for the Workmen, they are all well & the Mines much in the same state.

I am etc John E Blackett

£1000 . Newcastle Bank 6th Sept. 1785
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. One Thousand Pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
London Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 6829 Blackett Bart Value in Acct..
John E Blackett

7 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq Newcastle Sept 7th 1785
Foster Lane - London

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you for Four Hundred Pounds at Thirty days in Sir Thomas Blackett's account payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co which I have no doubt you will duly Honor. I am etc John E. Blackett

9 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to John Breare

Mr John Breare Newcastle Sept 9th 1785
Middleham Yorkshire

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 6th inst. inclosing a Copy of the Memorial which was presented to the Treasury by the Proprietors of Lead Mines in Derbyshire. I on the part of Sir Thos. Blackett approve much of the Measure, & I shall with Sir Thos. Blackett attend the Meeting at Middleham on the 29th inst. I am etc John E Blackett

9 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Anthony Maynard

Anth. Law Maynard Esqr. Newcastle Sept 9th 1785
Chesterfield Derbyshire

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 3rd inst. inclosing a Copy of the Memorial which was presented to the Treasury by the Proprietors of Lead Mines in Derbyshire. I on the part of Sir Thomas Blackett much approve of the Measure, & shall with him attend the Meeting at Middleham on the 29th inst. I am etc John E Blackett

9 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

John Stephenson Esq
Hull

Newcastle Septr 9th . 1785

Sir I wrote to you the 7th inst. to which I refer you, I am since favoured with your letter of the 2nd inst. & observe that there has been some neglect in the Post Offices of Hull or this place wch has occasioned the delay of this letter. I intend being at Sir Thomas Blackett's next week & shall with him attend the Meeting at Middleham on the 29th inst. agreeable to the Notice that I received from Mr John Breare Secry. to the Mineral Society. I am much obliged to you for the advice that you have given me. I am etc John E. Blackett

9 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle Septr 9th . 1785

[Note: re clerks copy below 16th should be 6th and "17th etc" should probably be "27th etc"]

Sir I wrote to you the 16th inst to which I refer you. I have had another letter from Mr Stephenson of Hull, & a letter from Mr John Breare of Middleham Secry. to the Mineral Society acquainting me that the Meeting at Middleham will be on Thursday 29th inst. as I am under a necessity of being at this place on the 30th inst. in the evening, I have alter'd my Plan & intend waiting on you at Bretton on the 17th or 18th inst. We had a dreadful fire in this Town this morning at 2 O Clock Mr Forster's New Sugar House near the Mansion House was Burnt to the ground together with a large Brew House & two or three Houses, the Sugar House was Insured for £7000 at the Sun Fire Office London. I am etc John E Blackett

19 Sep 1785 John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: File note]

Sept 19th Ship'd on Board The Eleanor, Thomas Forster, for Hull Four Casks Lead <Fume> directed for Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

25 Oct 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Octor. 25th . 1785

Sir

Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co on Castell & Co of this date at One Month for Two Thousand Pounds on Sir Thos. Blackett's Account the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I imagine that Sir Thos. Blackett may be at Thorp, or at Mr Walkers at this time.

The Iron Sneck for a Gate which Sir Thos. Blackett was so kind to promise me is not yet come to hand. Please to send it by the Carriers, & at your leisure I will be obliged to you for a Drawing of the Mill for the Grinding of Bones.

I am etc John E. Blackett

£2000 .

Newcastle Bank 25th Octor. 1785

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds Value received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson.

London

Pay the Contents to the order of Sir

No 7078

Thos. Blackett Bart. Value in Acct..

John E. Blackett

30 Oct 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

John Stephenson Esq. Hull

Newcastle Octor. 30th 1785

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letters of the 14th inst. & observe the Contents. I am likewise favoured with a letter from Mr Breare inclosing a Copy of the Resolutions of the Mineral Society; I am quite of your Opinion with respect to the sixth Resolution relating to the Manufacturers of White & Red Lead, & on reading it I made the same remark; I wish that it had been omitted & am very doubtful of the Presidents being of any service to the Trade in this Business. I am of Opinion that the Scots Lead being exempt from Duty by the Act of Union, the late Act of Parliament cannot make it liable to the Additional Duty by the Words of the Act, without the Consent of the Proprietors of those Mines. Some of the Proprietors of the Mines in this Country being absent a Meeting cannot be held until the Middle or end of next Month, the Results of which you shall be informed of.

On the late Advance of Lead at your Port & Stockton we call'd Refined Lead £16.10.0 p Fother Common £16.5.0 p Fr. but I have not sold any at those Prices except a small quantity for the White Lead Works, the last 10,000 ps which I sold Lancaster &

Co. is not yet Delivered nor any part of the 10,000 ps I sold to Freemans & Co. I am of the Opinion that the present Prices of Lead cannot be supported & that after Xmas it must of Course fall, Messrs Lancaster & Co. having a large Quantity on their hands, will use their endeavours to keep up the Price but I do not think that they will have it in their power. I am etc John E Blackett

2 Nov 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Lushington

The Revd Mr Lushington
Mendish House near Cambridge

Newcastle Nov. 2nd 1785

Dear Sir There being a Vacancy of a School Master of St Andrews Charity School, by the late Master Mr Dees being appointed to the Charity School of St Nicholas, the several Persons whose names are undermentioned have offered themselves to succeed him; Mr George Richardson who at present teaches a School in this place, & is of the Church of England is very strongly recommended to me by the Churchwardens of St Andrews Parish, & has produced a Certificate signed by a Number of Persons of Character as to his Moral Character, his Abilities as a Schoolmaster as well as his Sobriety & Diligence; As there is a Necessity that the Vacancy should be filled up as soon as possible, If his appointment should meet with your Approbation? I shall on the part of Sir Thos. Blackett confirm this same. I am etc J. E. Blackett

Geo. Richardson of the Ballast Hills
Jos. Hedley of Callerton
Peter Saunders of North Shields
John Armstrong of Newgate
Scotland of Gateshead
John Oglivie Windmill Hills

5 Nov 1785 Cuthbert Peart to John Bell

Mr John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle Novem. 5th. 1785

Sir I am desired by Mr Blackett to write to you for your Sentiments respecting Harwood Sheil. Mr Forster of Allenheads has employed some Workmen to get Ore there who have been discharged by Sir Thos. Clavering but no notice taken of such discharges. Sir Thomas has applied to Mr Blackett & wishes to produce his Claim to that part of the Moore. I am etc C. Peart

19 Nov 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Novem. 19th 1785

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand three Hundred & Thirty Ounces & an half which I desire you will Place to account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc John E. Blackett

P.S. I was much surprised to find that you only allowed 5/6 p Oz for the Piece of Siver sent you the 3rd Sept. last when at the same time some Gentn. of this Country got 5s/6½d p Oz for the Silver they sent to London & I could have had that Price of Messrs. Langlands & Robertson of this Place. I hope that you will allow the best Price for this Piece wch. may induce me to send you more.

25 Nov 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Eyre

Thos. Eyre Esqr. Hassop
near Bakewell Derbyshire

Newcastle Novem. 25th. 1785

Sir Mr I Silvertop has at length Agreed with Sir Thos. Blackett Mr Grey & Mr Fenwick for a Lease of their several shares of Stella Grand lease Colliery for the Term of 21 Years comm[enc]ing Xmas 1782. I take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you with this, and at the same time of Conveying to you the Acknowledgements of those Gentlemen for the very Handsom treatment wch. they met with from you on the Application they made. I am etc John E Blackett

26 Nov 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

John Stevenson Esqr.
Hull

Newcastle Novem. 26th. 1785

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 22nd inst. & am much obliged to you for the Information that you give me respecting the Seizure of the two Ships at Rouen, but I do apprehend that there must be some mistake in this matter, & that the late Edict wch. was Published is withdrawn with respect to some Articles; but should not that be the Case the ships will not be the least more safe by having Clearances from Ostend, those two Ships wch. are seized having (as you say) clearances from that Port. A Merchant of this place is just arrived from France, he did not hear of this Prohibition and left a Ship unloading Lead from London, If any fresh Edict has been Issued it has

certainly been done with a View towards compelling our Minister to submit to their Terms. The Proprietors of the Virgin Mines have certainly overstood their Market, I am now selling refined Lead at £16 . 10 . 0 p Fr. in small parcels, & I do apprehend that we cannot long support that Price. Our Meeting will be on Wednesday the 30th inst. the result of which you shall be acquainted with. I am etc J. E. Blackett

2 Dec 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to unknown

My Lord

I have the Honor of transmitting to your Lordship a Copy of the Memorial of the Proprietors and Persons interested in Leadmines & the Lead Trade in the Counties of Northumberland, Durham, and in those parts of the County of Cumberland adjoining thereto; and I am desired by the said Meeting to Request your Lordship will favour them with your Support in order to obtain a Repeal of the late Duty on Lead exported.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect,

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient Humble Servant

John E. Blackett

Newcastle 2nd Decem. 1785

5 Dec 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Decem. 5th 1785

Sir I received your letter of the 30th Ult. & observed that you have allowed only 5s . 7¼d p Oz for the last Piece of fine Silver sent; I really expected 5 . 7½ & some of my Neighbours got that Price in London & drew a Bill for the Amount at a Months date, the Gentlemen that I alluded to in my former letter, who had got a better Price than you allowed me, drew for the same at a Month on sending the Silver, you are very sensible that you have much longer Credit.

I am etc

John E. Blackett

6 Dec 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Decem. 6th. 1785

Dear Sir My last letter to you of the 2nd inst. was in Form, this will be more Acceptable as it contains a Bill of this date for £3000. drawn by Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. The Meeting respecting the late Duty on Lead was very small owing in some Measure to the badness of the day wch. prevented members coming from the West etc so that almost the whole Load of the Business fell on myself. I have had an Infinate deal of trouble about it, & wish that we may at length Succeed. You will see by the enclosed that I have entered into an Agreement with Mr Silvertop Junr. for your 1/12th share od Stella Grand Lease Colliery, wch. I hope will meet with your Approbation, The terms are as good as we could obtain, and this Lease wch. is to granted to Mr. Silvertop Junr. is to be no Bar to you & the rest of the Proprietors, obliging his Father to Account for the Coals wch. have been wrought by him from the time that he gave up the Lease & declined paying rent, to the Year 1782. Mr Silvertop Junr. has made the following offer on behalf of his Father, wch. I believe that it may be advisable to accept of, rather than to enter into a Chancery Suit with him, especially as we cannot bring any Proof as to the Quantity of Coals wch. have been wrought in that Period;

He says from the Year 1760 to 1765 he wrought out of Stella Grand Lease Colliery 803 <Tons>, of Coals (an Account of which he produces) for wch. he proposes paying 15s/ p <Ton>, from the Year 1765 to 1781 it appears by his Account this working have been very trifling some Years two, three, or four <Tons>, others nothing so that on the whole of the latter Period, he declares that with Paying the Way leave rent etc he has been a loser of upwards of £200 p Year by that Colliery. This is a State of the Affair for your Consideration & when I have your Answer Mr Wilson & Mr Heron will prepare the Lease. I am etc John E Blackett

£3000 .	Newcastle Bank 6th Decem. 1785
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. Three Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir
No 7306	Thos. Blackett Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

24 Dec 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle Decem. 24th. 1785

Dear Sir Since you parted with your Premises in this Town the Churchwardens of Saint Andrews Parish have been under a Necessity of providing a Temporary School

for the Charity Boys as well as a House for the Master. The Corporation have lately given them a House which has been repaired and fitted up for those Purposes; the Expense of which amounts to upwards of £70. The Parish are in hopes that you will Contribute something towards this Expense which with a Collection that is intended may enable the Churchwardens to discharge this Debt without breaking in on the Principal Sum left by Sir Wm. Blackett. Your Lead Stewards were with me the 20th instant for Subsistence for the Workmen. The Mines are much in the same State they were when the Stewards were last down; Mr Forster says the Veins lately cut are very promising. I have had very handsome Letters from the Duke of Northumbd. Lord Percy & Lord Algernon Percy in relation to the Application to the Treasury on the Lead Business promising us every Assistance in their Power. As the Members for this Place were not in Town I sent the Memorial to Lord Algernon Percy requesting him to present it. I have likewise had Letters from Sir J. Eden Mr Brandling & Mr Chaytor on the Subject. Every adviseable Step has been taken to carry our Point but I am very doubtful of our Success. I am etc J E B

31 Dec 1785 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Decem. 31st 1785

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & fifty Nine Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price advising me on your Receipt of it.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

959 Ounces at p Oz

8 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle 8th. Jany. 1786 [sic]

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated the 5rd inst. at One Month for £2000 the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge; you will observe there are two new Partners in the Bank Sir M. W. Ridley comes into it in the room of Mr Ralph Carr who retires Sir J Eden in the room of the late Mr Bell until his Nephew Mr N. Bell comes of Age. Lead continues at the same Price Viz £16.15. & £17. but there is little or no demand for it at present except for Messrs Walker & Co.s

White & Red Lead Works, & I have near 10,000 Pieces of Refin'd Lead yet to Deliver of the Quantity that I have sold wch. will require some Months to Compleat. I have not heard any thing further from Mr Dew but I thought it Advisable to have Thos. Hepple Brought to this Place where he could be lodged & taken care of he has been here ten days & is so much improved in Health etc that I think him much better than he was four Years ago when you last renew'd.

Richd. Allgood formerly Agent a Allenheads to whom you Allowed £10 P Year, died last Month & has left a Widow between 80 & 90 Years of Age in very indigent Circumstances she was a Daughter of Armstrong formerly Principal Agent to Sir William Blackett it would be very kind of you to continue the Allowance to her, I think that she cannot live above a Year or two. I am etc J. E. B.

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 5th Janry. 1787
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Sir J. Eden MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the Order of
No 9700	Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
	Value in Acct. J. E. Blackett

10 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co	Newcastle Jany. 10th 1786
Bankers London	

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co. on Messrs. Castell & Co. at One Month dated this day for One Hundred & Fifty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings; being half a Years Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln the 14th Feby. next from Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. Please to Acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill, & when Paid send me his Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc J. E. B.

£157 . 10 .	Newcastle Bank 10th Janry. 1786
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.	
One Hundred & Fifty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos. Gibson
London	Pay the Contents to the Order of Messrs.
No 7416	Child & Co Value in acct. with the

Lord Bishop of Lincoln

J. E. Blackett

10 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle Jany 10th 1786

Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. at one Month dated this day for £1000 on Acct. of Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. the receipt of which you will please to acknow[le]dge. I wrote to Sir Thos. Blackett the 24th Ult. which letter I hope that he has received and shall be very glad to hear that he is perfectly recovered. The Brawn which he was so kind to send me is excellent. I am etc

J. E. Blackett

£1000 .

Newcastle Bank 10th Jany. 1786

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esq. One Thousand Pounds Value received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson.

London

Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.

No 7414

Blackett Value in Acct. J. E. Blackett

11 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Undated but original sequence dates it between 10th & 22nd Jan 1786]

East hand Carriage Pay fix'd to be made 24th instant

22 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

John Stephenson Esqr. Hull

Newcastle Jany. 22nd. 1786

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letters of the 6th & 10th inst. wch. I should have Answered sooner, had I not been Confined to my bed for some days with a Rheumatick Complaint, wch. will not yet permit me to leave the House. I am much obliged to you for the Information wch. you give me respecting the Machine wch. is made use of for the Purpose of Clearing your Dock of Mud etc. John Fawcett is the person who has made Proposals to the Corporation of this Place for the taking up of Sand & Mud out of our River, & a Committee is named to Confer with him on the Subject, but I am doubtful of its answering in the River Tyne, owing to the Strength of the Current, & the number of Keels almost Continually passing. I can't say that I have

Great hopes of Success in our Application for the Repeal of the Lead Tax, but it certainly is Advisable to use every Means for the Purpose of obtaining it. I observe that Messrs. L & Co. have stopt the Purchasing any more Lead at your Port at Present, that your Market is clean Swept, but that a Pretty large Quantity is expected from Yorkshire when the Rivers become Navigable which may lower the Price of £16.15.0 . The Quantity at this Market at present is very small, & it will be May before the Lead Carriage will start in earnest. I have made no Sales since I last wrote you except a few Hundred Pieces & those at the Old Prices of £16.5. Common and £16.10.0 refin'd. Should any Alteration take place in the Price etc you shall be acquainted. I am etc J. E. Blackett

23 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Jany. 23rd 1786

Dear Sir

I received Mr Noble's letter & am very sorry to hear that you have been so poorly Indisposed, I have been Confined to the House these ten days, & to my bed for some days, with a violent Rheumatick Complaint in my back, I am still very lame.

The late Floods have done a great deal of damage at Allenheads, the River by Changing the Course got into an old Shaft near the Smelt Mill wch, soon fill'd the Old Level & by a Communication with the new Level fill'd the Present Working so suddenly, that it was with difficulty that eight Men were saved; this Accident will lay off the Works for near three Months, will be attended with some Additional expense to you, & will be a great loss to the Poor Workmen who are laid off their Bargains. I have wrote to Mr Westgarth Forster to loose no time in clearing the Workings, so that the Men may be employed. At present there is no demand for Lead, & except a few hundred Pieces I have made no Sales since I saw you, the present Prices are £16.5.- & £16.10.0. £17.10.0 for Litharge. I wish we may be able to Support these Prices when the new Lead comes to Market. I am etc J. E. Blackett

23 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Jany 23rd 1786

Sir Inclosed is your Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart which if you find right please to Sign & return.

I shall in a few days draw upon you for Five Hundred Pounds & am etc J. E. Blackett

30 Jan 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 30th Jany 1786

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co. at 30 days dated this day for £500 on Sir Thomas Blacketts Account which I doubt not you will duly honour. I am etc J. E. Blackett

11 Mar 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle March 11th 1786

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing Eleven Hundred & Sixteen Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price, advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc J. E. Blackett

5s / 8¼d P Oz is offered for Silver at this Place

4 Apr 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle April 4th . 1786

Dear Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co. of this date at a Month for £1000 the receipt of which you will please top acknowledge, or desire Mr Noble to do it. There are little alterations in the Mines since I wrote to you, the Stewards are to be here the 24th inst. & I shall go up with them on the 25th to make the Pays for the several Mines & Lead Mills which will amount to about £41,000. Poor Mr Salkeld has had a stroke of the Palsy & is quite incapable of doing business, his department was taking an Account of the Lead & Ore received, as well as of the delivery of the Lead. William Westgarth has been an Assistant to him for near two Years, I have heard a good Character of him as to his honesty, Sobriety & diligence as such I shall recommend him to you to succeed Mr Salkeld in case of his death etc. The present price of refined Lead is £16 . 10 . 0 Comon £16 . 5. - .P Fodder Litharge £17 P Ton but I have not made any Considerable Sales nor is there at present any Quantity of Lead at Blaydon except the refinable. A few days since I received a curious Collection

of Seeds of Plants, Shrubs etc from my Daughter from South Carolina, & I have this day sent you by the Diligence a small Box containing an assortment of them, she says that some of them must have the Protection of the hot bed Frame or Green House, but many of them will thrive in the Common way, the sooner they are Sown the better, the Box is directed for you to be left at the New Black Bull Wakefield & a List of the Seeds is in the Box. I am etc John E Blackett

£1000 .	Newcastle Bank 4th April. 1786
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.	
One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thomas
No 7953	Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

8 Apr 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq	Newcastle April 8th 1786
Foster Lane - London	

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr & Co. at a Months date for Six Hundred and thirty five Pounds Twelve Shillings & Seven Pence (being the Ballance of your Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart) which I doubt not you will duly honour. I am etc John E. Blackett

21 Apr 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

John Stephenson Esqr. Hull	Newcastle April 21st 1786
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Dear Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 17th inst. & observe that you have thoughts of sending a Ship to Venice with Lead & Allum in Case Mr Rowe can procure a suitable one on reasonable terms; You may have 30 or 40 Tons of Refin'd or Common Lead at any time you Please, of which I have informed Mr Rowe, the Price of Refin'd will be £16 . 10 . - . p Fodr. £16 . 5 . - for Common. We have a small demand for Copenhagen, & the Stocks at this Markett at present are very small. I am etc John E Blackett

22 Apr 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle April 22nd 1786

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing Eight Hundred & Nineteen Ounces & a half which I desire you will Place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc John E. Blackett

7 May 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle May 7th. 1786

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 14th Ult. to which I refer you. Inclosed I have sent you Bell Carr & Cos. Bill on Castell & Co. at Thirty days dated the 5th inst. for One Thousand Pounds the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. The several Pays for your Lead Mines & Mills are made amounting to £41802.7.7.

The death of my Partner Mr Simpson Obliged me to return from Dukesfield, the Mines are much in the same state, Allenheads indeed has not raised so much Ore as usual, & the Workings have been attended with more Expencc but I hope they are in an Improving state. The Price of Lead continues at £16.5. & £16.10. the demand has been trifling & the Quantity at Blaydon at present is but small but the Lead Carriage will start in a few days. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£1000 .

Newcastle Bank 5th May 1786

Thirty days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.

One Thousand Pounds

Value received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
London

Jas. Wilkinson

No 8160

31 May 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

John Stevenson Esqr. Hull

Newcastle May 31st 1786

Dear Sir Your favour of the 19th inst. I duly received & observe that you had wrote to your Friends, & upon receipt of their Answer you would determine as to your

Purchasing of me the 100 Fodder of Lead: I yesterday made a Sale of 20,000 ps. of Lead at £16 . 2 . 6 for Common & £16 . 7 . 6 for Refin'd, one half to Lancaster & Co, the other to Freemans & Co. the former would have taken a much larger Quantity, when this Quantity is delivered (wch may be in August) you may have 100 or 150 Fodder in the same terms, but you must take equal Quantities of the Refin'd & Common as I apprehend that I shall fall short of the latter; the terms of Payment for pretty large Parcels are Bills on London at 40 Days date in three Months after the Sale. I was applied to Yesterday by Mr Maltby who has been with the Freemans, he has lately enter'd into Partnership with Messrs Walker's of Rotherham, Fishwick & Ward, they have engaged in a White Lead Work in London, & propose Buying & Selling Lead in the same extensive manner as the Freemans now do, I have not yet sold them any Lead; but its probable that I may. There is no Quantity of Lead at this Market at present, but it will come down very fast. I am etc J. E. Blackett

2 Jun 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle June 2nd. 1786

Dear Sir I wrote to you the 16th Ulto. to wch. I refer you. Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. of this date at a Month for £1000. the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. On the 30th Ulto. I sold 20,000 Pieces of Lead at £16.2.6 for Common & £16.7.6 for Refin'd, one half to Doctor Hall, the other to Mr Blackett, this is 2s/6d p Fdr. less than the former Price, but I was glad to get it & hope now that the present Prices may be supported, Messrs Lancaster & Co. had a Stock of 40,000 Ps. & at present there is not much demand from Abroad; It will be the end of July at the soonest before I can deliver the Quantity.

When you fix a time for being in the North I shall be glad to be informed.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

£1000	Newcastle Bank 2nd May 1786 [NB should be June per letter]
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett	
Esq. One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos. Gibson
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 8474	Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

2 Jun 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle June 2nd. 1786

Dear Sir Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Bell Carr & Co. on Castell & Co. dated the 23rd inst. at a Months date for £1000. the receipt of wch. you will please to acknowledge. I received Mr Noble's letters of the 5th and 12th inst. with a drawing of a Machine for Grinding Bones for which I am obliged to him. I have given directions to Mr Forster & Mr Dickinson to use their endeavours to Preserve the Game on your Liberty as much as possible as several Persons will make inroads on you during the first week knowing that you are not in the Country. The State of the Mines are much the same as when I last wrote to you nor have I made any Sales of Consequence since that time. I am etc John E Blackett

£1000	Newcastle Bank 23rd June 1786
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.	
One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Jas. Wilkinson
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 8575	Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

23 Jun 1786 Cuthbert Peart to Westgarth Forster

Mr W Forster Allenheads

NCastle June 23rd . 1786

Sir I am desired by Mr Blackett to acquaint you that he has had another letter from Sir Thos. Clavering respecting the Workings at Harwood Shield; insisting upon the Ore being given up to him and that you discontinue the Winning of Stones there. Mr B. desires this may be done immediately so as to prevent a Law Suit wch. would be very disagreeable to Sir Thos. Blackett. I am etc CP

24 Jun 1786 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 24th June 1786

Sir Mr Blackett has this day acquainted me that he has seen Mr Humble who agrees to build up the Wall at Apperley Bank Foot at his own Expence & in this Case you are to suffer his Carts to pass paying a Acknowledgement of 2s. 6d Yearly to you as an

Agent of Sir Thomas Blacketts; Subject to your Approbation, or not, as you find the Roads are. We have this day received a piece of fine Silver, which is placed to the Credit of Dukesfield Refinery, containing 1063 Ounces.

I am etc CP

30 Jun 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

John Stephenson Esq. Hull

Newcastle June 30th. 1786

Dear Sir My last letter to you was the 16th inst. I have since been Solicited to sell a pretty large Parcell of Lead at the Price I mentioned to you, wch. I would not do until I had your Answer whether you are inclinable to take 100 or 150 Fdr. of Lead wch. I can engage to deliver the beginning of Augt. next. Your immediate Answer will oblige.

Yours etc J. E Blackett

18 Aug 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 18th Augst. 1786

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Co. on Messrs. Castell & Co. at one Month dated this day for One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings; being half a Years Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines, due to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln, the 14th instant from Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.; which Bill please to acknowledge your Receipt of & send his Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc J. E. B.

£157 . 10 .

Newcastle Bank 18th Augst. 1786

One Month after date Pay to the order of John Erasmus.

Blackett Esq One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten

Shillings - Value received

For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos. Gibson

London

Pay the Contents to the Order of

No 8941

Messrs. Child & Co. Value in acct.

with the Lord Bishop of Lincoln

John E. Blackett

28 Aug 1786 Cuthbert Peart to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 28th Augst. 1786

Sir We have received your Month account & also a Piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand one Hundred & sixty nine Ounces which is to the Credit of Dukesfield Refinery. I am etc CP

2 Sep 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane London

Newcastle Septem 2nd. 1786

Sir I have this day sent you by Thomas Jennings the London Carrier a piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Sixty Nine Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos. Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price advising me on your receipt of it. I am etc J. E. Blackett

9 Sep 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to George Hutchinson

Mr Geo. Hutchinson
Stockton

Newcastle Sept. 9th. 1786

Sir I received your favour of the 1st inst. & observe that there has lately been some pretty large Sales of Lead at your Market, that the last Parcel sold at £17.5.- P Fodder & that you are of Opinion the Market will Advance.

Since 1st June I have sold 50,000 Ps. for the London Market at £16.2.6 Common & £16.7.6 Refin'd & about 8000 Ps. for Exportation etc. part of wch. at an Advance of 2s/6d P Fdr. I am informed that the rest of the Lead at this Market is engaged at the former Price & it is expected to Advance. I am etc J. E. Blackett

18 Sep 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 18th. Sept 1786

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill upon you for Five Hundred Pounds payable to the order of of Messrs. Bell Carr & Co. at Thirty days date, on Sir Thomas Blacketts account, which I make no doubt you will duly Honor & am etc J. E. B.

23 Sep 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

N.B. The above Bills for Three Thousand Pounds was paid to Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
by John Erasmus Blackett Esqr. this 23rd Septemr. 1786 J.S.

£1000 . Newcastle Bank 23rd Sept. 1786
Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq
One Thousand Pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson.
London

£1000 . Newcastle Bank 23rd Sept. 1786
Forty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq
One Thousand Pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson.
London

£1000 . Newcastle Bank 23rd Sept. 1786
Forty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq
One Thousand Pounds Value received
For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson.
London

28 Sep 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr. Newcastle Sept. 28th. 1786
Palace Aukland

Sir I am desired by Sir Thomas Blackett to acquaint you that he is desirous of changing the life of Thomas Hepple in the Leases of Weardale Lead Mines which he holds under the Lord Bishop of Durham, provided it can be done on reasonable terms, Thomas Hepple is about 53 Years of Age and resides near Wallington, he came over here about three weeks ago & I expect to see him in a few days. John Trevelyan & Jonathan Depledge the two other Life's are both in good health, Certificates of which may be procured.

When you have fully considered the Matter & acquainted the Lord Bishop thereon, please to favour me with your Answer. I am etc J. E. Blackett

3 Oct 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Aukland Castle

Newcastle Octr. 3rd. 1786

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 1st inst. & observe that your Terms for the exchange of Thomas Hepple's Life are one half of the Fine paid at the last renewal (Viz.) £656.5.-. This is a larger Sum n If the Lord Bishop of Durham is willing to accept of Four Hundred Guineas for the Exchange of the life Sir Thos. Blackett is ready to pay it. I am etc J. E. Blackett

14 Oct 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Octor. 14th. 1786

Sir I have this day sent you by Thomas Jennings the London Carrier a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Fifty Nine Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price Advising me on your receipt of it. I am etc J. E. Blackett

16 Oct 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Octor. 16th. 1786

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 9th inst. & am glad to hear that you had so Agreeable a jaunt to Liverpool & found your Son well.

When Mr Staniforth returns you will hear from him on the Subject & if it should not suit him to take Mr Thomas Apprentice himself he will recommend you to some other Person & give you his best Advice on that matter. I observe what you say as to Purchasing the small Farm adjoining to your Land at Dukesfield & I have wrote to Mr Bell accordingly & recommended it to him to employ some proper Person to Purchase it, that it may not be suspected that it is for you, this farm, as well as that near Allenheads Mill are very Advisable Purchases for you. A healthy Boy of about 10 or 12 Years of Age is thought to be the most eligible Life & such a Person I imagine may be met with in your Neighbourhood who is not likely to go into a Gentleman's service. Thos. Hepple has not been with me, tho' I have wrote twice to him & sent a person to

acquaint him that if he did not come in a few days the Allowance you give him shall be discontinued, so I expect to see him soon, but from the account that I gave Mr Ingham of his state of health, he recommends that you may exchange his life; I wrote to Mr Dew & made him an offer of 400 Guineas, I have had two letters from him wherein he refuses to accept of my offer & insists on having half the Sum which was paid in 1783 for putting in a Life, which is £656.5.- this is too much & I wou'd not Advise you to Comply with it, especially considering the very Precarious state of the Bishops health. If Mr Dew will consent to Split the difference & take £538.2.6 I would recommend it to you to Pay that Sum.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

21 Oct 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton

Newcastle 21st Octor. 1786

Dear Sir I wrote to you on the 16th inst. to which refer you. Thomas Hepple has been over here - he is much alter'd & looks very Ill; indeed Mr Ingham strongly Recommends it to you to Exchange his Life in the Weardale Leases & that no Time should be lost in doing it. I have accordingly wrote to Mr Dew making the Bishop an offer of £538.2.6 which is splitting the Difference between my offer of Four Hundred Guineas & Mr Dews demand of £656.5s.0d. In Case he should accept of the offer, which I have some Reason to think that he will, it will be necessary I should have the Name & place of Abode etc of the Life that you would put in & likewise a Certificate of Jonathan Depledge being living. the former should be sent me immediately; the latter in about a Fortnight of which I shall write to you again.

& am etc J. E. B.

21 Oct 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Auckland Castle

Newcastle 21st Octor. 1786

Sir I was favored with your Letter of the 5th instant the Contents of which I communicated to Sir Thomas Blackett who is not willing to give the Sum that you mention for the Exchange of Thomas Hepples Life but has no Objection to split the Difference & pay the Lord Bishop of Durham £538.2.6d. If this offer should meet with his Lordships Approbation on your advising me of it the necessary Steps shall be immediately taken. I am etc J. E. B.

4 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Auckland Castle

Newcastle Novembr 4th 1786

Sir I was this morning favoured with your letter of the 3rd inst. by wch. I observe that the Lord Bishop is willing to Comply with the Terms wch. Sir Thos. Blackett offers and Accept of the £538.2.6 for the Exchange of the life of Thos. Hepple; I have accordingly wrote to acquaint Sir Thos. & to desire that he will immediately inform me of the Name of the Person he wou'd have inserted in the two leases in the place of Thos. Hepple & likewise send me a Certificate of John Depledge being living & in good health; I shall procure the like with respect to Thos. Hepple & Mr John Trevelyan, but the latter is at present in Scotland & I shall endeavour to obtain it as soon as possible. In Case the Business woud be forwarded by sending over the present Leases to Mr Castle before I can obtain the above Information it shall be done on your Advising me of the same. I am etc J. E. B.

4 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Novr. 4th. 1786

Dear Sir I wrote to you the 22nd Ult. to wch. I refer you. This morning I reced a letter from Mr Dew acquainting me that the Bishop of Durham will comply with the offer that you made & accept of the £538.2.6 for the Exchange of Thos. Hepples Life in the two Leases of Weardale. I must therefore desire that you will send me the Name of the Life that you are inclined to have inserted in the room of Hepples & likewise a Certificate that John Depledge is living & in good health, that this business may be carried into Execution as soon as possible; I was with Mr Wilson this morning & on mentioning this business he said that his eldest Son William (who is 11 Years of Age & has had the Small Pox etc) is as good a life as he knew of, he is a healthy lad is not intended to be sent abroad, nor to go into the Army or Navy, I do not think that you can have a better. I have enclosed you Mr Staniforths letter for your Information respecting the the Matter that you mentioned to me. I have lately Sold 10,000 Ps. of Lead at the Advanced Price of £16.15.0 P For. & am now selling small Parcells at 16.15.. & £17. . P For. I shall not be able to deliver the refin'd that I have sold before <June> & the Common by the end of December.

I am etc J. E. B.

10 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Mr Castle

Mr Castle Exchequer Court
 Durham

Newcastle Novemr. 10th. 1786

Sir Mr Dew wou'd inform you that the Lord Bishop of Durham has Accepted of Sir Thomas Blacketts Proposals for exchanging the a Life in the Leases of Weardale Lead Mines; Edward Laycock is the life to be inserted in the room of Thomas Hepple, his Register you have inclosed as well as a Certificate of Thos. Hepple being living & in tolerable good health. I shall in a few days procure Certificates of John Trevelyan & Jonn. Depledge being living & in good health. I have wrote to Mr Dew by this post acquainting him that I had sent you the necessary Instructions etc.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

10 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Aukland Castle

Newcastle Novembr 10th 1786

Sir Your favour of the 5th inst. I received & I have by this Post wrote to Mr Castle at Durham inclosing the Register of Edward Laycock, the life that Sir Thos. Blackett desires may be inserted in the New Leases of the Weardale Mines in the room of Thomas Hepple; I likewise sent him a Certificate of Thos. Hepple being living and in tolerable good health. I shall in a few days obtain Certificates of John Trevelyan and Jonn. Depledge, being living & in good health; Please to inform me when the New Leases will be compleated? to whom the present Leases are to be sent? If a Bill on London at a Month will answer this Purpose & to whom it must be sent.

I am etc J. E. B.

17 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Aukland Castle

Newcastle Novembr 17th 1786

Sir Since I had the pleasure of seeing you I sent a Person to Thos. Hepple who makes a favourable Report him; he has for some Years been Complaining & altho' he is in tolerable Circumstances & has an Allowance from Sir Thos. Blackett yet he almost starves himself for want of Food & Raiment & on that account he Complain'd the more to you, in hopes that by your acquainting me he might have something sent him; This being the Case I really do not think him in worse state of health than he has been for some time on wch. Account I cannot think of recommending to Sir Thos. Blackett giving more than my last offer for the Exchange of his life.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

25 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Novemr. 25th 1786

Sir I have this day sent you by Thos. Jennings the London Carrier a Piece fine Silver Containing Nine Hundred & Eighty Nine Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thos. Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price Advising me on your receipt of it. I am etc J. E. Blackett

27 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Aukland Castle

Newcastle Novembr 27th 1786

Sir I am favoured with your letters of the 18th & 25th inst. & observe that the Bishop of Durham is of Opinion that the Sum offer'd by Sir Thos. Blackett is not adequate to the Situation of the Person whose life he would exchange; I must beg leave to differ with his Lordship in this Point, knowing the Cause of Thos. Hepples Complaints to you & being well acquainted with his Constitution for some Years, he having been formerly much worse than he is at present.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

27 Nov 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Novemr. 27th. 1786

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letters of the 20th & 23rd inst. with your Receipt for a Bill of £2000. the next Month I shall send you a Bill for the like value. I am happy to have so good an account of your health. I observe that you are entering into the Cloth Manufactory, & I wish it may answer as well as the Lead Trade; but that I doubt. I am still in treaty with Mr Dew about the Exchange of Thos. Hepples Life & am in hopes that he will accept the Sum Offer'd & which he once agreed to; from the last Account I had of Hepple he is better & I think that the Bishop will soon come into your terms. I do not want Jonathan Depledge's Register, but a Certificate from the Minister & Church wardens, that he is living & in good health. The Treaty of Commerce with France will be of no further Advantage to the Lead Trade to that Kingdom. I imagine that it may to the Cloth Trade. I have Ordered the Straw Bonnets from Mr Gibson.

Your Lead Stewards have been with me this Afternoon, & tomorrow I shall pay them about £2900 for Subsistence for the Workmen, & for some Wood payments they inform me that the Mines are much in the same state they were, when they were last down; the Snow is so deep the could not Cross the Fells, & they had a difficulty in getting down the <Country> road. In Case the Hermitage is lett, I have a promise of it but as I expect Mr & Mrs Head over the next Summer they will be the best Judges as to purchasing the Estate they were very well when I last heard from them.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

8 Dec 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Aukland Castle

Axwell Park Decemr 8th 1786

Sir Altho' I am of Opinion that the Offer which I made you for the exchange of Thos. Hepple's life in the Lead Mines Leases was very fair etc. yet as Sir Thos. Blackett is about settling his Affairs he is desirous of the business being Concluded, & is willing to Pay the Sum you proposed, being one half of what was paid in 1783 for the putting in a New life, you will therefore please to give directions for the forwarding that Business, every necessary Certificate that is required shall be sent to you, & I will wait on you at Durham or Aukland in Case you should think it necessary. I am etc J. E. Blackett

12 Dec 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Daniel Dew

Daniel Dew Esqr.
Durham

Newcastle Decemr. 12th . 1786

Sir I received your favour of the 10th inst. by which I observe that you decline Accepting of the Offer that I made you for the Exchange of Thos. Hepple's life in the Lead Mine Leases.

As I differ so widely with you in Opinion as to the state of Health that Hepple is in, I Agree with you that it is needless saying anything more on the Subject. I am etc J. E. Blackett

12 Dec 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Decemr. 12th. 1786

Dear Sir Your letter of the 6th inst, was yesterday deliver'd to me by Messrs Bryans to whom I should have been glad to render any service in my power, the Wool is at present engaged & Mr Bryans time does not permit them to go up to Hexham at present; nor to send for Mr Bell from thence, but will Corespond with him on the Business; I observe that you have come to a resolution of placing your Son with Mr Bryan at Ghent in the Cloth Trade; I sincerely wish him success.

I had a letter from Mr Dew by the last post, the Contents of which surprise me not a little; I have answered it & hope that you will approve of what I have said on the Subject; inclosed you have a Copy of both letters, I shall send Thos. Hepple some Medicines, with a strict Charge to take the greatest Care of his health; I hope that we may get him Recruited in which Case the Bishop will be glad to accept of your Offer. Inclosed I send a Bill drawn by Messrs Bell Carr & Cos. for £2000 of this date at One Month the receipt of which will please to Acknowledge; Mr Ralph Carr withdraws himself from the Old Bank the 1st Jany. next, Sir John Eden & Sir Matt. W. Ridley comes into it as Partners in the room of Mr Carr & the late Mr Bell.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 12th Decemr. 1786
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir
No 9583	Thos. Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

12 Dec 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Joseph Walker

Joseph Walker Esqr.
Rotheram Yorkshire

Newcastle Decem. 12th. 1786

Dear Sir

I have been from home for a few days & at my return I found your favour of the 3rd inst. I observe that Mr Fishwick has inform'd you that a mistake has arisen between him & myself respecting a late Contract for Lead; & he is likewise Apprehensive that my behaviour to him is not so frank & open as usual; As to the first Charge I admit that there was a mistake, but it was on his side, he Applied to me for some Lead for your Works & was desirous of having a larger Parcel than usual, he named 3000 Ps., I told him that I could not let him have that Quantity till I had seen Sir Thos. Blacketts Agent at the Refinery, wch. I did a day or two after & finding I could not accommodate him with that Quantity. I directed my Clerk to acquaint him with

the same, & sent him an Order for 1500 Ps. the Price of wch. was the same that I had sold for ten days before Mr Fishwick's Application to me.

As to there being any alteration in my behaviour to Mr Fishwick, I do assure you that there is no foundation for such supposition; neither have I the least reason to find fault with him or any of the Concern, on the contrary the Business wch. has been transacted between us, has been on an open & liberal footing, & I hope to the mutual advantage of both, & I assure you that it shall not be my fault if there should be any interruption to it. As I have not yet Completed the last Sales that I made, I cannot at present sell any Lead for the London Market nor can I ingage the refusal of the next Parcel.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

23 Dec 1786 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde Browne

Lyde Browne Esq
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Decem. 23rd 1786

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing Eleven Hundred & Sixty Eight Ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos. Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price Advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc J. E. Blackett

20 Jan 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde & Augustus Browne

Messrs Lyde & Augustus Browne
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Jany 20th. 1787

Gentn. I have this day drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Sir J. Eden Sir M. W. Ridley & Co. at 20 days dated this day for £600 on Sir Thos Blackett's Account which I doubt not you will duly Honor. I am etc J. E. Blackett

21 Jan 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Jany. 21st. 1787

Dear Sir

I received both Mr Noble's letters & shall continue the Pention [sic] to the Widow of the late Mr Allgood agreeable to your directions. The Bishop of Durham is dead & as soon as it is known who is to succeed him I shall immediately make Application to him or his Agent for a Renewal of the Agreement between you & him

for the Lot Ore on the same terms as the last. Should the B[isho]p of Lincoln (who is Rector of Stanhope) be the Person that Rectory will be Vacated, & it will likewise be necessary to apply to the Person who succeeds to it for a renewal of the Agreement for the Tithe Ore wch. I shall do; the Lead Stewards are to be with me tomorrow for Subsistence for the Workmen. I shall give Mr Emerson directions to separate the Ore from the day of the B[isho]ps death & to keep an account of the same untill Agreements are made with the New Bishop & Rector. The late B[isho]ps Family have lost between 6 & £700 by the Obstinacy of Mr Dew, Thos. Hepple is now in Lodgings in this Town & much recover'd, he is as well as he has been for many Years, & as he is only about 54 Years of Age it becomes a doubt whether it is advisable to Change his Life, however I certainly would not make the next Bp. the same offer you did the last.

The Price of Lead I believe will advance, I have sold 310 Casks Litharge at £17.10.. P Ton.
I am etc J. E. Blackett

29 Jan 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Bishop Durham

The Right Revd. Newcastle Jany. 29th. 1787
The Lord Bishop of Durham London

My Lord

Not being inform'd whom Your Lordship has appointed to transact the Business relating to the See of Durham, I take the liberty of writing to you on the Subject.

My Relation Sir Thomas Blackett for whom I act desires me to make Your Lordship an Offer of £350 to be paid Yearly in lieu of the Lot Ore of the Lead Mines in Weardale, held by Lease under the See of Durham the like Sum having been paid to the late Lord Bishop of Durham by Agreement enter'd into between the late Bishop & Sir Thomas Blackett: If there should be any impropriety in my Application to Your Lordship on this Subject? I hope that you will pardon it. When I am informed to what time Your Lordships Tithe Ore (as Rector of Stanhope) is to be paid. I shall remit a Bill for the Amount to Messrs. Child & Co. as usual; unless I should hear from you or your Agent to the contrary.
I am etc J. E. Blackett

12 Feb 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs. Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon Newcastle Feby. 12th. 1787
Derby

Gentn. I am favoured with your letter of the 8th inst. enquiring the Price of Litharge ready Money, the present Price is £17.10.. P Ton but it is expected that it will advance, I have lately Sold near 500 Casks at that Price each Cask contains about 6 cwts. I am etc
J. E. Blackett

17 Feb 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Child

Messrs Child & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle Feby. 17th 1787

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J. Eden Sir M. W. Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. at One Month date this day for One Hundred & fifty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings; being half a Years Composition Rent for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due, the 14th inst. from Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. to My Lord Bishop of Lincoln as Rector of Stanhope; Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill, & when paid send me his Lordships Receipt I am etc J. E. Blackett

£157 . 10 . Newcastle Bank 17th Feby. 1787
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esq One Hundred & fifty seven Pounds Ten Shillings - Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir M.W. Ridley
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Cookson Widdrington & Co
London Jas. Wilkinson

No 9970

25 Feb 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to de Bray de Valfresne

Mr De Bray de Valfresne
at Mr Edwd. Marshs Norwich

Newcastle Feby. 25th. 1787

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 21st inst. from Leads with one from my Friend Mr Horatio Cattanis and agreeable to your desire I send you the present price of W B Lead with the Duty & Charges of Shipping & likewise Copy of an Invoice of Coals Shipt from hence for France in either or both; of which Articles, you may depend on being served by me on the best Terms, & should the Commercial Treaty take place? which I have every reason to expect I have no doubt of its being of material advantage to both kingdoms. I am etc J. E.B.

W B Refin'd Lead £17.....
P Fo[the]r. of 21 cwt or 2352 lb.
Kings duty on Exportation P For. 2. 5.1 4/20
Keels Dues for 300 ps. 13.4
Towns Do. P For. .6
Custom House Charges abt. 12.

Mr John Ward at Whitby will furnish you with Allum on the best terms

26 Feb 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr Hardinge
Ightham near Seven Oaks Kent

Newcastle Feby. 26th. 1787

Sir Being informed that you are now Rector of Stanhope, give me Leave to Address you on the part of Sir Thos. Blackett Bt. who is Lessee under the Bishop of Durham for Sundry Lead Mines in Weardale, & has by an Agreement entered into with the late Rectors of Stanhope paid Three Hundred Guineas P An. as a Composition for the Tithe Ore Wrought in those Mines, A Copy of which Agreement you have Annex'd; Sir Thomas Blackett desires me to make you an Offer of the same Composition. When you have considered of this Matter please to favour me with your Answer.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

8 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Brown & Whear

Messrs. Brown Whear & Co.
Sheffield

Newcastle March 8th. 1787

Gentn. I am favoured with your letter of the 6th inst. enquiring the Price of Sir Thomas Blackett's Lead, & the quantity that I wou'd engage to deliver at Hull. At present, I have no Lead on hand, have 8000 Ps. yet to deliver, & it will be July or August before I have a quantity down, so as to enter into any engagement. The present Prices is £17.10. P Fodr. for refin'd £17.5. for Com[m]on at wch. Price I could at this time sell 40,000 Ps. if I had them down; We deliver the Lead at Sir Thos. Blackett's Refinery about four Miles above Town, & at no other Place. Sir Thos. Blackett some time since mentioned your House to me, & I shall be happy in future to have dealings with you.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

9 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Joseph Wilkinson

Joseph Wilkinson Esqr.
Hull

Newcastle March 9th. 1787

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 7th inst. & note the Contents. I have not any Lead in hand, have about 8000 Ps. to deliver of the Quantity that I sold last Year, & it will be July before I have a quantity down so as to enable me to make a Sale; on wch.

account I cannot at present supply you with any Lead, the present Price is is £17.10. P
Fodr. for Refin'd £17.5. for Common at which price I could now sell 40,000 Ps. if I had
them down. On a future occasion I shall be happy to have dealings with you.
& am etc J. E. Blackett

13 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Mar. 13th. 1787

Sir Inclosed you have a Bill drawn by Messrs Eden, Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. of
this date at one Month for £2000. on account of Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. the receipt of
wch. be pleased to acknowledge directed to me at Ripon where I am called by the
illness of my Mother & shall be there on Thursday. I received Sir Thos. Blackett's letter
of the 11th inst & am glad to find that he is in good health & Spirits I shall write to him
from Ripon. There is great Demand at present for Lead, the Price £17.5. for Com[m]on
£17.10. for refin'd £18. . for Litharge.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 13th March 1787
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq	
Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Sir J. Eden M.W. Ridley Cookson
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Widdrington & Co
London	Thos Gibson.
	Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos.
No 10082	Blackett Bt. Value in Acct. John E. Blackett

13 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde & Augustus Browne

Messrs Lyde & Augs. Browne
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle March 13th. 1787

Gentn. I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Thirty days Payable to the Order of
Messrs Eden Ridley & Co. for Four Hundred Pounds on Sir Thos Blackett's Account
which I doubt not you will duly Honor. I am etc J. E. B.

14 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

Geo. Brooks Esqr.

Newcastle Mar. 14th. 1787

Under Cover to Richd. Master Esqr.

MP. - Banker Chancery Lane. London

Sir I had the Honor of writing to the Lord Bp. of Durham the end of Jany. respecting the Lot Ore of the Lead Mines in Weardale held by Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. by Lease under the See of Durham. I fear that there was an Impropriety in my Application at that time, on which Account I now take the Liberty of Addressing you which I hope you will excuse. From the time of the late Bps. Death the Lot Ore has been separated wch. is attended with some inconvenience, & I am desired by Sir Thos. Blackett to make his Lordship an Offer of the same Composition for the Lot Ore that was paid to the Late Bp. (Viz) £350 a Year. As I am inform'd that you do some business for his Lordship at present, may I beg the favour of you to mention the Affair to him & to favour me with your Answer which will much Oblige. Yours etc J. E. B.

21 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Joseph Wilkinson

Joseph Wilkinson Esqr.

Newcastle March 21st.. 1787

Hull

Sir Your favour of the 14th inst I received & note the Contents. Sometime before your Application to me I had Offer made for the first quantity of Lead that I have to dispose of which I declined Accepting of, at the same time I continued to Supply Walker's Fishwick & Co's White & Red Lead Works with small quantities from time to time at the Market Prices as I engaged with them to do; I have upwards of 8000 Ps. of the Quantity sold last Year, yet to come down there is none at this Market at present; Sir Thos. Blackett's Quantity this Year will be smaller & the rest of the Lead Mines in this Country are much fail'd, on which account I cannot give you an Offer of the first Parcel. I differ with you in Opinion as to the cause of the present Advance of Price being Solely owing to the opposition of the Buyers in London, they may in some measure have contributed to it, but the demand from abroad for Lead, as well as for White & Red Lead is I believe the principal cause of it, nor do I think that there will be any danger in supporting the present Price or even a greater. I am much obliged to you for your offer of Service at your Place. I am etc J. E. B.

21 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

Geo. Brooks Esqr. under Cover

Newcastle March 21st. 1787

to Richd. Master Esqr. Banker MP. - Chancery Lane. London

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Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 19th inst & observe that you had laid my letter, to you, before the Bishop of Durham & that his Lordship waived the Offer made him of the Old Composition because he thinks it insufficient, but is ready to receive Propositions on the part of Sir Thos. Blackett, if we choose to furnish him with an account of the Value of the Lot Ore for a number of Years last past that he may be able to form his judgement upon; I shall acquaint Sir Thos. Blackett with his Lordships Answer, but I do not think that Sir Thos. will give more for the Lot Ore for altho' more Ore has been wrought within these late Years than formerly owing to the encouragement in the Price of Lead (wch. is very fluctuating) yet was the Lot & Tithe Ore to be taken in kind there would not be that inducement to make fresh trials & not one half of the quantity would be wrought; for some Years the late Sir Walter Blackett, & for a couple of Years, Sir Thos. Blackett, lost money by the Weardale Lead Mines which may be the Case again, & at a time when the Bp. of Durham & the Rector of Stanhope took their Lot & Tithe Ore in kind they were both sufferers by it, & were convinced that it was for their Interest to Compound; The Lot Ore has been kept separate since the death of the late Bishop & shall continue to be so, until this Affair is settled in some shape wch. should there not be a prospect of doing by the Old Composition we must be under the necessity of laying off all the fresh trials & working only a few things wch. are the most Promising; For the reasons above mention'd an account of the the Value of the Lot Ore for a number of Years past cannot answer the Purpose of forming a judgement on the Matter. I am etc J. E. B.

[Note in margin written sideways and partly obscured by red tape and wax:]
In Chancery A

The Honourable and Right the reverend Father in God Shute Lord Bishop of Durham
Complainant

Between and

Thomas Richard Beaumont and Diana his Wife Defendants

This paper writing marked A was produced and shewn to John Erasmus Blackett a witness produced on the part of the Defendants in this cause and by him deposed unto at the time of his Examination before us.

James Lo<sh> Walter Heron Samuel Castle J. <Ward...>
26th March 1805

21 Mar 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle March 21st. 1787

Dr Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 11th & Mr Noble's letter of 16th inst. the latter inclosing his receipt for £2000. My Brother Harry found my Mother better on wch. account I postponed my journey, but his letters since have not been so favourable & I expect that I shall be obliged to go over sometime in the next week but my stay will be short, & it will not be in my power to wait on you at Bretton at that time. Your Lead Stewards were with me yesterday for Subsistence Money for the Workmen Weardale Mines are much in the same state Coalcleugh improving, Allenheads but indifferent, & by much the poorest, I have fix'd the time for your Lead Pays for the 25th, 26 & 27th of the April the Amount of them with the Subsistence for the Workmen at that time will be £46723.10.9 which is a very large Sum & I am providing accordingly. Mr Westgarth Forster has expended a considerable Sum this last Year in repairs & Walling £630.4.7 which is double the Rent of the Estate, it is high time that he should hold his hand. The small Farm near Allenheads was Purchased for you by Mr Bell & Mr Forster, the Farm near Dukesfield Mill is not yet put up to sale, the Consent of all the Parties not being obtain'd. As I had not had an Answer f[ro]m the Bishop of Durham to that part of my letter respecting the Lot Ore, I wrote to Mr Geo. Brooks, Secretary to the late Bp. & who I was informed acted for the Bp. at present, he acquainted me that he would lay my letter before him & I have by this Post a letter from Mr Brooks informing me that the Bp. waived the Offer of the Old Composition, because he thinks it insufficient, but is ready to receive any Propositions on your part, if you choose to furnish him with a account of the Value of the Lot Ore for a number of Years last past that he may be able to form his judgement upon; I have by this Post wrote to Mr Brooks a Copy of which as well as of his letter I enclose you. I wrote to Mr Hardinge the Rector of Stanhope as to the Tithe Ore but have not received his Answer, I imagine it will be of the purport of Mr Brooks's. These fresh demands must not be complied with, for there is no saying to what extent they may be carried, & should the Mines grow Poor? wch. there is reason to expect, & the Price of Lead decrease? the Compositions will remain the same so that should the Bp. & the Rector continue resolved not to Accept of the Old Composition, it will I believe be more Advisable (tho' attended with great inconvenience etc) to suffer a temporal loss, than to have a heavy Compn. entail'd on the Mines. When you go to Town I think that you should wait on the Bp. & when you come into the Country dine with him at Durham or Aukland. I paid Mr Stephenson £5.5s for his Plans & I thought his Charge very high. We have not any Lead at Market, except the Refinable at Blaydon & there are 8000 Ps. yet to come down of the quantity I sold the last Year, the present Price is £17.5. & £17.10 P For. Litharge £18. . & will be higher.

I am etc John E Blackett

2 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Edward Rogers

Edward Rogers Esqr. Liverpool

Newcastle April. 2nd. 1787

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 21st Ult. by Mr Hood inquiring the Price of Lead, the Charges of Shipping etc. The Newcastle Fodder is 21 cwt. of 112 lb or 2352 lb. Litharge is sold by the Ton of 20 Cwt. At present we have little or no Lead at Market & the Price of Common Lead is £18.5. P Fodder Refin'd £18.10. Litharge £19. . P Ton, we do not deliver it on Board, but the Purchaser is at the expense of Shipping etc. the particulars of which you have at foot, the usual payments are in 3 Months in Bills at 40 & 60 days there is a great demand for Lead at present & I am engag'd to sell the first Considerable Quantity that comes down for the London Market. I will be obliged to you for the price of Lead at your Market with the Charges of Shipping & the Contents of your Fodder. I am etc J. E. Blackett

Kings Duty on Exportation P Fo[the]r. 2.	5.1 4/20
Keels Dues for 300 ps.	13.4
Towns Dues P For.	..6
Custom House Charges about	.12.

6 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle April 6th. 1787

Dear Sir I received your letter of the 25th Ult. & am glad that you approve of what I wrote to Mr. Brooks, I have not had an Answer to my letter & I imagine that they do not intend to give me any, but I would strongly recommend that you keep on good Terms with the Bp. if possible as I am satisfied that it will be for your Interest to do so, & in case we could agree wth. him for his Lot Ore, even at £500 p Ann[u]m. instead of £350, & with the Rector of Stanhope for his Tithe Ore for about £450 instead of £315 it would be Advisable to do it rather than they should take both in kind, as you will observe by the inclos'd Account of the Ore got in the Weardale Mines for the last Nine Years & the Average Price of Lead Ore for those several Years, besides the delay & trouble in separating & keeping an Acct. of the Lot & Tithe Ore, which will be attended with a great deal of difficulty & inconvenience, & Considering the present good State of the Wolfcleugh Lead Mines, & the high Price of Lead I should be very sorry were you not to Agree with the Bp. & Rector. We must avoid giving them an Account of the Ore got in those Mines, but they will have it in their power of obtaining from the Smelters at Rookhope a pretty near guess at the Quantity. The failure of some of the Mines in Aldstone Moor, & the consequent want of employment for the Smelting Mills will be an inducement to the Proprietors to offer terms to the Bp. & Rector for their Lot & Tithe Ore; This is another Argument for an Agreement between you & the Bp. etc. When you are in Town it will certainly be right that you should wait on the Bp. but I would recommend it to you to avoid entering on Business, & should he mention it to you (wch. I imagine will not be the Case) you may say that I will correspond with his

Secretary or Agent on the Subject. Mr Wilson goes tomorrow for Leeds on a Commission, & I believe intends waiting on you. The Boundaries of the Manor of Hexham may be rode when ever you think proper this Summer after June, but it will be necessary to have some Previous Consultations on that Matter, the oldest & best evidence examined & engag'd, & proper Notice given in the Newcastle Newspapers. Please to favour me with your Answer on the business respecting the Lot & Tithe Ore. I am etc J. E. Blackett

6 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs. Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon
Derby

Newcastle April 6th. 1787

Gentn. I am this day favoured with your letter of the 3rd inst. desiring me to Ship you three Tons of Litharge in a Vessel for Gainsborough at £17.10. P Ton, that Article is now Advanced to £19. P Ton on which Account I shall postpone sending you the Litharge 'till I hear further from you. I am etc J. E. B.

15 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

Geo. Brooks Esqr . under Cover
to Richd. Master Esqr. Banker
MP. Chancery Lane. - London

Newcastle April. 15th. 1787

Sir I wrote to you the 21st Ult. to wch. I refer you. The separating the Lot Ore & Tithe Ore of the Weardale Lead Mines, being attended with considerable delay I am empowered by Sir Thos. Blackett to make the Lord Bp. of Durham an Offer of £500 P Year as a Composition for his Lot Ore, the present high Price of Lead enables him to make his Lordship this offer, rather than any improvement in those Mines, for there is only one Grove that may be said to be good, & the uncertainty of its continuing so is great; the price of Lead must drop. When you have acquainted the Bp. of Durham with this Offer, the favour of your Answer will Oblige.
. Yours etc J. E. B.

15 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr Hardinge
Ightham near Seven Oaks Kent

Newcastle 15th. April 1787

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 8th inst. & observe that you are informed that the Sum offer'd by Sir Thos. Blackett as a Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines will admit of an advance; The separating the Tithe Ore being attended with delay, & the Price of Lead at present being high, induces Sir Thos. Blackett to make you an Offer of £450 P Year as a Composition for your Tithe Ore; he is enabled to do this from the Price of Lead more than from any improvement in the Mines, for there is only one Grove that may be said to be good, & the uncertainty of its continuing so is great, besides the expences attending those Mines are very Great, & the Price of Lead must drop, when you have fully considered this Matter the favour of your Answer will oblige. Yours etc J. E. B.

18 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde & Augustus Browne

Messrs Lyde & Augs. Browne
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 18th. April 1787

Gentn. I have this day sent you by Thos. Jennings the London Carrier a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Fifty Six Ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price Advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc J. E. B.

28 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr Hardinge
Ightham near Seven Oaks Kent

Newcastle April 28th. 1787

Sir At my return home this evening from the Lead Mines I found your favour of the 24th inst. informing me that you accept of Sir Thos. Blackett's Offer of £450 P Year as a Composition for your Tithe Ore of which I shall acquaint Sir Thomas, & shall take the first Opportunity of sending you the new Agreement Signed by him & a Counterpart for you to execute. I am etc J. E. Blackett

28 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

Geo. Brooks Esqr. under Cover
to Richd. Master Esqr. Banker
MP. - Chancery Lane. London

Newcastle April. 28th. 1787

Sir At my return home this evening from the Lead Mines I found your favour of the 25th inst. by which I observe that the Bp. of Durham is desirous that I should furnish

him with some information upon which he may form a judgement of the propriety of Accepting or refusing the Offer made to him by Sir Thos. Blackett as a Composition for his Lot Ore. I really am at a loss what information to give his Lordship for was I to send him an Account of the Ore wrought in those Mines in any given time? it would mislead him, as it is well known, that by the Composition only, both the late Sir Walter Blackett as well Sir Thos. Blackett, have been enabled to work those Mines to profit, & was the Lot & Tithe Ore taken in kind Sir Thos. Blackett will be under a necessity of laying in two thirds of the Mines & discharging that Proportion of the Workmen. I have had a letter from Mr Hardinge, the Rector of Stanhope, acquainting me that he Accepted of Sir Thos. Blackett's Offer of £450 as a Composition for his Tithe Ore, & I am satisfied that his Lordship will find it for his Interest to accept the Offer made him.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

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In Chancery

The Honourable and Right Reverend Father in God
Shute Lord Bishop of Durham - Complainant

Between and

Thomas Richard Beaumont and Diana his Wife Defendant

This paper Writing marked B was produced and shewn to John Erasmus Blackett a Witness Sworn and examined on the part of the Defendants in this Cause and by him deposed unto at the time of his Examination before us.

26th March 1805

James Lo<sh> Walter Heron Samuel Castle J. Ward <...>

[Red wax seal affixed]

29 Apr 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle April 29th. 1787

Dear Sir I wrote to you the 23rd inst. to wch. I refer you. I got home yesterday evening after having made the several Pays for the Lead Mines & Mills amounting to £43722 there were no Complaints & every one appear'd well pleased the weather on friday & saturday was very rough Storms of Wind at N.E. with Snow & hail. I have had letters from Mr Brooks & Mr Hardinge Copies of which I inclose you, I have wrote to the former again & made use of Arguments wch. I hope may induce him to accept of your Offer for the Bps Lot Ore. Mr Hardinge you'll observe Accepts of it in a handsome manner & I enclose you the Agreement for you to execute wch. you will please to return me. I shall by tuesdays Post remit a Bill on London for £2000 to Mr

Noble on your account. I have paid Mr Bell £525 on account of the Purchase that you lately made at Allenheads. Mr Hunter being of Opinion that some improvement may be made in the Working of the Bellows at the Refineries intends going with Mr Crawhall next Month to Sheffield to look at the Works at that place & I believe that Mr Bell will take a ride with them. I have desired that they will acquaint Mr Noble when they will be at Bretton as he may probably find it Convenient to go with them. & I am etc John E Blackett

1 May 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle May 1st. 1787

Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. at One Month dated this day for Two Thousand Pounds on Sir Thomas Blackett's Account the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 1st May 1787
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett	
Esq. Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Sir J. Eden MW. Ridley Cookson
	Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Jas. Wilkinson
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 10297	Blackett Bart. Value in Account
	J. E. Blackett

1 May 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to John Knubley

Mr John Knubley Gunsmith
No. 11 Charing Cross London

Newcastle May 1st. 1787

Sir The Box with the Pistols arrived Safe but too late for the Occasion that I wanted them, the Pair Charged £9.14 are I think very high. Inclosed I send you a Bill for £16.10.6 . the Amount of your Note the Receipt of which you'll please to acknowledge. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£16.10.6 . Newcastle Bank 1st May 1787

One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. Sixteen Pounds ten Shillings & Six Pence Value recd.

For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley

Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas. Wilkinson

London

E[ndorse]d

John E. Blackett

1 Jun 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr Hardinge
Ightham near Seven Oaks Kent

Newcastle June 1st 1787

Sir Mr Blackett desires me to enclose you the Agreement executed by Sir Thos. Blackett for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, with a Counterpart for you to execute, which you will please to return to him, the reason their not being sent sooner is on acct. of Mr Blackett being in Yorkshire where he now is & has been for some time. I am etc J. S.

27 Jun 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs. Whalden & Co. Derby

Newcastle June 27th. 1787

Gentn. Your favour of the 18th inst. was missent by the Post & did not come to my hand till the 25th inst. I observe what you say as to Litharge, at present I cannot supply you with your Quantity having none in hand but what is engaged, the Price is considerably advanced since my letter to you of the 6th April being now £20.10.. P Ton at wch. Price I have sold a large Quantity I am etc J. E. B.

27 Jun 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde & Augustus Browne

Messrs Lyde & Auguss. Browne
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle June 27th 1787

Gentn. I have this sent you by John & Jas. Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & two Ounces & a half which I desire you will place to account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc J. E. B.

28 Jun 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle June. 28th. 1787

Sir I send you enclosed a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated the 26th inst. at One Month for £2000 on account of Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I am etc J. E B.

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 26th. June 1787
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.	
Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Cookson Widdrington & Co
London	Thos Gibson.
	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 10571	Blackett Bart. Value in Acct. John E. Blackett

28 Jun 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
inclosed to Mr Noble

Newcastle June. 28th. 1787

Dear Sir I write to Mr Noble by this Post & enclose him a Bill for £2000. I have had some Conversation with Mr Wilson & Mr Bell about the Riding the Boundaries of your Regality of Hexham they will soon have a Meeting with Mr Heron & myself, when that Matter will be fully consider'd of & the term fix'd, of which you shall have timely Notice, but I imagine it will commence the 30th July. Mr Bell tells me that your Stock of Port Wine is very low at the Abbey. I have sent you a Pipe wch. I think will please you & shall send a proper Person next week to assist Mr Bell in the Bottling it; The Hogshead of Claret that I mentioned to you I expect will arrive with some others from Bordeaux in a few days & will be sent to the Abbey, it will I believe be very good, being of the first Growth of Lafite 1783. The Price of Lead continues at £19.15.0 P For. for Common £20 for Refin'd & £20.10. P Ton Litharge at wch. Price I have sold about 5000 Ps. for the Eastern Markets, but have not yet made any Sale for the London Market it has come down to Blaydon very slowly, but I have wrote to Mr Hunter to hasten it down. I shall meet the Lead Stewards at Hexham the 7th July & pay them the Subsistence for the Workmen. I am etc J. E. B.

20 Jul 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton
Yorkshire

Newcastle July 20th. 1787

Sir I received your letter of the 10th inst. Mr Wilson Mr Heron Mr Bell & myself had a Meeting yesterday to settle the business of Riding the Boundaries of the Regality of Hexham & to prepare an Advertisement for the Purpose it is to be begun at 10 O'Clock on Monday morning the 13th Augt. it was rode in 1690 & 1732 and took up three days, I apprehend that there will be difficulty in getting through it in that time, Mr Bell is to make inquiry for two old Men who were present at the last Boundary Riding, he goes with them Mr Hunter & Mr Forster the Boundaries the next week, & every other necessary step will be taken previous to the day of Riding. If Sir Thos. Blackett should incline to have a Survey taken of the Boundaries of the Regality? it will be necessary that we should have timely notice, that a proper Person may be engaged for that purpose who shall go the Boundaries; Please to give me an Answer to this, and let me know when Sir Thomas intends being at this Place. The Assizes at Durham begin on Tuesday the 31st inst. at this Town on Saturday the 4th Augt., if Sir Thomas has any thoughts of Dining with the Bishop of Durham that week in his way? it should be Wednesday the 1st Augt. when the Gentn. of the County dine with him, on being acquainted I shall meet him there. I acquainted Sir Thos. that I had sent a Pipe of Port & a Hogshd. of Claret to the Abbey the former will be Bottled off on Monday next, Mr Johnson tells me he has wrote to Sir Thos. to acquaint him of their Importation of French White Wines etc if he would have any sent please to acquaint me. I desire that you will send me the Arms of Sir Thomas Blackett as they tell me it will be necessary that his Arms & that of Hexham should be painted on a small Flag to be carried at the Boundary Riding.

I am etc J. E. B.

21 Aug 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Augt. 21st. 1787

Sir Inclosed I send you two Bills of this date of £1000 each at 20 days date drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. the receipt of wch. you will please to acknowledge. I left Sir Thomas Blackett very well at the Abbey yesterday when he went on the Moors for the first time & I hear that he Shot 3½ Brace. We finished the Boundary Riding on Thursday after four Fatiguing days, but none of us have suffer'd from it, Your son came to this place this day at noon he is now busy with the Accts. which he expects to finish on Saturday. I am etc J. E. B.

£1000 . Newcastle Bank 21st Augt. 1787
Twenty days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.

Gentn. I have this day sent you by Thos. Jennings the London Carrier a Piece fine Silver containing One Thousand Four Hundred & Thirty Nine Ounces which I desire you place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price Advising me on your Receipt of it. I am etc J. E. B.

29 Aug 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Lyde & Augustus Browne

Messrs Lyde & Auguss. Browne
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Augt. 29th. 1787

Gentn. I have this day drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Eden Ridley & Co. at Thirty days date for Six Hundred Pounds on Sir Thos Blackett's Account which I doubt not you will duly Honor. I am etc J. E. B.

19 Sep 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle Septem. 19th. 1787

Sir I have been from home for some days at my return I found your favour of the 11th inst. informing me of the death of your Father Mr Lyde Browne on which Melancholy event I sincerely Condole with you. I shall be happy in doing business with you as usual & have not the least doubt respecting the Punctuality of your Payments etc. There is a mistake in your Accot. of the last Cake of Silver I sent you of £1 wch. you will please to rectify & Credit Sir Thomas Blacketts Acct, for the Same. Mr Walton sent Mr Holmes a Cake at the same time for wch. he is allowed 5.8 3/4 P oz which is 1/4 P Oz more than you allow Sir Thomas, but as your late Father made a Complaint of the Quality of that Price owing I believe to some of the Test being taken off with it, I shall not say anything more as to that matter. I am etc J.E.B.

9 Oct 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton
Yorkshire

Newcastle Octo. 9th. 1787

Sir I received your letter of the 2nd inst. & am glad to hear that Sir Thos. Blackett got safe and well to Bretton. Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 8th inst. at a Month for £2000 the receipt of which you will please

to Acknowledge; next week I shall send you another Bill for £1000 when I shall write to Sir Thomas Blackett to whom I desire my best Compliments. I am etc John E. Blackett

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 8th. Octr. 1787
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.	
Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Sir John Eden Sir MW. Ridley
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Cookson Widdrington & Co
London	Thos Gibson.
	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thomas
No 11093	Blackett Bt. Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

20 Oct 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr.	Newcastle 20th Octo. 1787
Foster Lane - London	

Sir On the 17th inst. I sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Eighty Six Ounces which I desire that you will place to Acct. with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart at the Market Price advising me on your receipt of it. I am etc J. E. B.

21 Oct 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.	Newcastle Octo. 21st 1787
Bretton - Yorkshire	

D[ea]r Sir Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 15th inst. at a Month for £1000 the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge the other remittance which you mention shall be made you in the Course of the Year. The Price of Lead continues at £19.15. & £20 the quantity of refin'd Lead sold is not yet compleated & we cannot expect much more Lead down this Year, there is little or none at Market unsold at present, except about 7000 Ps. of Common Lead of yours & I believe I shall not sell any more this Year for the London Market. We are still in a state of uncertainty as to a War but there is reason to believe that it will not take place at least for some time & I have great hopes that the present preparations (tho' attended with considerable expence) may be the means of preventing a War; should that not be the Case? it will evince the necessity of the Measure. I was in hopes of

seeing you before you left the North & had some conversation with you respecting the Supplying your Lead Mines with Candles. Jos[hu]a Straker who is your Office has lately with another person engaged in that Business & I gave him encouragement to do so, being well convinced that they could supply a part of your Mines with better Candles than they have had for some time either from Hexham or any part of that Country they have got very good Workmen, have a Foreman from London who is Master of the Business, they do not make use of any Kitchen grease or any thing but the best Tallow, & I am satisfied that no person can serve you better, so I am in hopes that you will be pleased to allow them to have a part of the Business of supplying your Mines with Candles. In part of the time of Sir Walter Blackett Frauds and Irregularities arose from the Mine Agents furnishing Articles for the Mines, & it was found necessary to put a stop to that evil, since which it has been a standing rule in the Concern, as well as that of the Lead Company that no Lead Mine Agent (whose duty it is to receive and examine the quantity & quality of each Article) shall furnish the Mines with any one Article; however as you are pleased to direct that Mr Westgarth Forster's Son is to supply the Mines with Candles; I beg leave to recommend that you will please to allow Josa. Straker to have a part of the business in Case he should supply the Mines with as good or better Candles at the same Rate by which means there will be an emulation between them which shall furnish Candles of the best quality.

I am etc J. E. Blackett

£1000 .	Newcastle Bank 15th Octo. 1787
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett	
Esq. One Thousand Pounds	Value received
	For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Cookson Widdrington & Co
London	Jas. Wilkinson.
	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thos.
No 11133	Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

23 Oct 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

Geo. Brooks Esqr. Newcastle Octo. 23rd. 1787
Under Cover to Richd. Master Esqr. MP.
Banker Chancery Lane. London

Sir Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 22nd at 20 days date for £212.10. which I desire that your Banking House will place to the Acct. of the Lord Bp. of Durham being the Composition for Weardale Lot Ore due from Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. for three Months this 27th Augt. last, not being used to

make the payments Quarterly occasioned its escaping my memory. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Bill & when paid send me his Lordships Receipt as usual. I am etc J. E. B.

£212.10. . Newcastle Bank 22nd Octo. 1787
Twenty days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. Two Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings
Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Cookson Widdrington & Co
London Jas. Wilkinson
Pay the Contents to the Order of Richard
No 11173 Master Esqr. & Co Value in Acct. with the
Lord Bishop of Durham John E. Blackett

21 Nov 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr. Newcastle 21st Nov. 1787
Foster Lane - London

Sir I have this day sent you by Jno. & Jas. Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Eighty Four Ounces which I desire that you will place to Acct. with Sir Thos. Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price Advis[ing] me on your receipt of it. As it's a very fine Piece I expect that you will give me the best Price. I am etc J. E. B.

21 Nov 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to George Brooks

Geo. Brooks Esqr. Newcastle
under Cover to Richd. Master Esqr.
MP. Banker Chancery Lane. London

Dear Sir Your favour of the 29th Ult. I received I now enclose you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 21st. inst. at one Month for £212.10. being for three Months Composition for Weardale Lot Ore due to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Sir Thomas Blackett on the 28th inst. the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge & at your leisure send me the Bishops receipt for the half Years Composition. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£212.10. . Newcastle Bank 21st. Novem. 1787
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. Two Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas. Wilkinson
London
Pay the Contents to the Order of Richd.
No 11327 Master Esqr. & Co Value in Acct. with the

22 Nov 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble. Newcastle Nov. 22nd. 1787
Bretton - Yorkshire

Sir I send you enclosed a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated
21st inst. at one Month for £2000 on Account of Sir Thomas. Blackett Bart. the receipt of
which you will please to acknowledge. I am etc John E. Blackett

£2000 . Newcastle Bank 21st. Nov 1787
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas. Wilkinson.
London Pay the Contents to the Order of
No 11327 Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. Value
in Acct. John E. Blackett

22 Nov 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Newcastle 22nd Novem. 1787
Fleet Street London

Gentn. Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co.
dated 21st. inst. at one Month for £112.10. for three Months Composition for Weardale
Tithe Ore due from Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. on the 19th inst. to the Revd. Henry
Hardinge, the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge & when the Bill is paid
Mr Hardinge must send me his receipt for the same for the future the Payment will be
made half Yearly. I am etc J. E.B.

£112.10. . Newcastle Bank 21st. Novem. 1787
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq. One Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas. Wilkinson
London
No 11328 Pay the Contents to the Order of
Messrs Gosling Value in Acct. with
the Revd. Henry Hardinge John E. Blackett

6 Dec 1787 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr. Newcastle Decem. 6th. 1787
Foster Lane - London

Sir I have this drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Eden Ridley & Co. at
30 days date for Five Hundred Pounds on Sir Thomas Blackett's Acct. which I doubt
not you you will duly honor. About the latter end of this Month I shall draw upon you
for £635.1.4 being the Balance of your Account. when I shall send you a Piece fine
Silver. I am etc J. E. B.

8 Jan 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton Yorkshire NCastle 8 Jany 1788

Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at
one Month dated this day for Two Thousand pounds on Acct of Sir Thos Blackett Bart
__ You will please Acknowledge the Rec[eip]t of the Bill & acquaint Sir Thos with the
same __ The Bill that I sent you on 21st Octor last for £3000 you only sent an Acct of the
Number of the Bill, but not the Amount w[hi]ch you will now please acknowledge
I am etc J.E.B

£2000 Newcastle Bank 8th Jany 1789
One Month after Date pay to the Order of Jno. E. Blackett Esq
Two Thousand pounds Value Recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 13739 London Pay the Contents
To the Order of
Sir Thos. Blackett

Bart Value in Acct

J E Blackett

9 Jan 1788 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augus[tu]s Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 9th. Jany 1788

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing One Thousand & Forty Eight Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price. Mr Blackett being from home desired me to send you the above Silver, and on your Receipt of it to Advise him of the same, for whom I am etc J. Straker

24 Jan 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to John Stephenson

Messrs. <N edw.> J Stephenson & Fearnley Hull

Newcastle 24th. Jany. 1788

Sir's, I received your letter of the 17th Instant and observe the Contents. I have no Lead at present to dispose of, nor shall I have any for some time, besides, I am under Engagement to several Gentlemen of this Place who buy for the London Market, that wou'd gladly take more than I shall have to dispose of for a considerable time. I am Sir's Your most Humb. Servt. J. E. Blackett

24 Jan 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augus[tu]s Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 24th. Jany. 1788

Sir I received your letter of the 10th inst. advising me on your Receipt of the last Piece of Silver I sent you. I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Twenty days date payable to the Order of Messrs. Eden Ridley & Co. for £635.1s.4d being the Balance of your Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. to the 31 Decem. last, and which I doubt not you will duly Honor.

I am Sir your most Hble. Servt. J. E. Blackett

24 Jan 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr Hardinge
Stanhope Durham

Newcastle Jany. 24th. 1788

Sir, At my return from Yorkshire yesterday evening I found your favor of the 7 inst. I observe what you say respecting Mr Harris who I am sorry to hear does not meet with the approbation of the Inhabitants of the Chapelry, I have not the least acquaintance with Mr Harris, nor I believe that Sir Thomas Blackett ever saw him; on the last Vacancy he was very strongly recommended to Sir Thomas by a number of respectable People, as a Man of very Good Moral Character, who was diligent in the discharge of his Duty, & gave Satisfaction; so several of the Principal Inhabitants of the Chapelry at that time were Solicitous that he should be appointed to the Curacy; Tho he did not then Succeed I never heard the least Charge against him as being Insufficient, & who could not Officiate in a decent manner, Indeed I believe that the Poor Man has been much misrepresented to you, & greatly injured, on which account I am in hopes that you will make no objection to his Appointment to the Chaple; If he has been deficient in not making an early application to you, I hope you will be kind enough to excuse him. I am with respect
your's etc J. E. Blackett

30 Jan 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr Hardinge
Stanhope, Durham

Newcastle 30th. Jany. 1788

Sir Since I saw you I have made further inquiry as to the Moral Character of Mr Harris, & likewise as to his qualifications as a Clergyman, the result of which is much to his Advantage, & I am the more satisfied of his being unexceptionable in both respects that no reasonable can be made against him, & that the Clamour & opposition that has been raised against him is Cruel & unjust; I don't blame Mr Wilson for endeavouring to promote the Interest of his friend & relation; who may be a deserving Man, but it should not be at the expence of a very Worthy Clergyman, Mr Emerson will wait on you the Certificates etc in favour of the Character & Abilities of Mr Harris wch. I hope may be satisfactory to you & should he be Elected to the Curacy of the Chapel that you will not withhold your Approbation of him.

Doctor Dickins dined with me on Monday, I mentioned the Affair to him & he was of Opinion that no reasonable Objection could be made to Mr Harris. I shall send the Doctor the several Certificates etc after you have perused them to satisfy him that I have not supported an improper Person. I am etc J. E. B.

31 Jan 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle 31st. Jany. 1788

D[ea]r Sir When I got home I found letters from Mr Emerson your Agent in Weardale, & from Mr Harris the Clergyman who was recommended to you by myself & your Lead Mine Agents, to succeed the late Mr Rotheram as Curate of the Chapel, which Chapel was built at the Principal Expence of the late Sir Walter Blackett, the Election of the Curate is in the Freeholders of that district, the Majority of wch. are employed under you or are benefited by the Mines, of course, the person who had your support has always been Elected, & its very reasonable and proper that it should be so, he being paid by you & the Workmen. Mr Harris you may Remember offer'd himself on a former occasion, On the present Vacancy he has your support, & I had not the least idea that any opposition would be made against him, as his Character is unexceptionable, but Mr Wilson, the Rector of Wolsingham (the adjoining Parish) has been making all the Interest that he possibly can in favour of one Mr Clarke, a relation of his & has endeavoured to Asperse the Character of poor Harris & to prejudice Mr Hardinge the Rector of Stanhope against him, for the Person who is Elected is to be approved of by the Rector of Stanhope; Mr Hardinge has been with me, he represents Mr Harris as a Person who was unfit for the Curacy was much disapproved of by the Inhabitants, & he wished that you would withdraw your support of him; I told him that I would acquaint you with his Application but that I should not recommend it; I have since made further inquiries as to his Moral Character as well as his Abilities as a Clergyman & I have Certificates from several Clergymen in his Neighbourhood, as well as the respectable part of his Neighbours very much to his Credit in both Aspects, & I am satisfied that the opposition raised against him is Malicious & Cruel, & for the Sole Purpose of having him set aside that Clark may be Elected. I have since acquainted Mr Hardinge with my sentiments on the Matter, I acquainted him that Mr Harris would have your warm support, & that I hoped, should he be Elected that he would not be so Cruel as to withhold his approbation of him. Doctor Dickins the Archdeacon of Durham dined with me on Monday with Sir Thos. Clavering, I mentioned the affair to him & he was of opinion that no reasonable objection could be made to Mr Harris.

I have wrote to Mr Emerson to make use of your Interest in his favour & I have no doubt of his being Elected by a great Majority, I have been the more fully in this Matter that you may be acquainted with every particular relating to it, & I hope that you will approve of what I have done The Election will be in a few days the Result of which you shall be inform'd of. I have not made any Sale of Lead for the London Market since I saw you. Messrs Walker's & Fishwicks White Lead Works take all your Lead at present, until the Carriage get forward The present Price is £21.15.. & £22.-. -. I have given directions for 4 Casks of Lead Fume to be ground & to be sent to you by way of Hull. I am apprehensive that I shall be under a necessity of going up to Lond[o]n in about a fortnight on the Coal Business. I am etc J. E. B.

9 Feb 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to George Pearson

George Pearson Esqr.
Phenix Hexham

Newcastle Feby. 9th. 1788

Sir I received your letter of the 6th inst. & observe that the Bishop of Durham has appointed you Receiver General of his Rents in the place of the late Mr Johnson. I have his Lordships directions to remit the Compo[sitio]n for the Lot Ore to his bankers Messrs. Master Brooks & Co. which I have done Quarterly & shall continue to do untill I hear from his Lordship to the contrary. The Moor Masters Rent Amounting to £150 P Ann[u]m has been usually paid half yearly on Mr Johnson's sending for it, one half Years Rent will be due 14th inst, wch. shall be paid to the person you may please to send for it, inclos'd you have a Copy of the last receipt.

I am etc J. E. B.

12 Feb 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Walker

Messrs. Saml. Walker & Co.
Rotheram - Yorkshire

Newcastle Feby. 12th. 1788

Gentn. Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. for 56.4.6 the amount of your Charge for the Cylanders etc sent to Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield on Acct. of Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge. I am etc J. E. Blackett

£54 . 4 . 6 .

Newcastle Bank 11th. Feby. 1788

One Month after date pay to the Order of John

Erasmus Blackett Esq. Fifty Six Pounds Four Shillings

& Six pence Value received

For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas. Wilkinson.

London

Pay the Contents to the order of Messrs

No 11827

Saml. Walker Esqr. Value in Acct.

John E. Blackett

15 Feb 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Feby. 15th. 1788

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 31 ult. & the 11 inst. to which I refer you. As Mr Hardinge persists in refusing to Approve of Mr Harris & Confirm his Election I imagine that he will appoint his Friend Mr Clarke to do the duty, & that nothing more can be done in the Matter. Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. of this date at a Month for Two Thousand Pounds, the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge.

I go for London on Monday & shall be at Bates's Hotel Adelphe, I hope that my stay there will be Short. Your Lead Stewards are come down for Subsistance, which they will receive tomorrow; Mr Emerson gives a pretty good Account of Wearedale Mines, those at Coalcleugh & Allenheads are much in the same state as they were

I am Yours etc J. E Blackett

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 15th. Feby. 1788
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co	
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos. Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order of Sir
No 11848	Thomas Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
	John E. Blackett

5 Mar 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd. Noble
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle Mar: 5th. 1788

Dr Sir I have this day Shipt on Board the Swallow Capt. Fletcher for Hull 6 Casks of Lead Fume for Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. which I hope you'll receive safe, it was Ground with Oil at Messrs Walkers & Co's. White Lead Works and is fit for use, the 6 Casks weigh upwards of 11 Cwt. I am etc J. S.

19 Mar 1788 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 19th March 1788

Sir Mr Blackett being from home, I have this day sent you by Mrs Jennings the London Carrier a piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Three Ounces, which I desire you will place to acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart. as usual at the Markett Price & advise Mr Blackett on your Receipt of it.

for whom I am your's etc J. Straker

1 Apr 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Wakefield

Newcastle April 1st. 1788

Dear Sir

I got home the last week but I am apprehensive that I shall be under a necessity of going up to Town again on the same business in which Case I must be there the 12th April this will prevent me going to make the Several Lead Pays & has obliged me to make them a fortnight sooner than I intended. The Lead Stewards are to be down here the 6th inst. receive the Money the next day & go to Dukesfield the 8th inst. the Pays will Amount to £51613.16.4½. When I was at London I had frequent meetings with Mr Lancaster Mr Freeman etc. I was much press'd to dine with them but my time would not permit it, should I return? I shall certainly wait on them. I put off making a Sale of Lead until I got home when I sold Mr C. Blackett 10,000 Ps. at £22.15 & £23 P Fodder I expect to sell a like Quantity this week to Dr Hall at the same Price & likewise a Quantity to Messrs. Walkers Maltby & Co. what I have sold to Walkers Fishwick & Co. lately for their White Lead Works has been at the same Price. Inclos'd you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. of this date at a Month for £2000 the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge.

Notwithstanding Mr Harris was Elected by the Landholders of the Curacy of Weardale Chapel by a Majority of 51 yet by the representation of Mr Hardinge the Rector of Stanhope, the Bishop of Durham has Licenced the other Candidate Mr Clark; I waited on the Bishop several times before I found him at home. I had near an hours conversation with him on the subject, but to no further purpose for he gave me so very little encouragement to contest the matter that I thought it advisable to drop the business as there appear'd to me to be little or no prospect of Mr Harris's succeeding; I am indeed very sorry for him for he has much Merit, & has been a great sufferer. It was thought that he was certain of success & Mr Brown provided himself with another Curate so the Poor Man is quite thrown out of Bread. Mr Bell comes down with the Lead Stewards & goes with them to make the several Pays. I am etc J. E. B.

£2000 .	Newcastle Bank 1st. April 1788
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co	
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos. Gibson.
London	Pay the Contents to the order
No 12061	of Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.

Value in Acct. John E. Blackett

2 Apr 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 2nd. April 1788

Sir As I am now making Sir Thos. Blackett's Lead Mine Pays I have drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Messrs. Eden Ridley & Co. of this date at 30 days for Six Hundred & Thirteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Sixpence being the Balance of your Acct. with Sir Thos. Blackett Bart which I doubt not you will duly Honor. I am Sir Yr's etc John E. Blackett

12 May 1788 Joshua Straker to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr Hardinge Stanhope
Durham

Newcastle May 12th. 1788

Sir As the half Years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines paid to you by Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. will become due on the 19th Ult. Mr Blackett desires me to acquaint that the Money will be paid here at Sir Thos. Blackett Office on your sending a Receipt for the same. I am Sir your's J. Straker

3 Jun 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. Bretton

Newcastle 3 June 1788

Dear Sir I was favoured with your Letter of the 23rd Ult. & observed that as soon as your Company left you that you proposed coming North, so I hope we shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you. I am obliged to you for returning my Letters & it was not of any consequence y[ou]r opening that from my Daughter. Inclosed I send you a bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 2nd inst. at one Month for £2000... the receipt of which please acknowledge. I am etc J. E. B.

£2000 .

Newcastle Bank 2nd. June 1788

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq. Two
Thousand Pounds

Value received

For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos. Gibson.

London
No 12524

Pay the Contents to the order of
Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. value in Acct.
John E. Blackett

3 Jun 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

To Richd. Master Esqr. & Co. Banker Chancery Lane.
London

NCastle 3 June 1788

Gentlemen Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. at one Month dated the 2d. inst. for Two Hundred & Twelve Pounds ten Shillings . being for three Months Composition Rent for the Lott Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due, at Pentecost last, to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. You will please to advise me on your Receipt of this Bill and send me the usual Receipt. I am etc J. E. B.

£212.10. . Newcastle Bank 2nd. June 1788
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq. Two
Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos. Gibson
London
Pay the Contents to the order of Richd. Master Esqr. & Co
No 12525 Value in Acct. with the Lord Bishop of Durham
John E. Blackett

11 Jun 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

Newcastle 11th June 1788

Sir I have this Day sent you by Mrs Eliz. Jennings the London Carrier a piece fine Silver Containing Eleven Hundred & fifty four Ounces & which I desire that you will place to Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett Price advising me on your Receipt of it.

I am Sirs Your's etc J. E. Blackett

6 Aug 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart.
Bretton - Yorkshire

Newcastle 6th. Augt. 1788

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated 5th inst. at a Month for Two Thousand Pounds, the receipt of which you will please Acknowledge. Your Lead Stewards were with me Yesterday for Subsistence for the Workmen; The Mines continue much in the same state Wolfcleugh not quite so good but Forster is hopes that he may recover the Vein again I have not sold any Lead since you left the North except for a few small Parcells, there is little or no demand for it at present, but as the Ships for India will be taken up soon, I am in hopes that we shall have a demand, but I am very doubtfull of being able to support the Present Price, however I do not think it advisable to make the London Buyers any Offers at this time, but rather wait for the Proposals coming from them they complain of losing 20/s p For. by the last Lead they bought - Mr Walker's of Rotheram are at this town at present, they, Mr Maltby & Mr Fishwick dine with me on this day. The Books are ready for Mr Noble Junr. who I expect will be here in a few days.

You will observe by the Accounts sent you of the Profits of the Mines & last year, that Allenheads Cost £909.16.10 notwithstanding the high price of Lead. I have talk'd with Mr Forster on the Subject & I think have convinced him of his erroneous Calculations, he is in hope of those Mines doing better this Year & promises to exert himself for the Purpose. Poor Thos. Westgarth died the last week; I hope that a skilfull sober person may be met with to succeed him as second Agent at Allenheads for Forster's Son is certainly too Young for 2nd Agent, & Archer the Woodman (who has assisted since the illness of Thos. Westgarth) is not equal to the charge

I am etc J. E. B.

£2000 .

Newcastle Bank 5th. Augt. 1788

One Month after date pay to the Order of John

Erasmus Blackett Esq. Two Thousand Pounds

Value received

For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

Jas. Wilkinson.

Pay the Contents to the order of Sir Thomas
Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.

John E. Blackett

11 Aug 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd. Master Esqr. & Co.

NewC: 11 Augt. 1788

Gentlemen Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. at one Month dated the 9th. inst. for Two Hundred & twelve Pounds Ten Shillings being three Months Composition Rent for the Lott Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due, this day, by Lord B[isho]p of Durham f[ro]m Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. Please to acknowledge the Rec[eip]t. of this Bill & send me the usual Receipt. I am Gentlemen your's etc J. E. B.

£212.10. . NewC: Bank 9th. Augt. 1788
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esq. Two Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings
Value received

For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos. Gibson
London
No 12893

27 Aug 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

To Augustus Browne Esqr. NCastle 27th. Augt. 1788
Foster Lane - London

Sir I have this day sent you by Jno. & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing 1409½ Ounces which I desire you will place to Acct. with Sir Thos. Blackett Bart at the Market Price, the last piece I sent you I could have had a Farthing an Ounce more, at this place than you allowed me. I am etc J. E. B.

P.S. On Monday next 1st Septem. I shall draw upon you for £500 at One Month payable to the order of Sir Thos. Blackett

8 Sep 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

To Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. Bretton NC 8th Sept. 1788
Yorkshire

Dear Sir Inclosed you receive two Bills as above amounting to £2000 the Rect. of wch. please to acknowledge. Mr Noble would inform you that I met your Lead Stewards at Hexham the 21st. Ult. that my Brothers, Major Scott, Mr C. Blackett Jo. Forster, Hardbottle, & the Tulips dined with us at the Bull & they were all very well pleased. Westg. Forster informed e that they had cut a fresh Vein at Wolfcleugh which is very promising; I told him that a skilful person of good Character must be looked out for to succeed T. Westgarth as 2nd. Agent for his Son was certainly to young at present

for that Employment & that Archer the Woodman was not equal to it, I find that he wants to have his Son appointed 2nd. Agent & Archer to succeed him as 3rd Agent wch. I told him that you wou'd not consent to, nor do I think that either of them are equal to the trusts. We have very fine Weather for the Harvest but the Pastures & <Fogs> are very bare. My Daughter joins with me in best Complim[en]ts. to yourself, Mr & Mrs Beaumont & Miss Wentworth I am Dear Sir Your's etc J. E. B.

£1500 . Newcastle Bank 6th. Sept. 1788
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.
One Thousand five Hundred Pounds Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas. Wilkinsonson.
London Pay the Contents to the order of Sir
No 13044 Thomas Blackett Bart. Value in Acct.
J. E. B.

£500 . Newcastle Sept. 1st 1788
One Month after Date pay to the order of Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. Five
Hundred Pounds Value in Acct. & place it to his Account as
advised by John E. Blackett
To Augustus Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

16 Oct 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Watts George

To Messrs Watts George & Co. NewCa. 16th. Octor. 1788
Bristol

Gentlemen

Your favour of the 10th inst. directed to Sir Thos. Blackett came to my Hands by the last post & I observe the Contents; the last parcel of Lead I sold for the Lond[o]n Markett was at £23 p For. I can now sell you any quantity not exceeding 1500 For. at £22 for the Refin'd £21.15.0 for Common, & in Case you take a quantity I may go something lower; the Newc[astle] For. is 21 Cwt, of 112 lb or 2352 lb there are very few Opportunities of shipping Lead f[ro]m hence to y[ou]r port, the usual Freight to London is 7d p <pig> of ab[ou]t 168 lb each. I am at this time in treaty with some Merch[an]ts in London for a larger Quantity. I am w[i]th respect Gentlemen

Yo[u]r most obed. Serv[an]t J. E. B.
Since the above I have sold 2000 For. so that I have not any to dispose of at present.

21 Oct 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

To Mr Luke Noble Bretton.
near Wakefield

NewC. 21st. Octr. 1788

Sir I wrote to Sir Thos. Blackett the 19th inst. & I now inclose you on his Acct. a Bill drawn by Messrs Eden Ridley & Co. on Messrs. Castell & Co. of this date at a Month, for 3000£, the Receipt of which please to acknowledge. I am with best Compl[imen]ts to Sir Thomas Blackett the Ladies & Mr Beaumont & am etc J. E. B.

£3000 . Newcastle Bank 21st. Octr. 1788

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq. Three
Thousand Pounds Value received

For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas. Wilkinson.

London

No 13282

Pay the Contents to the
Order of Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
value in Acct. John E. Blackett

6 Nov 1788 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

To Augustus Brown Esqr.
Forster Lane - London

NCastle 6th Novem 1788

Sir By Mr Blackett's directions I have this Day sent you by Mrs Eliz. Jennings the London Carrier a piece fine Silver containing 1530 Ounces, which I desire you will place to Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bt. as usual advising Mr Blackett on the Rec[eip]t of it. The price here at present is 5s/8³/₄d P Oz which price Mr Blackett expects you will allow him, he has been much solicited to send Silver to Birmingham but declines sending any there provided he is allowed as good a price by you as is given there or elsewhere. I am etc J. Straker

7 Nov 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd. Master Esqr. & Co. Bankers
Chancery Lane London

Newcastle 7th. Nov. 1788

Gentlemen Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley & Co. at One Month dated this day for £212.10.; being Three Months Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due 11th inst. from Sir Thos. Blackett Bart. to the Lord Bishop of Durham You will please acknowledge the Rec[ei]pt of this Bill & send me the usual Receipt. I am etc J. E. B.

£212.10. . Newcastle Bank 7th. Novr. 1788
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.
Two hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos. Gibson
London Pay the Contents to the order of Richd. Master
Esqr. & Co value in Acct. with the
No 13373 Lord Bishop of Durham
John E. Blackett

14 Nov 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

To Mr Luke Noble Bretton. Newcastle. 14th. Novem. 1788
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J. Eden Sir MW Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. at One Month dated the 12th inst. for £3000 on Account of Sir Thomas. Blackett Bart. You will please to advise me on the Receipt of the Bill and acquaint Sir Thomas of the same. I am etc J. E. B.

 Newcastle Bank 12th. Novem. 1788
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John E. Blackett Esq. Three
Thousand Pounds Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Widdrington & Co
London Jas. Wilkinson.
Pay the Contents to the
No 13402 order of Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Value in Acct. John E. Blackett

5 Dec 1788 Thomas Clavering to John Erasmus Blackett

Copy of a Letter from Sir Thos Clavering Barot Axwell Park

to John Erass Blackett Esqr

5 Decr 1788

Dear Sir

I have endeavoured to calculate the Sums you gave me Yesterday as the Price Sir Thomas Blackett asks for the Content & Parkhead Farms to find out the advance Rent set upon each Farm which I apprehend to be £16 a Year upon the former more than the Under Tenant pays & I don't know how much upon the latter and the Sum asked exceeds 35 Years purchase upon each.

This conveys to me a full Determination in Sir Thos Blackett that he has no Intention to part with either; but to give a further Trial to this Intention I beg to trouble you to write again to Him that in Justice to his Credit as well as my own that if he is willing to oblige me with the Content Farm or to make the Content Farm a Condition to dispose of the other that I am willing to leave the Price to any indifferent Person of Character in this Country that he shall be pleased to Name. No Body can be a better Judge of Land in this Neighbourhood than your Brothers Steward Mr Bates with whom you know I have no Connection but I hit upon him as a Man of Character who I hope would rather make the Turn of the Scale in Sir Thomas favour but I leave the Nomination intirely to your [:struck out] himself as also to fix the Time for the Payment of the Money. I flatter myself no Proposition can be more equitable on my part and his Acceptance of it will very much oblige etc T Clavering

17 Dec 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

To Sir Thos. Blackett Bart.
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 17th. Decem. 1788

Dear Sir I imagine this will find you at Bretton & I hope in good Health. Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co. on Castell & Co. dated the 16th inst. at a Month for £2000 the Rec[eip]t of which please to acknowledge. Your Lead Stewards were down for subsistance for your Workmen the 25th Ult. when there was little or no alteration in the state of the Mines. The price of Lead at present is £21.15.0 & £22 p Fother & I hope that it will not drop. I am etc J. E. B.

£2000 .

Newcastle Bank 16th. Decem. 1788

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq.

Two Thousand Pounds

Value received

For Sir J. Eden Sir MW. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos. Gibson.

London

Pay the Contents to the order of

No 13591

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. Value received.

John E. Blackett

31 Dec 1788 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr.
Foster Lane - London

NCastle 31st Decem 1788

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece fine Silver containing 1371 Ounces which I desire you will place to Acct with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Rect of it.

I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Eden Ridley & Co at 30 Days date for £500 on Sir Thomas Blackett's Acct which I doubt not you will duly honor I am etc J.E.B

4 Feb 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Masters & Co Bankers
Chancery Lane London

NCastle 4th Feby 1789

Gentlemen Inclos'd you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at one Month dated this day for £212-10-; being one Quarter Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due f[ro]m Sir Thos Blackett Bart to the Bishop of Durham the 11th Feby last __ Please to advise me on yo[u]r Rec[eip]t of the Bill & send me the usual Reciept. I am etc J.E.B

£212-10s

NCastle Bank 4th March 1789

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq Two hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
Widdrington

Jas

No 14115 London

Pay the Contents to the
Order of Richd Master Esq & Co
value in Acct with the Lord Bishop of Durham
John E Blackett

7 Feb 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Mr Robinson

Mr Robinson Agent to Thos Eyre Esq

NCastle 7th Feby 1789

Hassop near Bakewell Derbyshire

Sir I observe by your Lre [Letter] to the Lessees of Winlaton Colliery that you have acquainted Mr Eyre of the notice they have given to quit the Colliery in Feby 1790 I have likewise acquainted Sir Thos Blackett of the same who is willing to concur with Mr Eyre in making such abatement as may be thought necessary __ I am of Opinion that a Viewer should be employed in behalf of the Lessors, (acquainting him with the Articles w[i]th which the Colliery was to be wrought) & when we have his Report of the same & the present state of the Colliery, we shall then be better able to Judge whether it may be advisable to take the Rent now offered by the Lessors.
I am etc J.E.B

11 Feb 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esq Foster Lane
London

NCastle 11th Feby 1789

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver containing 1239 Ounces w[hi]ch I desire you will place to Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett price, advising me on your Reciept of it I am etc
J E Blackett

6 Mar 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton Yorkshire

NCastle Mar 1789

Sir Inclos'd you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co for £3000 on Acct of Sir Thos Blackett the Rec[eip]t of which please to acknowledge __ I have not made any sale of Lead except to Messrs Walkers' & Cos White Lead Works the last sale for the London Markett was at £21. 10 the Fother the price since has dropt considerably & Messrs Lancaster's will loose £1. 0s. 0d as they say by that Quantity __ I am at present at a loss to say w[ha]t the price will be this Spring. The Lead Stewards are to be with me on the 17th ins[ta]nt. for Subsistance for the Workmen after which I shall write to Sir Thos Blackett to whom please present my Comp[limen]ts. I am
etc J.E.B

£3000

Newcastle Bank 6th Mar. 1789

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John
Erasmus Blackett Esq Three Thousand Pounds
Value recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
Thos Gibson
London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos
 Blackett Bart Value received J.E.B

18 Mar 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr Jno Beatson Cinderhill NCastle 18 March 1789
 Yorkshire

Sir

Inclos'd you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley & Co on
Castell & Co at one Month dated this Day for £40-13-7 being in full of your Bill for
Leather sent to Dukesfield Mills __ You will please advise me on your Reciept of the
same.

When you send any more Leather to Sir Thos Blackett's Mines or Mills, I desire
you will send me a Bill of Parcells of it, at the time it is sent, without which the
payment will not be made in due time I am etc J.E.B

£40-13-7 Newcastle Bank 18th March 1789
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esq Forty
pounds Thirteen Shillings & seven pence Value recieved
 For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
Jas Wikinson
No 14199 London

25 Mar 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augus[tu]s Browne Esq Newcastle 25th March 1789
Foster Lane London

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine
Silver Containing Fourteen Hundred & Eighty five Ounces which I desire you will
place to account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market price, advising
me on your receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

P.S. I observe by your Accot that there is £916-6-1 due to Sir Thos Blackett, as soon as I receive advice of your having recieved this Piece of Silver I shall draw upon you for the Balance.

25 Mar 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

To Sir Thos Blackett Bart Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

NCastle 25th Mar 1789

Dear Sir Your Lead Agents were with me the Last Week for subsistence for the Workmen, they gave me rather an unfavourable report of the state of your Lead Mines, the workings lately have failed, & at present it appears that there will not near the qty of Ore rais'd this Y[ea]r that has been the two or three last Y[ea]rs, however some of the working may improve, & I hope that the fresh trials that are making may Ans[wer], & make up for the deficiency in the other workings; the price of Lead at the London Markett is & has been for some Months past on the drop & as I mention'd in a former Lre [Letter] Messrs Lancaster & Co will be sufferers by the quantity that they have purchased of you in Octor last, great part of which is yet laying at Blaydon; I am now selling small parcells for exportation, & to Messrs Walker's & Co for their white Lead works at £21-12-6 & £21-7-6 Litharge at £22 per Ton I wish it may not be lower but am apprehensive that it will __ The Stewards are to be with me the 27th April for Money to make the several pays for the Lead Mines & Mills with subsistence for the workmen for the next 12 Mo[nth]s will amount to £55415-10 - 4 3/4 but £5221-16-9 of which Sum has been p[ai]d already at this place for Gunpowder, Iron, Ropes, Timber, Candles etc & I shall take with me £50193-13-7 __ The Collection for the poor of this Town was made & the <Frost break[e]d> up when I rec[eiv[ed your Lre [Letter], on w[hi]ch Acct I thought it unnecessary to subscribe any thing for you __ There has been a Riot amongst the Colliers in this Neighborhood, they did considerable damage to the Eastern Collieries, some of the Offenders were apprehended & committed to Goal, the rest are gone peaceable to Work.

Mr Carr desires me to present his Comp[limen]ts to you & to inclose you a Bill for £27 the amount for the Cloth sent him [a]bating a few Shillings which he says that he shall not pay as there was more Cloth sent than he mention'd & one piece is not of the same colour that he desired. I am etc J.E.B

£27 - -

Newcastle Bank 27th March 1789

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett

Esq Twenty seven pounds

Value recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

No 14249

London

7 Apr 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esq
Foster Lane London

NewC 7th April 1789

Sir I have drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Sir J Eden, Sir M W Ridley & Co at Thirty days dated the 6th ins[tan]t for £1000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Acct, & w[hi]ch I doubt not you will duly Honor __ In the course of next M[onth] I shall draw upon you for the Balance of your Acct of w[hi]ch I shall advise you
I am etc J.E.B

24 Apr 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 24th April 1789

Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 on accot of Sir Thomas. Blackett Bart you will please to Acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & acquaint Sir Thos of the same I am etc J.E.B

£2000

Newcastle Bank 24th April 1789

One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett

Esq Two Thousand Pounds

Value received

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson London

2 Jun 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Master Esq & Co
Bankers London

NCastle 2nd June 1789

Gentlemen Inclos'd you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir J Eden Sir MW Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £212-10-; being for one Quarters Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due from Sir Thos Blackett Bart to the Lord B[isho]p of Durham the 11th May last __ Please to advise me on the Reciept of this Bill & send me your usual Recipt.
I am etc J.E.B

£212-10s Newcastle Bank 2nd June 1789
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq
Two hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 14699 London Pay the Contents to the
Order of Richd Master Esq & Co Value in Acct with
the Lord Bishop of Durham John E Blackett

2 Jun 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton Yorkshire NCastle 2nd June 1789

Sir Inclos'd you will recieve a bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co of
this date at a Month for £3000 on Acct of Sir Thos Blackett Bart the rec[eip]t of which
please to acknowledge __ I desire my best Comp[limen]ts to Sir Thos Blackett & am
Your's etc J.E.B

£3000 Newcastle Bank 2nd June 1789
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esq Three Thousand Pounds Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
Thos Gibson
No 14697 London Pay the Contents to the Order of
Sir Thos Blackett Value in Acct J E Blackett

10 Jun 1789 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esq Newcastle 10th June 1789
Foster Lane London

Sir I have this day sent you by John & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine
Silver Containing Fourteen Hundred & One Ounces which I desire that you will place
to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price Advising me on
your Receipt of it, as Mr Blackett is at present from home I am etc I.S.

6 Jul 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

To Sir Thos Blackett Bart Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

NCastle 6th July 1789

Dear Sir Not hearing from you when I was at Harrogate, I imagined you were from Home on a Visit & my Bro[the]r & Self took around by Liverpool & Windermere Lake in our way Home the Weather was very unfavourable for we scarce had one fair day __ Your Lead Stewards have been with me this Morning for Subsistance Money for the Workmen; Forster tells me he has cut a new Vein at Great Allenheads w[hi]ch has a very promising Appearance & I hope may open out some fresh Veins & do very well, at Weardale & Coalcleugh they are doing much the same. Next Week I shall remit at Bill for £2500 to Mr Noble on your Acct. I am sorry it is not in my power to give you a better Acct of the Lead Trade, we have not had any demand, the London buyers stand off & will not make any offers at present. 2000 p[ie]ce[s] Lead were sold the last Month at £20 per Fo[dde]r I wish we may get that price for a large quantity.

I shall be glad to know when you intend be in the North.

Mr Ord of Fenham died Yesterday Morning a Consumption carried him off very suddenly. My Daughter joins with me in best Comp[limen]ts to yourself, Mr & Mrs Beaumont & Miss Wentworth I am etc J.E.B

Messrs Walkers' & Fishwick applied to me this Morning for some Lead for their White Lead Works, I offered them some at £20 per Fo[dde]r which price they refused & rather than they should get it elsewhere, I agreed to let them have 5 or 600 p[ie]ce[s] a Week at the next price we sell for the London Mark[e]t. Mr Fishwick assured me that he has purchased small q[ua]ntities of Com[m]on Lead from £18-5s to £18-10s per Fo[dde]r & had refused a q[ua]ntity at £19 per Fo[dde]r. about 2000 p[ie]ce[s] was sold at Chester at lately for £18-15 <...> is at that place £48 more than ours - The East India Company have not yet contracted for the Lead the[y] send out the next Year, but I am told they have Contracted for 2700 T[on]s of Copper wch is much the largest quantity they ever sent & I wish it may not in some degree lessen their demand for Lead - I was concerned to hear of poor John Hawdons Death.

14 Jul 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augus[tu]s Browne Esq
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 14th July 1789

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Eden Ridley & Co at One Month dated this day for £500 on Sir Thos Blackett's Accot which I doubt not you will duly honor

I am etc J.E.B

16 Jul 1789 Joshua Straker to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton
Near Wakefield Yorkshire

NewC: 16th July 1789

Dear Sir Mr Blackett desires me to send you the Inclosed Bill drawn by Sir J Eden & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2500 on Sir Thos Blackett's Account __ Please to acknowledge the receipt of the same & say when we may expect your Son at this Place. I am etc J.S.

£2500 Newcastle Bank 16th July 1789
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esq Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Summer & Co
Thos Gibson
No 14955 London Pay the Contents to the
Order of Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Value in Acct Jno E Blackett

16 Jul 1789 Joshua Straker to George Hutchinson

Mr Geo. Hutchinson
Stockton

Newcastle 16th July 1789

Sir Mr Blackett will be much Obliged by you letting him know the State of your Market at this time for Lead __ There is little or no Demand here at present for that Article, the last Mr B Sold was at £21-10 per Fo[dde]r but some has been sold so low as £20 per Fo[dde]r and it is fear'd that it will be lower I am etc I.S.

14 Aug 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

To Richard Master Esq & Co
Bankers London

NewC 14th Aug 1789

Gentlemen Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Messrs Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £212-10-; being for one Quarters Composition Rent for Weardale Lott Ore due the 11th ins[an]t to The Lord Bishop of

Durham from Sir Thos Blackett Bart __ please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill,
and send me the usual Receipt. I am etc J.E.B

£212-10s Newcastle Bank 14th Augt 1789
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq Two hundred
& Twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 15115 London Pay the Contents to the Order
of Richd Master Esq & Co Value in Acct with the
Lord Bishop of Durham John E Blackett

9 Sep 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esq Foster Lane NCastle 9th Sepr 1789
London

Sir On the 3rd ins[tan]t I sent you by Jno & Jas Jackson the London Carr[ie]rs a Piece
fine Silver Containing 1244 Ounces, which I desire that you will place to Acct with Sir
Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett price advising me on your Receipt of it
I am etc J.E.B

15 Sep 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Newcastle 15th Septem 1789
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Sir Inclosed you will receive a bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at
One Month dated this day for £2500 on Acct of Sir Thomas. Blackett Bart pleas[e] to
acknowledge the Receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

£2500 Newcastle Bank 15th Septem 1789
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq
Two Thousand five Hundred Pounds Value received
For Sir J. Eden Sir M W. Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Summer & Co
Thos Gibson
No 15299 London Endorsed to Sir T Blackett Bart

18 Oct 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Lockwood Russell & Parkinson

Messrs Lockwood Russell & Parkinson
Southwark London

Newcastle 18th Octor 1789

Gentlen Your favour of the 17th ins[tan]t I duly received & observe what you say respect[ing] the disposing of Lead at your Markett, I have already made a considerable Sale to the London dealers but should I hereafter make any alteration in our present mode of Sale you shall hear from me on the Subject
I am etc J.E.B.

23 Oct 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

To Sir Thomas Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 23th Octor 1789

Dear Sir I postponed writing to you until I could give you some Account of a Sale of Lead & I wish that I had it in my power to give you a more pleasing one. I had made the London Buyers an offer of 36000 p[iece]s at £18 per Fo[dde]r which they refused & offer'd me at £17 per Fo[dde]r this Price I could not think of accepting & accordingly made application to the Lead Company, Messrs Wilkinson of Chesterfield & some persons at Stockton in hope of obtaining £18 per Fo[dde]r in w[hi]ch we should certainly have succeeded had the Lead Company been steady, but they sold 24000 p[iece]s of Ref[ine]d Lead to the London Buyers at £17 per Fo[dde]r to be paid for in Six Months by Bills at 2 Months date, this laid me under a necessity of accepting a fresh offer they made me for 24000 p[iece]s one half refined the other Common at £17 per Fo[dde]r to be paid for the 1st March & 1st April in Bills at 2 Months they would not purchase a large Quantity apprehending that the price of Lead will be lower, which indeed I fear will be the case, this parcel they bought of the Lead Company with a large Quantity they had purchased at Chester & some at Stockton enabled them to fulfil the Contract that they had made with the East India Company & likewise supplied them for some time __ the demand for abroad at present is trifling, nor indeed is there at this time any prospect of it being much better in the Spring, the confusion in France & the appearance of things in Flanders afford us very little prospect of any considerable demand from those Quarters, the War which the Swedes & Danes are engaged in we are well assured will prevent them sending any Lead to China the next spring, these Considerations (with the large Quantity which is at present at Market and the small demand that there has of late been for Lead, owing to the former very high price & the consequent use made of Copper) induced me to accept of the offers made me by the London Buyers who I have every reason to believe are now perfectly united __
Lancaster & Co is to have £8000 p[iece]s Walke> & Co 6000 p[iece]s Freeman 5000 p[iece]s & Preston 5000 p[iece]s
I am etc J.E.B.

8 Nov 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

NewC 8th Novem 1789

Sir I wrote to you of the 23rd ult informing you of the Sale I had made of 24,000 p[iece]s of lead since which I have only sold 150 Casks Lith[ar]ge at £18 per Ton, I much fear that Lead is on the dropt , & I shall be under the necessity of reducing the price of the next large quantity I sell for the London Market __ I send you inclos'd Eden Ridley & Co Bill on Castell & Co dated the 6th ins[tan]t at a Month for £2500 the rec[eip]t of which please to acknowledge I am etc J.E.B

£2500

Newcastle Bank 6th Novem 1789

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq
Two Thousand five Hundred Pounds Value Recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Summer & Co
Thos Gibson
No 15592 London John E Blackett

20 Nov 1789 Joshua Straker to James Norton

Mr James Norton
Yarmouth

Newcastle 20 Novr 1789

Sir Mr Blackett desires me to acquaint you that he has Shiped, according to your Order 100 p[iece]s Lead on board the Neptune of Yarmouth Capt I Lamb the Ship is now cleared & ready to Sail & inclosed you have a Bill of parcels of the Lead I am etc I.S

25 Nov 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esq
London

Newcastle 25th Novem 1789

Sir I have this day sent you by Jno & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece fine Silver Containing 1353 1/2 Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett price advising me on your Reciept of it
I am etc J.E.B

12 Dec 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 12th Decemr 1789

Dear Sir

I received your favor of the 20th ulto & have accordingly subscribed for you Twenty Guineas to be applied towards the relief of the distressed Families of the unfortunate Seamen who perished in the late Storm for which the Charity is much obliged to you the Subscriptions we expect will Amount to £2000. I have been disappointed of seeing Mr Blackett of Wylam both at Alnwick & this place, but I have wrote to him about the straw Bonnetts etc__I[n] a former letter I acquainted you that the London Lead dealers had enter'd into a kind of Combination for the purpose of reducing the price of Lead, Mr Walkers Partner, Mr Fishwick, was at the head of it & the occasion of its taking place when the last Sale was made; On Saturday the 5th ins[tan]t he & Doctor Hall separately applied to me & made the Offer of taking all your Lead at Blaydon at £16 per Fodder Payable in July & August next in Bills at 2 Mo[nth]s date; at the same time acquainting me that a large Sale was made at Stockton at £17 & since that at £16-10- w[hi]ch in our Fodder is equal to £16-4-6 & £15-15-'

I refused their Offer & told them that neither the Price not time of payment would be accepted off, but made them an offer of £2,000 at £16-10- per Fodder (to be paid for at the usual times) provided the other two Houses of Freeman & Preston came in for their proportion they promised me to write to London & give me their Answer as soon as possible. As I was desirous of breaking this Combination this Combination I acquainted Mr C Blackett that he might inform his Friends Freeman & Preston with the <Offers> made me by Dr Hall & Mr Fishwick, he wrote Messrs F & P who thought themselves very ill used & have by this Post offered me £16-5- for 20000 p[ie]ce[s] half ref[ine]d & half Com[m]on to be paid for in March & April __ Yesterday Mr Fishwick call[e]d on me, I offered him & the other Houses 24,000 p[ie]ce[s] on those terms but he not having a Power to conclude the business, I thought it for your Interest to accept of Mr C Blacket's Offer for Mr Freeman & Mr Preston The Lead is Sold on much better terms than that at Stockton & I hope that the Combination amongst the buyers is broken through __ I have been the more particular in this transaction that you may be prepared in case of any application being made to you by Mr Walker of Mr Lancaster on the business. I hope that what has been done will meet with your approbation
I am etc J.E.B

12 Dec 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson
Chesterfield

Newcastle 12th Decem 1789

Gentn I beg leave to acquaint you that a short time ago I had an offer from two of the London Houses for all the Lead that I had to dispose of at this time, the Price £16 per Fodder, but the time of Payment so long that I could not by any means accept of their Offer __ Since which I have sold to Messrs F & P 20000 p[iece]s one half ref[ine]d the other Com[m]on at £16-5- per Fodder & to be paid for all at the usual times of Payment __ I shall make no more Sales for the London Market 'till late in the Spring & hope by that time that the Price may advance __ I shall be obliged by your letting me know the state of your Market at present. I am etc J.E.B

15 Dec 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augus[tu]s Browne Esq
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 15th Decem 1789

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Messrs Eden Ridley & Co at 30 days dated this day for £970-7-11 being the Balance of your Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bartt & which I doubt not you will duly honor __ In the course of this month I shall send you a piece of Silver & are etc J.E.B

17 Dec 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson Cinderhill

NewC 17th Dec 1789

Sir I received your Letter the 10th ins[tan]t & observe that you have sent a pack of Hides to Mr Forster at Allenheads for the Use of Sir Thos Blackett Bt Lead Mines there, & Inclos'd I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month the dated this day for £35-11-6 being the Amount of your Bill for the same __ Please to advise me on your Rec[eip]t of the Bill I am etc J.E.B

£35-11-6

Newcastle Bank 17th Decem 1789

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq Thirty five Pounds eleven Shillings & Ninepence Value Rec[eiv]ed

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Summer & Co
Thos Gibson

No 13838

London

John E Blackett

18 Dec 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Luke Noble

Mr Luke Noble Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 18th Decem 1789

Sir I am favored with your letter of the 15th ins[tan]t informing me that Sir Thos Blackett had sent Mr Wilson & myself each a Roll of Brawn, for which we are much obliged to him it is not yet arrived but we expect that it may come this day __ Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at one Month dated this day for £2500 on Sir Thomas Blacketts Account, the Reciept of which you will Please to acknowledge acquaint[in]g Sir Thos with the same I am etc J.E.B

£2500

Newcastle Bank 18th Decem 1789

One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esq Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Value Recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Summer & Co

Thos Gibson

No 15812

London

John E Blackett

19 Dec 1789 Joshua Straker to James Norton

Mr James Norton

Newcastle 19 Dec 1789

Yarmouth

Sir I wrote to you the 20th Ulto inclosing you an Acct of the Lead that we have sent you, since which I have paid 10s-10d for Waterage & Sufferance which must necessarily be added to the Amount of the Lead, which you have below __ Mr Blackett desires me to acquaint you that he recie[ve]d your Letter of the 1st ins[tan]t & as to the payment he says if you remit him a Bill, at 49 days, sometime in the beginning or middle of next Month it will be according to the usual time of payment I am etc I.S.

100p[iece]s Lead <as per> Acc[oun]t sent 130- 7-10

Waterage & Sufferance of the same 10-10

£130-18- 8

28 Dec 1789 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esq
at Foster lane London

Newcastle 28th Decem 1789

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 22nd ins[tan]t & am sorry to find that I had made a mistake in drawing a Bill on you the 15th ins[tan]t, and have now according to your desire drawn another which will be sent to Castell & Co by their friends here, who will give direction for the other to be returned to me __ On Wednesday next I shall send you by the London Carrier a Piece fine Silver Containing Fourteen Hundred & Sixty four Ounces & a half which I desire you will place to Accot with Sir Thos Blackett as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Receipt of it I am etc J.E.

2 Jan 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 2nd Jany 1790

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 24th Ult[im]o was delivered to me by Mr Bell & I had some conversation with him & Mr Forster on the subject of your letter After the conversation that you have had with them & what I have wrote to you on this matter it is needless for me to say any thing more on the subject.

I observe that you are desirous of becoming the purchaser of the whole moiety of the Partn[er]s[hi]p Mines provided it may be had at a Sum not exceeding £2000 but that you will have the whole or no part _ As the Mines were by this Advertisement to be put up in Six Lots your Agents could not with propriety according to your directions bid for the Lots separate which I had told Mr Wren the Agent for the Bacon family, he has wrote for further instructions & unless the whole is put up together I do not se[e] that any person for you can take upon himself to make an offer; Mr Bell has wrote a letter to the Gent[leme]n of the Lead Co (who came down to bid for these Mines) to acquaint them that on your having more full information you had come to a resolution of purchasing the whole moiety provided it came within what you thought to be the Value.

These Gent[leme]n will certainly attend the Sale & after what you said to them I fear that they will not think themselves well treated. I am etc J.E.B

13 Jan 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Master & Co Bankers London

NCastle 13th Jany 1790

£212-10- Newcastle Bank 13th Jany 1790
 Fourteen Days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
 Two Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
 For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
 To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
 No 15983 London Pay the Contents to the
 Order of Richd Masters Esq & Co
 Value in Acct with the Lord Bishop of Durham
 Jno E Blackett

Messs Isaac & John Wilkinson
Chesterfield

2 Feb 1790 **Joshua Straker**
[Note: File note]

10 Feb 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 10th Feby 1790

Sir I have this day sent you by Thos Jennings the London Carrier a Piece of fine Silver Containing 1422 Ounces which I desire you will place to Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett price and advise me on your Reciept of it I am etc J.E.B

26 Feb 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Master Esq & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 26th Feby 1790

Gentln Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for Two Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings being One Quarters Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due from Sir Thos Blackett Bart to the Lord Bishop of Durham 11th ins[tan]t.

Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & send me the usual Receipt.

I am etc J.E.B

£212-10-

Newcastle Bank 26th Feby 1790

One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esqr Two Hundred & Twelve Pou[n]ds Ten Shillings

Value recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

No 16266 London

Pay the Contents to the Order of Richd

Master Esq & Co Value in Acct with B[isho]p of Durham

John E Blackett

26 Feb 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Goslings
Fleet Street London

Newcastle 26th Feby 1790

Gentn By desire of the Revd Mr Harding I enclose you a Bill drawn by Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for One Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings which you'll place to his Credit acquainting him with the same & advising me on your Receipt of the Bill I am etc J.E.B

£112-10- Newcastle Bank 26th Feby 1790
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 16267 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Messrs
Gosling Value in Accot with The
Revd Henry Hardinge John E Blackett

26 Feb 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd Mr Hardinge Newcastle 26th Feby 1790
Bradbourne Place Sevenoaks Kent

Sir I received your letter of the 22d ins[tan]t & agreeable to your Request I have by this Post remitted to Messrs Gosling a Bill for £112-10 being for One Quarters Composition for your Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due from Sir Thomas Blackett Bart the 19th ins[tan]t for w[hi]ch please to send me your Receipt as usual _ As it will be more convenient to you to have the Quarterly payments remitted to Messrs Gosling while you remain in the South it shall be done I am etc J.E.B

26 Feb 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble Newcastle 26th Feby 1790
Bretton Yorkshire

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 the Receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge

As the Plate of Silver is to be sent to London it must be packed in a Box & directed for Augustus Browne Esqr Foster Lane London, the carriage must be paid & a receipt taken from the Proprietor of the Waggon or the Bookkeeper agreeable to that annex'd, it will be necessary that you should advise Mr Browne of it being sent, he will acknowledge the Receipt of it acquainting you with the Weight, Price & amount of it, in which he may be depended on; I expect that the Price will be 5s 7 1/4 d per Oz the same that was allowed for the last plate sent to Mr Browne the 10th ins[tan]t.

As Sir Thos Blackett will have occasion for a remittance to London it may suit him to receive it of Mr Browne as he may want it.

Seven Casks of Lead Fume agreeable to Mr Tweedale's direction are ready to be sent in the first Vessel for Hull I am etc J.E.B

£2000 Newcastle Bank 26th Feby 1790
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John E. Blackett Esqr
Two Thousand Pounds Value Received
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 16265 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir
Thos. Blackett Bart Value in Account
John E Blackett

10 Mar 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr Newcastle 10th March 1790
Foster Lane London

Sir I have this day sent you by John & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing One Thousand & Forty One Ounces which I desire that you will place to Accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market price and advise me on your Reciept of it _ Sir Thomas will send you a Piece of Silver which he has had some time at his house in Yorkshire, and I desire you will allow him the best Price for it, & as he will be in London in a short time he will receive the Money for this Piece himself I am etc J.E.B

13 Mar 1790 Joshua Straker to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble Newcastle 13th March 1790
Bretton Yorkshire

D[ea]r Sir Mr Blackett has by this a letter from Mr Browne of London acquainting him that he had received the Piece of Silver that you sent him, at the same time requesting that you might be informed of his having received it _ Sir Thomas has called upon him & told him if he should have occasion for any money while he was in London that he wo[ul]d draw on him, the Weight & price you have below
I am etc J.S

a P[iec]e Silver q[uan]ty 1680 @5/7 1/2 _ 472-10-

16 Mar 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to William Chapman

Mr William Chapman Engineer Newcastle March 16th 1790

Naas Ireland

Sir

I yesterday received your letter of the 9th ins[tan]t the Contents of which surprises me not a little _ I believe that I may have rece[ive]d a letter from you the beginning of Feby when I was in Yorkshire w[hi]ch I did not think necessary to answer at that time not having the most distant Idea of ever being concerned in Lead or copper Mines, even in this Country where I might have the Advantage of the advice & assistance of the most skilful persons of Character _ I should have much less inducement to enter into engagements of the kind at a distance & w[i]th Persons that I am totally unconnected with etc etc neither have I ever given the least encouragement to the person that you mention

As to John Lawson he is a stranger to me but I am informed that he worked in Sir Thos Blacketts Lead Mines some years since, from his letter to me I judged him to be not perfectly sane & I am satisfied that I should have been thought so had I been concerned with him in the Undertaking that he proposed.

I must again repeat to you that John Lawson is a perfect Stranger to me & that his saying that he was employed by a Company in which I was Partner is a very great Fals[e]hood
I am etc J.E.B

16 Mar 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to George Hutchinson

Mr Geo: Hutchinson Stockton

Newcastle 16th March 1790

Sir Mr Blackett is informed that 4 or 5000 p[iece]s Lead have been Sold at your Market & will be much obliged by your letting him Know by return of Post what Price such Lead was sold at, & the state of your Market at present _ Lead is now selling here at £16-10 & 17 per Fo[dde]r.
I am etc J.S

17 Mar 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 17th March 1790

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing Twelve Hundred & Eighty Ounces which I desire that you will place to Accot with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market price and advise me on your Receipt of it

I received your letter advising me of the Weight & Price of the Piece of Silver that Sir Thomas sent you from Yorkshire & I must request that you will place it to a

separate Accot & pat Sir Thos the Amount of it, otherwise it will confuse my Accot with you I am etc J.E.B

25 Mar 1790 Joshua Straker to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs Wheeldon, Webster & Wheeldon
Derby

Newcastle 25th Mar 1790

Gentn Mr Blackett desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d ins[tan]t & to inform you that the Price of Litharge is £17 per Ton exclusive of the expence of Shipping etc w[hi]ch is always paid by the buyer, if you wish to buy the Q[uan]ti]ty you mention Mr B will Ship it for you to Hull or Gainsbro'
I am etc J.S

10 Apr 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richard Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 10th April 1790

Dear Sir

Since I wrote to you on Monday the run on the four Banks was so very great that they were under a Necessity of stopping Payment Yesterday Morning a Meeting of the Gentlemn Merchts & Tradesmen was immediately held for the purpose of taking this very serious Matter into Considera[tio]n, a Committee was appointed which had a Conference with the Proprietors of the four Banks when they laid before us a fair & explicid state of their Affairs the result of which afforded us the greatest Satisfaction for it appear[e]d that the Notes in Circulation at this Time of these four Banks does not exceed the Sum of £230,000 & that the Effects of these four Banks far exceeds that Sum exclusive of their private Property Real & Personal which they made an Offer of Assigning over to Trustees as a further Security to the Publick which Offer was accepted of, I was detained at the Committee till past one oClock this Morning drawing up our Report to be laid before a General Meeting this Morning which prevented me writing to you by the last post; There was a very numerous Meeting & the Report gave them the highest Satisfaction & Pleasure & Subscription was immediately entered into as a Guarantee to the several holders of the Notes amounting to £230,000 & in a few Hours the Sum of £ was Subscribed, this has already had a wonderful Good Effect & I have no doubt that Confidence & Credit will be in a very few days be restored to the Country & that Surtees & Burdon & Ridley Cookson & Cos Banks be opened early next Week & very probably the other two Banks; Sir M.W.Ridley Mr Burdon Mr Brandling are on the Road down & after their arrival there will be a General Meeting of the Gentlemn Merchts & Co of this place & the Neighbourhood for the purpose of taking this Matter into further Consideration, The Agreement entered into by of the Gentln

Merchts & Co of this place & Neighbourhood to take the Notes of the four Banks in Payment has been signed by vast Numbers & I believe will be almost General.

How far we may be under the very disagreeable Necessity of Postponing the Lead pay for a Fortnight or a Month owing to this very unfortunate Affair I cannot at present be a Judge of, but what Money there will be an occasion for it will be necessary that Messrs Ransom Morland & Co should send by the Waggon from London & possible there may be occasion for London Bank Notes but I hope before that Time that those of this Place may pass currently.

When the Report of the Committee and the Subscription is published it shall be sent you & you shall hear further from me. I am etc J.E.B

13 Apr 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augus[tu]s Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 13th April 1790

Sir As I am now about making Sir Thos Blacketts Lead Mine Pays I have drawn a Bill on you for the balance of your accot with him, being £1462-18-8, the Bill is made payable to Messrs Eden Ridley & Co at 30 days dated this day, and which I doubt not that you will duly honor - In the course of this month I shall send you a Piece of Silver & am etc J.E.B

20 Apr 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 20th Apr: 1790

Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at 30 days dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thomas Blackett's Accot as Sir Thos is from home I have made it payable to you -

Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

£2000 Newcastle Bank 20th April 1790

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John

Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand Pounds

Value Received

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

No 16614 London

Pay the Contents to the Order of Mr Richard

Noble Value in Accot with Sir Thomas

Blackett Bart John E Blackett

3 May 1790 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 3rd May 1790

Sir By Mr Blackett's Order I sent you on Wednesday last the 28th Ult[im]o by Jno & [James] Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing Thirteen Hundred & fifteen Ounces & a half which I desire that you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett Price and advise Mr B upon your Receipt of it I am etc J.S

4 May 1790 Joshua Straker to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs Wheeldon, Webster & Wheeldon
Derby

Newcastle 4th May 1790

Gentn On the 28th Ult[im]o I shipped for you on board the W[illia]m & Ann of Gainsbro' Capt Johnson, 16 Casks of Litharge Containing 5 Tons according to your Order, the Contrary Winds prevented it being sent you sooner on the other side you have an Invoice of the Litharge & Charges exclusive of the Freight, which is agreed for w[i]th the Capt 8s per Fodder. Mr Blackett desires that on your Receipt of the Litharge, you will send him a Bill on London at 40 Days date for the Amount of the same _ Litharge is now selling at £17-10s per Ton in Quantities of 100 Casks together. I am etc J.S

Messrs Wheeldon, Webster & Wheeldon To Sir Thos Blackett Bart D[raw]n

1790 April 28th For 5 Ton of Litharge at 17 per Ton	85 - -
<Wherry hire > & Sufferance	8 6
	£85 8 6

12 May 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Master Esqr & Co

NC 12 May 1790

Gentlemen Inclos'd you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this Day for £212-10; being Three Months Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due from Sir Thos Blackett Bart to the Lord Bishop of Durham, the 11th ins[tan]t _ Please to acknowledge the Rec[eip]t of the Bill & send me the usual Receipt. I am etc J.E.B

£212-10- Newcastle Bank 12 May 1790
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two
Hundred & Twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 16786 London Pay the Contents to the Order of
Richd Master Esqr & Co Value in Acct
with the Lord Bishop of Durham
John E Blackett

12 May 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling NC May 12th 1790
Fleet Street London

Gentlemn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley on Castell & Co at
One Month dated this day for £112-10- ; being Three Months Composition Rent for the
Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 19th ins[tan]t from Sir Thos Blackett Bart to
the Revd Mr Hardinge, as Rector of Stanhope _ Please to Advise me on your Receiving
the Bill & likewise send me a Rec[eip]t for the same I am etc J.E.B

£112-10- NewC Bank 12 May 1790
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 16787 London Pay the Contents to the Order
of Messrs Goslings Value in Acct
22 May 1790 John Erasmus Blackett

£2000 Newcastle Bank 22nd May 1790
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John E. Blackett Esqr
Two Thousand Pounds Value Recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 16857 London This Bill sent to Sir Thos Blackett Bart in London

13 Jul 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Lockwood & Parkinson

To Messrs Lockwood & Parkinson
Merchants No 291 Borough London

NewC: 13th July 1790

Sirs

By Sir Thos. Blackett's direction I inclose you Eden Ridley & Cos Bill on Castell & Co of this Date at a Month for £6000 on his Acct the Rec[eip]t of which you will pleased to acknowledge

When you let me know what further Sum is to be Paid to you on Sir Thos. Blackett's Acct I will remit you a Bill for the same. I am etc J.E.B

£6000

Newcastle Bank 13th July 1790

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus

Blackett Esqr Six Thousand Pounds

Value Recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas Wilkinson

No 17167 London

Pay the Contents

to the Order of Messrs Lockwood & Parkinson value
in Acct with Sir Thos. Blackett Bart

John E Blackett

21 Jul 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 21st July 1790

Sir I have this day sent you by Jno & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing 1385Ounces which I desire that you will place to Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett Price and advise me on your Rec[eip]t of it.
I am etc J.E.B

7 Aug 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richard Noble Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle Augt 7th 1790

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Acct, the Reciept of which you will please to acknowledge & acquaint Sir Thos with the same I am etc J.E.B

£2000 Newcastle Bank 7 August 1790
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John. Erasmus Blackett
Esqr Two Thousand Pounds Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 17307 London Pay the Contents to the
Order of Sir Thos. Blackett Bart
value in Acct J E Blackett

9 Aug 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Masters Esqr & Co Newcastle 9th Augt 1790
Bankers London

Gentlemn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at one Month dated this day for £212-10-; being Three Months Composition Rent for the Lot Ore in Weardale Lead Mines due from Sir Thos Blackett Bart to the Lord Bishop of Durham the 11th ins[tan]t.__ Please to acknowledge the Reciept of the Bill & send me the usual Reciept. I am etc J.E.B

£212-10- Newcastle Bank 9th Augt 1790
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Two Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings
Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 17339 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Richd
Masters Esqr & Co value in
Acct with the Lord Bishop of Durham J E Blackett

9 Aug 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Goslings Fleet Street London Newcastle 9th Augt 1790

Gentn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £112-10- ; being Three Months Composition Rent of Weardale Lead Mines due the 19th ins[tan]t from Sir Thos Blackett Bart to The Revd Mr Hardinge as Rector of Stanhope. Please to advise me on your recieving the Bill & likewise send me the usual Receipt for the same. I am etc J.E.B

£112-10- Newcastle Bank 9th Augt 1790
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 17340 London Pay the Contents to the
Order of Messrs Goslings value in
Acct with The Revd Mr Hardinge J E Blackett

6 Sep 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr Newcastle 6th Sepr 1790
Foster Lane London

Sir

On Wednesday last I sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a piece fine Silver Containing 1331Ounces which I desire you will place to Acct with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett price & advise me on your Reciept of it.

I am etc J.E.B

N.B. I shall send you by the Carrier tomorrow another piece fine Silver containing 2169 1/2 Ounces & hope you will allow me the best price for both pieces I am informed the Commissrs of Greenwich Hospital got 5s 8d per Ounce for the last piece they sold

10 Sep 1790 Joshua Straker to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson Newcastle 10th Sepr 1790
Chesterfield

Gentlemn Mr Blackett was duly favoured with your Letter of the 7th ins[ta]nt & desires me to inform you that he has not sold any more Lead for the London Markett since I wrote you on 26th Ult[im]o but has made an Offer of 10,000 or 12000 Pieces, at the Prices he had before sold at, & has not the least doubt but the Offer will be accepted of; at the same Time he can supply you with 3000 Pieces of Refin'd Lead at £17 per Fo[dder] as you desire & at the Expiration of one Month, from the Time of the Agreement for the Lead, will take your Draft at Three Months for the Amount of the same _ If you have no Correspondent here for to Ship the Lead for you, we will serve you in that but you will have to pay the Expence in Shipping as it is the custom at this Port for the Buyer to be at that Expence _ Mr Blackett desires your Answ[er] in course

& likewise directions as to the Shipping the Lead.
Yours etc J Straker

I am for J E Blackett Esqr

18 Sep 1790 Joshua Straker to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson

Newcastle 18th Septemr 1790

To Sir Thomas Blackett Bart Dr

For 3000 P[iece]s Refin[e]d Lead q[uantit]y 4487Cwt < q> 7lb at £17 per F[odde]r per
21 per Cwt 3632-7-8

Gentlemn Mr Blackett was duly favour'd with your Letter of the 13th ins[tan]t informing him that you accept of 3000 p[iece]s of Lead at £17 per Fo[dde]r & above you have the Invoice for the same which is weighed off for you & shall Ship it when we have your directions. At the End of a Month or Six Weeks you will please to give Mr Blackett your Draft at 3 Months for the Amount as it will be more agreeable to him to be paid in this way than to allow any thing for Prompt Payment. Mr Blackett has not as yet sold any more Lead, but is in hopes of selling a Quantity soon to Messrs Freeman & Preston & as soon as he makes that Sale he intends to advance the Price immediately
_ I am for J E Blackett Esqr Your's etc J Straker

1 Oct 1790 Joshua Straker to Thomas Blackett

1790 Octor 15th The above Bill was sent to Sir Thomas Blackett this day by
J.E.Blackett Esqr J.S

£2000

Newcastle Bank 15th Octor 1790

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand
Pounds Value Received

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
No 17740 London

Jas Wilkinson

Pay the Contents to the Order
of Sir Thos. Blackett Bart Value
in Accot John E Blackett

14 Oct 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

Mr Emm Bishop Auckland

Newcastle 14th Octor 1790

Sir In Novem. 1786 I was in treaty with Mr Dew for the exchange of Thomas Hepples life in the Lease of Weardale Lead Mines granted by the Lord Bishop of Durham to Sir Thomas Blackett _ Thomas Hepple was at that time 53 Years of Age & the Sum offer'd was £538-2-6 which Mr Dew had agreed to accept of, but being informed that Thos Hepple was in a bad state of health the agreement did not take place _ Thos Hepple is at this time in much better health will be 57 Years of Age in Novr next as appears by the Parish Register, & the two other lives in that Lease are in perfect health, Certificates of w[hi]ch can be provided _ Sir Thomas Blackett makes an offer of the same Sum for the exchange of Hepples life, should these terms meet with the approbation of his Lordship my Clerk shall wait on you at Auckland with the Lease _ Hepple resides in this place & may be seen by any person that you may think proper to send, Certificates of John Trevelyan Esqr & Depledge being living & in health will be procured _ Please to favour me with your Answer I am etc J.E.B

15 Oct 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 15th Octor 1790

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 7th ins[tan]t to w[hi]ch I refer you _ I now inclose you Eden Ridley & Cos Bill on Castell & Co of this date at a Month for £2000. The Receipt of w[hi]ch please to acknow[led]ge _ next month I shall make you a further remittance

You may remember that in 1786 we were in treaty with the late B[isho]p of Durham for the exchange of Thos Hepple's life in the Lease of Weardale Lead Mines the B[isho]ps' Agent agreed to accept of £538-2-6 for the same but being informed that Hepple was in a bad state of health the Agreement did not take place & the B[isho]p died soon after _ Hepple will be 57 Yrs of Age in Novr next, his health is declining & you pay for his Board & Lodgings about £23 per Y[ea]r & 5 per Cent for £250 of his money that you have in your hands _ As the B[isho]p of Durham is in a very dangerous way & its thought he cannot recover, it certainly will be adviseable for you to get Hepples life exchanged, as its likely to be done at this time on much more reasonable terms than hereafter by the B[isho]p that may succeed to the See of Durham, & in case of Hepples death £1400 at least will be demanded for the renewal of a life _ Should this meet with your approbation I will immediately enter into treaty with the B[isho]p for the exchange of Hepples life, in w[hi]ch case it will be necessary that a Certificate should be sent to me that Jonn Depledge (one of the lives in the Lease) is living & in health, w[hi]ch Certificate should be signed by the Minister of the parish & by a Physician or Surgeon, I shall procure the like of Mr John Trevelyan, the other life; it will likewise be necessary that you should be prepared with the Name age & place of residence of such person who you may think proper to put in as a life in the name of Thos Hepple _ Would not one of Mr Wilsons Sons be a good life? They are very

healthy lads _ Should the B[isho]p demand a larger Sum not exceeding £700 I should think it advisable to agree with him: I mention this to prevent any time being lost in the concluding this business I am etc J.E.B

23 Oct 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

Willm Emm Esqr
Auckland Castle

Newcastle 23rd Octor 1790

D[ea]r Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 21st ins[an]t & observe that you are of opinion that the Lord Bishop of Durham will not accept of the terms that I offer'd for the exchange of a life in the Lease of Weardale Lead Mines to Sir Thos Blackett but will expect [£]74 in addition to the old terms _ I really do not see any good reason for that advance but to shew you that I will not be the means of preventing this matter taking place I am willing to give 600 Guineas for the exchange of Thomas Hepples life for that of Charles Wilson of this place, should this offer meet with the approbation of his Lordship, on your informing me I will send the Lease to you that the business may be settled , but in case of his Lordships disapprobation of the terms there is an end of the business I am etc J.E.B

29 Oct 1790 Joshua Straker to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson
Chesterfield

Newcastle 29th Octor 1790

Gentlemn Mr Blackett received your Letter the 21st ins[tan]t desiring us to Ship 600 Pieces of Lead on board the new Vessel that I mentioned to you in my last letter; that Ship is not yet ready & I find that it will be three Weeks longer before she can sail, but another Vessel (equally good) is now loading here for Rotterdam (The Sarah of Sunderland Captn John Richardson) & I have engaged her to take 600 Pieces of Lead on your Accot, she will be ready to Sail in the course of next Week _ should you wish to have any more sent when the new Vessel sails please inform us I am for J
E Blackett Esqr J.S

8 Nov 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richard Noble Bretton
Yorkshire

Newcastle 8th Nov 1790

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Acct, the Rec[ei]pt of which you will please to acknowledge _ In a Post or two I shall write to Sir Thomas & acquaint him as to the business being settled with the Bishop of Durham
I am etc J.E.B

£2000	Newcastle Bank 26th Nov 1790
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus	
Blackett Esqr Two Thousand Pounds	Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co	
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson
No 17918 London	Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos
	Blackett Bart Value in Acct J.E.B

12 Nov 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thomas Blackett Bart Bretton	Newcastle Nov 12th 1790
Yorkshire	

Dear Sir I have the pleasure of informing you that the whole business of the exchange of Thomas Hepple's Life for that of Charles Wilson's is compleatly finished & Livery of Siezen given on Wednesday 3rd ins[tan]t at w[hi]ch Time the Bishop of Durham was living, the Leases have accordingly been Regestered in the Bishops Court at Durham & £630 p[ai]d to him for the same _ The allowance of 8s 6d per Week to Thos Hepple will of course cease & notice will be given him of your paying in the £270 that you have of his at 5 per Cent but if you have no objection I wo[ul]d beg leave to recommend that the Allowance be continued until the End of Decr that he may have Time to provide for himself. On 7th instant I remitted a bill for £2000 to Mr Noble on your Acct
I am etc J.E.B

18 Nov 1790 Joshua Straker to Robert Twiss

Robt Twiss Esqr	Newcastle 18th Nov 1790
Rotterdam	

Sir Inclosed I send you a Bill of Lading of 600 P[ie]ce[s] Lead which are consigned to you by Order of Messrs Isaac & Jno Wilkinson of Chesterfield & which I hope will come safe, shall likewise send you 600 pieces more by their Order in the Prince of Orange Captn Fothergill which will be ready to Sail in the course of a Week & shall

send you a Bill of Lading either by the Ship or by Post I am for J E B Esqr Yours
etc J.S

22 Nov 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr London Newcastle 22nd Nov 1790

Sir I have this day drawn a bill on you Payable to the Order of Eden Ridley & Co at Thirty days dated this day for £1000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Acct which I doubt not you will duly honor.

On Wednesday next I shall send you by the London Carr[ier]s a Piece fine Silver containing 979 Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Reciept of it

I am etc J.E.B

27 Nov 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon Derby Newcastle 27th Nov 1790

Gentlemn As you have not sent me a Bill for the five Tons of Litharge which I sold you in April last, I desire that you may remit me a Bill at a short Date for the Amount of the same w[hi]ch with the charges of Shipping is £85-8-6 _ I am now selling Litharge at £17-10 per Ton & I have charged you only £17 being a ready Money Price

I am etc J.E.B

3 Dec 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson Newcastle 3rd Decem 1790
Chesterfield

Gentn The New Vessel which I informed you would sail from this Port to Rotterdam about this time is now ready to take in her loading, but the Owner informs me that she will not sail untill the new Year comes in as she would have to pay double Lastage were she to go to Holland before that time _ We shall ship you 600 p[ie]ce[s] Lead as you desire, w[ith]er in her or the first good ship that sails from here to Rotterdam if we hear nothing from you to the contrary I am etc J.E.B

4 Dec 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Bankers
Fleet Street London

Newcastle 4th Decem 1790

Gentln Inclosed you will recieve a bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on
Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £112-10- ; being One Quart[e]rs
Compos[iti]o[n] Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due to the 19th Novr last
to The Revd Heny Hardinge as Rector of Stanhope from Sir Thomas Blackett Bart _
Please to advise me on your Reciept of the Bill & send me the usual Reciept.
I am Gentlm yours etc J.E.B

£112-10-

Newcastle Bank 4th Decr 1790

One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr One Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings
Value recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 18137 London John E Blackett

4 Dec 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Masters Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 4th Decr 1790

Gentn Inclos'd you will recieve a bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at
One Month dated this day for £212-10-; to pay one Quarters Compo[siti]o[n] Rent for the
Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due to the Bishop of Durham from Sir Thos Blackett
Bart the 11th Novr last.__ Please to advise on your Rec[eip]t of the bill and send me
your usual Reciept. I am etc J.E.B

£212-10-

Newcastle Bank 4th Decr 1790

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Hundred &
twelve Pounds ten Shillings
Value recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 18136 London Pay the Contents to the Order
of Richd Masters Esqr & Co Value
in Acct w[i]th the Lord Bishop of Durham
John E Blackett

15 Dec 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

N.B. This Bill sent to Sir Thos Blackett by Mr Bell

£2000	Newcastle Bank 15th Decemr 1790
One Month after date pay to the Order of John	
Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand Pounds	Value Recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co	
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson
London	

Sir Thos Blackett Bart	Newcastle 15th Decemr 1790
Bretton Yorkshire	

Dear Sir Your letter of the 4th Instant was delivered to me by Messrs Cooper Narner & Masterman of the Lead Co. I was sorry to find that you have no thoughts of purchasing Bacons Moiety of the Partnership L[ead] Mines in Weardale; after what I had said in my former letters in accommendation of your having the whole of those Mines in your own hands it was needless for me to say any thing more on the subject, & as your Lead Agents declined setting a Value on those Mines I could not pretend to do it _ I did not attend the Sale but was inform'd that Bacons Agent on finding that you did not intend bidding (with the consent of Messrs Cooper etc) postpon'd the Sale until the next spring, the Lead Co engaging to attend the sale _ I had some conversation with Messrs Cooper & Co on this matter & find that they are very desirous of purchasing the Moiety in conjunction with you which they would prefer to having the whole Moiety themselves, as by that means they are more certain of working those Mines with them _ I must say that it was my wish that you had become the Owner of the whole, but as it did not meet with your approbation, & after what you have said to Messrs Cooper & Co I do not think that you can with propriety bid for the whole & I think that the only matter for your consideration at present is, whether you will in conjunction w[i]th the Lead Co purchase the Moiety or have nothing further to do with it _ Mr Ball & Mr Forster are well acquainted with this matter to whome I refer you for further information _ Inclosed I send you Eden Ridley & Cos Bill on Castell & Co at a Month for £2000 the Recept of which you will please to acknowledge

I am etc J.E.B

18 Dec 1790 Joshua Straker to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson	Newcastle 18th Dec 1790
Chesterfield	

Gentlemn I wrote to you on 3rd ins[tan]t to which I beg leave to refer you, since w[hi]ch Mr Blackett is favoured with yours of 4th ins[tan]t _ The New Ship that I mentioned to you is now taking in her loading for Rotterdam & will sail in the course of next Week if the Wind should answer, I shall ship you 600 P[iece]s on board her & I shall send the weight of this & the other 600 P[iece]s as soon as the latter is Shipped _ The Name of the New Vessel is The Prince of Orange of Newcastle Captn Fothergill, I mention this in case you think it necessary to insure the Lead
I am etc J.S

18 Dec 1790 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson
Chesterfield

Newcastle 18th Dec 1790

Gentn I am favoured with your letter of the 18th Ins[tan]t inclosing three Bills value Three Thousand Six Hundred Pounds which shall be placed to your Credit. J Straker wrote to you on the 18th Ins[tan]t, respecting the shipping your 600 P[iece]s more Lead, to which I beg leave to refer you _ The Quantity of Lead at this Markett is very small & I am selling refin'd Lead at £17 per Fo[dde]r & the other day I sold to Messrs Walkers & Mattby & Cos House in London 100 Casks of Litharge at £17-10 per Fo[dde]r & I am in hopes that the Market may Advance
I am etc J.E.B

25 Dec 1790 Joshua Straker to Robert Twiss

Robert Twiss Esqr
Rotterdam

Newcastle 25th Decem 1790

Sir By desire of Messrs Wilkinsons of Chesterfield I have shipped you 600 P[iece]s more Lead in the Prince of Orange Capt Forthergill which will sail from here the first fair Wind _ I shall write to you by the Capt & inclose you a Bill of Lading
I am etc J.S

25 Dec 1790 Joshua Straker to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson Chesterfield

Newcastle 25th Decem 1790

Gentn

Mr Blackett wrote to you the 21st ins[tan]t to which I beg leave to refer you, since which I have shipped you 600 P[iece]s more Lead in the Prince of Orange Capt Fothergill the weight of both parcels you have on the other side

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Sarah arrived safe at Rotterdam I am etc J.S

600 P[iece]s Lead per Sarah q[uan]ti]ty 896-3-21
600 P[iece]s per Prince of Orange q[uan]ti]ty 899- -21

5 Jan 1791 Joshua Straker to Richard Noble

Mr Richard Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 5th Jany 1791

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Account

Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & acquaint Sir Thomas with the same I am etc J.S

£2000 Newcastle Bank 5th Jany 1791
One Month after date pay to the Order of John. Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand Pounds Value Received
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 18329 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir
Thos. Blackett Bart Value in Accot
John E Blackett

8 Jan 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 8th Jany 1791

Sir On the 5 in[stan]t I sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing 1372 Ounces & a half which I desire that you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett price & advise me on your Reciept of it I am etc J.E.B

14 Jan 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 14th Jany 1791

D[ea]r Sir On Monday last your Agents Mr Bell, Emerson, Forster & Dickinson were with me & we had a great deal of conversation respecting the Partn[er]s[hi]p Lead Mines, the next morning I was with Mr Cooper, Warner & Masterman the Gentn of the Lead Co who came down before on the same business, they were greatly surprised to find that you had come to a resolution of purchasing the Moiety of these Mines, If the sale had not been put off the last Month they certainly would have purchased them & they told me that they were empowered by the Governor & Co to make the purchase & that they had come down for that purpose, on talking over the Matter they made me the following Proposal (Viz) To give you £500 if you would not interfere with them in the purchase or to accept of the like Sum from you for their declining it or that they would not bid against you for the 5th Lot (which they understood was the chief Lot you wanted) in case your not interfering with them in the other Lots. None of which Proposals I thought advisable to accept of; At length we agreed that on consideration of my not bidding against them for the 4th Lot (w[hi]ch on talking with your Agents I found they had no opinion of) they would not bid against you for any of the rest. I accordingly purchased the 5 Lots for £2045 & the Lead Co the 4th Lot for £315 agreeable to the Account that I enclose you A Stranger of the name of Philip Worship was the only person that bid against you & the Lead Co it was said that he acted for a person in the South that had made a purchase of an adjoining Estate _ I hope that you will approve of what we have done which all your Agents as well as myself are of opinion is an advantageous purchase for you & should not have fallen into any other hands on any account _ The Moiety of the Lot purchased by the Lead Co may be worked in Partn[er]ship or you may let them a tack of your Moiety, they being at the expence of the working & paying you for your share every tenth Bing of Ore, they likewise being subject to pay a proportion of the Compositions paid to the B[isho]p of Durham & the Rector of Stanhope as well as that of the Fines on the Renewals hereafter; this is what I would recommend w[hi]ch would be a means of easing your Agents of trouble & helping your Accounts more clear & distinct; besides I believe that it would be more agreeable to the Lead Co & I must do these Gentn the justice to say that they have Acted very handsomely in this business, they dine with me on Friday & propose waiting on you on their return I believe on Monday or tuesday next; Mr Cooper is a Wine Merchant, Mr Warner was in the Coal Trade & Mr Masterman a Distiller; they are men of Character & considerable Property & I recommend them to your Notice I am etc J.E.B

19 Jan 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Abbey Hexham

Newcastle 19th Jany 1791

Dear Sir I received your Lre [Letter] with the Inclosures undermention'd & I send you inclosed my Rec[eip]t for £100 & a Scotch Note to Ballance _ I observe what is the Opinion of the Lead Stewards respecting the not drawing of the Dues for the Lot No 4 in which case I think that it will be advisable for Sir Thos to accept of a certain Rent or at the Rate of a certain Sum Per Bing. I am in Haste Your's etc J.E.B

Mr Hunter's Rec[eip]t for £150

Dittos Report for the Queries

Newcastle Bank Notes £80

Mrs Robert's Receipt 21

One Scotch Note 10l

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P.S. I have had a Lre [Letter] from the Gentlemen of the Lead Comp[any] from Ferrybridge they were much pleased with their reception given them by Sir Thos Blackett & they inform me he has agreed with them for the Sale (to the Lead Company) Moiety of Lot No 4 for £315 the Sum they gave for Bacon's Moiety, the Lead Co being subject to pay a proportion of the Rent, Compositions etc Renewals.

24 Jan 1791 Joshua Straker to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messs Isaac & John Wilkinson Chesterfield

Newcastle 24th Jany 1791

Gentn Mr Blackett was duly favo[ur]ed with your lre [letter] of the 21st ins[tan]t & is much obliged for the information you give him in respect of your Lead Markets _ There is little or no Lead at this Market but what Sir Thomas Blackett has & that is but a small Quantity, we have been selling small parcels at £17 & 16.15 per F[odde]r. Mr B was latterly applied to by two of the London Houses for a large Q[uan]ti]ty which he declin'd selli[n]g nor does he intend selling for some time, the first he offers to sell he means to hold at £17.10 & £17.5 F[odde]r

29 Jan 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to London Lead Company

The Governor & Company

NCastle 29th Jany 1791

for Smelting down Lead, London St Martins Lane London

Gentlemn I was favoured with a Letter from Messrs Cooper & Warner from Doncaster & I have since been informed by Sir Thos Blackett that he has agreed with

those Gentlemen to sell his Moiety of Lot 4 of the Partnership Mines in Weardale to your Company for £315 you paying a proportion of the Moor Masters Rent & the Compositions for the Lot & Tithe Ore according to the quantity raised annually out of the Weardale Lead Mines under Lease from the Bishop of Durham to Sir Thos Blackett, as well as appropriation of such Fine or Fines as may arise on Renewals; I am pleased to hear of Sir Thomas's determination & I wish you Success in the undertaking; I have had some Conversation with Lawyer Wilson of this place who is concerned for Sir Thos in his Law matter who will prepare the necessary Conveyance. The Purchase Money should properly be paid into my hands, of which I shall acquaint Sir Thos .

I am with great respect Gentln Yours etc J.E.B

My best Compl[emen]ts wait on Messrs Cooper Warner & Masterman & I hope that the Latter Gentleman has perfectly recovered his Indisposition

11 Feb 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Masters Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 11th Feby 1791

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £212-10s to pay One Quarters Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due this day to the Lord Bishop of Durham to [from] Sir Thos Blackett Bart.__ Please to advise me on your Reciept of the Bill & send me the usual Rec[eip]t. I am etc J.E.B

£212-10-

Newcastle Bank 11th Feby 1791

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John

Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings

Value

recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 18623 London Pay the Contents to the Order
of Richd Masters Esq Value in
Acct with the Lord Bishop of Durham
Jon E Blackett

11 Feb 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling

Newcastle 11th Feby 1791

Bankers Fleet Street London

Gentlemn Inclosed you will receive a bill drawn by Eden W Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £112-10- being One Quarters Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 19th ins[tan]t to The Rev Mr Hardinge From Sir Thos Blackett Bart _ Please to advise me on your Rec[eip]t of the Bill w[i]th a Rec[eip]t for the same. I am etc J.E.B

£112-10- Newcastle Bank 11th Feby 1791
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr One Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 18624 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Messrs Goslings
Value in Acct with the Revd Mr Hardinge
John E Blackett

14 Feb 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Jos & Charles Bradley

Messrs Js & Charles Bradley Hull Newcastle 14th Feby 1791

Gentlemn

I am favoured with your Lre [Letter] of the 12th ins[tan]t & observe that you have Shipt in the Newcastle Abr[aham] Ward Master two Bundles of Wire directed for me from Mr Jno <Cockshells>.

The Stocks of Lead at this Markett are very small, & I have lately sold WB Refined Lead to the White Lead Works at this place at £18 per F[odde]r of li 2352 Comon £17-15 _ Litharge £18-10 per Ton. I have no Concern in Roll Lead but below you have the Present Price of that Article at the Works at this Place. I am etc J.E.B

Sheet Lead 3, 4, 5, 6 lb per Foot all at £18 per Ton

16 Feb 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr Newcastle 16th Feby 1791
Forster Lane London

Sir

I have this day sent you by John & Jas Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Twelve Hundred & Seventy four Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Reciept of it

I have drawn a Bill on you Payable to the Order of Eden Ridley & Co at One Month dated the 12th ins[tan]t for One Thousand Pounds which I doubt not you will duly honor

I am etc J.E.B

8 Mar 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 8th Mar 1791

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Accot the Rec[eip]t of which you will please to acknowledge.

I desire that you will acquaint Sir Thos that the 300 Guin[ea]s which the Lead Co is to pay for his Moiety of Lot 4 in the P[art]nership Mines should be paid into my hands as it is necessary that this business should appear in the Books here, and I have acquainted the Lead Company with the same

I am etc Jno.E.B

£2000

Newcastle Bank 8th Mar 1791

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr One Thousand Pounds

Value Received

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

No 18761 London

Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos. Blackett
Bart Value in Account John Eras Blackett

19 Mar 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to London Lead Company

The Governor & Co
for Smelting down Lead St Martins Lane London

Newcastle March 19th 1791

Gentn I am favoured with your letter of the 17th inst[an]t & observe that Messrs Lancaster & Maltby attended the Court to purchase Lead but that you were not inclined to sell, there being every prospect of the Markets rising; Mr Hall has made

application to me for the like purpose on Accot of Lancaster & Co w[hi]ch offer I declin'd for the same reason _ The Purchase Money for the several Lots I understand is to be paid into Chancery on or before the 25th ins[tan]t Eden Ridley & Co have wrote to Castell & Co to pay £2045 the Amount of the Lots purchased by Sir Thos Blackett & Mr <Wren> Agent for the Bacon Family has wrote to Mr Van Heythuyson Bidford Row to acquaint him with the same so that I am in hopes that there will be no delay in this business which might possibly occasion a fresh opening in Chancery - Mr Wilson & Mr Heron of this place, who are concerned for Sir Thos Blackett in Law Matters, are of Opinion that it would be Advisable for Sir Thos Blackett to pay the whole Sum for £2360 for a Moiety of all the Lots the Conveyance of which to be made to him & for Sir Thos to convey to The Governor & Co the Lot 4 on the Receipt of £630 _ I have desired Mr Wren to mention this matter to Mr Van Heythuyson, if he should not object to this mode I do not imagine that you will _ When I can give you any further information respecting the Lead Trade you may depend on having it I am etc J.E.B

30 Mar 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 30th March 1791

Sir I have this day sent you by John & James Jackson the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing 1328 Ounces which I desire that you will place to account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market price & advise me on your Reciept of it _ As I am about making our Annual Lead Pay I shall take the liberty of drawing on you for the balance of your Accot as soon as I hear from you as to the Price of Silver I have now sent you. I am etc J.E.B

11 Apr 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

August[u]s Browne Esqr
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 11th April 1791

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 8th ins[tan]t & find that the Balance you mention is perfectly right, & I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to Eden Ridley & Co at One Month dated this day for Eleven Hundred & Forty Nine Pounds Ten Shillings & Two Pence being the Amount of the same. About the latter end of this Month I shall send you a Piece of Fine Silver & am etc J.E.B

19 Apr 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Hundred & Twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved

For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 19151 London En[dorse]d
Jon E Blackett

13 May 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Bankers Newcastle 13th May 1791
Fleet Street London

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for One Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings; being One Quarters Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 19th ins[tan]t to The Revd H Hardinge from Sir Thos Blackett Bart _ Please to Advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & send me your usual Receipt
I am etc J.E.B

£112-10- Newcastle Bank 13th May 1791
One Month after date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings Value received
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 19152 London En[dorse]d
John E Blackett

17 Jun 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Burn

Richard Burn Esqr Newcastle June 17th 1791
Duke Street Westminster

Sir Being informed by Mr Brooks that you transack business for the Lord Bishop of Durham, give me leave to acquaint you that I am concerned for my relation Sir Thos Blackett Bart who holds Leases of Lead Mines in Weardale in the County of Durham under his L[or]dsh[ip] for which he pays an Annual rent to the B[isho]p of £150 exclusive of which his L[or]dsh[ip] is entitled to the Lot Ore (One Ninth Part) for w[hi]ch a Composition has been accepted of according to an Agreement entered into for that Purpose during the time that B[isho]p Egerton had the See the Compos[itio]n was £350 per Annum, in 1787 the Mines being in a good state & the price of Lead £20

per Fo[dde]r the Compos[itio]n was advanced to £850 per An[num]: the Mines are at present not so productive & the price of Lead is £19 per Fo[dde]r _ from the time of the late Bishops death the Lot Ore of those Mines is separated & will be so until this matter is settled, but the doing it being attended with delay & inconvenience induces me on the part of Sir T.B. to make an offer to the Lord B[isho]p of Durham of the same Sum (Viz) £850 per An[num] as a Composition for the Lot Ore of the Weardale Mines

When his L[or]ds[hi]p has informed himself fully & taken this matter into consideration you will be pleased to favour me with an Answer I am etc J.E.B

1 Jul 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 1st July 1791

Sir Inclosed you will a bill drawn by Eden, Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Accot the Rec[eip]t of which you will please to acknowledge. I am yours etc J.E.B

£2000	Newcastle Bank 1st July 1791
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr	
Two Thousand Pounds	Value received
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co	
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson
No 19448 London	Pay the Contents to the Order of Mr Richd Noble
	value in Accot with Sir Thos Blackett Bart
	J E Blackett

22 Jul 1791 Joshua Straker to Stephenson & Pearnley

Messrs Stephenson & Pearnley Hull

Newcastle 22d July 1791

Gentlemn By desire of Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson of Chesterfield, I have Shipped in the Newcastle of Hull (Wm Marrican Master) Two Hundred Pieces of Lead to your care on their Accot, & which I hope will come safe. The Ship will be ready to sail in a day or two. I am etc J.S

9 Aug 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr

Newcastle 9th [August] 1791

Forster Lane London

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to Messrs Farriers & Atkinson of
Lincolns Inn Fields for £500 at One Month dated this day on Sir Thos Blackett's
Account & which I doubt not you will duly honor. I am etc J E Blackett

9 Aug 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Farrers & Atkinson

Messrs Farriers & Atkinson Newcastle 9th Augt 1791
Lincolns Inn Fields London

Gentlem Inclosed you will recieve my Bill on Augustus Browne Esqr for £500 at
One Month dated this day to enable you to Pay Mr Erskine's half Years Interest of
£25000 at 4 per Cent due from Sir Jno Trevelyan Bart the 13th ins[tan]t _ Please to
acknowledge the Reciept of the same and send me the usual Reciept. I am etc J.E.B

£500 Newcastle Augt 9th 1791
One Month after Date pay to the order of Messrs Farrers & Atkinson
Five Hundred Pounds value in Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart
as advised by John E Blackett
To Augustus Browne Esqr
Forster lane London

3 Sep 1791 Joshua Straker to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson Newcastle 3d Septemr 1791
Cinderhill near Wakefield Yorkshire

Sir Please to send a Pack of Bends for the use of Sir Thomas Blackett's Lead Mines at
Coalcleugh and direct them to J.E.Blackett Esqr N[e]wcastle, at the same time send him
a Bill of the same & he will remit you the Amount I am etc J.S

13 Sep 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr Newcastle 13th Sepr 1791
Forster Lane London

Sir I have this day sent you by Jacksons & Jennings the London Carriers a Piece fine
Silver containing 1463 1/2 Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with

Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price and advise me on your Reciept of it.
I am etc J.E.B

13 Sep 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 13th Sept 1791

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at
Forty days dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Accot, the Reciept of which
please to acknowledge. I am etc J.E.B

P.S. The Bankers in this place have come to an Agreement not to draw Bills at less than
40 days, but should Sir Thos object to that date we shall endeavour to prevail upon the
Bankers to draw them at the usual date.

£2000 Newcastle Bank 13th Sep 1791
Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett
Esqr Two Thousand Pounds Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
For Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 19873 London Jno E Blackett

30 Sep 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Goslings Bankers
Fleet Street London

Newcastle 30th Sept 1791

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell &
Co at One Month dated this day for £112-10, being one Quarters Composition Rent for
the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 19th Augt last to The Revd Heny
Hardinge From Sir Thomas Blackett Bart _ Please to advise me on your Reciept of the
Bill and send me the usual Reciept I am etc J.E.B

£112-10- Newcastle Bank 30th Sept 1791
One Month after Date Pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 19961 London John E Blackett

8 Oct 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 8th Octor 1791

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at 40 days dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thomas Blackett's Account
Please to acknowledge the receipt of the Bill & acquaint Sir Thos with the same
I am etc J.E.B

£2000 Newcastle Bank 8th Octor 1791
Forty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand Pounds Value Received
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 20021 London Endorsed John E Blackett

19 Oct 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 19th Octor 1791

Sir According to Sir Thos Blackett's Order I have Shipp'd, on Board the Goldthorpe Capt Brown for Hull, One Hundred & Twelve Pieces Refin'd Lead which I hope will come safe, the Weight & Price you have below I am etc J.E.B

Q[uan]ty Cwt q lb
112 P[iece]s Refin'd Lead q 168 - - at £20 per F[odde]r of 21Cwt £160

21 Oct 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson Cinderhill
near Wakefield Yorkshire

NewC: 21st Octor 1791

Sir I received your Letter of the 7 ins[tan]t informing me that you had sent two Packs of Bends for the use of Sir Thos Blackett's Lead mines amounting to £78- 15-10, & inclosed I send a Bill for that amount, drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at

40 days dated this day _ Please to advise me on your Reciept of the same I
am etc J.E. Blackett

£78-15-10 Newcastle Bank 21st Octor 1791
Forty days after Day pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
Seventy eight Pounds fifteen shillings & tenpence Value Received
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 20090 London J E Blackett

15 Nov 1791 Joshua Straker to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Bankers NewC 15th Nov 1791
Fleet Street London

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell &
Co at Forty days dated this day for £112-10, being One Quarters Composition for the
Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due 19th ins[tan]t from Sir Thos Blackett Bart to The
Revd Henry Hardinge. As Mr Blackett is from home you will please to advise me on
your Rec[eip]t of the Bill & acquaint to the Mr Hardinge with the same.
I am etc J.S

112-10- Newcastle Bank 15th Nov 1791
Forty days after Date Pay to the Order of Mr Joshua Straker
One Hundred & Twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 20248 London

15 Nov 1791 Joshua Straker to William Emm

Willm Emm Esqr NewC. 15th Nov 1791
Auckland Castle

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at
forty Days dated this day for £231-5, being One Quarter of a Years Composition for the
Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due 26th ins[tan]t to the Lord Bishop of Durham from
Sir Thos Blackett Bart _ As Mr Blackett is from Home you will please to advise me on
your Rec[eip]t of the Bill and inclose a Reciept for the same I am etc J.S

£231-5- Newcastle Bank 15th Nov 1791
Forty days after Date Pay to the Order of Mr Joshua Straker Two
Hundred & thirty one Pounds Value recieved
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Wilkinson
No 20247 London

21 Nov 1791 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr NCastle 21st Novr 1791
Forster Lane London

Sir I have this day sent you by Jacksons & Jennings the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Sixteen Hundred & Eleven Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of it. I am for J E Blackett Esqr yours etc J.S

12 Dec 1791 Joshua Straker to London Lead Company

The Governor & Co for Smelting down Lead Newcastle 12th Decem 1791
St Martins Lane London

Gentlemn I am desired by Mr Blackett to send you the Demise of the Lead Mines that you purchased of Sir Thos Blackett, & to inform you that he has drawn a Bill on you, of this date, payable to the Order of Thos Coutts Esqr & Co at Ten days after sight for £315 being the amount of the purchase Money _ Please to advise Mr Blackett on your Reciept of the Demise for whom I am etc J.S

12 Dec 1791 Joshua Straker to Van Heythuyson

Van Heythuyson Esqr Newcastle 12th Decr 1791
Bedford Row London

Sir I am desired by Mr Blackett to inform you that Sir Thos Blackett has consented to grant you a Lease for Twenty one Years of <Warnishaw> lead mine, subject to the usual Clauses in Lead Mine Leases, & what Erections you make upon the Premises to be left standing at the expiration of the Lease, Sir Thos Blackett's Agent & Mr Milburn, who I apprehend you will employ, will settle as to drawing the Duty etc I am etc J.S

31 Dec 1791 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augutus Browne Esqr
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 31st Decemr 1791

Sir I have this day sent you by the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing 1138 Oz w[hi]ch I desire that you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of it _ I shall draw a Bill on you on the 3d Jan[uar]y for £1000 at 30 days w[hi]ch I doubt not you will duly honor I am etc J.E.B

31 Dec 1791 Joshua Straker to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 31st Decemr 1791

D[ea]r Sir Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Eden Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £2000 on Sir T. Bs Account for which you will please to send a Receipt as usual I am etc J.S

£2000 Newcastle Bank 31st Decemr 1791
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Two Thousand Pounds Value Received
For Sir J Eden Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 20551 London

Endorsed to Sir Thos Blackett

2 Feb 1792 Joshua Straker to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon
Derby

Newcastle 2rd Feby 1792

Gentlemen I have Shipped for you on board the N[ew]Castle 16 Casks Lith[arge] Marked & Numbered & Directed as you desired the W[ei]gh[t] of which you have below I am etc J.S

16 Casks Lith[arge] q[uan]tit[y] 100 @ 20<.> per Ton 101- 5-

Wherry hire & Sufferance

8-6
101-13-6

21 Feb 1792 Joshua Straker to Richard Master

Richard Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

NewC[astle] 21st Feby 1792

Gentln Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Sir MW Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at Forty Days dated this day for £231-5 being One Quarters Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due from Sir Thos Blackett to the Lord Bishop of Durham 26th inst Please to advise me on your Reciept of the Bill w[i]th a Rec[eip]t for the same. I am etc J.S

£231-5-

Newcastle Bank 21st Feby 1792

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Mr Josa Straker Two

Hundred & Thirty one Pounds five Shillings Value recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas Wilkinson

No 20862 London

21 Feb 1792 Joshua Straker to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Bankers
Fleet Street London

Newcastle 21st Feby 1792

Gentln Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Sir MW Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at Forty days dated this day for £112-10; being One Quarters Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due from Sir Thos Blackett to The Revd Henry Hardinge the 19th inst __ Please to advise me on your Reciept of the Bill and acquaint Mr Hardinge with the same I am etc J.S

£112-10-

Newcastle Bank 21st Feby 1792

Forty Days after date pay to the Order of Mr Josa Straker One Hundred

& Twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas Wilkinson

No 20863 London

21 Feb 1792 Joshua Straker to William Tweedale

Mr Willm Tweedale Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 21st Feby 1792

Dear Sir

I was favoured with your Letter of the 17th inst and Yesterday the Book came safe to hand which I shall get forward as fast as other Business will permit me.

Inclosed I send you a Bill for £36-1-3 to pay Mr E Dickinson for a pack of Bends he sent to Allenheads Lead Mines, & as I do not know the Places name where Mr E Dickinson lives I make free to trouble you with this business, & desire that you will take his Reciept for the same & inclose it to me I am etc J.S

£36-1-3

Newcastle Bank 21st Feby 1792

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Mr Josa Straker Thirty
six Pounds one Shilling & three Pence Value recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

No 20867 London

Pay the Contents to the

Order of Mr Elihu Dickinson

Value in Account Josa Straker

9 Mar 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to William Tweedale

Mr William Tweedale
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 9th March 1792

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Sir M W Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at 40 days dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Account the Reciept of which you will please to Acknowledge I am etc J.E.B

£2000

Newcastle Bank 9th March 1792

Forty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand
Pounds Value Recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Bart Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

No 20987 London

Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos

Blackett Bart Value in Account John E Blackett

11 Mar 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Blackett

Sir Thos Blackett Bart
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 11th March 1792

D[ea]r Sir

I wrote to you from Musselburgh the 22rd Ulto & am apprehensive that my letter has miscarried, as I have not heard from you I hope that this will find you & the New married couple perfectly well & that you have had a good account of Mr & Mrs Beaumont

On the 9th Inst I sent to Mr Tweedale a Bill on London for £2000 on Accot which I hope you have Received _ I yesterday made a Sale of Lead to Dr Hall for Lancaster & Co (as by particulars at foot) which I hope that you may approve of. Indeed I was apprehensive that the Price of Lead must drop, Messr Meason of Edinburgh & other Leadholders were of the same Opinion, as there has been small demand for that Article for some time past & some Thousand Pieces of Refin[e]d Lead have lately been offered by Messrs Airey & Messrs Hopper to the Houses of Lancaster & Walkers at £19 per Fo[dde]r & refused which is matter of surprise to me & I can no other way Accot for its than Lancaster & Co having a large Stock of Lead on hand which they purchased high & apprehensive of a fall of Price & by making this purchase they are in hopes of establishing the Price for the Year I wish they may succeed in their Scheme _ The Parish of St Andrews in this Town (in which you have 30 Charity Boys) have entered into a Subs[criptio]n for 40 Girls which Subs[criptio]n is completed but a School is wanted for them as well as for the Boys & a Subs[criptio]n is set on foot for that purpose as well as for the Erecting of a Gallery in the Church for both Boys & Girls; I am desired to mention this matter to you in hopes that you will contribute towards it

I am etc J.E.B

7500 p[iece]s Ref[ine]d Lead at 20 per Fo[dde]r

7500 p[iece]s Comon d[itt]o at 19 3/4

2000 P[iece]s Slag d[itt]o at 19 1/2

13 Mar 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 13th March 1792

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson & Jennings the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing 1453 Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual and advise me on your Reciept of it. I hope that you will allow me the best price as I have been very much pressed to supply a House in London with

a quantity of Silver which I did not comply with. I am informed that 5s 9d per O[unc]e
was given on the beginning of this Month I am etc J.E.B

23 Mar 1792 Joshua Straker to William Tweedale

Mr W Tweedale Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 23d March 1792

D[ea]r Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Ridley & Co on Castell & Co for
£2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Accot the Reciept of which you will please to acknowledge
I am etc Jaso Straker

£2000

Newcastle Bank 23d March 1792

Forty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand
Pounds Value Recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Bart Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 21047 London

11 Apr 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to William Tweedale

Mr Wm Tweedale Bretton
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 11th April 1792

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Sir M W Ridley & Co on Castell & Co
at Forty Days dated this day for £2000 on Sir Thos Blackett's Account the Reciept of
which you will please to acknowledge I am etc J.E.B

£2000

Newcastle Bank 11th April 1792

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr
Two Thousand Pounds Value recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Bart Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 21164 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thos Blackett
Bart Value rece[ived] J E Blackett

2 May 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to William Tweedale

Mr William Tweedale Bretton
Yorkshire

Newcastle 2nd May 1792

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at 40 days dated this day for Two Thousand Pounds on Sir Thos Blackett's Account, the Reciept of which you will please to Acknowledge I am etc J.E.B

£2000 Newcastle Bank 2nd May 1792
Forty days after date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr
Two Thousand Pounds Value Recieved
For Sir M W Ridley Bart Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 21284 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Sir Thomas
Blackett Bart Value in Account John E Blackett

9 Jun 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Goslings Bankers Fleet Street London Newcastle 9th June 1792

Gentlemen Inclosed you will recieve a bill drawn by Sir MW Ridley & Co on Castell & Co at Thirty days dated this day for £112-10s; being One Quarters Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due 19th May last to The Revd Mr Hardinge from Sir Thos Blackett Bart __ Please to advise me on your Rec[eip]t of the Bill and acquaint Mr Hardinge with the same I am etc J.E.B

£112-10- Newcastle Bank 9th June 1792
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & Twelve Pounds ten Shillings Value recieved
For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 21512 London

9 Jun 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Master Esqr & Co NewC[astle] 9 June 1792
Bankers London

Gentlemen Inclosed you will recieve a bill drawn by Sir MW Ridley B[ar]t & Co on Castell & Co at Thirty days dated this day for £231-5 being One Quarter of a Years Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due 26 May last to the Lord

Bishop of Durham from Sir Thos Blackett B[ar]t __ Please to advise me on your Reciept of the same I am etc J.E.B

£231-5- Newcastle Bank 9th June 1792
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr
Two Hundred & thirty one Pounds five Shillings Value recieved
For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 21511 London

9 Jun 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Master Esqr & Co NewC[astle] 9 June 1792
Bankers London

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Smith Payne & Smiths at Forty days dated this day for £462-10 being half a Years Composition for the Lott Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due 26 inst to the Lord B[is]hop of Durham from Thos R Beaumont Esqr
Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

£462-10- Newcastle upon Tyne 28th May 1793
Forty days after date pay to the Order of Jno E Blackett
Esqr Four Hundred & Sixty two pounds ten Shillings
Value received Surtees Burdon & Co
To Messrs Smith Payne & Smiths Endorsed John E Blackett
No 59242 London

7 Jul 1792 Joshua Straker to William Tweedale

Mr Willm Tweedale Newcastle 7th July 1792
Bretton Yorkshire

D[ea]r Sir Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for Two Thousand Pounds on Sir Thomas Blackett's Account, the Reciept of which you'll please to acknowledge _ I was very sorry to hear, by Mr Hunter, that Sir Thomas was in a poor state of health, but I hope to have an Account of his being better I am etc J.S

£2000 Newcastle Bank 7th July 1792
One Month after date pay to the Order of Sir Thomas Blackett Bart
Two Thousand Pounds Value Recieved
For Sir M W Ridley Bart Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 21672 London

10 Jul 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augus[tu]s Browne Esqr Newcastle 10th July 1792
Forster Lane London

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson & Jennings the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing 1230 1/2 Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Sir Thos Blackett Bart as usual at the Market Price & Advise Mr Blackett on your Reciept of it for whom I am Yours etc J.S

20 Jul 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd Mr Hardinge Newcastle 20th July 1792
Rector of Stanhope Durham

Sir On the Death of Sir Thos Blackett on the 10th inst immediate directions was given to Mr Thos Emerson the Agent for the Weardale Lead Mines to seperate the Lead Ore which may have been wrought from that time. Thomas R Beaumont Esqr who married the eldest Daughter of the late Sir Thos Blackett is the Person to whom the Property in Weardale is bequeathed, he is desirous of knowing of what Terms it may be agreeable to you to renew the Agreement for the Composition in lieu of the Tithe Ore. Your answer to me will oblige Sir Yours etc J.E.B

21 Jul 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to William Tweedale

Mr William Tweedale Bretton Newcastle 21st July 1792
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at Forty Days dated this day for £4000 on Account of Thomas R Beaumont Esqr Executor to Sir Thos Blackett Bart _ Please to advise me on your Reciept of the same

I am Sir Yours etc J.E.B

£4000

Newcastle Bank 21st July 1792

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr

Four Thousand Pounds Value Recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Bart Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Jas Wilkinson

No 21753 London

21 Jul 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

[Note: although this and Blackett's subsequent letter of 23rd July are clearly addressed to 'John' Skelton, the recipient was in fact Mark Skelton. Blackett had perhaps misinterpreted Skelton's scrawled 'M' as 'Jno' on his inbound letter]

John Skelton Esqr Birthwait
near Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 21st July 1792

Sir I am favoured with your letters of the 16th inst the latter inclosing an extract from the late Sir Thos Blackett's Will so far as relates to the real Estate and the Lead Mines etc. I have accordingly given the necessary directions to the several Lead Stewards; as Mr Beaumont is Executor and Residuary Legatee & in consequence intitled to the Stock of Lead in hand, the Ore that was wrought to <herewith> the 10th inst as well as the Book Debts & Ballance of Cash. I should imagine that it will not be necessary at present to keep a separate Cash Account. The Stewards have directions to separate the Ore that has & may be wrought after the 10 inst & to keep a distinct Account of the charges of Working and Smelting the same Mr Heron is of Opinion that from the Extract of the Will that he has seen that the Courts must be held in the Names of Thos Richr Beaumont & Diana his Wife; but he wishes to have a Copy of the Will as soon as convenient to you, & we are both of Opinion that the sooner Mr Beaumont comes into the North the better; I write by this Post to Mr Tweedale & inclose a Bill on Castell & Co for £4000 on Accot of Thos R Beaumont Esqr Ex[ecut]or of Sir Thos Blackett Bart

I am Sir Your's etc J.E.B

23 Jul 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

John Skelton Esqr Birthwait
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 23d July 1792

Sir

I wrote you the 21st inst to which I refer you. On examining the Abstract that you sent me I observe that Gunnerton & the several Estates bequeathed to Willm

Bosville Esqr are described to be in the County of Durham, whereas they all are in the County of Northumberland I imagine that this mistake will not be attended with any inconvenience or trouble to Mr Beaumont or Mr Bosville. I was told on Saturday by Sir M W Ridley that Willm Westcombe Esqr of Cheverels Green near St Albans has been making some enquiry as to the disposition of the late Sir Thos Blackett's Fortune & that he probably may write to me on the subject, I understand that he thinks that he thinks himself intitled in right of his Wife to a considerable Part of the Fortune; I never before heard him named but imagine that his Wife may be a descendant of the late Mrs Marshall a Sister of the late Sir Wm Blackett but I do not apprehend that he can have any Claims whatsoever to any Part of the Effects etc. however should he make any application to me, I shall refer him to the Will of the late Sir Thos Blackett, which when Proved etc he may obtain a Copy at the Commons on paying for the same.

It will be necessary that Mr Beaumont should very soon Appoint a Steward for the purpose of holding the Courts for his Manors of Hexham & Anick Grange which Steward is required to be a Barrister of three Years standing at least; Mr Beaumont will have applications to himself from a Mr Heron of this Place & a Mr Errington near Hexham but as Mr Beaumont may frequently have Occasion to Consult a Lawyer in Matters relating to his Concerns in this Country I would recommend it to him to Appoint a Person of the first Character in his Profession, Mr Hopper Williamson of this place stands much the highest as a very able Lawyer & his Character in every respect unexceptionable, he has not made any Application for the Appointment, nor indeed is it any object to him except with a view of being employed in Mr Beaumont's other Concerns on any dispute or difficulty arising, for the above reasons I beg leave to recommend this Gentleman to Mr Beaumont, & should this meet with his Approbation the sooner that he is applied to, & has a retaining Fee the better.

The late Mr Wilson's Daughter sent a Mourning Ring for her Father which I forgot to leave at Bretton, I beg leave to submit it to Mr Beaumont whether it may not be proper that a Mourning Ring for Sir Thos Blackett should not be sent to Mr Wilson's eldest Son at this place. I hope that Mr Beaumont will come into the North soon
I am Sir Your's etc J.E.B

27 Jul 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

William Emm Esqr Auckland Castle

Newcastle 27th July 1792

D[ea]r Sir I think it necessary to acquaint you that the late Sir Thos Blackett has by his Will bequeathed All his Rights & Property in the several Lead Mines etc in Weardale, that were held by him under Lease from the Lord Bishop of Durham, unto Thos Richd Beaumont & Diana his Wife _ You will please to observe that the Agreement entered into between his Lordship & the late Sir Thomas Blackett for an Annual Payment as a Composition for the Lot Ore, is during his Lordship's Possession or Enjoyment of the Bishoprick of Durham
I am etc J.E.B

31 Jul 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to John Lawson

John Lawson Esqr Longhirst near Morpeth

Newcastle 31st July 1792

Sir I yesterday rec[eiv]ed your letter of the 28th inst & observe the Contents The late Sir Thos Blackett by Passing a Fine & Suffering a Recovery was enabled to dispose of the several Estates that were formerly the Property of Sir Wm Blackett; this being the Case any further information from me respecting this Matter will be quite unnecessary, of which you will please to inform Mr Wescombe with my best Compliments to him
I am etc J.E.B

2 Aug 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

Mr Skelton Esqr Birthwait Hall
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 2d Augt 1792

Sir

I wrote to you on the 31st ult to which I refer you. I have not heard anything further respecting the Claim of Mr Wescomb, but Yesterday evening returning from Durham I met Mr Lawson going there, probably to take Counsil's Opinion on the Case, but I am satisfied that they cannot make anything of it, having no doubt that the late Mr Wilson & Mr West would take Care that the late Sir Thos Blackett Passed a Fine & Suffered a Recovery in a regular Form etc. I have had an answer from Mr Bell that he has given the Tenants Notice not to sign any Paper expressing them to attorn & become Tenants, or to pay any Sum (however small) in token thereof, or in Name, or as part of Rent to any Person who may apply to them for that purpose.

I Yesterday Evening recieved from Mr Bell the Deputations for the Manors of Hexham & Anick Grainge (which to save time) I have by this days post inclosed to Mr Beaumont at Doctor Denman's Old Burlington Street, for him & Mrs Beaumont to execute & return to me.

The small mistake in the Will of the late Sir Thos Blackett Bt expressing the several Estates Devised to Mr Wm Bosville to be in the County of Durham, instead of the County of Northumberland, in which County they are, I should imagine will not be of any consequence as the several Estates are particularly mentioned by Name

I am etc J.E.B

7 Aug 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

Mr Skelton Esqr Birthwait

Newcastle 7th Augt 1792

near Wakefield Yorkshire

Sir

On looking over the Deeds belonging to the late Sir T Blackett I find Indentures of Fines & Exemplification of Recovery of Estates in the County of Durham, but none for the Estates in the County of Northumb[erlan]d, I have likewise Titles of Lease & Release etc of the Estates in the Counties of North[umberlan]d & Durham the Titles of which you have on the other sides.

The late Mr Wilson some time ago examined all Sir Thos Blackett's Deeds & Papers & made a Schedule of the same, at the end of which Schedule I find a Memorand[u]m made

"That the Exemplification of Recovery for Northumb[erlan]d suffer[e]d & passed by Sir Thos Blackett are with him at Bretton, as presumed, the same having never been sent to Newcastle" which I have no doubt is the case

I am etc J.E.B

15 Sep 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

[Note: Undated but original sequence and reference to the next letter dates it to around mid September 1792]

Augustus Browne Esqr Forster Lane London

Sir I have this day drawn a bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Ridley Cookson & Co at Thirty Days date for £600 on Account of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr Ex[ecut]or of Sir Thos Blackett Bart and which I doubt not you will duly honor _ In the course of a Week or ten days I shall send you a piece fine Silver and am etc
J.E.B

25 Sep 1792 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 25th Sept 1792

Sir Mr Blackett being from Home I this day send you by Jackson & Jennings the London Carriers a piece fine Silver Containing 1453 Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr at the Markett price & advise Mr Blackett on your Reciept of it, for whom I am etc
J.S

2 Oct 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 2d Octor 1792

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at One Month dated this day for £231-5 being a Quarters Composition Rent for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due 26th Augt last to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr Ex[ecut]or of Sir Thos Blackett Bart deceased __ Please to advise me on your Reciept of the same & I am Yours etc J.E.B

£231-5-

Newcastle Bank 2d Octr 1792

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus
Blackett Esqr Two Hundred & Thirty one Pounds five Shillings
Value recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 22158 London Pay the Contents to the order of Richd Masters
Esqr & Co value in Accot with the Lord Bishop of Durham
John E Blackett

4 Oct 1792 Joshua Straker to Mark Skelton

1792 Octor 4th Sent Mr Skelton (by the Leeds Diligence) Copies of the Quarters
Accounts for the Lead Mines & Smelt Mills ending the 31st March last J.S

4 Oct 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

Mr Skelton Esqr Birthwait Hall
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 4th Octor 1792

D[ea]r Sir

I wrote to you on the 29th Ult to which I refer you. Inclosed you have Copies of two Letters that I rec[eiv]ed from Mr J Hunter the former respecting the Road that is proposed to be made from this Place to Wolsingham & Stanhope & from thence to Alstone with the amount of the estimate for making the same & a list of those persons that have already Subscribed; It is the opinion of good Judges that it will require £10,000 to compleat that Road, & I do not think that the whole will be carried into execution I mean that part from Stanhope or from Chapel a few Miles West from thence to Alstone _ There is no doubt that a good Road from hence to Stanhope or to Chapel will be of great advantage to the Weardale Lead Mines for the more easy

conveyance of Materials as well as for opening the Country for the better supply of provisions for the Workmen and should the Road be extended to Alstone it will have the like effect on the Mines in those parts. I do not see any advantage that may arise to Mr Beaumont from this Road as to his Lead Carriage which will continue to use the Old Road without making use of any part of the New one, therefore should Mr Beaumont think proper to Subscribe towards it I would recommend that it should be on condition that a Clause shall be inserted in the Act that no cross Bar shall be erected for the purpose of intercepting the Lead or Lead Ore so as to subject it to the Toll.

As much the greater part of the Gentlemen who will be named Commissioners in the Act, reside in the Eastern part whose Interest it will be to have that part of the Road made first, by which means the whole or much greater part of the Money will be expended on that part, it will I think be necessary that a Clause should be inserted to limit the Sum to be expended on each Quarter of the Road in a certain proportion to the Sums Subscribed in those Quarters, I observe that £550 is Subscribed for Alstone Moor, but what part is by the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital, & what by the Lead Company I have not yet learnt, when I am informed you shall be acquainted.

Mr Peter Hunter as well as Mr Ornsby are Strangers to me, the former I am told is a Person of Character in his Profession. You will observe by Mr Hunter's last Letter that the Damage done at Dukesfield by the Floods has been considerable, the stop that it already has & will occasion to the Works there as well as to the Lead Carriage will be attended with considerable loss, I have given directions that no time may be lost in repairing the damage that the Dam has sustained & likewise in getting the Lead sent down to Markett

I am etc J.E.B

15 Oct 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

Mr Skelton Esqr Birthwait Hall
Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 15th Octor 1792

Sir

Your favour of the 6th inst I duly received & note the Contents. I have desired that, Mr Emerson & Mr Hunter would attend the next meeting of the Subscribers to the proposed Turnpike Road and provided they (the Subscribers) agreed to the insertion of the Clauses that I mentioned to you in my last letter, to Subscribe the Sum of £300 for Mr Beaumont, & in any other Matter you may be assured that I shall Act in the Manner I think will be the most conducive to his Interest; The Sum of £550 Subscribed for Alstone Moor, is by the Landholders etc of the Town of Alstone; I understand that the Commiss[ione]rs of Greenwich Hospital, the Gover[nor]s of the Lead Company as well as the Bishop of Durham intend to Subscribe to the Road.

The damages which the Dams at Dukesfield & Rookhope Mills suffer[e]d by the late Floods, are repairing with the greatest expedition; the late & indeed the present

Rains, have rendered the Roads almost impassable for the Lead Carriage, but we shall take the advantage of the first dry Weather of getting the Lead down to Markett. A few days since Mr Pearson sent to the Office those Writings that had been left in the late Mr Wilson's hands, a Schedule of which he said he would send.

We had tolerable Weather the Week before last; the last was very indifferent, frequent Rains & close Weather which hurt the Corn much, of which one half is now standing out in the North West part of North[umberlan]d; this Week so far promises very bad I am etc J.E.B

P.S I write to Mr Beaumont by tomorrows Post & inclose a Bill on London for £5000.

16 Oct 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R Beaumont
No 26 Old Burlington Street London

NewC[astl]e 16th Octor 1792

D[ea]r Sir I wrote to you the 7th inst to which I refer you.

Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at 40 days date for £5000 the receipt of which please to acknowledge.

I wrote to Mr Skelton Yesterday on Business respecting the proposed Turnpike Road from this Place to Stanhope & Alstone.

I shall be happy to hear a good Account of Mrs Beaumont & I am with best respects to her & yourself Yours etc J.E.B

£5000 Newcastle Bank 16th Octr 1792
Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Five Thousand Pounds Value received

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Thos Gibson
No 22235 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Thomas Beaumont
Esqr value in Accot John E Blackett

3 Nov 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
No 26 Old Burlington Street London

Newcastle 3d Novr 1792

D[ea]r Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 31st Ult & observe that Mr Skelton has made a considerable purchase for you that £10,000 is to be paid soon & £19800 at Candlemas next. Agreeable to your desire I have inclosed sent you a Bill on London

for £6000, the Reciept of which you will please to Acknowledge & I sincerely give you joy of your purchase _ The last Lead that I sold was 30000 p[ie]ce[s] at £19-10 the price has since been on the decline & I am at present in treaty with Mr C Blackett & Mr Hall for 16000 p[ie]ce[s] the price I ask is £19 for Refin[e]d £18-15 for Com[m]on & £18-10 for Slag which I am apprehensive they will not give. On being well informed that the Lead Co have made a Sale of 20000 p[ie]ce[s] Lead at £18-10 per Fo[dde]r I have sold Mr C Blackett & Mr Hall for the London Houses 16000 of Refin[e]d & Com[m]on at £18-10 & 3000 p[ie]ce[s] Slag at £18 per Fo[dde]r. there are large Stocks at all the Markets & the price falling w[hi]ch induced me to do it, & I hope that it may meet with your approbation
I am etc J.E.B

£6000
Newcastle Bank 3rd Novemr 1792
One Month after date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Six Thousand Pounds Value Recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co Jas Wilkinson
No 22354 London Pay the Contents to the Order of Thos
Richd Beaumont Esqr Value in Accot
John E Blackett

8 Nov 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

Mr Skelton Esqr
Birthwait Hall Wakefield Yorkshire
Newcastle Novr 8th 1792

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 3d inst I duly received & observe the Contents. I am happy to hear Mrs Beaumont was safely delivered of a Son, & that she & the Child were in a hopeful Way. It is a very pleasing event to the Family & I congratulate you on the Occasion.

In consequence of your former Letter and what I had wrote to you on the occasion, I desired Mr Hunter & Mr Emerson to Subscribe £300 for Mr Beaumont towards the intended Turnpike Road from hence to Wolsingham & Stanhope to join the Aldstone Road with the Restrictions that I mentioned in my Letter to you; the Subscription at presents amounts to upwards £5775 and the Road will certainly go forward which I have no doubt will be very beneficial to Mr Beaumont's concerns in those parts.

I observe what you say respecting a Waggon Way for the purpose of leading the Lead down to Blaydon & likewise to the intended inclosure being prejudicial to the Lead Carriage in the Way that you describe; the Lead Stewards are to be with me the 19th inst for Subsistance for the Workmen, against which time Mr Hunter will have

recieved the Plan that you proposed sending him; both these matters will then be taken into Consideration & their Sentiments shall be sent to you respecting them.

The laying a Waggon Way from the several Lead Mills to Dukesfield, & from thence to Blaydon & bringing the Lead & Ore by that Conveyance considering the numberless difficulties etc I look upon it to be almost impracticable; and at present I am rather inclined to think that a Waggon Way from Dukesfield to Blaydon would be attended not only with a great expence, but with very great difficulties owing to the variety of property through which the Way must necessarily go (for it cannot be laid upon the Common high Way or Lane, beyond a certain distance, nor is there room for it in many parts of the Road) the impossibility of preventing others leading on that Way unless it be inclosed, the Expence of Way leave thro' private property, the keeping the Way in Repair; these & other objections will I think act forceably against the Scheme. The Accot that you require shall be sent you when made out; but I apprehend that such Account made out quarterly would be attended with infinite trouble to the Lead Stewards, & prevent their attending to the important part of their Business etc. I observe what you say as to the Bankers allowing Interest for the Money that they may have in their Hands from Time to Time; neither the Lead Pays's nor the Subsistence for the Workmen could be made in Bank of England Notes without a very considerable Sum in Cash; we have found that one third in Cash is required at the Lead pay's; & one half for the Subsistence between they to be paid in Notes of £10 each instead of Notes of £5 more Cash must necessarily be required, besides the Bank of England Notes would not be so passible in that Country.

In consequence of the Lead Company having made a Sale at a reduced price, I thought it advisable to sell 19000 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead, the Refin[e]d & Common at £18-10 per Fo[dde]r the Slag at £18 there are not above 9000 p[ie]ce[s] at Blaydon, but I have wrote to Mr Hunter to get the remainder down from Dukesfield etc as soon as the Road etc will admit of it.

On the 3d inst I remitted Mr Beaumont a Bill on London for £6000 the Rec[eip]t of which he has acknowledged by this days post; tomorrow I shall send him a Bill for £4000.

We have had remarkable fine Weather for this Week past; Mr Bell writes me that Mr Beaumont's Tenants at Yaridge wo[ul]d get all their Oats well in by the end of this Week

I am etc J.E.B

11 Nov 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr
No 26 Old Burlington Street London

New[castle] 11th Novemr 1792

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 6th inst I duly received, & I am happy to hear that Mrs Beaumont & her little One are doing well; I hope that they may continue so; I wrote to acquaint Mr Bell of the events & I was told Yesterday that the Bells were ringing merrily on the occasion. I last Post wrote Mr Skelton a long Letter on business which I shall not trouble you with at present.

You will receive inclosed a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell Powell & Co of this date at One Month for £4000 the Rec[eip]t of which you will please to acknowledge.

The Sailors of this Port have been in a very Riotous State for this Month past to oblige the Ship Owners to pay a considerable advance of Wages, alth[ough] the Wages at this Port are much higher than at any other Ports in the Kingdom; they have already Committed many Violent Acts & its feared they will proceed greater lengths; Government have been applied to by the Justices of the three Counties for an additional Force.

Our Weather continues remarkable fine. I am w[i]th best Compl[imen]ts to Mrs Beaumont
Yours etc J.E.B

£4000	Newcastle Bank 10th Nov 1792
One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr	
Six Thousand Pounds	Value Recieved
For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co	
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson
No 22981 London	Pay the Contents to the Order of Thos Richd Beaumont
	Esqr Value in Account John E Blackett

13 Nov 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Master Esqr & Co	Newcastle 13th Nov 1792
Bankers London	

Gentlemen Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn Mills and Mitton at 30 days dated this day for £462-10 being for half a Years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due 26 inst to The Lord Bishop of Durham from Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr

Please to advise me on your Rec[eip]t of the same I am etc J.E.B

£462-10	No 1384
	Newcastle upon Tyne 13th Novr 1792

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr Four Hundred & Sixty
Two Pounds ten Shillings Value received

Surtees Burdon & Co

To Messrs Glyn Mills and Mitton
Bankers London

Endorsed Jno E Blackett

27 Nov 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

NewC[astle] 27th Novr 1792

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell
& Co at One Month dated this day for £231-5s being One Quarters Composition for the
Lott Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due this day to the Lord Bishop of Durham from
Thos Richard Beaumont.Esqr

Please to Advise me on your Receipt of the same.

I am etc J.E.B

£231-5-

Newcastle Bank 27th [Nov] 1792

One Month after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Hundred &
thirty one Pounds five Shillings Value recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
No 22666 London

Thos Gibson

29 Nov 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

Mr Skelton Esqr
Birthwait Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 29th Novr 1792

D[ea]r Sir

Your favour of the 15th inst I recieved, the late very alarming Disturbance
amongst the Seamen of this Port prevented me answering it so soon as I otherwise
would have done, Matters have been accommodated between them & the Ship Owners
& peace is restored for the present but how long we may remain in that State is I think
rather uncertain, for the present Aspect of Affairs is certainly very unpleasant

The Lead Stewards are with me a few days since for Subsistence for the
Workmen, & some Wood Payments, & they recieved £3560 there was little alteration in
the state of the Mines at that time; I had some Conversation with them respecting the
proposed Scheme of bringing down the Lead, as well as the Ore, by a Waggon Way;
they all, as well as every Person that it has been mentioned to, look on the Scheme

impracticable considering the Country it must go through, the great length (above 40 Miles) as well as the immense expence attending it; The Interest of the Money would far exceed the Annual Expence of the Carriage, exclusive of the Way Leave Rent for a part of the distance, & the keeping such a Waggon Way in Repair, which would be very considerable; However as soon as the Season will admit of it, the Lead Stewards will take a View of that part of the Road, which they may think the most practical for it, & make their Report of the same.

Mr Straker wrote to you & sent you the Accounts that you required.

I hope that Mrs Beaumont recovers well, & that her little Boy thrives apace, which I shall be glad to hear, I imagine that the Family will be down at Bretton very soon, to whom please to present my best Respects:

I am etc J.E.B

8 Dec 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Mr Deness

<Sd> Deness Esqr sent under cover
to the Right Honble The Earl of Pomfret
Easton Towester Northamptonshire

Newcastle 8th Decemr 1792

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 3d Inst & observe the Contents _ I perfectly agree with you that it would be for the interest of the principal Lead Proprietors that a Communication should be Kept up amongst them for the purpose of supporting the price of Lead, it has been my endeavour to accomplish this but without effect for I have been undersold frequently at Stockton & Chester & you must be very sensible that a considerable Lead Proprietor must subject himself to great disadvantage by strictly adhering to a Resolution that may be come to, when the smaller Proprietors, or some of them, may not be so scrupulous

I have frequently corresponded with Messrs Wilkinsons of Chesterfield and other Lead proprietors & ever since I have been concerned for my late relations Sir Walter & Sir Thos Blackett & for Mr Beaumont it has been my endeavour to support the price of Lead; I sold a considerable Quantity in the Spring at £19-15 & £20 per Fo[dde]r in the Autumn another large Quantity at £19-10 per Fo[dde]r the troubles on the Continent & some other circumstances induced me to make some drop in a parcel that I sold last Month I shall not have any Quantity at Market for some months the price that I ask at present is £19 per Fo[dde]r I shall at all times be ready to give you the best information in my power respecting the Price of Lead

I am etc J.E.B

14 Dec 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson
Cinderhill near Wakefield Yorkshire

NewC[astle] 14th Decr 1792

Sir Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Sir MW Ridley Cookson & Co at Forty days dated this day for £43-17 being in full for a pack of Bends sent to Mr Beaumont Lead Mines at Allenheads.

Please to Advise me on your Receipt of the same.

I am etc J.E.B

£43-17

Newcastle Bank 14th Decr 1792

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Forty three pounds seventeen Shillings Value recieved

For Sir M W Ridley Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co

To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co

Thos Gibson

No 22576 London

John E Blackett

15 Dec 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 15th Decr 1792

Dear Sir

I lately received a Letter from Messrs Walkers & Co of Rotherham inclosing a Paper Containing a Number of Charges against me, which they inform me was a Copy of that sent to you.

I must confess that I was very much surprised at the Contents of it, & that it has given me some uneasiness being Conscious of not having given Messrs Walkers & Co any real Cause of Complaint, & of having Acted to the best of my power for the Interest of those that I have been, & am at present Concerned; The Sales of Lead which I have made for some Years past have exceeded in price those of other Concerns.

You must be sensible how very unpleasant a task it must be to Answer such a String of Charges as have been alledged against me, & tho' I flatter myself from the Confidence that has been reposed in me that I should not be called on by you to do it, yet on this occasion for your satisfaction I have Answered the several Charges that have been brought against me which I shall be happy to find meets with your Approbation; It is certainly necessary that a Confidence should be placed in the Person (whoever he may be) that has the disposal of your Lead & if he is on every occasion to be Accountable to the several Dealers for every Sale that he makes, your Interest must Suffer & no Person of Credit would undertake the business.

I shall acknowledge the reciept of Messrs Walkers & Co letter & refer them to you for the Answer to the several Charges against me; If you should think proper to send them a Copy of my Answer? I have no objection, I think myself unhandsomly

treated, & I cannot submit to be accountable to them for my Conduct in the Sale of your Lead etc I am etc J.E.B

15 Dec 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Walker

Messrs Walkers & Co
Rotherham Yorkshire

Newcastle 15th Decr 1792

Gentlemn

Your Letter of the 4th inst with a Copy of yours to Mr Beaumont Containing a variety of Charges against me of Partiality in the disposal of the WB Lead came safely to hand, & I hope I have fully Answered them to the Satisfaction of Mr Beaumont to whom I refer you.

I must Confess that I was not a little Surprized at the Charges alledged against me, & the matter has given me much uneasiness, being Conscious of not having given any Cause for them; for I have always Acted to the best of my Power for the Interest of the Concern that I have been interested with, & at the same time with Impartiality to the Buyers; on which Account I must think myself unhandsomly treated; you will therefore excuse me in not saying more on the Subject as I cannot Submit to be accountable to the several purchasers of Lead for the Sales that I made etc.

I am etc J.E.B

18 Dec 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

NewC[astle] 18th Decr 1792

D[ea]r Sir I wrote to you on the 15th inst to which I refer you, & I now inclose you a Bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at 40 days dated this day for £3000 & another Bill drawn by Walkers Fishwick & Co on Walkers Maltby & Co at 2 Months dated the 6th inst for £2000 making together £5000 the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge

I am etc J.E.B

£2000

Newcastle 6th Decr 1792

Two Month after date pay to the Order of Jno Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Thousand Pound value Recieved as advised

Walkers Fishwick & Co

Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co Pay the Contents to Thos Richd

Lead Merchants

Beaumont Esqr value in Accot

No 2844 London

Jno E Blackett

£3000 Newcastle Bank 18th Decr 1792
Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr Three Thousand
Pounds Value Rec[eiv]ed
For Sir M W Ridley Bart Cookson Widdrington Bell & Co
Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co
No 22590 London

20 Dec 1792 Joshua Straker to Arthur Mowbray

Mr Mowbray Sherburn Durham Newcastle 20th Decr

Sir Mr Alderman Blackett desires me to write to you on the part of Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr Executor of Sir Thos Blackett Bart who holds a Tenement at Redburn by Lease for three Lives under the Master & Brethern of Sherburn Hospital, two of which being expired; Mr Blackett is desirous of putting in two at this time, & will be glad if you will inform him as soon as convenient, what Fine you will take for a Renewal of that Lease, I am for J.E.B Josa Straker

26 Dec 1792 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr Newcastle 26th Decem 1792
Forster Lane London

Sir Yesterday I sent you by Jackson & Jennings the London Carriers a piece of fine Silver Containing 1450 1/2 Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr at the Markett price & advise me on your Reciept of it I am etc J.E.B

5 Jan 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr NCastle 5th Jany 1793
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Sir Inclosed you will receive four Bills as under Amounting to £6900 the Receipt of which you will be pleased to Acknowledge _ I imagine that you have Received a letter from Mr John Widdrington of this place & I understand that himself & Co decline the transacting your business in the Banking way for the future, in the manner that you proposed to them; on which Accot it becomes necessary that some

Resolution should be come to respecting the conducting of it for the future
I am etc J.E.B

Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co dated the	
2nd Jany at One Month	£4000
C Blackett on Freeman dated 3rd Jany at 1 Month	1000
Ditto on <Freoston> Do Do	1000
J E Blackett on <Browne at 20days dated 5th last	900
	6900

18 Jan 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Bankers Fleet Street London Newcastle 18th Jany 1793

Gentlemn

Inclosed you will recieve a bill drawn by Ridley Cookson & Co on Castell & Co at 30 days dated this day for £225- -; being One Quarters Composition Rent for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11th inst to The Revd Mr Hardinge from Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr Ex[ecut]or of Sir Thos Blackett Bt deceased.

Please to advise me on your Reciept of the bill and acquaint Mr Hardinge with the same
I am etc J.E.B

£225- -	Newcastle Bank 18th Jany 1793
Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of John Erasmus Blackett Esqr Two Hundred & twenty five Pounds - Value received	
For Sir M W Ridley Bt Cookson Widdrington & Bell	
To Messrs Castell Powell Sumner & Co	Thos Gibson
No 22768 London	

22 Jan 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr	Newcastle 22nd Jany 1793
Bretton Yorkshire	

Dr Sir This Morning I rec[eiv]ed a letter from Mr Widdrington acquainting me that the Bank, after having fully considered the Matter, do not see any reason to alter their Opinion & therefore beg leave to decline the business on the terms proposed & they have wrote to you to that purpose _ Please to acquaint me whether you would have

any application to Surtees Burdon & Cos Bank or to any of the other Banks in this Place
or what other steps you will please to take I am etc J.E.B

31 Jan 1793 Joshua Straker to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr Sherburn near Durham Newcastle 31st Jany 1793

Sir I wrote to you some time ago in Answer to your letter of the 2nd Instant and I have expected to have heard from you for some time past respecting the Renewal of the Lease of Redburn, and as Mr Blackett is desirous of having this business settled you'll please to inform him the terms for a Renewal of that Lease I am etc J.S

26 Feb 1793 Joshua Straker to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr Sherburn near Durham Newcastle 26th Feby 1793

Sir Mr Blackett desires me to inform you that he will give you 8 Years Rent for a Renewal of the Lease of Redburn, according to the present Rent which is £40 per Ann[um] & which is not capable of being Let for more at this time, as the smoke of Rookhope Mill has corroded & quite eaten off the Swarth on a part of it. Formerly the fine was for one Years Rent for putting in a Life & 4 Years Rent for 2 Lives which makes Mr B think the Terms now very high, he hopes that the Offer (on the otherside) will meet with your Approbation & will be glad to hear from you as soon as possible I am etc J.S

Rent per Ann[um]	40	-	-	
Out Rent ded[uc]t	4	8	2	
	35	11	10	[x] 8 £284 14 8

1 Mar 1793 Joshua Straker to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr Sherburn near Durham Newcastle 1st March 1793

Sir

I was yesterday favour with your letter, the contents of which I communicated to Mr Blackett, who is still of opinion that the Fine you fix is very high, but as you seem determined not to make any abatement, he must be under the necessity of complying with your demand, tho' from the Account we have of Mr Robson's relations here, we cannot think so bad a Life as you apprehend him to be

The New Lives to be put in are Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr of Bretton Hall in the Parish of Silkston in the County of York & John Skelton Son of Mark Skelton Esqr of Birthwaite Hall in the Parish of Darton in the same County _ As soon as the Lease is prepared, you'll please to inform me & I shall meet you at Durham & pay you the Fine etc & should any other transaction be necessary respecting this business, you'll please to mention it I am etc J.S

12 Mar 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 12th March 1793

at Messrs Ransom Moreland & Co Bankers Pall Mall London

Dear Sir

I had the favour of your Letter of the 4th inst which I postponed Answering untill I had seen your Lead Agents, & had some Conversation with them on the Subject of your Letter, which I have this day had respecting a division of a part of your Lordship which is about to take place, I desired they would give their Individual opinions how far that division may be likely to affect your Interest in the several points of view; they desire to have a few days to consider of the matter fully, & have promised to send me their several Opinions on the Subject, which when I receive shall be transmitted to you; I now inclose you Mr Bell's lre [letter] to me with his observations on the matter, which appear to me to be Just; as to my opinion I cannot say more than I have done, That a General Division (taking it in every point of view) would be injurious to the Interest of your Concerns; how far this partial division may effect you, I cannot say, but leave it to the opinion of your Agents who should be more able to Judge of the Matter; As the Bill has already Passed I think that all that your Agents can do will be to take every possible Care that the Road may be laid out properly, so that your Interest may not be injured as to the Lead Carriage, the Bill appears to have provided against it in other Matters. As to the Scheme of having a Way laid with Wood, or Cast Iron in the most impassible parts of the Road, your Agents as well as myself are of Opinion that the delay etc that it would occasion, as well as the Expencc attending it, will render it almost impracticable, & that the repairing of those parts of the Road will be much more efficacious, & attended with considerable less Expencc: The Agents for the Greenwich Hospl and those of the Lead Company are of the same opinion _ The Subscription for the intended Road from this place to Wolsingham, Stanhope & Aldstone being found insufficient for the compleating the said Road and the opposition given to the Bill by the Commiss[ione]rs of Greenwich Hopl the Subscribers to it have (at a late Meeting) come to a Resolution that the Road shall not be carried further West than Chapel, (between Stanhope & Newhouse) about one Mile from the latter: In consequence of this, some of the Subscribers have withdrawn their Subscriptions, others have reduced them; I inclose you the Sentiments of your Agents as to the Matter, & shall follow the directions therein; I think that the proposed Road as

far as Chapel may be the means of having the different Articles for the Mines, as well as provisions for the Workmen brought up at a lower Rate.

I have paid the Lead Agents £2500 for Subsistence for the Workmen.

There has not been any demand for Lead at this Markett, some have been offer[ed] at £18 per F[odde]r but refused, I am apprehensive that it will be lower.

The Money in your Bankers hands will be required for the Lead Pay, I have desired your Agents to be particularly attentive to the Woods, that they may be well Fenced & preserved.

Weardale Mines are doing very well at present Coalcleugh rather on the decline, but Mr Dickinson is in hopes they may come about again; Allenheads Mines are doing little, owing to the deep Workings & not having cut any new Veins.

I am etc J.E.B

24 Mar 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Tho R Beaumont Esqr
at Messrs Ransom Moreland & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 24th March 1793

Dr Sir

I was by the last Post favoured with Mr Skelton's letter of the 21st inst & observe the Contents I was under a necessity of giving longer Credit to Mr Hall & Mr C Blackett for the 30000 p[iece]s Lead sold to them the 4th Augt last, by the Agreement One half was to be paid on the 1st March by Bills at 2 Mo[nth]s date & the Remaind[er] on the 1st April of the like date, I endeavoured to have the payments one Month sooner but Mr Hall absolutely refused making the purchase on the above terms, It was with some difficulty that I procured Bills from him at those dates for the 1st Payment & I wish that I may not have the like difficulty in obtaining Bills for the next Payment wch will certainly be too long a Date & must subject you to the Payment of Discount which could not well be avoided owing to the great Sum that has been drawn out of the Trade _ The other Payments for Lead that we may probably expect may Amo[un]t to £1000

The time fixed on for the several Lead Pays is the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd of May which is as late as we could with any propriety make it the Sum wanted will be about £45000 we must take as little Cash as we possibly can but I think that we cannot make less serve than £12000 _ I shall follow your directions as to the withdrawing £200 from your Subs[criptio]n towards the intended Turnpike Road the Commiss[ioner]s having come to a Resolution of carrying that Road no further West than Chappel in Weardale the other £100 I should recommend being continued, being in hopes that the Road even to Chappel may be of some benefit to your concerns & your having Sum on the Road must give you some influence at the Meetings

I am etc J.E.B

26 Mar 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 26th March 1793

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson & Jennings the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing 1237 1/2 Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Reciept of it
I am etc J.E.B

30 Mar 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
At Mrs Wilsons No 3 Castle Street Holburn London

Newcastle 30th Mar 1793

Dr Sir

I was favoured with your letter with a Copy of Fenwicks observations on the proposed Turnpike Road in wch I cannot agree with him being of opinion that this Road even carried 3 Miles further west to Burtreeford will not be of that benefit to Mr Bs concerns in Weardale wch Mr Fenwick Represents but as Mr Emerson must be a much better judge of this matter than I can pretend to be I have sent him a Copy of Mr Fenwicks observations desiring to have his full remarks on each wch when I receive shall be inclosed to you _ I had a letter from Mr Walton Jr Agent to Greenwich Hospital respecting the alteration of a Clause in the Bill & likewise a very proper <prviso> a Copy of wch I inclose you _ I delayed Answering your letter in hopes of Receiving the Bill from Mr Bell wch I have not yet but when I do it shall be sent as you direct

Inclosed I send you the Opinions of the several Lead Agents Respecting the Division of a part of the Common within the Manor of Hexham, how far such division may be an Advantage or disadvantage to Mr Bs Concerns _ In my letter Mr B of the 24th inst I acquainted him with the time that the several Pays are to be made Viz the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd May wch is as late as we could with any Propriety make them & likewise the sum that will be required to make them with the Subsistence for the Workmen & the Candle Bills At the time that I made the Sale for the 30000 p[iece]s Lead I was under a necessity of allowing a longer Credit, otherwise I could not have obtained the Price I now wish that it had been otherwise but it cannot be amended & the Bills that I am to Receive of Mr Hall & Mr C Blackett on Monday next will be at 2 Mo[nth]s date of this I have acquainted Messrs Surtees & Burdon & likewise what Sum will be wanted from them in £5 Notes & in Cash we shall take as little Cash as possible not exceeding £12000

I am etc J.E.B

4 Apr 1793 Joshua Straker to Thomas Fenwick

Mr Thos Fenwick Hamsterley

Newcastle 4th April 93

Sir As the Lobly hill Road is not to be carried to Aldston as first intended Mr Bt is of Opinion that it will be of little or no advantage to his concerns in Weardale on wch Acct I am desired to inform you that he will withdraw £200 of his Subscrip[tio]n & with which you will please to acquaint the Commiss[ione]rs I am etc J.S

8 Apr 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 8th April 1793

at Messrs Ransom Moreland & Co's Bankers London

Dear Sir

In consequence of the Bank of Messrs Forster & Co of this place having stopt payment this Morning there has been a Meeting of the Gentlemen of this place & Neighborhood & the Merchants & Traders, when they came to the Resolutions that I now inclose you, which is hoped may be the means of preventing any great run on the four other Banks, which I believe will be safe; those of Surtees & Burdon & Ridley & Cookson & Co after the Resolutions come to this day certainly will not be effected but are perfectly safe; Forster & Co have submitted their Books to the Inspection of their Creditors & its asserted that they after discharging all demands on them will have a Surpluss of upwards of £25000 & Mr Forster has made an offer of Assigning over to Trustees his Real Estate for the security of the Creditors of the Bank.

Application has this day been made to me by Messrs Surtees & Burdon to apply to you in their Names requesting the favour of you to permit that £3000 or £4000 of your Money now resting in the Hands of Messrs Ransom Morland & Co may for a short Time be transferred to the Bank of Messrs Smith Pane & Smiths; you will be perfectly safe in so doing, it will confer a great favour on Messrs Surtees & Burdon & the Money will be ready against the pay.

I am etc J.E.B

20 Apr 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 20th April 1793

Reddish's Hotel St James's London

Dr Sir I wrote to you the 18th inst by Express, this morning I have had a good deal of Conversation with Mr Burdon & Mr Surtees respecting the Lead Pay, they are now in great hopes that they will have it in their Power to accomodate you with a sufficient Sum in Notes, which with the Cash you may send or bring down may be fully

sufficient to make the Lead Pay at the time that it was first fixed (Viz 1 2 & 3 & 4th May, but they could not give me any positive assurances of it until monday or Tuesday evening when they will from the Run that may be made on them be more able to judge on that Matter; but they said they would by this Post write to Messrs Ransom & Co on the business, this is putting off giving an Answer much too late, however from what I have seen this morning having been some time at their Bank I have very little doubt of their supplying you with their Notes, for there was scarce any Run on them of any consequence, the Bank being shut up for some days must of course occasion a want of Cash for the common occurrences of life & a few of the Country people brought from 1 to half a Dozen of their £5 Notes which was pretty much the case with the other three Banks & its thought that there will not be any demands on them of consequence on Monday & that Bank is at present very well provided with Cash so that all apprehensions of a Run on them of any serious consequences is at an end _ I have Rec[eiv]ed Doctor Halls Bills on Lancaster & Co dated 1 2 3 & 4th Apr[il] at 2 Mo[nth]s for £10000 which I have placed with Messrs Surtees & Burdon
I am etc J.E.B

21 Apr 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Ransom Morland & Hammersley

Messrs Ransom Morland & Hammersley
Bankers London

Newcastle 21st April 1793

Gentn

I wrote to Mr Beaumont by Express the 18th inst & yesterday by Post concerning his Lead Pays which I now in great hopes he will have it in his power to make at the time it was appointed & that Messrs Surtees & Burdon may be able with safety to themselves to assist us with a considerable Sum in their Notes of which they will advise you by Tuesdays Post against which time they say that they can from a judgement of that Matter but I think that there will not be any doubt of it.

I yesterday placed in the hands of Messrs Surtees & Burdon 4 Bills of £2500 each which I that morning received they are drawn by John Hall of this place on Lancaster & Co dated 1.2.3 & 4 inst at 2 Mo[nth]s & are on the Accot of Thos R Beaumont Esqr they would be sent by this mornings Post, I heard this day at 2 O'Clock that Mr Hall the drawer died suddenly this morning I thought it advisable to give you the most early Notice of the same & I hope before this reaches you that the Bills are Accepted by Lancaster & Co _ Mr Hall purchased 9500p[iece]s Lead of Mr Beaumont's for Lancaster & Co which is not all delivered & of course no payments have been made on that Accot. I submit it to you Gentn whither it may not be advisable for Mr Beaumont to wait upon Lancaster & Co & to have some conversation with them on the business As I don't write to Mr Beaumont be pleased to communicate this matter to him as soon as possible

I am etc J.E.B

22 Apr 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
Reddishes Hotel St James's London

Newcastle 22nd April 1793

Dr Sir

I wrote to you the 20th inst to which I refer you, I this day Rec[eiv]ed your favor of the 20th & I observe what you are pleased to say respecting the Lead Pay & that you think it absolutely necessary that it should be made at the time appointed in wch I perfectly agree with you; Your Agents will be at this place on Sunday 28th Inst receive the Money on the 29th go to Dukesfield the 30th & make the Pay that day following 1st May, they will go to Allenheads that evening & make that pay & Coalcleugh the 2nd May & the Weardale Pay on Friday the 3rd the usual time of making the Lead Pays have been the last week in April _ There has not been any Run this day on the several Banks & Mr Burdon told me that he now had not the least doubt of their being able to supply you with £20000 in their Notes which will pass currently & about £10,000 in Cash which with the sum that you may bring down in Cash & Bank of England Notes will make the Pay Amounting to about £43300 _ I think there is no doubt that Mr Halls Bills for £10000 being duly Accepted etc by Messrs Lancaster & Co & that they will give you the necessary satisfaction respecting the payment for the 9500 p[ie]ce[s] Lead the last purchase by Mr Hall for Lancaster & Co

I wrote to Messrs Ransom & Co on that business yesterday which I desired they would immediately communicate to you _ Mr Hall has left two Sons who are in business & may probably carry on that branch of the Lead Commissions from Lancaster & Co in wch case it may be advisable to have a Guarantee from Lancaster & Co for the Purchase of Lead that they may make

It is not in my power at present to give you so full information as I could wish as to the inclosed paper from Sir John Trevelyan, The Sum of Money which he alludes to was the Surpluss upon the Sale of a part of the Estate which was vested in Chancery & could not be disposed of untill the death of the late Sir Walter Blackett the Interest of wch till that time Sir John Trevelyan is entitled to & from that period the Principal & Interest was the property of the late Sir Thos Blackett & now of course devolves to you; it is a matter of Law in wch I cannot give you that full information that you desire; the late Mr Wilson & Mr Heron were frequently consulted by Sir Thos Blackett as to that Matter & then was some delay in the Law Proceedings wch I am not acquainted with & wch I hope that Mr Heron will give you the necessary information when you see Him

Monday Evening Past 9 OClock, I have this moment seen Mr Burdon who promises to supply you with £30000 in Cash & Notes each one half you bringing down the Remainder viz Thirteen Thousand Pounds in Gold & £300 in Silver Mr Burdon will write to Ransom & Co by this Post he desires his best Comp[limen]ts to you. It will be

necessary that the bottom of your Carriage should be well secured we shall get 1or 2
£100 in Silver at this place

I am etc J.E.B

27 Apr 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 27th April 1793

Sir Having at this time to make Mr Beaumonts Lead Pays I have drawn upon you
for the Ballance of your with him Amounting to £341.19.4 by Bill payable to Messrs
Surtees Burdon & Co at 30 days dated the 26th inst & which I doubt not you will duly
honor I am etc J.E.B

31 May 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 31st May 1793

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson & Jennings the London Carriers a Piece fine
Silver containing Thirteen Hundred & Forty Six Ounces & a half which I desire that
you will place to account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Market Price &
Advise me on your Receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

12 Jul 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle July 12th 1793

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Smith Payne
& Smiths at 40 days dated this day for £450, being half a Years Composition for the
Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due 11th inst from Thos R Beaumont Esqr to the
Revd Mr Hardinge

Please to Advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & acquaint Mr Hardinge with
the same I am etc J.E.B

£450 No 60150

Newcastle upon Tyne July 12th 1793

Forty days after date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr

Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds

Value received

To Messrs Smith Payne
& Smiths, Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co
Endorsed John E Blackett

12 Jul 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr Birthwait Hall
near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 12th July 1793

Sir

Your favor I rec[eiv]ed & I observe what you say respecting the Accots, they were made out to the time of Sir Thos Blackett's Death, sho[ul]d they not convey to you the satisfaction that you wish for, on you acquainting what is required, we will Endeavour to give you the necessary information. At the time that the Calculation was made respecting the Sum that might be required for the several Lead Pays' no Jud[gm]ent could well be formed of the amount, & instead of it being for 12 Months the Pay was only for 9 Months being to the Time of Sir Thos Blackett's Death.

The 18500 pieces of Lead sold in Novr last to Mr Hall & Mr Chris Blackett were not at that time come down, it was far in the Spring before the Quantity was at Blaydon & in consideration of those Gentlemen being obliged to pay a very large Sum of Money for the former Parcells of Lead sold them, they by agreement were to be indulged with more than the usual Credit, but I expected that they wo[ul]d have made a payment on that Accot some Time ago, but notwithstanding the frequent applications that I have made to them for the purpose, it has not yet been in my power to obtain Bills even for the first payment, & I am at length promised them the End of this Month, but I will endeavour to procure them sooner; the effect which the late failures have had on Credit in General, as well as the present War (which occasions a great stagnation in trade) is the occasion of this. The end of May I sold Mr C Blackett 5000 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead at £17-10 per Fo[dder] (the price at which the Lead Company sold) but he expects to have a long Credit; Messrs Walker & Co & Mr Hall refused my offer of the like quantities to each at that price unless they were allowed untill Jany & March next for the payment in Bills at 2 Mo[n]th[s], I did not at that Time think it prudent to consent to it, but I fear that we shall be under a necessity of complying with it for there is scarce any demand for Lead at present & the Credit very long indeed as you will see by a Copy of Mr Freeman's Lre [Letter] to Mr C Blackett which I inclose you. Lead may have been sold at Hull in small Quantities at £17-15 & possibly at £18 per F[odder] but no such price could be obtain'd at That time at this place for we are glad to get £17-10 for Com[mo]n & £17-15 for Ref[ine]d for the few very small parcells we have sold; I have got £18 per Ton for 70 Casks of Litharge, I have made an offer of a Quantity to the London Houses at that price but their Answer was, there is no demand. The last Piece of Silver we sold was at 5s 5d per Oz & it is expected to be lower, it is always disposed of on being sent down at the Current price. A State of the Cash Accot as well as a Calculation of the

Sum that will be required for the carrying on the works etc shall be sent you.
I am etc J.E.B

6 Aug 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 6th Augt 1793

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Jennings the London Carriers a piece fine Silver Containing 1193 1/2 Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Rec[eip]t of it
I am etc J.E.B

30 Aug 1793 Joshua Straker to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
Birthwaite Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 30th Augt 1793

Sir

I have this day sent in Petersgill's Waggon, the Deeds Papers & Writings belonging to Mrs Beaumont & I hope they will arrive safe at Wakefield on the 5th or 6th Septem.

The Schedule is in the Box Marked B. I send a Copy of the Cash Account by Mr Beaumont who sets out Tomorrow Morning for Bretton I am etc J.S

3 Sep 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon Derby

Newcastle 3d Sept. 1793

Gentlemen I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Twenty days payable to the Order of Messrs Isaac & John Wilkinson for £101-13-6, being you Account for Litharge got of the late Sir Thos Blackett Bart. As this Account has stood more than double the Credit I usually give I hope you will pay due honor to the Bill. I am etc J.E.B

4 Sep 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & Jno Wilkinson Chesterfield

NewC. 4 Sept. 1793

Sirs

I have received your favor of the 15th Ult. which I postponed Answering in hopes of having it in my power to give you a more favourable Acct of the State of this Markett for Lead; we have not had any demand and the London Houses unite in their Endeavours to beat down the price, & notwithstanding the Assertions that they have no demand, I am satisfied their Stocks are very small, and that they must soon come to Markett, Messrs Walker & Cos House purchased 11 or 1200 p[ie]ce[s] of Com[m]on Lead & Slag at £16-10 per Fo[dd]e[r] but I hope no more will be sold so low, the quantity at Markett is not large, and will fall short of former Years.

Messrs Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon have been very backward in their payment for some Litharge they purchas'd, I have drawn a Bill on them for the Amo[un]t which I take the liberty of inclosing to you and request the favour of you to negotiate the same and when paid to remit a Bill on London for the Amount after deducting the Charges. I am etc J.E.B

7 Sep 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 7th Sept 1793

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 5th inst and am glad to find you got well home. The Venison arrived safe & in good Order, for which Mrs Beaumont & you will please to accept my best thanks. I observe what you say respecting the poor Sufferers at Redburn and I shall desire Mr Hunter to give them the Sums agreeable to your directions.

Inclosed you have a Copy of Messrs Lancaster & Cos Lre [Letter], no notice is yet given of a Meeting of the Creditors of Hall & Co but it is expected, its said that they are settling their Books and preparing a State of their Affairs to lay before their Creditors.

Inclosed I send you a Copy of the Opinion of Mr Williamson respecting the Weardale Lead Mines being subject to be rated to the poor, from which you will please to observe that he thinks that the Composition paid by you to the Bishop of Durham for the Lot Ore and that to the Rector of Stanhope for the Tithe Ore, will be subject to be rated; this being the Case I imagine that you will think it advisable to submit to it without Litegation.

I observe what you say respecting the sale of Lead and I shall follow your directions, I inclose a Copy of a Lre [Letter] from Messrs Wilkinson and the Resolutions of the Meeting at Matlock; no offers have been made to me from the London Houses, but I am well informed that their Stocks are very small and of course they must soon come to Markett. Mr C Blackett has paid £5000 on Acct of Lead sold him & inclosed I

send you his Bills on London for the same, The Reciept of which you will please to acknowledge. I am etc J.E.B

22 Sep 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 22d Sept 1793

Dear Sir

In consequence of a Notice I rec[eiv]ed on Wednesday evening of a Meeting the day following of the Creditors of Walter Hall & Co resident in Newcastle (after having consulted with Mr Williamson) I attended the Meeting with Mr Heron when the inclosed statement was laid before the Meeting and a Committee was appointed to examine and investigate the same and to make their Report to a General Meeting of the Cred[ito]rs which will be soon called; The Statement is dark and Ambiguous & I think has a bad Appearance, some of the Cred[ito]rs proposed that an Assignment of all their Effects sh[oul]d be made to some persons for the benefit of their Cred[ito]rs but that was not approved off, and they postponed coming to any Resolutions on that head untill a Gen[era]l Meeting, but it is the Opinion of a Number of Creditors as well as of Mr Williamson & Mr Heron that a State of Bankruptcy cannot be avoided, for its thought that an undue preferance has lately been given to some of the Creditors. The Effects are of so many kinds, part of them are of a perishable nature & widely dispersed in various parts in Europe etc a great part of them (as appears by the Statement) in Cred[ito]rs hands under Mortgage which induce me to think that on the close they will turn to bad Account _ In the Statement you are Creditor for £996-11-8 which is 16s 8d less than we have it in our Books _ the late Dr Hall is Cred[ito]r for £3171-12-7 which probably may be the Sum w[hic]h they have drawn out of the Hands of Lancaster & Co & that House is made indebted to them in the Sum of £277-2- which may be for the 50 Casks Litharge sold them together with their Commission and Charges _ I am very sorry to find that Mr Williamson & Mr Heron are both of Opinion that the House of Lancaster & Co will not be subject to the Debt owing to you and that it will fall on the Effects of the late Dr Hall whose Widow is by Will left sole Exececatrix.

Walter Hall declared at the Meeting that his Father Jno Hall was a Partner in the House with himself & Brother & that he dies Insolvent, altho' the same day he told one of C[redito]rs that his Father died Solvent and that there would be a Surpluss after the payment of his Debts; I sincerely wish that it may be the case but I much doubt it.

It is with concern that I give you so very unpleasing an Accot of this disagreeable Business and you will by this Post have a Lre [Letter] from Mr Heron on the same occasion to which I refer you.

I have not yet made any Sale of Lead Mr C Blackett & Messrs Walkers & Co have applied to me to know the price, I asked them £17 per Fo[dde]r they have made no offer, nor do I think that they will exceed £16-10 and even at that price will not

purchase a large Quantity as they are strongly of Opinion that the price must drop which indeed I am very apprehensive will be the case, there are at present at Blaydon upwards of 30000 p[iece]s of Lead ready for Sale, about 15000 are in other Hands about 25000 p[iece]s at Stockton, It will be highly necessary on Account of your Lead Pays that you should soon make a Sale and I wish that £16-10 could be obtained for 30000 p[iece]s.

Six Months Credit is the most early payment in Bills at 2 Months that will be complied with
I am etc J.E.B

25 Sep 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr
Doncaster

Newcastle 25th Sept 1793

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 22d inst to which I refer you. I have by this days post Mr Skelton's letter of the 23d inst after having consulted with Mr Williamson & Mr Heron I shall answer it and your directions shall be followed respecting the Rentals to be made out by the several Stewards. I have been applied to by Mr Fishwick (a partner with the Walkers) for the lowest price of 10,000 p[iece]s of Lead one half to be refin'd, I asked him £17 per F[odde]r which he refused to give but I have reason to think that they would go to £16-10 and no further, this Morning Mr C Blackett made the like enquiry of me for his Friends Mr Freeman and Preston without making an Offer of a Price _ 2000 p[iece]s of Refin'd Lead have been sold at Stockton at 17£ per that Fothe[r] which is equal to about £16-5 the Newc[astle] Fo[dde]r and Mr Freeman has an Offer of a large Quantity at that place at £16-10 the Newc[astle] Fo[dde]r but would give the preference to your Lead _ No Offers have yet been made to me for Lead for the House of Lancaster & Co _ I am well informed that the London Houses are in want of Lead but I do not think that they will exceed £16-10 and in my Opinion it will be advisable to accept of that price, provided it be for a large Quantity and I am satisfied that the first great Sale that is made will be the best; there is a large Quantity of Chester Lead at Markett, which has been offered at a lower price and not accepted off. I shall wait for your directions as Mr Fishwick & Mr C Blackett will expect an Answer

In the next Sale of Lead it will be advisable that some caution should be used respecting the future Security; Mr Fishwick who makes the purchases is a partner in the House of Walkers & Co. Mr Freeman and Preston are willing to enter into any engagement for your security for the Lead which Mr C Blackett may purchase; I have not heard from Lancaster & Co on that Lead no offers having yet been made on their behalf; altho[ugh] it will be necessary that the like caution sh[oul]d be taken respecting them, yet at the same Time care must be taken that the New Mode that we may Adopt may not effect your claim on the House of Lancaster & Co sho[ul]d that Matter be

Litigated _ I direct this to Doncaster where I hope this may find Mrs Beaumont and you
in good Health and agreeably entertained I am etc J.E.B

29 Sep 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
Birthwaite Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 29th Sept 1793

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 23d inst and observe the Contents. I wrote to Mr Beaumont the 22nd & 25 inst to which I refer you. I send you inclosed a Copy of the Account of the late John Hall in Answer to your query as to the Account _ Mr Heron will procure a Copy of the Will of the late Dr Hall. I agree with you that it would be fortunate if we could make out that Dr Hall was merely an Agent of Lancaster & Co but I much fear that the manner in which that business has been for some Years carried on & in the mode of keeping the Accounts will be an Argument against us & I find that Mr Williamson & Mr Heron are both of that Opinion; however I think the Point should not be given up, & that the mode which you recommend (which by Mr Heron's letter seems to agree with his Opinion) should be pursued, for it certainly will be very hard (& by no means equitable) that so large a Sum as is due to Mr Beaumont should go among the Creditors of the late Dr Hall. The Committee that undertook to examine into the state of the Affairs of Mr Hall & Co have not yet made their report, but it is expected that it will soon be laid before a General meeting of the Creditors. I imagine that Mr Beaumonts Bankers have Credited his Account for £2000 which was paid into their Hands by Smith Payne & Smiths which clears up the Matter that you mention _ Mr Beaumonts Stewards have been wrote to according to your desire & a Copy of the Form of a Rental sent them which they are directed for the future to follow

On Friday last I sold Messrs Hewitson of this place (Agent for the Lead Company) for the House of Lancaster & Co 150 Casks of Litharge at £17 per Ton Mr Hewitson is I believe a very safe man & altho' it will be Advisable that precautions should be used as to the Security, Care must be taken at this time that any change that may be made in the mode may not effect the claim which Mr Beaumont may have on Lancaster & Cos I hope to have an Answer from Mr Beaumont to the letter that I wrote him respecting the Applications that have been made to me by Mr C Blackett & Walker & Co

I am etc J.E.B

4 Oct 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
Birthwaite near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle Octor 4th 1793

Dr Sir I wrote to you the 29th Ulto to wch I refer you _ The enclosed will inform you what progress has been respecting the Affairs of Walter Hall & Co I<t> appeared at the Meeting that a Majority of the Creditors were of Opinion that a Statute of Bankruptcy was the most Advisable Measure for the settling this which is involved in such a variety of Claims etc but a difficulty arising as to the obtaining a Statute (the Halls having cautiously avoided committing an Act of Bankruptcy) I<t> was thought Advisable that an Assignment of the Effects of Walter Hall & Co should be taken the very Act constituting an act of Bankruptcy when any one, or more of the Creditors may have it in their power to Sue out a Statute. I declined signing the resolutions untill I knew Mr Beaumonts sentim[en]ts on that head; being of opinion that the most advisable (& indeed the only) means of settling this business & coming at the truth of certain transactions is by a Statute of Bankruptcy, of consequence the approving & recommending another method would be improper & inconsistent _ Mr Heron has been desired to procure a Copy of the late Dr Halls Will after it has been laid before Mr Williamson for his opinion you shall hear from me _ I was told Yesterday that Mr Beaumont was much indisposed with a severe cold & sore throat which I shall be happy to hear contradicted

I am etc J.E.B

11 Oct 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr

Newcastle 11th Octor 1793

Birthwaite Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 5th inst I duly received and observe the Contents; a part of your Letter would be Answd by mine of the 4th inst and after the Meeting of the Creditors of Walter Hall & Co tomorrow, you will hear from Mr Heron.

I have made offers to the several London Houses of 35000 p[iece]s of Lead at £16 10s per Fo[dde]r and I wait for their Ansr by Monday Post, of which you shall be advised; The Lead Co have made a Sale of 12000 p[iece]s of Lead to the Houses of Lancaster & Co and Walkers & Co at £16-10 per Fo[dde]r but much the greater proportion is of Refin'd but I am in hopes that the Offer that I have made will be accepted off

I am etc J.E.B

12 Oct 1793 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr

Newcastle 12th Octor 1793

Foster Lane London

Sir I am desired by Mr Blackett to inform you that he has drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Surtees Bowden & Co at 30 days dated the 10th Instant for £300 on Account of Thomas R Beaumont Esqr which he has no doubt you will duly honor I am for JEB Esqr Yours etc J.S

15 Oct 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr

Newcastle 15th Octor 1793

Birthwaite Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 10th inst since which there has been two Meetings of the Creditors of Walter Hall & Co who have at length come to a Resolution of taking out a Statue of Bankruptcy & Thos Robinson of this Place who is Creditor to a considerable Amount makes the Application; the Debt due to Mr Beaumont is £996-11-8 it will I believe be necessary that Mr Beaumont should give a Power of Attorney for the purpose of proving the Debts etc.

I Yesterday made the several Sales of Lead as at the foot, which I hope may meet with the Approbation of Mr Beaumont, as well as yourself, I stood out for £16-10 for the Com[m]on Lead but could not obtain it, it was with some difficulty that they consented to the times of Payment.

The Lead Co have lately sold to the House of Lancaster & Co & Walkers & Co 12000 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead (ab[ou]t 1000 of which are Com[m]on) at £16-10 per Fo[dde]r to be paid for in June and July next, and Mr Surtees has sold 2000 p[ie]ce[s] of Mr Errington's Lead to Walkers & Co at £16 per Fo[dde]r. I understand from Mr Dennis who has the disposal of Lord Pomfret's Lead at Stockton that he would accept £17 for a large Quantity which is equal to ab[ou]t £16-5 the Newc[astle] Fo[dde]r. I made Mr Fishwick an Offer for Walkers & Co of 10000 p[ie]ce[s] but he declined purchasing a larger Quantity on the present Terms. In the situation that the Lead Trade is in at present it has been my Opinion that the first Sale that was made would be the best and I have no doubt that most of the Lead Holders will be under a necessity of Selling on lower Terms.

When you write to Mr Beaumont please to present my best respects to them.

I am etc J.E.B

Mr Chris Blackett 7500 Ref[ine]d Lead 16 1/2 per Fo[dde]r 7500 Com[m]on 16 1/4 per Fo[dde]r and 1200 p[ie]ce[s] Slag at 16 1/8 per Fo[dde]r.

Mr Middleton Hewitson 5000 p[ie]ce[s] Ref[ine]d Lead 16 1/2 per Fo[dde]r 570 Com[m]on 16 1/4 per Fo[dde]r and 1000 p[ie]ce[s] Slag at 16 1/8 per Fo[dde]r.

Mr Fishwick 2500 p[iece]s Ref[ine]d Lead 16 1/2 per Fo[dde]r 2500 p[iece]s Com[m]on
16 1/4 per Fo[dde]r and 600 p[iece]s Slag at 16 1/8 per Fo[dde]r.

To be paid for by Bills on London the one half to be due on the 1th Apl and the
remainder on the 1st May next.

31 Oct 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 31st Octor 1793

Sir On Monday last I sent you by Jacksons & Jennings the London Carriers a piece
fine Silver containing 1367 Ounces, and this day I have sent you another piece
containing 1782 Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thomas R
Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of it
I am etc J.E.B

3 Nov 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richard Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 3d Nov 1793

Dear Sir

I had the favour of your Letter enclosing the Power of Attorney etc. It is well
that Mr Straker is joined with me in the Power as I shall have had a difficulty in
attending the Commission having met with an accident at Sir J Clavering's about Ten
days ago by falling with my leg against the Edge of the Stone Steps, Mr Ingham has
confined me to the House with my Leg laid up but I am in hopes of being on my Legs
again in a few days. I am glad to find that the last Sale of Lead met with your
Approbation, I am desirous of selling 10 or 12 Thousand pieces and made offers to the
several London Houses which they have refused accepting of; Walkers & Co likewise
decline purchasing a Quantity at present as they have already made several purchases
and are in expectation that Lead will be lower, but they make me an Offer to take from
400 to 600 in the Month at the Reduced Price of £16-5 or the last prices at 9 Months
Credit neither of which Offers I have accepted of I would avoid if possible lowering the
price and if they will shorten the Credit I shall be inclined to supply them with the
Quantities they may want at the price the last Lead was sold for, at present there is no
demand neither is there any prospect of it for the Continent or the East and I am rather
apprehensive that Lead will be lower. I shall write to you or Skelton in a few days.

The inclosed Bank post Bill which you paid to Mr Ingham wants your
Endorsement, he brought it to me Yesterday and I paid him the amount please to

endorse it and return it to me or send me your Reciept for the same.

I am etc J.E.B

13 Nov 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle 13th Nov 1793

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn Mills and Mitton at 30 days dated this day for £225, being one Quarters Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due 11th Octor last to The Revd Heny Hardinge from Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr

Please to Advise me on your Receipt of the Bill and acquaint Mr Hardinge of the same I am etc J.E.B

£225

No 1385

Newcastle upon Tyne 13th Novr 1793

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Jno E Blackett Esqr

Two Hundred & Twenty five Pounds

Value received

Surtees Burdon & Co

To Messrs Glyn Mills and Mitton
Bankers London

Endorsed John E Blackett

19 Nov 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
Birthwaite Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 19th Novr 1793

Dear Sir

I have your favour of the 17th inst and observe the Contents _ I have not yet rec[eiv]ed from the Lead Stewards the Rental of the several Estates under their Management that you were desirous of having; nor have I got their Calculation of the Amount of the next pays for the several Lead Mines and Mills, it must be a very rough Guess for at present they cannot form a Judgement with any tolerable degree of exactness of w[ha]t the Amount may be; the Stewards have been again wrote to and when I receive those Accounts they shall be forwarded to you, Mr Heron is still in London and probably may remain there sometime; he is desired to consult with Mr Williamson and acquaint you what steps will be the most advisable to be taken respecting Mrs Hall & Co _ I immagine they delay giving any Opinion as to the Matter

till after the last examination of the Halls which will be the beginning of Decemr but I will have some Conversation with Mr Williamson on the Subject.

As to the matter which you mention respecting the Surplus Money aris[ing] from those Estates that Mr Beaumont may dispose off after payment for the Estate purchas'd of Mr Cotton; I have not the least objection to that Sum remaining in the hands of Mr Beaumont untill a suitable purchase can be made agreeable to his wish.

The only Sales that I have made since my last have been some small parcells of Litharge & 600 p[iece]s Lead for Walkers & Cos Works at the last prices; the London Houses decline purchasing a further Quantity at present; there is no demand for the Continent, & it is too late in the Season for any from the East. I am etc J.E.B

7 Dec 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 7th Decemr 1793

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Surtees Burden & Co at 30 days dated this day for £897-6-9 being the Balance of your Account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr & which I doubt not you will duly honor _ In the course of this Month I shall send you a piece fine Silver & am etc JEB

12 Dec 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 12th Decr 1793

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 9th inst and shall agreeable to your directions subscribe for you £200 towards the intended Road from Burtreeford to Fadstone West of Alstone which Sum with your former Subscription of £100 to the Road from hence to Burtreeford will compleat your original Subscription towards that Road

I observe what you say respecting the Conversation that you had with Mr Bell the Subject of which rather surprises me; What reports there may have been in the Country relative to the matter I cannot pretend to say nothing however of the kind has come to my Ears, nor am I sensible that you have given cause for surmises of your having formed an unfavourable Opinion of your Agents; I fancy such reports have been propagated which may have given uneasiness to them? I shall when I next see your Agents Communicate to them your Sentiments on the Subject and endeavour to remove any ill grounded Alarms that they may have been under on that Account _ My Opinion of your Agents you are already acquainted with so it will be needless for me

to say more on that Subject farther than this: that I have a high Opinion of Mr Bell's Integrity which I have experience[d] for a Number of Years, he is thoroughly acquainted with your Affairs in this Country and has your Interests warmly at Heart; If any Reports have given him Cause to suspect that your Opinion of him was not so favourable (however ill grounded such Reports may have been) his warmth of temper and consciousness of his own Fortitude may have given him uneasiness on that Account, but I hope that every thing of the kind will be removed as it certainly is necessary that a proper Confidence should be placed by you in such Agents who have the Management and conduct[ing] of your Affairs entrusted to them.

I refer you to Mr Heron as to the Affairs of the Hall's and the most advisable means to be pursued in that business. No demands for Lead at present neither for the London or Foreign Marketts and was the price to be dropt I don't think it would answer the purpose I am etc J.E.B

16 Dec 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Lancaster Bax & Ellill

Messrs Lancaster Bax & Ellill
Merch[ant]s London

Newcastle 16th Decemr 1793

Gentn I am favoured with your letter of the 13th Inst & observe that the Assignees of Walter Hall & Co have drawn a Bill on you for £277-2 the Amount of the 50 Casks Litharge purchased by them for your house with their Charges thereon. As the Debt has been proved & Admitted by the Commiss[ioner]s it must be submitted to. notwithstanding the very great hardship of the Case to Mr Beaumont; but at the same time please to observe that the Money which you have in your hands on Account of Lead purchased for your House by the late John Hall of the late Sir Thos Blackett & Mr Beaumont, you are desired to Keep in your hands untill you are drawn upon by me for the Amount on Account of Mr Beaumont he giving you a proper indemnity for the same. I am etc J.E.B

17 Dec 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 17th Decem 93

Dr Sir I had the favour of your letter & before this time you will have Rec[eiv]ed a letter from Mr Heron with the best information that he can give you respecting the Affairs of the Halls. Mr Straker went to Hexham yesterday to meet your Lead Agents with Subsistence for the Workmen which with some Payments for Wood Amounted to £2910, There was little or no alteration in the State of the Mines from the nearest Calculation that the Agents could form the Pays for the several Mines & Mills will

amount to near £70,000 _ The Contents of your former letter was communicated to the Agents with which they were well satisfied I am etc J.E.B

18 Dec 1793 Joshua Straker to Lancaster Bax & Ellill

Messrs Lancaster Bax & Ellill
Merch[ant]s London

Newcastle 18 Decemr 1793

Gentn Mr Blackett wrote to you on the 16th Inst in Answer to yours of the 13th Inst & is this day favoured with another letter from you with a Copy of one from Mr Frederick Hall _ Mr B being indisposed desires me to inform you that he has only to refer you to his last letter & begs that you will do nothing in this business until you hear further from him I am for J E Blackett Esqr Yours etc J.S

22 Dec 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 22d Decr 1793

Dr Sir Inclosed I send you Copies of Letters from Messrs Lancaster & Co & my Ans[wer]s thereto as well as Mr Heron's Lre [Letter] to you on the Subject I could wish to advise you for the best in this unfortunate business but I am really at a loss what to say as to the matter of Law; Equity certainly is in your favor. What Mr Williamson and Mr Heron recommend I think a very advisable Measure to be taking should it meet the Approbation of yourself and Mr Skelton, a fair state of the Case may be drawn up by Mr Heron and after being revised by Mr Williamson may be laid upon such eminent Counsel as shall be thought proper. I am etc J.E.B

29 Dec 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 29th Decr 1793

Dr Sir

In Ans[we]r to your last Letter I send you annex'd a Calculation of the Amount of the late Sales of Lead as near as I can form a Judgement. I wish it was in my power to make a larger Sale; but at present we have not any demand.

Mr Heron received Mr Skeltons letter and I had some difficulty in prevailing on him to draw up a state of the Case respecting the Halls & Co he had a delicacy abo[u]t it thinking that Mr Skelton would do it, but I endeavoured to satisfy him that it was

expected from him, he has promised me to do it & to have it revised by Mr Williamson before it be laid before one of the most eminent Counsel. I had the favor of Mrs Beaumont's Lre [Letter] and am happy to find that she approves of my Answer to Mr James Lees Application. I am still confin'd but my Leg is now almost well and I expect to get abroad tomorrow. I am etc J.E.B

Ballances due at this Time from sundry Tradesmen	11200
Amount of the last Sale of Lead Supposed	40000
	51200
Deduct for two Subscr[ption]s before the pays	5000
Sundry payments on the Office Account	2000
	7000
	44200

2 Jan 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 2d January 1794

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson & Jennings the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing 1703 Oz, wch I desire you will place to Accot with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on yo[u]r Reciept of it I am etc J.E.B

6 Jan 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 6th Jany 1794

Dear Sir I am favour'd with your letters of the 2 and 3 Inst. No part of the Money due from the Hall's is included in the Ballance amounting to £11000. Wilson promises me to proceed in the Business respecting the Halls and when he has obtained an Opinion that a Copy shall be sent to you. I am etc J.E.B

18 Jan 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
Messrs Ransom & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 18th Jany 1794

Dr Sir I hope that this may find Mrs Beaumont yourself and Young Man perfectly well after your Journey to Town. Mr C Blackett made application to me a few days since for

5000 pieces of Lead and at the same Time shewed the Lre [Letter] that he had from Mr Freeman (a Copy of wch I enclose you) You may believe me it was with reluctance that I came into this reduction of the price of Lead, but on fully considering the matter I was well assured that it was for your Interest to accept of the terms offered; The large quantity of Lead at the several Marketts, and the small demand there is at present was my inducement to sell; 2000 p[iece]s Lead having been sold some days before at this place at £15-10 per Fo[dde]r. Mr Dennis called on me lately to make a proposal to me that you, the Lead Comp[an]y and other considerable Lead Owners should unite with Lord Pomfret and himself in supporting the Price of Lead at the London Marketts etc for that purpose to enter into an engagem[en]t not to sell under a certain Price to be stipulated; That in Case the London buyers did not come into their Terms, to send a Quantity of Lead to London; to appoint an Agent, or Agents for the disposal of it to the India Company, the Merchants, and Plumbers; that he had already engaged a large Warf as well as an Agent for that Buisness, and wished much that you would join Lord Pomfret and himself for that purpose, I told him my Sentiments on the matter and the many objections that there were to his Scheme; that I sh[oul]d acquaint you with it, and submit it to your Approbation Mr Dennis is now in Town and may probably call on you to have some conversation on the Subject; In my Opinion there are so many objections to this Scheme of Mr Dennis that it is unnecessary to mention them, had the reduced price of Lead been owing to a Combination of the London Buyers something might have been said in favour of this Scheme, but as it most certainly is occasioned by the small demand owing to the War, as well as the large quantity of Lead at the sev[era]l Marketts, it is a most absurd Idea to enter into any engagement for to support a price when there is not a sufficient demand for the Article, for while you (who it is probable wo[ul]d have the largest stock of Lead) th[a]t yourself yourself bound by the agreement, thus might be under a necessity of selling, and under the like Circumstances of the Times etc. I have always observed that it was for the advantage of the Lead Owner to accept of the first offer for a quantity rather than to speculate with a large Stock on hand and a falling Markett. As it is probable that Messrs Walkers & Co may make me the like offer, I should be glad to have your Sentiments and directions for my future Measures. I am etc J.E.B

21 Jan 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle 21st Jany 1794

Gentlemn Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Glyn, Mills and Mitton for £225- - at 40 days dated this day: being One Quarters Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11th inst to The Revd Mr Hardinge from Thos R Beaumont Esqr. Please to advise me on your Reciept of the Bill and acquaint Mr Hardinge with the same I am etc J.E.B

£225- -

No 2285

Newcastle upon Tyne 21 Jany 1794

Forty days after Date pay to the Order of Jno E Blackett Esqr

Two Hundred & Twenty five Pounds - Value received

Messrs Glyn, Mills and Mitton

Endors'd Surtees Burdon & Co

Bankers London.

Jno E Blackett

27 Jan 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 27th Jany 1794

No 4 Portman Square London

Dr Sir I wrote to you the 18th Inst directed to your Bankers not then knowing your direction; I have since been favoured with your letter of the 23d Inst & am glad to hear you got safe & well to Town; I postponed Answering your letter in hopes of having some conversation with Mr Heron on the business, tomorrow we are to have a Meeting for that purpose _ I am not a little surprised at the application which has been made to you by Mr Hall respecting his Mothers Acting for Messrs Lancaster & Co in case of their Indemnity, it certainly is a most extraordinary Application circumstanced as you are with that Family & in this Stage of the business, the Answer to be given requires serious consideration least it should Mitigate against your claim on Lancaster & Co on which Accot I do not think it Advisable to give them any Answer untill that Matter is settled, when the Application in my Opinion should come from Lancaster & Co rather than from the Halls who by their conduct have forfeited every claim which they might have had to your favour or indulgence. I expect that Application will be made to you by Mr Walters Att[orne]y of this place on behalf of Walter Hall & Co to Sign their certificate, how far a Majority of their Creditors may be induced to come into this Measure I cannot say; but the conduct of the Halls in the Transaction of business with you does not merit that Indulgence _ I was applied to by Mr Fishwick the other day for some Refin'd Lead, but he refused to give the Price for which I sold the last parcell & he told me that he expected to get it at £15-5 per Fo[dde]r. I am etc J.E.B

6 Feb 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to P Denys

P. Denys Esqr

Newcastle 6th Feby 1794

Dear Sir I am favoured with your Lre [Letter] of the 13th inst and observe the Contents; I think that you have misunderstood me as to my writing to you in Town; I wrote to Mr Beaumont and acquainted him with the Conversation which I had with

you respecting the Lead Trade, and I imagined that you would call on him and acquaint him with your sentiments on the Subject; I have given that Matter full considerat[io]n & am of Opinion that in the Situation which the Lead Trade is at present owing to the War (which prevents the demand from abroad) that the sending a quantity of Lead to the London Markett for the purpose of opposing the Principal Buyers, and the entering into any engagement by the Principal Lead Owners for the purpose of supporting a Price, is not an advisable Measure at this Time; for a Trade cannot be forced and a price mentioned when the quantity at Markett is more than sufficient for the demand, I look on it in this light and cannot recommend the Measure that you propose to Mr Beaumont I am etc Jno E Blackett

P.S. The Lead Company's Office is in Saint Martin's Lane.

17 Feb 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Broadley

Chas. E. Broadley Esqr Hull

Newcastle 17th Feby 1794

Sir I am favour'd with your Letter of the 14th inst and observe the Contents; you may have 600 Pigs of WB refin'd Lead at £15-15 per Fo[dder] of 216 w[ei]gh[t] to be paid for from Bills on London due in 6 Months; The Pigs are about 12 Stone each; You will please to observe that the Lead is delivered into the Keel about 4 Miles above this Place and that we are not at any charge in Shipping etc. I am etc J.E.B

17 Feb 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
No 4 Portman Square London

Newcastle 17th Feby 1794

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 12th inst and observe the Contents. I inclosed Mr Thompson's Ltr [Letter] respecting Haydon Chapel to Mr Bell, as he will have it in his power to give you more full information on that matter than I can, It is a Chapel of ease to the Liv[ing] of Warden the Patronage of which is in Mrs Beaumont and yourself; the repairs of the Chapel (I believe) falls on the Landholders of the Parish, the Chancell excepted which you support. If the Chapel is in that ruinous state that it is represented to be and it should be found necessary to take it down, and to have it rebuilt on a situation more convenient to the Parish I imagine that the Bishops Consent must be obtained, that the Landholders will not be compellable to pay the Expen[n]ce without having an Act of Parliment for the purpose but that it must be supported by a voluntary Subscription wch must amount to the estimate or pretty near it before the Bishop will give his Consent to the Chapel being taken down and rebuilt on a new site; should it be meant by Mr Thompson & Co that the Application to the

Bishop was to come from you? he in that case w[oul]d probably expect that you sh[oul]d give security for the Building of the Chapell wch which means a considerable load might fall on you. Mr Bell I have no doubt can give you every necessary information.

Mr Wm Surtees has for sometime past had a considerable part of the Business for supplying your Mines with Timber Messrs Hindmarsh & Blaylock have had a small share of that business; they frequently purchase your Lead and have always been punctual in their Payments. I have not heard of their declining Business; we have always thought it advisable to divide the Business amongst a few of the Principal Dealers in the several Articles for the Mines, as it serves to keep up some kind of Competition. I much fear that Lead is on the drop, but I hope not in the degree which Mr Walkers mentions; their partner Mr Fishwick the other day offer'd me £15-10 for Ref[ine]d Lead, but wo[ul]d not go further, I made him an offer of a quantity at £15-15- the price wch Mr C Blackett gave wch he declined; Mr Broadley of Hull has wrote to me about 600 p[iece]s which I have offered him at £15-15- but I am doubtful of his giving that price

Your Lead Agents were with me the 11th inst for Subsistence for the Workmen and Cash to pay the East Lead Carriage both of wch amounted to £3375. The report that they made of the Mines, was that they were very much the same state as when they were last down at this place; I strongly recommended to them to desist for the present all expensive Workings and to carry forward as little dead work as possible, untill the Lead Trade is more promising.

I am etc J.E.B

1 Mar 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
Birthwaite Hall Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 1st Mar 1794

Dear Sir

I am favour'd with your letter of the 26 Ulto and observe the Contents _ The 10 Tons of Lead and 4 Casks of Fume shall be sent by the first Vessel for Hull with the usual directions

The forms of the Rentals were deliver'd to the sev[era]l Agents, I have not yet rec[eiv]ed their Rentals, but they shall be wrote to about them.

<A state> of the Case respecting the Debt due from Lancaster & Co was drawn up by Mr Heron and after being revised by Mr Williamson was sent up for Counsels Opinion & his Agent Mr Wilson had directions to wait on Mr Beaumont with the same, This Morning Mr Heron sent me a Copy of the Opinion a Copy of which I inclose you, should Mr Beaumont not have left London he will have his information from Mr Wilson. It gives me Pleasure to find the Opinions so favourable to Mr Beaumont's Claim _ I inclose you a Copy of a Lre [Letter] I rec[eiv]ed from Mr Fishwick whose

Offer I declined, but there being large Stocks of Lead at Stockton and this place, very small demand and a falling Markett, I tho[ugh]t it advisable to accept of Mr Hewitson's Offer for Lancaster House of £15-5 and £15-10 for 5000 p[iece]s Lead to be paid for in Bills on London due in 6 Months I have since made Mr C Blackett & Mr Fishwick the like offer for the several Houses for whom they are named and I wait their Answer the latter has already agreed to take a smaller Quantity at that price & 50 Casks of Litharge at £16-10 per Ton at which price I have sold 50 Casks to Mr C Blackett.

I am etc J.E.B

27 Mar 1794 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 27th Mar 1794

Sir In Mr J Blackett's absence I have this day sent you by Jackson & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Fourteen Hundred & Fifty Eight Ounces, which I desire you will place to Accot with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Market Price & advise Mr J B on your Reciept of it I am etc J.S

27 Mar 1794 Joshua Straker to Richard Noble

Mr Rd Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 27th Mar 1794

Dear Sir

According to Mr Skeltons Order I have Shipped in The Swan Capt Dewar for Hull Ten Tons of Refin'd Lead (being One Hundred & thirty three Pieces) & Four Casks Lead Fume which I hope will come safe to hand. I am etc J.S

4 Apr 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 4th April 1794

Dear Sir

Your Favor of the 31st Ulto was forwarded to me at Morpeth where I have been staying with my Daughter Collingwood for a few days.

The next Week we shall pay the Tradesmens Bills for the Mines, Subsistence for the Workmen, the Candle Bills and the Compositions which altogether may amount to about £10,000; about 8000£ of which will be wanted wch I shall take up at Messrs

Surtees & Burdon's Bank; near £60000 will be required to make the several Mine and Mill Pays for 15 Months of which £18,000 should be in Cash; the Lead Stewards will be down the next Week when I shall be able to give you more exact information.

I am etc J.E.B

19 Apr 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 19th April 1794

Sir I am sorry to find that so large a quantity of Mr Beaumont's Lead still remains on the Road by which he is a considerable Sufferer not only by loosing the Sale of it at a Time when it bore a much better price than at present, but the loss by the pigs cut, as well as a quantity stolen is very great indeed, & it is lately become so great an Evil that it is highly necessary that proper Measures shod be taken for the remedy of it; I shall procure an Acct of the Lead remaining on the Road at the Pay, as well as the Quantity that appears at that Time to be Missing, the value of which must be left in my hands untill the Lead is Accounted for by Mr Pringle etc and for the future some Method must be taken to oblige the Lead Carriers to deliver the quantity of Lead that they take from the Mills before the Winter, & not to suffer it to lay exposed for so long a Time to the Depredations of thieves etc.

After what I have said on this Business I have no doubt that you will use your exertion with Pringle to have the Lead delivered at Blaydon before the Pay

I am etc J.E.B

I have lately sold a pretty large quantity of Lead on wch Accot it will be necessary that the new Lead now on the Road etc sh[oul]d be got down as soon as possible.

29 Apr 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr

Newcastle 29th April 1794

Birthwaite Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Sir I am favoured with your Letter & observe that Messrs Ransom & Co are desirous of knowing the time that the several Pays are to be made for the Lead Mines & Mills, and likewise the Sum that will be wanted in Cash & Notes to make the same; The Sum that will be required will be £65550 of which about £5550 will be recieved at this Place for Lead etc before the Pay; The Lead Stewards recieve the Cash & Notes on the 19th May the several pays will be made on the 21, 22 & 23 May but the whole must be recieved of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co the Week proceeding the Pay of which they are informed. I am etc J.E.B

Notes	£47550
Cash	17600
Silver	400
	£65550

30 Apr 1794 Joshua Straker to Ransom Morland & Hammersley

Messrs Ransom Morland & Hammersly
Bankers London

Newcastle 30th April 1794

Gentn Mr Blackett is this day favoured with your letter of the 28th Inst & observes the Contents _ He desires me to inform you that Mr Skelton had wrote to him a few days ago desiring to know the Amo[un]t etc of Coll Beaumonts Pays the ensuing Month & he has wrote to Mr Skelton fully on this Business, of which you will no doubt be informed by him _ The sum wanted in Cash & Notes to make the Pays the ensuing Month of which about £5550 will be Received at this place for Lead etc (princepally in Bankers Notes) before the Pay _ The Lead Stewards Receive the Cash & Notes on the 19th May but the whole must be Rec[eive]d of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co the Week preceeding the Pay & of which they were informed some time ago

The next Bills that Mr Blackett will remit you for Lead Sold will become due in July & Augt next & which will be for a Considerable Amount I am for J.E.B Esqr etc J.S

Proportion of Notes etc for the pay

Notes	£47550
Cash	17600
Silver	400
	£65550

2 May 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Ransom Morland & Hammersley

Messrs Ransom Morland & Hammersly
Bankers London

Newcastle 2d May 1794

Gentlemen You Lre [Letter] of the 28th Ulo was Answd by Mr Jos Straker on the 30th Ult to which I refer you. Mrs Beaumont informs me you are desirous of having such Bills sent up to you as I may have in my possession tho they may be of a distant date, You may depend on having Bills for £2500 due 15th July £2500 due 15th Augt £5000 due 27th Augt £8000 due 8 Septr £12000 due 19th Octr & 7000£ due 1st Novr £10,000

of which I shall endeavour to procure and send you previous to the Pay.

I am etc J.E.B

5 May 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 5th May 1794

Dr Sir

I am favour'd with your Lre [Letter] of the 3d inst and observe the Contents. Annex'd you have a Copy of my Lre [Letter] to Messrs Ransom & Co by wch you will see what we may expect to receive for Lead sold, I have since sold Mr Chrstr Blackett for his friends in London 4000 p[iece]s Lead but as it is not yet come down I cannot expect to be in Cash for it untill the end of Novr some small parcells of Lead & Litharge are not included in the above.

The latter Sales have been at £15 per Fo[dde]r it has been sold lower at this Place and there is a large Quantity at the Stockton Markett for which they would be glad to get that price. I cannot with Judgement at present say what Sales I may be enabled to make between this Time and the Lead pay in 1795 as it will depend on the Quantity of Lead which may come down as well as the demand that there may be for it.

I am etc J.E.B

7 May 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 7th May 1794

Sir

As Mr Beaumont is going to make a large Pay I have drawn upon you for the Bal[ance] due to him by a Bill at Twenty days payable to the Order of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co for £397-18-3 wch I doubt not you will duly honor.

In the course of this Month I shall send you a Piece of Silver & Remain Yours etc
J.E.B

19 May 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 19th May 94

Dear Sir

Your Lead Stewards have been with me this Morning & I have paid them £65145 to make the several Pays for the Mines & Mills and for Subsistence for the Workmen; I have rec[eiv]ed of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co £60000 of which £18000 was Cash. I have paid into the said Bank on your Acct w[i]th Messrs Ransom Moreland & Co three Bills amounting to £10294-15- of which £2500 will be due 15th July; £2500 the 15th Augt and £529-4-15 the 10th Septr.

Tomorrow Morning I shall go with the Stewards to make the Pay at Dukesfield
I am etc J.E.B

26 May 1794 Joshua Straker to Richard Master

Richd Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 26th May 1794

Gentn Mr Blackett being from home, I send you the inclosed Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Glyn Mills & Mitton at 40 days dated this day for £462-10 to pay half a Years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due this day to The Lord Bishop of Durham from Thos R Beaumont Esqr. Please to Advise me on your Receipt of the same

I am etc J.S

£462-10- No 3664

Newcastle upon Tyne May 26th 1794

Forty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Josha Straker

Four Hundred & Sixty two pounds Ten Shillings Value Received
Surtees Burdon & Co

To Messrs Glyn Mills & Mitton
Bankers London

Endorsed Josa Straker

29 May 1794 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 29th May 1794

Sir In Mr Blacketts absence I send you by Jackson & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing Thirteen Hundred & Seventy Seven Ounces & a half which I desire that you will place to Account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & Advise me on your Receipt of it

I am etc J.S

2 Jul 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 2d July 1794

Dear Sir I am favoured with your Letter of the 26th ulto. Mr C Blackett and Mr Fishwick being from Home at present prevents me sending you the Bills but you shall have them in a few days. I am etc J.E.B

4 Jul 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle 4th July 1794

Gentlemen Inclosed I send you a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Glyn & Co for £450 dated the 2d inst at 40 days to pay half a Years Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due from Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr to The Revd Heny Hardinge the 11th inst.

Please to advise me on your Reciept of the Bill & inform Mr Hardinge of the same. I am etc J.E.B

£450

No 4161

Newcastle upon Tyne 2d July 1794

Forty days after date pay to the Order of John E Blackett Esqr

Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds - Value received

To Messrs Glyn, Mills and Mitton Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London. Jno E Blackett

7 Jul 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 7th July 1794

Dear Sir

Agreeable to your directions I send you enclosed such Bills as I have received on Accot of Lead sold, amounting to £16202-9-8 Should I not get Mr Fishwick's Bills this day, they shall be sent you in a Post or two. I do not hear that there is any alteration in the State of the Mines since my last letter; the Lead Stewards will be down the end of this Month for Subsistence for the Workmen.

The last Lead sold was Greenwich Hospitals at £14-15 per Fo[dde]r there is not any demand at Present, nor do I think there is any prospect of a better price during the War.

I am etc J.E.B

	£	s	d
M Hewitson's Bill			
on Lancaster & Co at 4 Mo[nth]s dated 1st inst	5147-	3-	9
do on do at do dated do	483-	6	
C Blackett's Bill			
on Saml Freeman at 2 Mo[nth]s dated 7th inst	2000		
do on do at 3 Mo[nth]s dated do	1983-	2-	5
do on Thos Preston at 2 Mo[nth]s dated do	1000		
do on do at 3 Mo[nth]s dated do	1118-	5	
Walkers Fishwick & Cos Bill on Walkers Maltby & Co			
at 2 Mo[nth]s dated 8th inst	4470-	12-	6
	16202-	9-	8

8 Jul 1794 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 8th July 1794

Sir Yesterday I send you by Jackson & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing 1126 Ounces which I desire you will place to Accot with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price and advise Mr Blackett on your Receipt of it I am etc J.S

12 Jul 1794 Joshua Straker to Mark Skelton

Newcastle 12th July 1794

Sent M Skelton Esqr Copies of the Quarters Accounts Rentals & Pay Bills for the Lead Mines & Mills up to the 30th Septemr last.

J.S

29 Jul 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Manchester

Newcastle 29th July 1794

Dear Sir

I was about writing to you this day when I was favoured with your letter of the 25th inst. I am sorry to tell you that there is scarce any demand for Lead at present, we have about 14000 pieces at Blaydon Ready for Sale 12000 p[iece]s for Refining besides what is on the Road & at the several Mills the drought has not only stopt the Mills very much but some of the lower workings for want of Water for the Engines as well as for Washing the Ore; the last Lead sold at this Place for the London Market was at £14-14 per Fo[dde]r we sold small Quantities at £15 per Fo[dde]r for Refin'd & Litharge at £15-10 per Ton, it is expected to be lower & I am sorry to say that I have every Reason to think that this Years Sale will fall much short of the last. The Mines are much in the same state they were when you were last in the North; the Lead Stewards have been with me this Morning for Subsistence for the Workmen; poor Mr Hunter of Dukesfield has been dangerously ill, he is now something better & I hope may do well Mr Forster of Allenheads has had a fall from his horse & broke two ribs.

There has been a stop among the Keelmen for Three Weeks & they have committed great excesses, they have endeavoured to compell the Colliers, Smiths at Crowleys Works as well as other labouring people to join them but without success it was Reported that a large body of them had gone to the Lead Mines for that purpose but there was not the least truth in it; for the Stewards assured me that the Workmen were very quiet nor had they made the smallest complaint

About 70 of Lord Darlington's Rangers & 120 of Coll Leigh's Light Dragoons were ordered here by Genl Grant & have been on this Duty for several days with the Magistrates of the 3 Counties; this Morning the Keelmen returned peacefully to their work & are I think likely to continue so in which case the Horse will Return to their former Quarters

I am etc J.E.B

9 Aug 1794 Joshua Straker to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 9th Augt 1794

Madm I am desired by Mr Blackett to Answer your letter of the 5th Last respecting the Sums that are standing on the Books for Lead Sold. Mr C Blackett & Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co owe about £12000 which they are to pay in Bills to become due in Novemr & which I suppose Mr B will apply for when he returns to N[ew]castle _ The other outstanding Debts for Lead Sold in the Course of the Summer are but small & which will not be paid untill Christmas at soonest

I am etc J.S

20 Aug 1794 Joshua Straker to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon

Newcastle 20th Augt 1794

Derby

Gentn Mr Blackett received your letter of the 15th Inst enclosing a Bill for One Hundred Pounds and in Return you have the Amount sent you in Litharge which is this day Shipped on board the Nancy, Capt J Mark Ory for Gainsbro[ugh] the Invoice of which you have below I am for JEB Esqr

Yours etc J.S

Messrs Wheeldon Webster & Wheeldon	To Thomas R Beaumont Esqr	Dr
Aug 20th For 21 Casks Litharge		
q[uan]ti]ty 128 <.> at 15 1/2 per Ton	99 - 7 - 9	
Wherry hire & Sufferance	12 -	
	£ 99 - 19 - 9	

By Their Bill on Mr W H Hunter at
65 Days dated the 15 Inst payable to 100 - -
John E Blackett Esqr

8 Sep 1794 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 8th Sept 1794

Sir Mr Blackett has this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co at Thirty days date for £695-2-4 being in full of your Account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr for fine Silver sent you & which he has no doubt you will duly honor.
I am for JEB Esqr etc J.S

30 Sep 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R Beaumont Esqr
Thorp near Malton Yorkshire

Newcastle 30th Septem 94

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 27th inst & I now enclose you two Bills for £7159 - 5 - 7 the Receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge; the middle of next Month I shall send you a Bill for £4000 the payment of which Sum has to be delayed on Account of a Quantity of Refin'd Lead not being come down to Blaydon in due time _ Your Lead Agents were with me on the 22 inst for Subsistence for the Workmen when I took up at Messrs Surtees & Burdon's Bank £1570 for that purpose _ I am in treaty with Messrs Walker & Co for some Lead for their Works & have Offered Refined £14-15 Common £14-10 to be paid in Six Months by Bills at Two Months dates;

but I am apprehensive that they will not comply with these terms for I am informed that the Lead Co have Sold 10000 p[iece]s to Lancaster & Co & Walkers & Maltby at £14-10 per Fo[dde]r much the greater part of which is Refin'd & the Credit longer
I am etc J.E.B

Mr C Blackett's Bill on Saml F Freeman at 2 Mo[nth]s dated 27th inst 4106-14- 9
Walkers Fishwick & Cos Do on Walker, Maltby & Co at Do dated 25 inst 3052-10-10
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22 Oct 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Lieutt Coll Beaumont
Manchester

Newcastle 22nd Octo 1794

Dr Sir I send you inclosed a Bill drawn by Mr C Blackett on Thos Preston Esqr for £4122 - 7 - 3 the Receipt of which please to acknowledge _ I have sold a considerable Quantity of Lead the times of payment etc as at foot you will possibly think the prices low & the Credit long but be assured that the terms were the most advantageous that I could obtain; the Lead Co sold 10000 p[iece]s at £14-10 the Credit longer about the like Quantity in other hands has been sold at the same price _ I am sorry to say that at present there is not any prospect of an Advance of price; it will be 4 Mo[nth]s before the Q[uan]ity of Refin'd that I have sold will be compleated from Blaydon & Dukesfield _ Mr I Hunter is now much Recovered & is able (with some little assistance of his Son) to look after his business I am etc J.E.B

9th Septem 8000 P[iece]s Lead Refin'd £14-15

Common £14-10 Slag £14

to be paid for in Bills due 5th April next

3rd Octor 15000 p[iece]s Lead at the above prices to the Works of
Walkers & Co 1000 p[iece]s of which to be d[elivere]d in this
Month & 2000 p[iece]s in each succeeding Month to be paid in Cash
or Bills due at the time in Nine Mo[th]s as each Q[uan]ty becomes due

3rd Octor 4000 p[iece]s Lead at the above prices to be paid for in
9 Mo[nth]s from the date as above

17th Octor 7000 p[iece]s Lead at the above prices & payment
2000 p[iece]s to Sundry Persons at £14-17-6 & £14-12-6

14 Nov 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 14th Novr 1794

Sir Yesterday I send you by Jackson & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver containing 1384 1/2 Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Market Price and advise me on your Receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

19 Nov 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Masters Esqr & Co
Bankers London

NewC[astle] 19th Nov 1794

Gentlemn Inclos'd you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees & Co on Glynn Mills & Mitton at 40 Days dated 18th inst for £462-10 being half a Years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due the 26th inst to The Lord Bishop of Durham from Thos R Beaumont Esqr. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the same

In future I shall remit it quarterly

I am etc J.E.B

£462-10- No 5792 Newcastle upon Tyne 18th Novr 1794
Forty days after Date pay to the Order of Jno E Blackett
Esqr Four Hundred & Sixty two Pounds ten Shillings
Value Received

Surtees Burdon & Co

To Messrs Glynn Mills & Mitton
Bankers London

Endorsed Jnn E Blackett

23 Dec 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Ransom Morland & Hammersley

Messrs Ransom Morland & Hammersly
Bankers London

Newcastle Decr 23d 1794

Gentlemn The present scarcity & Consequent high price of Rye makes it necessary to procure a quantity from aBroad for the Workmen of Coll Beaumonts Lead Mines to prevent any disturbance taking place which otherwise would unavoidably be the Consequence in the present scarcity to avoid which Peril I have wrote to Messrs Burrows & Son at Hamburgh to purchase & Ship for this Port Fifty Lasts of Rye & draw on you Gentlemn for the Amount which Bill or Bill[s] I must desire you will duly Honor & on your advising me of the same I shall remit you the Amount _ I am going Tomorrow to have a Meeting with the Miners & at my return I shall acquaint Coll Beaumont with the Business I am etc J.E.B

27 Dec 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
Bretton near Wakefield

Newcastle 27th Decr 1794

Dr Sir

Inclosed I send you a letter that I rec[eiv]ed signed by a number of the Workmen of your Mines & likewise a Copy of my letter to Mr Dickinson in Answer to it. The present very high price of Rye on which the Workmen chiefly Subsist, the small quantity at this Markett, as well as what is expected from the South, the prospect of the Price not only advancing but of there being a real scarcity of that article, Induced me to lose no Time in taking the steps which I have mentioned in my Letter to your Mine Agent, which I hope may be a means of quieting the Workmen & preventing the Evil that was to be apprehended; Some papers having been affixed at Allanheads and the Nei[gh]bourhood, of a Riotous & seditious tendency & having been informed of it (tho' not by Mr Forster which it certainly was his duty to do) I looked on the Matter in a very serious light & thought it advisable to have a Meeting with the Agents & some of the Workmen at Hexham on Wednesday last when after hearing their Complaints, & having explained the Matter fully to them, they were perfectly satisfied, & very thankful to you & Mrs Beaumont for taking their Case into consideration and Granting them relief. I shall be happy to find that the Measures I have taken meet with your Approbation.

I wrote to Messrs Burrows & Son at Hamburgh to purchase & Ship fifty Lasts of Rye, it being the only Foreign Port from whence it can be procured at present; It became necessary to give them Credit on London for the Amount, which I have accordingly done on Messrs Ransom Morley & Co advising those Gentlemen of the same, & desiring them to pay due Honor to the Bills of Messrs Burrows the amount of which on being advised shall be remitted to them, Mr Forster & his Son called on me last Week in their Way to Bretton, I acquainted him with this Meeting at Hexham etc & endeavoured to dissuade him from the Journey, which I thought would not Answer his Purpose, I understood that he has taken a large Farm & intends giving up his employment at Allanheads, in which he is in hopes of his Son succeeding him, but in my Opinion he is not equal to the trust & I have other objections to him, of which I shall inform you when I have the pleasure of seeing you, there is little change in the state of the Mines, since I wrote to you last. There is no demand for Lead at present, nor can it be expected at this Season. I have taken the Liberty of Subscribing ten G[uinea]s for you towards the Survey & Estimate for the Projected Navigation from the East to the West Sea. I am etc J.E.B

31 Dec 1794 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 31st Decr 1794

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you at One Month for £885-15 being the Balance of your Accot with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr for which I doubt not you will duly honor. I shall send tomorrow by the London Carrier a piece fine Silver containing 1667 Ounces which I desire you will place to Acct with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price and advise me on your Receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

14 Jan 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
Birthwait Hall near Wakefield Yorkshire

NewCastle 14 Jan 1795

Dear Sir Your favour of the 8th Inst with the two Deeds came to my hands yesterday, I have executed them, & they will be returned to you to morrow by the Leeds Coach, directed to you to be left at the Straffords Arms Wakefield. The Cash Account shall be made out & sent you as usual. but the Rentals have not been sent me by the Stewards. The Answer which Coll Beaumont has to put in, to Lancaster's Bill, has been sent to you some days since, as well as a Copy of a Letter from Messrs Lancaster & Co to me wch I fortunately found amongst the Letters of the late Sir Thos Blackett, and which I hope may be of material consequence in the present litigation. I acquainted Coll Beaumont that in the scarcity & high price of Corn, I had found it advisable to order a quantity of Rye from Hamburg for the Miners, & that it was necessary to have a Credit on London for the Amount, & I accordingly wrote to Messrs Ransom & Co desiring them to Honor the Bills which may be drawn on them for the same by Messrs Burrows & Son, the amount of which on being advised should be remitted to them, I send you inclosed a letter from Messrs Ransom & Co who wait for your directions.

Wishing you & your Family many happy returns of the season

I am Dear Sir Yours Sincerely John E Blackett

23 Jan 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Bankers London

Newcastle 23d Jany 1795

Gentlemen Inclosed you will recieve a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees, Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn & Co at Forty days dated this day for Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds to pay a half Years Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11th Instant to the Revd Henry Hardinge from T Rd Beaumont Esqr _ Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill and inform Mr Hardinge of the same I am Gentn

Your most H[onoura]ble Serv[an]t

Jno E Blackett

£450- -

1795

No 6642

Newcastle upon Tyne Jan 23d

Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr

Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds - Value received

To Messrs Glyn, Mills & Mitton

Surtees Burdon & Co

Bankers London.

J. E. B

28 Jan 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coll Beaumont

Newcastle 28th Jany 1795

No 4 Portman Square London

Dr Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 22d inst & observe that you are desirous of Relieving the Miners of Allenheads & Coalcleugh of the 5o/o Allowed Annually by each Man to the Clergyman Mr C wch on an Average for the last 7 Years Amo[un]ts to £92-11-6 3/4 it is to be taken off their wages at the Pays, but I don't understand that the 5o/o is allowed them again & I never heard the Men make the least complaint untill Mr Forster put it into their heads were the Workmen to be intirely Relieved from the Payment you w[oul]d think it Reasonable to allow the present Mr Carr a certain Sum in lieu of it which should not in my Opinion be less than £50 or £60 per Annu[um] for after paying his Curate at Allendale I don't believe that he has above £40 per Ann[um]; out of which he is under the necessity of Keeping a Horse as he does Duty at a distant Chapel, I believe that the Wages of the Miners have for some Years Past, been Advanced on a greater proportion than provisions have advanced in price & it has been found by experience that the more concession is made to them the more unreasonable they are _ When I can form any judgement of the Amount of the next Pay you shall be Advised of the same as well as the Resources we may expect at present we have not any demand for Lead nor can we expect it at this Season, there is no Lead at Blaydon undisposed of except the Refinable, the Season as well as the Road will not at present Admit any being brought down the Price continues at £14-10- & £14-15 _ early next Month the East Carriage will be paid Amount[in]g to upwards of £1100. On Monday last a Collection was made for the Poor of this Place when I took the liberty of Subscribing £5 for you as it had been done for the late Sir T Blackett on former Occasions of the kind. I am etc J E B

19 Feb 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Joseph Dickinson

Mr Jose Dickinson

Newcastle 19 Feb 1795

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About a fortnight ago I was told by Nevins the Carrier that a rich grove was discovered at Allenheads, I paid no regard to the report coming to me in the manner that it did, concluding with great reason, that it had not been true? I should have recieved some information of it from Mr Forster or his Son, but this morning a letter from Mr I Hunter in some measure confirms the report, altho' he had it not from Mr Forster, or any Agent employed under him, but from an indifferent person, I must therefore desire that you may send over to Allenheads Mr Thos Crawhall, that he may go down the Shaft, take a full View of the appearance of this Vein or Flatt (in case there really is such) which from my not hearing from Mr Forster I can scarce Credit, & that Mr Crawhall will make his report to me of the state etc of the same. I do not mean that he should take the report of Mr Forster or any other person but that he should himself take the View & make the report to me; Should Mr Forster make any objection he may shew him this letter. I am Sir Your Humble Serv[an]t John E Blackett

26 Feb 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Burrows

Messrs Burrows & Son

Newcastle 26 Feb 1795

Gentn I am favoured with you[r] letter of the 10th inst & observe the Contents. I am concerned to find that you have been disappointed in your expectations of Purchasing the fifty Lasts of Rye on Account of the Exportation from some of the adjacent Countries being forbid; Notwithstanding the prices are at present very high, I must desire that you will purchase fifty Lasts of Rye of the best quality, on the best terms that you possibly can, & ship the same for me to this Port, by the first safe opportunity, advising me of the same, that I may take the necessary measures, & your Bills for the Amount, (as I before advised) will be duly honoured I am with great Regard Gentn Your most obed[ien]t Serv[an]t John E Blackett

10 Mar 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Master Esqr & Co

Newcastle 10th Mar 1795

Gentlemen Inclosed you recieve a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn & Co at Forty days dated this day for Two Hundred & thirty One Pounds Five Shillings to pay One Quarters Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due the 26th inst to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr.

Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same

I am Gentlemen Your Most H[um]ble Serv[an]t J E Blackett

Birthwaite Hall Wakefield Yorkshire

Sir With this you'll Receive Copies of the Old & New Cash Accots & of the Bankers Accot which I hope you'll find right As soon as we get the Accounts for the Pays we shall send you Copies of the whole up to the time that the Pays are to be made I am etc J.S

23 Mar 1795 Joshua Straker to William Westgarth

Mr Wm Westgarth

Newcastle 23d March 1795

Sir You promised to send me down a List of the Newcastle Bills which I have not received, Please to send it the first opportunity & likewise the Monthly Accots for the Lead Mills _ Mr Beaumont is desirous of knowing what quantity of Lead there is on hands at present, of which I cannot inform him untill I have the Monthly Accounts I am Dr Sir Your most ob[e]d[ien]t Servant Josa Straker

2 Apr 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Brown Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle April 2d 1795

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing Eleven Hundred & Eighteen Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account w[i]th Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & Advise me on your Receipt of it I am Sir Your most H[um]ble Servant J E Blackett

6 Apr 1795 Joshua Straker to William Burrowes

Mr Wm Burrowes & Son
Merch[an]ts Hamburgh

Newcastle 6th April 1795

Gentlemen Mr Blackett was favoured with your letter of the 18th March, and is sorry to find that you have not purchased the Quantity of Rye that he Ordered, but hopes by this time that you may have got it, but should that not be the case, he desires that you will immediately purchase it, on the best terms you can & Ship it the first opportunity. Mr Blackett is informed that a part of the Rye that comes from Hamburgh is Kiln dried, but he desires that what you purchase for him may not be of that description. I am for J E Blackett Esqr

Gentn Your most H[um]ble Serv[an]t

Josa Straker

11 Apr 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 11th Ap[ril] 1795

Sir As I have made a further Sale of Lead & will be short of Refin'd, I shall be glad if you could get 1000 P[iece]s sent down to Blaydon as soon as possible to prevent any demur in the payment. I likewise desire that you will send me down an Account of the Rookhope 8 Stone Lead that was delivered last year that I may know what is upon the Roads to come in, as I shall not pay for it without it is delivered before the Pay, & in future I desire that the Monthly Accot may be regularly sent to me as a guide to make the Sales of Lead I am

Sir Your most H[um]ble Serv[an]t

John E Blackett

12 Apr 1795 Joshua Straker to William Burrowes

[Note: Undated but original sequence and reference to current month dates it between 11 and 30th April 1795]

Mr Wm Burrowes & Son Hamburgh

Gentlemen By Mr Blackett's desire I wrote to you on the 6th Inst since which he is favoured with your letter of the 1st inst and observes that you have not purchased the Quantity of Rye that he ordered and that the price has advanced, on which account he has supplied himself with a Quantity here considerable lower than you have it at your Market, and desires that you will not at this time Purchase any for him; but should you have purchased any part of the Order, before the Receipt of this, and it be attended with any inconvenience to you to dispose of it again in Hamburgh, he will certainly take it, but hopes this may not be the case _ I am for John E Blackett Esqr

Gentn Your most H[um]ble Serv[an]t

Josa Straker

2 May 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 2d May 1795

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co at Fourteen days date for Seven Hundred & Sixty three Pounds Ten Shillings & Eleven Pence being the Balance due from you to Thos R Beaumont Esqr & which I doubt not you will duly honor I am etc J.E.B

28 May 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 28th May 1795

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson & Potts a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Ninety three Ounces, which I desire that you will place to Accot with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

29 May 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

To M Sketon Esqr Birthwaite Hall Yorkshire

Newcastle 29th May 1795

Dr Sir Inclosed you have a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Glyn & Co for £500 which Coll Beaumont desired me to Remit you on his Account, the Receipt of which you will please to Acknowledge I am etc J.E.B

£500 No 9317

Newcastle upon Tyne May 29th 1795

Thirty days after date pay to the Order of John Erasmu[u]s Blackett Esqr Five Hundred Pounds - Value received Surtees Burdon & Co
To Messrs Glyn, Mills & Mitton Bankers London

30 May 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richard Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 30th May 1795

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn & Co at Forty days dated this day for £231-5 being a Quarters Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due the 26th inst to The Lord B[isho]p of Durham from Thos R Beaumont Esqr. Please to Advise me on your Receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

£231-5- No 9338

Newcastle upon Tyne May 30th 1795

Forty days after Date pay to the Order of J E Blackett
Esqr Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds 5s Value Received
Surtees Burdon & Co
To Messrs Glyn Mills & Mitton
Bankers London

8 Jun 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr Newcastle 8th June 1795
Foster Lane London

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the order of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co at thirty days date for Three Hundred Pounds on Account of fine Silver sent you for Thos R Beaumont Esqr & which I have no doubt you will duly honor
I am Sir Your most H[um]ble Serv[an]t John E Blackett

17 Jun 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Alex Raby

Alex Raby Esqr London NewCastle 17th June 1795

Sir I am favoured with your Letter of the 12th Instt wherein you make an offer of your Service in the Disposal of a part of Mr Beaumonts Lead, It has not been Customary with us to send any part of it to the London Market for sale by Com[m]ission, having been always of Opinion that it was not for the Interest of the Concern to adopt that Measure; That part of the Lead that is not disposed at this place, is purchased by three Houses of Character in London at a fair Market price. I am Sir Your Most Obed[ien]t Servant J E Blackett

23 Jun 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Alex Raby

Alex Raby Esqr London NewCastle 23th June 1795

Sir I am favoured with your Letter of the 20th Instt & observe the Contents; We have not at present any Lead upon hand, nor have we had for some time past, the first large quantity is engaged to four Houses in London, When we have any quantity that I can make you an offer off you shall hear from me, but we do not engage to deliver Lead at London or at any place from hence I am Sir Your Most Obed[ien]t Servant John E Blackett

11 Jul 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle 11th July 1795

Gentn Inclosed you'll receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees, Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn, Mills & Co at Forty days dated this Day for Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds to pay half a Years Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due this day to The Revd Henry Hardinge from Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr

Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill and inform Mr Hardinge of the same

I am Gentlemen Your most H[onoura]ble Serv[an]t J E Blackett

£450

No 9816

NewCastle upon Tyne July 11th 1795

Forty days after Date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr

Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds - Value received

To Messrs Glyn, Mills & Mitton

Surtees Burdon & Co

Bankers London.

9 Aug 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr
Birthwaite Hall near Wakefield

NewCastle 9th Augt 1795

Dear Sir

The hurry of our Assize week & some disturbance at present amongst the Keelmen prevented me replying sooner to your favour of the 31st Ult. The Accounts sent you would I think explain pretty near what was due to Coll Beaumont as Executor, the other Accounts you desire shall be sent to you & as soon as I can make a calculation of the time that the several payments will become due for the Lead sold you shall be informed of the same.

The late Spring, the scarcity of Hay & Corn & consequent bad condition of the Lead Carriage Horses, prevented our getting down the Lead to Markett; at this time we want about 10,000 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead of the quantity that I have sold; so that notwithstanding the brisk demand there is at present for Lead, any sales that I could make at this time would not become due a day sooner, as the Lead (or a great part of it) is not down at Markett; I have repeatedly wrote to Mr Isaac Hunter to hasten it down, even if there should be a necessity of paying something more at this time, & as a further encouragement to the Carriers I have promised them payment at Mart[in]mas instead of May;

In July I made Sales of 20,000 p[iece]s of Lead at £16 per Fo[dder]: the payments for which will be due the 8th Jany next I have lately sold some small quantities at £17 per Fo[dder] & I hope to have it in my power next Month to sell a large quantity at that price, or possibly at an advance.

I shall meet Coll Beaumont at Alnwick on Friday, the day of Election, & we are not apprehensive of any Opposition. I am much concerned for the Melancholy fate of poor John Depledge, & feel much for his Relations; I have not seen either the Colonel or Mrs Beaumont since that unfortunate event.

I am with Esteem Dear Sir Yours Sincerely J E Blackett

The Lead Co Sold 20,000 p[iece]s Lead in April or May last for £14 per Fo[dder]. Sunday Evening. A Servant of Coll Beaumont has just now been with me to inform me that the body of poor John Depledge is found & for Instructions where to go for the Coroner; this unfortunate affair you must be sensible will hurt distress Coll & Mrs Beaumont very much.

9 Aug 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

NewCastle 9th Augt 1795

Sir

The Hurry of our Assize week prevented me answering your letter sooner; I must say that I am not a little surprized at the contents of it, & did not expect to have had such a letter from Mrs Hunter. I did not charge you with being Greatly Neglectfull in getting the Lead sent down to Markett, but I do Aver that there has been a neglect, & a great one in the Carriers, & that Pringle who you assert has been so great service to Mr Beaumont, has in this instance been very blameable, for he has been paid for a considerable quantity of Lead of the last year which is yet on the Road; That he takes it from Rookhope Mill expeditiously enough, I will allow, which prevents any other person interfering in the Carriage, but when it rests on the Road for a considerable time & is liable to be stolen it is a great injury to Mr Beaumont; With respect to the 8 Stone Lead it certainly is an accommodation to Pringle, but I am of Opinion that it would be more for the interest of the Concern if some part of that Lead (the poorest of Silver) was to be made into 11 St[one] pieces which would be a means of our being in Cash for it, instead of its laying on the Road.

When any Lead is sent from Rookhope Mill, Mr Smith should send a Monthly Account to Blaydon (as was done in Mr Richmonds time) that we may know what quantity is on the Road.

Some method must certainly be taken to get the Lead sooner down to Blaydon if some little addition in the Carriage & their being paid at Mart[inmas]s should not answer the end? the Carriage from Rookhope must be made an open Carriage & Advertised as such. There is one part of you[r] Letter that I must confess I do not

perfectly understand; I thought that Mr Beaumont had left the disposal of his Lead entirely to me, but I find by your Letter that I am mistaken; & I should be glad that you would let me know what advantage it will be to Mr Beaumont to make a Sale at present when upwards of 10,000 p[iece]s of Lead that I sold some time since are not yet come down to Blaydon, I should not be in Cash for it a day sooner by making a Sale at this time, & I should loose the Advantage of a rising Markett whereas was the Lead that I have already sold brought down to Blaydon, & I could form a judgement of the quantity that might be expected down in the course of two or three Months, I might have it in my power to make an advantageous sale; The Lead Co agreeable to what you recommend Sold 20,000 p[iece]s Lead early in the Spring at £14 per Fothe[r] which they will not be able to deliver till the end of the Year; Mr Johnson may possibly do the like but that is no Rule for me. After what I have said I have no doubt of your using your utmost endeavours to get the Lead down in the most expeditious manner.

I am Dear Sir Your H[um]ble Servant J E Blackett

26 Aug 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

NewCastle 26th Aug: 1795

Gentn Inclosed you'll receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn & Co for Two Hundred & thirty One pounds Five Shillings being a Quarters Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead mines due this day to the Lord B[isho]p of Durham from Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr. Please to advise me on your receipt of the same I am Gentlemen Your most H[um]ble Serv[an]t
Richd Master & Co

J.E.Blackett

£231-5-

No 10387

NewCastle upon Tyne Aug: 24th 1795

Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett
Esqr Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds 5s Value Received
Surtees Burdon & Co

To Mess Glyn Mills & Mitton
Bankers London

14 Sep 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 14th Sept 1795

Sir I rec[eive]d your Letters of the 27th Ult^o & 9th Inst & observe the Contents. I was mistaken as to a Monthly Account being sent from Rookhope Mill it was an Account at the end of the Year which you must be sensible will be very proper; You will observe by my letter to you that I took notice of the great quantity of the 8 Stone Lead that remained on the Road & desired that for the future some part of that Ore which was the poorest of Silver might be smelted into 11 Stone P[iece]s as by that means it would be more saleable & advantageous to the Concern; You are pleased to answer me, I have ordered all the Lead smelted at Rookhope Mill to be made 11 Stone p[iece]s for the future which the Carriage Men once they know (I doubt not) will take the advantage of; Is this Candid of You? the directions that you have given & the steps that you have taken respecting the repair of the Lead way were very proper. I observe that the great fall of Wood has been an impediment to your getting the Lead down, & that you are of opinion that an advance of the price of Carriage would not answer the purpose we wished & that some little Money on Account may have a better effect; whatever it may be thought adviseable to do should be carried into Execution before the Season breaks up & the roads be rendered almost impassable; Rookhope Mill being cleared is doing nothing if the Lead remains on the Road, so I beg that every means may be used to get it down I am Dr Sir Your H[um]ble Servant

J E Blackett

I thank you for the brace of Moor Game

22 Sep 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle Sept 22d 1795

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson & Potts the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver Containing Thirteen Hundred & Ninety three Ounces & a half which I desire that you will place to Account with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & Advise me on your receipt of it

I am Sir Your Most Obed[ien]t & H[um]ble Serv[an]t John E Blackett

24 Sep 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Lieut Coll Beaumont M.P.
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle Sep: 24th 1795

Dear Sir

Mr Straker is returned from Allenheads after having with Mr Bell gone thro' the Mine Accounts of Mr Forster, as well as those of his Rental, but as the Vouchers for which he has not yet produced, tho' I have frequently required them of him; he has left

the House & Mr Crawhall enters on it immediately; Inclosed is an Inventory of the Furniture left belonging to Mr Beaumont, which I have compared with that at the time of the death of Sir Walter Blackett, & find it pretty exact; the Bedsteads are very old & mean, only fit for Servants, the rest of the furniture of little value; as Mrs Beaumont & you may probably go to Allenheads for a couple of Weeks in the Shooting Season, I would recommend that the furnishing the two or three Bedchambers & the Parlour be postponed till the Spring, when beds with washing furniture may be provided & any other Articles; Mr Crawhall in the mean time will remove his furniture from Coalcleugh, Mr Dickinson will give him his Assistance in looking out for a proper Person as 2d Agent, Mr Crawhall's Son is a Sober Young Man has worked in the Mines and is qualified to be 3d Agent & I recommend him as such in the Room of Archer who never was fit for the employment in which he was placed by Mr Forster contrary to my Inclinations; there will be no objection to his being employed as Woodsman as he was. The House formerly occupied (with a small farm) by the 2d Agent Mr Forster after having enlarged it considerably & laid out a great deal of Money on it, placed his brother on it to keep as a public House altho' the old accustomed public House kept by Nicholson the Engine Man was not 50 Yards from it & on which he would not lay out a shilling tho' often spoke to about it & it is now in a very decayed state; It had been a Rule laid down by the late Sir Walter Blackett & which Sir Thos Blackett approved of, Not to allow of more than one Public House at Allenheads for reasons too obvious to mention _ The breaking thro' this has been attended with very bad Consequences not only to the Concern but to the Health & Morals of the Workmen, it has likewise been a House of Accomodation to the Sportsmen who came to those Moors in the Shooting Season without any leave; the House is now kept by the Widow of Thos Forster & as she has got a Licence in Augt last we cannot with propriety remove her till Augt next against which time she shall have regular Notice to quit the House & Farm; I would recommend that from that time they may be occupied by the 2d Agent; the House will admit of a small part being taken off for the present Engine Man whose residence on the spot is necessary. The old Public House will have some little repairs in the Spring & the present occupier who is a person of very good Character & not employed at the Mines etc will Hold the House during your Pleasure. Mr Forster's Son will have the offer of the 2d Agents place at Coalcleugh under Mr Dickinson. I have been more particular as to this Matter, as you may probably have applications from Forster in favour of his Brother's Widow.

Should you & Mrs Beaumont approve of these Arrangements? you will please to acquaint me

I remain with respect Dear Sir Your Most Obed[ien]t Serv[an]t John E Blackett

24 Sep 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

NewCastle Sept 24th 1795

Dear Sir

I have the favour of your letter of the 18th Inst & am in hopes that before this reach you that the destination of your Regiment has been altered for Ireland instead of the West Indies. I observe that neither you or Mrs Beaumont have requested Mr W Trevelyan to act as one of a Committee for the Management & Conducting of the future Election Concerns, I would have made the Application to him myself, but its coming from one of you with more propriety & effect, & its being what he will certainly expect, induced me to postpone it; but previous to any steps being taken with propriety in this business it will be necessary that the Committee should be fully Informed of your Resolution respecting the general Election, as well as the probability of going abroad; Mr Heron agrees with me in opinion.

I am making use of every exertion to get the Lead down to Markett before the Roads break up & I hope in the course of three Weeks to make a Sale of 20,000 Pieces at an advanced price. The Bills for the Lead already deliver'd shall be procured as soon as possible.

Inclosed I send you an Account of the proceedings of Mr Bell & Mr Straker at Allenheads & what I would recommend to be done at that place etc,

I remain with best respect etc

Dear Sir Your Most Obed[ien]t & Faithfull H[um]ble Serv[an]t
Coll Beaumont John E Blackett

29 Sep 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Fishwick

Mr Fishwick

Newcastle 29th Sep 1795

Sir

I received your favour & observe what you say as to the quantity of Lead that we can supply for your Works exclusive of the sale for the four London Houses; in a Week or ten days I shall be able to judge what quantity of Lead I shall have it in my power to make an offer of to the latter, it will not exceed 20,000 p[iece]s of which three parts will be Com[m]on & One part Refined.

I can not engage to furnish a regular Monthly supply for your Works as formerly, but you may have 4 or 5000 p[iece]s in the above proportions. The quantity of Refined Lead & Litharge sold is not compleated, I expect that it will this week when you shall hear from me

I am Sir Your Most Obed[ien]t Servant
Messrs Walkers Fishwick & Co John E Blackett

29 Sep 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 29th Septemr 1795

Sir I received your two letters & am obliged to you for the Calculation of the Lead that is likely to be made at the several Mills which will enable me to form a judgement of the quantity that I may have in my power to sell to the London Houses; I observe the exertions which you have used to get the Lead down to Markett before the Roads break up, which I hope may succeed, & should the Winter prove favourable for the purpose, I hope that a quantity may be brought down even if we were to make some allowance for the Toll. I observe the sum to be paid to Messrs Hopper & Co for which their Accot shall have Credit I am

Dr Sir Your Most H[um]ble Serv[an]t

Mr Hunter

J E Blackett

29 Sep 1795 Joshua Straker to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Esqr

Newcastle 29th Septemr 1795

Birthwait Wakefield Yorkshire

Sir Mr Blackett was favoured with your letter of the 19th Inst & according to your desire have sent you the Banker's Accounts, likewise Copies of all the Lead Mines & Mills Accots Rentals etc to the time of the last pays. I have sent them by the Leeds Dilligence directed for you to be left at the Stafford Arms Inn Wakefield & hope you'll receive them safe

I am Sir Your Most Obed[ien]t H[um]ble Serv[an]t

M Skelton Esqr

Josa Straker

30 Sep 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac & John Wilkinson

Messrs Isaac & Jno Wilkinson Chesterfield

Newcastle 30th Sepr 1795

Gentlemen I am much obliged to you for your favour of the 5th Instt which I delayed answering in expectation of having it in my power of advising you of a Sale of Lead; I have not yet compleated it but in a few days I am in hopes that I shall succeed in obtaining £17-10s per Fo[dde]r for 25,000 p[ie]ce[s]; the London Houses are very eager to purchase & the quantities at this Markett will fall considerably short. When I have made a Sale you shall be advised of the same. I am respectfully

Gentlemen Your Most Obed[ien]t Serv[an]t

Messrs Isaac & Jno Wilkinson

J E Blackett

3 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Walker & Fishwick

Messrs Walkers Fishwick & Co

Newcastle 3d Octr 1795

Gentlemen I now make you an offer of 5000 p[iece]s Lead, $\frac{3}{4}$ Com[m]on & $\frac{1}{4}$ Refined with the usual quantity of Slag Lead at £17-10s per Fo[dde]r to be paid for in Bills due at the end of Six Months from the time of Sale. Likewise 5000 p[iece]s for Messrs Walkers, Maltby & Co in the above proportions & terms, & 50 Casks of Litharge at £18 per Ton. Your Answer will Oblige Gentn Your H[um]ble Servant J E Blackett

3 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Christopher Blackett

3 October 1795 Made Mr Chris Blackett an offer of 10,000 p[iece]s of Lead, in the same proportion & terms as the foregoing Letter to Messrs Walkers & Fishwick. Also made Mr Wm Hewitson an offer of 5,000 p[iece]s of Lead & 50 Casks Litharge in the above proportions & terms.

3 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield Hexham

Newcastle 3d Octr 1795

Sir I wrote to you the 29th Ulto & this Morning I have your favour of the 2d Inst enclosing the Mill Accots for July & Augt. In Septr 1794 I agreed with Messrs Jno Whinfield & Co for all the Old Castings at the several Mines & Mills (which by their Calculation might be from 140 to 160 Tons) at 47s 6d per Ton they being at the Expençe of Carriage, it being the highest offer that was made for them; I at the same time engaging to take the new Castings for the Mines & Mills in payment for the same, on which Account you will please to order the Mill Castings from Whinfield & Co they charging 9s 4d per Cwt the price in R Harrisons proposals I observe what Sum you will have occasion for at the next lending. I am

Dear Sir Your H[um]ble Serv[an]t J E Blackett

4 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 4th Octr 1795

Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Madam

I wrote to you & Coll Beaumont the 24th Ulto as I have not been favoured with an Answer, I am in hopes that the Colonel does not go abroad.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I have made a Sale of 25,000 p[iece]s of Lead & 150 Casks of Litharge to the several London Houses, & Messrs Walkers & Co White Lead Works, (three parts of the Lead Com[m]on, One part Ref[ine]d) at the advance price of £17 10s per Fo[dde]r Litharge at £18 per Ton, to be paid for by Bills on London payable in 6 Months, this I look upon as a very good Sale, & which I had doubts of accomplishing; The Quantity of Lead at Blaydon at present does not exceed 6,000 p[iece]s, but I am making use of every exertion to get the Lead down from the several Lead Mills before the Roads break up, but I am apprehensive that it will not be in my power to deliver the quantity this Year, however no pains shall be spared to effect it.

I am with Respect Dear Madam

Your Most Obed[ie]nt Serv[an]t J E Blackett

My respects to Coll Beaumont when you write.

5 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield Hexham

Newcastle 5th Octr 1795

Sir Since I wrote to you I have made a Sale of 25,000 p[iece]s of Lead for the London Houses & Messrs Walkers & Co White Lead Works, three parts of which to be Com[m]on, One part Refined; as the time of payment depends on the Lead being got down to Markett, I have no doubt of your using every exertion to effect it.

I am with Compliments to Mrs Hunter, Yourself & Sons

Dear Sir Your H[um]ble Serv[an]t etc J E Blackett

10 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 10th Oct 1795

Dear Sir I am sorry to find that the Lead does not come so fast in as was expected; I have no doubt of your exertions on the occasion but as there are at present about 18,000 p[iece]s wanting to compleat the quantity sold I would recommend that the East Hand Carriage (who lead on the same terms as last year) may have an advance from this time of 3d or 6d per Fo[dde]r the latter I think would encourage them; Pringle likewise must be spurred up to bring down the Rookhope Lead, which has been so long on the Road: We shall want 2,000 p[iece]s of Ref[ine]d Lead exclusive of the quantity that will be made at Blaydon to the 31st Decr.

I am Dear Sir Your H[um]ble Serv[an]t

J E Blackett

I give you joy of your Son M R Hunter's promotion

12 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

Mr Emm Esqr
Castle Aukland

NCastle 12th Octr 1795

Sir I have lately been Informed by Mr Beaumont's Agents in Weardale that the Lessees under Lord Burford were working a Lead Mine in his Estate called Harehope Gill, which borders on the Royalty of the Lord Bishop of Durham, under Lease to Mr Beaumont, & that he apprehends they are working in the said Copyhold, that the Mine is very promising, & a considerable part of the Vein has the appearance of being in the Copyhold; I gave the Agent Mr Emerson & Jno Bell Surveyor directions to take a survey of that part of the Ground & to get what Information they could procure as to the extent of Lord Burford's freehold, as well as the reputed Boundary; Mr Heron of this place having previously had some Conversat[io]n with Mr Geo: Pearson of Durham on the subject, & being told by him that the Lord Bishops Agent in Weardale should have directions to go with them, on being applied to; J Bells letter (which I take the liberty of enclosing) will inform you how they succeeded. I understand that the Lessees under Lord Burford have lately placed large Bounder Stones extending his freehold considerably beyond the old Boundary, & taking in a very great part of the Vein; they have likewise Boarded up the mouth of the shaft, & keep a guard to prevent any person (except their own Workmen) from going down to Inspect the workings & they make use of every means to prevent any information being obtained, John Harrison of Dryburnside (who took a Lease of the said Mine about 32 Years ago) & Leond Bradwell (who was a Partner, & has likewise been Agent of the Mine) can as well as many others speak with certainty as to the Old Boundary. Jno Bell had time to take a pretty accurate eye Plan of the Ground etc which with your permission I will send to you by Mrs Beaumont's Agent Mr Straker who can give you further Information on the Subject; I have no doubt that on this Matter being represented to the Lord Bishop that he will give every Assistance in support of the Right of his Lordship's Lessee. Your Ans[we]r will very much obige

Dear Sir Y[ou]r Most Ob[edien]t Serv[an]t

Wm Emm Esqr

John Eras Blackett

13 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Westgarth Forster

Mr Westgarth Forster Junr Allenheads

Newcastle 13th Octr 1795

I am directed by Mr Beaumont to acquaint you that Mr L Crawhall is told to provide a second Agent under him at Allenheads; that should you incline to accept of the 2d Agent's place at Coalcleugh under Mr Dickinson you will be placed there, please to let

me have your Answer that I may acquaint Mr Dickinson I am your H[um]ble
Serv[an]t
Mr Forster Junr J E Blackett

13 Oct 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Mary Forster

Mrs Mary Forster Allenheads NCastle Octr 13th 1795

I am directed by Mr & Mrs Beaumont to acquaint you that you are to quit the House & Premises at Allenheads in which you now reside; as well as the Farm that you hold at present, against Mayday next, as they intend to place the 2d Agent in that House & Farm, & will not permit any publick House at the place except the old one kept by Nicholson; I desire to have your immediate Answer & in case of your ready compliance, you possibly may be indulged untill the 1st August next in consideration of your having a Licence till that time

I am your H[um]ble Serv[an]t
Mrs Mary Forster J E Blackett

1 Nov 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coll Beaumont NewCastle 1st Novr 1795
No 4 Portman Square London

Dear Sir

I went to Hexham on Wednesday & returned with Mr Williamson the next day, I have the pleasure to tell you that the dinner at the Abbey gave great satisfaction to the Freeholders present about 80. Reed provided a plentiful dinner which was well drest & served, The Wine etc was good, the Company had a good dose of it, & parted in good humour between 8 & 9 o'clock; Mr L Spark, Mr Tweddel of Threapwood several respectable Freeholders dined with us; Mr Hunter was prevented by Company at his House, Mr Wastell, Major Surtees & many others by the Fair at this place, on the whole, the day past over very well.

The very wet season is a great impediment to our get[ing] the Lead down to market which we have already sold, some small quantities in other hands have lately been sold at £18 per Fo[the]r & should the prospect of a peace brighten, I have no doubt of its advancing to £20. I shall in a few days pay to Messrs Surtees, Burdon & Co on your account, Bills & Cash to the amount of £8000 & in the course of this month & the next about £28000 in Bills due in Jany.

I am with respect Dear Sir yours etc J.E.B

In your next letter please to acquaint me on what <foot[in]g> The Revd Mr Carr of Allenheads is to be from the first of Oct: last. Mrs Beaumont told me but I really forgot?

12 Nov 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Hunter Dukesfield

NewC[astle] 12th Novr 1795

Dear Sir

I have your Letters of the 5th & 10th Inst & observe the Contents. I am very sorry to find that the Mill at Dukesfield has suffered as much from the late Flood; I have no doubt of your taking very proper Measure to reinstate the Works in such manner as may be the least prejudicial to the Concern.

The Commissioners of the South Turnpike have a power by the Act of laying on double Toll from the 1st Novr to 1st May on all Carts or other Carriages having the fellies of the Wheels of less breadth than 6 Inches (with some exceptions) but to impose the double Toll on Lead only is certainly very Partial & unfair. but I have no doubt those Com[m]issioners have an Interest in the Exemption of Coals & Timber, & I desire that you will inform me if those Articles are at present suffered to pass paying only the single Toll; in the mean time I think that it may be adviesable to submit to the double Toll untill the Lead at the Bankfoot be got in, for Mr Beaumont is not injured, but the Trustees etc of the Road: When I have your Answer I will consult Mr Williamson, & I shall on the renewal of the Act recommend to Mr Beaumont to give it Opposition, unless some limitations are allowed as the Concern have certainly been very ill treated by some of the Commissioners which you are very sensible of.

I am with Compliments to Mrs Hunter & yourself Dr Sir Yours etc J.E.B

23 Nov 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr M.P.

NewCastle 23d Novr 1795

Portman Square London

Dear Sir I wrote to you on the 21st Inst in answer to your Letter by that days Post, which I hope that you have communicated to Mr Burdon, that he may acquaint the Bishop of Durham how very ill founded those complaints, & clamours were which had been industriously spread against you, without the least foundation of truth; had there been a cause for that Charge? & the Bishop who receives £1100 per Ann[um], & the Rector of Stanhope £900 arising from those Mines) had contributed to the relief of the necessitous Workmen? in that case the poor Workmen, as well as the Public, would have cause of Complaint against you; but it is quite otherwise, as I acquainted you in my last letter; Notwithstanding what you have done towards the relief of the Miners &

Smelters owing the time of the high price of Corn (which example neither the Lead Company, nor any other Proprietor have followed that I have heard of) the Miners & Smelters of your Works stopt the Works & some of them (I believe from Rookhope) committed some depredations by seizing a cart with Flour & Oat Meal which they disposed of at their own Price, for which (on Information being obtained) I hope some of them may suffer. The Agents have been down with me this day, & some of the Men from the several Works with Petitions signed by upwards of 500 of the Workm[e]n; They requested that their Wages may be raised, & their Subsist[en]ce Money every two Months doubled; I had a good deal of discourse with them, & they were very sensible that you had done more for the relief of your Workmen than any other Proprietors etc and appeared ashamed of the Conduct of some of the Workmen; On consulting with the Agents we thought it advisable at this time to increase their subsistence Money one half, to continue the supply of Corn at a reduced price, & as the prices of Gunpowder, & Candles were considerably advanced, the advance on their bargains was left to the consideration of the Agent of the respective Works, or to the whole of them on consultation; The Miners left me very well satisfied, & if the body of them had not returned to work this Morning? They promised me that the whole of them would be at Work tomorrow, or next day, I have a letter from Mrs Beaumont by this days post which I shall answer tomorrow.

I am with respect Dear Sir Yours etc

T Rd Beaumont Esqr

J E Blackett

24 Nov 1795 Joshua Straker to Mark Skelton

M Skelton

Newcastle 24 Novr 1795

Birthwaite Yorkshire

Sir I rec[eive]d your letter of the 14th Inst & observe what you say respecting the Charge in the Bankers Accot of £3-18s for sundry small Bills discounted by Me. This transaction took place when the Lead Agents were last down here for Subsistence Money and when I got the Money at the Bank I discounted some Bills which we had received for Lead, thinking it equally the same to Coll Beaumont as to take up Money at the Bank on Interest. the Interest being the same upon Bills Discounted as upon Money Borrowed & of course it was only necessary to be paid for one of them. I desired the Bankers to make out their Accots in future in the way you mention
I am yours etc J.S

2 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Master

Richd Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 2nd Decemr 1795

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn & Co at 40 days dated this day for £231-5s being a Quarter of a Years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 26th Ulto to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Thos R Beaumont Esqr. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same I am etc J.E.Blackett

£231-5- No 12103
Newcastle upon Tyne Decemr 2nd 1795
Forty days after date pay to the Order of J E Blackett Esqr
Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds Five Shillings Value Received
Surtees Burdon & Co
To Messrs Glyn Mills & Mitton
Bankers London End[orse]d John E Blackett

4 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Hunter Dukesfield Newcastle 4th Decer 1795

Dr Sir I rec[eive]d your letters of the 20th & 26th Ulto & observe the Contents The proceedings of the Commissioners of the South Road are I think very extraordinary I have had some conversation with Mr Williamson on the subject, I shall take his opinion on the Order made by the Commissioners a Copy of which I have a right to demand & I desire that you will make Application to him for that purpose. I am glad to find that the Miners & Smelters have Returned Peacefully to Work, those who have incurred the penalty of the Law must abide by the consequence _ As to the Miller from his Character I shall not interfere in the Matter but leave him to the Justicies _ I hope nothing may prevent me meeting you at Hexham on Monday the 14th inst
I am etc J.E.B

17 Dec 1795 Joshua Straker to Mark Skelton

M Skelton Newcastle 17th Decem 1795
Birthwait near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 14th Instt & observe the Contents. Mr Heron has been Consulted, but he is ignorant of the Amount of the Arrears of the Annuity as well as the cause of its being withheld since the time of Mrs Stackpoles coming of Age, he is at a loss to give Advice in that Matter & apprehends that in Case

of a Distress being made that there may be a difficulty in getting proper persons to enter into a Security for a Sum which may be considerable Mr H Williamson is at Durham on a Commission & does not return till Saturday on my Receiving such information from you as you may think necessary I shall consult Mr Williamson what steps it may be advisable for us to pursue & acquaint you with the same _ I have paid to Messrs Surtees & Co the several Sums that you mention on Accot of Thos R Beaumont Esqr next Month I shall be under a necessity of making a Carriage Pay which with the Corn that I have purchased will Amount to upwards of £2000 _ I met the Lead Stewards at Hexham on Monday last & paid them £3470 for Subsistence for the Workmen who are at present quiet & satisfied except a few Refractory men in Weardale who I have directed the Agent to discharge I expect to pay about £3000 More to Surtees & Co next Month I am etc J.E.B

P.S. Messrs Surtees & Co have been made acquainted with what you mention as to the manner of charging the Interest in the Accounts, & they say that the Int[eres]t charged upon the Bills which they Received here; was the same to Mr B as if they had stood uncharged, for of course the Int[eres]t ceased upon the Money before Advanced, at the time those Bills were placed to his Credit _ As to the Bills drawn by you they charged them at the time they were charged with them by their Bankers in London & which would make a very Trifling difference in exhausting the Private Accot J.S

17 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R Beaumont Esqr
Portman Square London MP

Newcastle 17th Decer 1795

Dear Sir

I was favoured with your letter of the 11th Inst & observe that you have got the High Sheriff Dub[be]d a Knight, he is not yet returned to his County having made some stop in Yorkshire _ I met the Lead Stewards at Hexham on Monday & paid them £3470 for Subsistence for the Workmen with the Advance that I promised them with which they are well satisfied except a few dissatisfied turbulent men in Weardale who are using their endeavours to make the rest of the Workmen insist on having double Subsistence Money which (as they are supplied with Corn at a Reduced Price) it would on no Account be prudent to comply with; Were you to do it their families would not be benifited by it & at the time of the Pay the greater part of them would have little or nothing to receive, their Creditors would be Clamorous & you would incur blame for the badness of the Pay, as they term it when they have little to Receive I inclose you one of the papers that were put up at the Smith Shops & the Publick Houses; I have directed Mr Emerson to acquaint them with the impropriety & unreasonableness of their demand, that it would not be complied with & should any of the Men persist in it, to discharge them, The Lead Co (who have not given their Men the Relief that you have to yours) have already taken that Method.

I have paid to Messrs Surtees & Co on your Account Bills Amounting to £25394-17-10 next Month I shall pay them about £3000 more; the Lead Carriage Pay which I shall be under a necessity of making early in the Month with the Amount of the Corn will come to near £3000. the state of the Mines are much the same as when the Stewards were last down not any improvement _ Mr Skelton writes me that Mr Stackpole having withdrawn a Petition to the Court of Chancery for the Arrears of the Annuity induces him to suspect that they mean to make a distress & Recommends that Mr Heron may be Consulted which has been done but untill Mr Skelton gives us more full information as to the Amount of the Claim the nature of it etc Mr Heron is at a loss how to form a judgement on the Matter of which I have informed Mr Skelton & on the Receipt of the same I shall Consult Mr Williamson what Steps it may be Advisable to take in case of a Distress being made I am etc J.E.B

19 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Jasper Gibson

Mr Jasper Gibson Hexham

Newcastle 19th Decer 1795

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 14th inst & observe that you decline my request of a Copy of the Order of the Trustees respecting the double Toll, least my intentions for the obtaining the same should not be friendly to the Interest of the Road; If the Order is such as can be justified, Why refuse me a Copy of it? Should it be otherwise? the Trustees should not have made it; It is not my wish that the Lead should be exempted from the double Toll during a certain Period, but the Trustees that made the Order certainly did not consult the Interest of the Road in not subjecting other Articles to the like Toll, neither could they legally do it. I am sorry that it will not be in my power to attend the Meeting at Corbridge on the 30th inst
I am etc J.E.B

21 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr M.P.
Portman Square London

NewC 21st Decr 1795

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 18th Inst since which I have been favoured with your Lre [Letter] of the same date enclosing Mr Richardson's letter; he & Mr Carr of Allenheads are to be down with me next week when I will endeavour to settle the matter in dispute between them; previous to that I should be glad to know what Sum you had come to a resolution to allow Mr Carr in lieu of the 5s formerly paid by each Workman which Ceased on the 30th Sept last; in the summer Mrs Beaumont mentioned the matter to me; but I do not recall whether it was £60 or £70 per Ann[um] & £20 for teach[in]g the

School: Mr Carr being at the charge of a proper Assistant if necessary; be pleased to inform me as to this matter.

The high price of Corn is a very alarming circumstance, and not only requires the most serious consideration, but Unanimity in carrying into execution such Resolution & Associations that may be entered into for the lessen[ing] the consumption of Wheat etc & by those means reduc[ing] the price of it; but I much doubt whether any thing short of an Obligatory Act on the Baker will have the desired effect

I have by this post another letter from Mr Skelton respecting Mr Stackpole's Affair on which I shall consult Mr Williamson tomorrow.

I am with best Compliments to Mrs Beaumont & yourself

Yours etc J.E.B

23 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr M.P.
Portman Square London

NewC 23rd Decr 1795

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 18th & 21st Inst & have this day rec[eive]d your letter of the 21st Inst: I shall make application to Captn Rothe for the discharge of Lewis Ogle & acquaint you with my success. On consulting with Mr Williamson respecting Mr Stacpole's Claim, he is of opinion that in case of a seisure being made for the Arrears of the Annuity that Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co will be the proper Persons to make application to for the purpose of giving the necessary security; they of course will expect a Bond of Indemnity from you, which by Mr Williamsons Advice I have desired Mr Heron to prepare & send you to be executed; Messsr Surtees, Burdon & Co will expect that you should make Application to them to become security in case of necessity .

As there are at present about 9000 p[iece]s of Lead on the Key at Blaydon that are sold & not yet shipt by the several purchasers ; In case of a seisure being made the consequences (owing to delay etc) might be attended with great inconvenience etc to the Purchasers, as well as yourself; on which account Mr Williamson recommends that the Lead so sold be as soon as possible removed out of your Premises, I have accordingly secured a Key for the purpose almost adjoining which will be taken tomorrow morning by Mr Chris Blackett who (on my mentioning the affair to him) is kind enough to undertake it. I am with respect

Dear Sir Yours etc J.E.B

24 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr M.P.

NewC 24th Decr 1795

Portman Square London

Dear Sir

Since I wrote to you yesterday I have seen Capt Rothe who informs me that Lewis Ogle was discharged the 16th inst on the representation that you mention

The Key that I mentioned in my former letter is taken by Mr Chris Blackett; part of the Lead sold has already been removed, & the remainder will be taken there tomorrow.

The price of Corn continues very high & I fear there is little prospect of its being much lower; Wheat was this day in the Markett from 11s to 13s the Win Bush[el]. I fortunately engaged 100 Quar[ter]s of Rye at Llyn at 52s per Quar[ter]s which arrived on Tuesday; I thought the price high; but it has since advanced to 62s & will be at 70s very soon; I have since engaged 100 Quar[ter]s of very good Barley which will come much lower to the Workmen

A like Association to that you mention is entered into at this place for the purpose of reducing the consumption of Wheat by substituting a mixture of other grain etc but I much doubt of its having the desired effect, for I am of opinion that nothing less than a compulsive Law obliging the Baker to bake no other kind of bread than a mixture of Wheat & Rye, or Wheat & Barley (in such proportions, & at such assizes, as may be thought adviseable) will answer the purpose; it still would be subject to fraud from the Millers & Bakers which will be difficult to guard against; the former there is no doubt contribute much to the keeping up the price of Wheat, by the advantage arising to them from the Moulter, which at the present prices is too considerable, & certainly requires the Interpolation of Parliament to remedy the evil _ My Daughter desires to unite with me in best Comp[liment]s to Mrs Beaumont & yourself wishing you & Family many happy returns of the season. I am Dear Sir Yours etc J.E.B

28 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr M.P.
Portman Square London

NewC 28th Decr 1795

Dear Sir

Since I wrote to you I have been favoured with your letter of the 24th inst with two Bills; the Post Office & the Bakers Bill; I cannot form a judgement as to the necessity etc of the former, The Bakers (as I mentioned in a former letter) I am confident will not answer the purpose, & nothing short of a compulsory law will have the desired effect; as a proof of it, the Millers & Bakers are already taking the advantage of it, without the Publick having any benefit in the price, or the Assize.

I send you enclosed Mr Hopper Williamson's opinion respecting Mr Stackpole's demand, & likewise a Bond of Indemnity to _____ for you to execute; which may be made use of in case of necessity & which you will please to return to me when executed

_ I enclose you Mr Ingham's Bill on account of your Regiment; he has likewise demands on Majr Pleydell & Capt Stead & wishes to know if they are to be included in the Regimental Accounts.

One of the Transports with French Emigrants overset the other day in Shields Harbour, two or three of them were drowned, the rest with difficulty were saved & reembarked in another Transport

I am with respect Yours etc J.E.B

29 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 29th Decr 1795

Sir I have this day sent you Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver Containing Eleven Hundred & Sixty One Ounces which I desire that you will place to account with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your receipt of it

I am Sir Your Most H[um]ble Serv[an]t J E Blackett

29 Dec 1795 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
Portman Square London

Newcastle 29th Decr 1795

Dear Sir I refer you to my letters by the last post with the Power of Attorney _ Messrs Surtees & Burdon are perfectly satisfied with your joining with them in the Security (in case of a seisure being made) without your giving them a Bond of Indemnity, of which I have acquainted Mr Heron _ Mr Wilson is certainly mistaken as to the inexpedency of having the Lead sold removed out of your Premises, for in case of a seisure being made & your not succeeding, they might insist on the same indential Lead that was seized to be forthcoming.

I am with respect Yours etc J.E.B

3 Jan 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 3d Jany 1796

Dear Sir

Since I wrote to you the 29th ulto Mr Carr of Allenh[ea]ds & Mr Richardson of Ninebanks have been with me & after having heard the Complaints of the latter & what Mr Carr had to say on the subject, I am of opinion that Mr Richardson has no real cause of complaint; that he can have no claim to the Dues for that part of the Duty which Mr Carr performs at Coalcleugh Chapel, especially as he does it Gratis to the families of the Workmen, (as has been the Custom) in Consideration of their Annual Allowance to him, for notwithstanding CoalCleugh Chapel is within the Chapelry of Ninebanks it was erected by Sir William Blackett my great Grandfather 60 Years before that of the latter for the convenience & ease of the Workmen, consequently Mr Richardson can have no Claim on them for Dues for the duty that he does not perform, nor has a right to do it, he receives the Dues for that part of the duty that he does at Ninebanks Chapel, which he all that he has any right to expect; Mr R did not appear to be satisfied with the Answer that I gave him, & will make further application to you when you come into the North. It was determined that Ninebanks & Whitley Chapel were in the gift of Sir J Trevelyan, the Advowson has been disposed of by him, Consequently this claim by y[ou]r Curate of Ninebanks on the Workmen, it will be Advisable for you to resist.

It has been determined at the Meetings held at this place & Carlisle that the line of Canal from hence to Carlisle etc shall be on the North side of the Tyne as being the most Practicable in point of Expence, as well as the most productive,

At a Meeting to be held soon at this place Books are to be opened for a Subscription; You mentioned to me your Intention of Subscribing £5000 but as there is a probability of another Navigation on the South of Tyne (wch I understand will be supported by the Duke of N[orthumberland]) will certainly be more advantageous to your Lead Concerns, I submit to you whether it may not be adviseable for you to consider the Matter fully before you subscribe, as it may possibly be thought prudent for you to divide your Subscription in such proportion as you m[ay] think proper.

I am Dear Sir Yours etc JEB

P.S. I am favour'd with your Lre of the 1st Inst & am glad to find that Mr Stackpole's Solicitor etc have abandoned all thoughts of mak[ing] a distress; They may possible change their minds in which Case it may be adviseable for you to execute the Power of Attorney & send it to me.

I shall be glad to find that the Ore Galloways are not liable to the Tax; I have not yet seen the Act.

4 Jan 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

T R Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 4th Jany 1796

Dear Sir I wrote to you yesterday but omitted acquainting you that on informing Mr Carr that you intended allowing him from the 1st Octr last £40 per Year in lieu of

the 5% paid him by each Workman, & £20 per Ann[um] for Teach[in]y School, he having the benifit of the Quarter pence, & being at the charge of paying an Assistant; Mr Carr submits to what you may please to direct, but at the same time wishes to give up the School to the present Assistant you allowing him £50 per Ann[um] instead of £40 the Masters Allowance from you to be £15 per Ann[um] & to have the benifit of the Quarter pence, Mr Carr satisfied me that the income arising from the living of Allendale does not exceed £50 per Ann[um] out of which he pays a Curate; he said that as he was advanced in Years he could wish to resign the living of Allendale & the Curacy of Allenheads, in case he could obtain a living in the Diocese of the value of £90 or even £80 per Ann[um]: but this he submits to your consideration; I would beg leave of you to comply with Mr Carr's request of allowing him to give up the School, on your making his allowance £50 per Ann[um]. All that is necessary for the Boys to be taught is reading, Writing, & the Common Rules of Arithmetick, which the present Assistant (I am informed) is capable of doing; when the Boys are instructed in Mensuration, Trigonometry etc it frequently unfits them for Miners, they sometimes get into the Excise, & in case of being discharg'd for neglect Etc they turn Poachers.

I am with respect Dear Sir Yours etc JEB

Should the Parents of the Boys incline that their Sons should be instructed further, & the Master is capable of doing it, it is reasonable that he should be paid by them something extra.

6 Jan 1796 Joshua Straker to Richard Fishwick

Mr Fishwick

NewC 6th Jany 1796

White Lead Works

Sir Mr Blackett received your Bill & Check for £4000 & enclosed you have this receipt for the same, likewise Bills of parcels for the last Lead sold you _ Mr Blackett now begs leave to make you the following Offer (Viz 2500 P[iece]s Lead 1/3 Refd & 2/3 Com[m]on at £20 per Fdr for your London House & the same quantity in the above proportions for your Works here, to be paid for at the end of six months & he will be obliged by your Answer as soon as convenient I am etc J.S

11 Jan 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

[Note: Includes Bill]

Messrs Gosling

Newcastle 11th Jany 1796

Bankers London

Gentlemen Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn & Co for Four Hundred & fifty Pounds to pay half a Years Composition

for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due this day to the Revd Heny Hardinge from Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr _ Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill and acquaint Mr Hardinge with the same I am Gentn Your most Obedt H[um]ble Servt J.E.B

£450

No 12729

Newcastle upon Tyne Jany 11th 1796

Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett

Esqr Four Hundred & fifty Pounds

Value received

To Messrs Glyn, Mills & Milton

Surtees Burdon & Co

Bankers London

12 Jan 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

NewCastle 12th Jany 1796

Dear Sir

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that I have this day made a Sale to the several London Houses & Walkers & Fishwick of 12,500 p[iece]s of Lead, (two thirds Com[m]on, & one third Refined) at £20 per Foth[e]r to be paid for in Bills due in 6 Months, this is certainly a very good Sale, & will settle the price so that it will, (I expect) be rather higher than lower during the Year; had I made a larger Sale the quantity could not be brought down in time to obtain the payment in 6 Months. The open Weather has been much against our gettg down the Lead, & I am under a necessity of giving an advance on that Account, notwithstanding which, there are about 20,000 P[iece]s of Lead from the several Mills at this time on the Road. You may be assured that every prudence shall be taken to have them brought down to Blaydon as soon as possible. The small parcels of Lead that I may sell will be at £20.10s Litharge £21. The payments for the Lead will become due the middle of April amount to about £31,000 the other payments will make good the Subsistance for 4 Months, the Lead Carriage Pay in Feby amounting to about £1700, Candles, Corn & other Payments. On the 7th inst I paid to Messrs Surtees, Burdon & Co £3000 on your Account.

The enclosed letter I received of Mr Carr I wait for your directions as to that matter I am with best Comp[liment]s to Mrs Beaumont & yourself in which my Daughter desires to join

Dear Sir Yours etc J.E.B

27 Jan 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

T R Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 27th Jany 1796

M.P. Portman square London

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 4th & 12th inst to which I have not rec[eive]d any Answer & as I shall be at Hexham on the 8th Feby to meet the Lead Stewards, it will be necessary that I should know what resolution you come to respecting Mr Carr etc. I hope that you & Mrs Beaumont were pleased with the late Sale of Lead; Lord Carlisle's Agent has within these few days sold 3,400 p[iece]s of his Lead at £19 per Fdr. The present very wett weather will be much against your Lead being got down to market.

I understand that upwards of £50,000 is already subscribed towards the Canal on the North Side the Tyne; Mr Jessop as well as an Agent of the Duke of Bridgewater (who has taken a View of the Country) gives the North side greatly the preference in point of Expence etc. Dodd the Proprietor of that on the South side, Certainly is very unequal to an undertakg of the kind; A Canal on that side would certainly be of more advantage to your Lead Concern, as much the greater part of your Lead can derive no advantage from a Canal on the North Side the Tyne; I yesterday had some conversant[i]o[n] with the Duke of Northd's Agent Mr Forster on the subject; the Duke is circumstanced with respect to his Coal, similar to you with your Lead, but Mr Forster has his Graces directions to addopt that line that may be judged by persons of Science, & the Gentn etc of the Country to be most practicable & of public benifit to the Country etc in general. I have not yet attended any of the meetgs not knowing what part you would take in the business, you will therefore please to inform me in what manner I must Act. I shall be glad to hear that Mrs Beaumont & your little Daughter is doing well; Mrs Trevelyan on Sundy Morn[in]g made her Husband a like present, & they are both in a good way. My Daughter unites with me in Comps to Mrs Bt & yourself

I am Dear Sir Yours etc J.E.B

7 Feb 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle Feby 7th 1796

M.P. Portman square London

Dear Sir

I was favoured with your letter of the 1st Inst: & observe what you say as to the Subscription now on foot for a Canal; I have had some conversation with Mr Heron & some others on the subject & I believe there is no doubt of Sir M.W. Ridley having mistaken that matter, for the Subscriber certainly will not be liable for any thing than the Sum Subscribed; At this time there is about £65,000 Subscribed at this Place; £9,000 at Carlisle, & near £1,500 at Hexham; Mr Burdon's Name is down for £3,000 When £100,000 is Subscribed I understand that Application will be made to Parliament, & its thought that little opposition will be given to it; The Duke of Northd, as well as much the greater part of the Land Owners, have not yet given it their Support, but it seems to

be the general opinion, that it will be carried into Execution to the great benifit of the Country, & that in a little time it will be of the like advantage to the Subscribers. We have had abundance of Rain for these three days past, the Wind is changed to the N.E. & as there will be a New Moon tomorrow we may expect better weather.

Wheat rose a Shillg yesterday, Oats much the same; the Emperor will not permit an Exportation of Rye from his Ports untill August next, as this Country is very much Interested in the Importation of that Grain at a more early period, it would be well if Mr Burdon, Yourself Sir Mattw W Ridley, etc would make Application to the Minister that leave may be obtained for the Exportation of Rye from the Emperors Ports this Spring, under the Like Restrictions as at present with respect to Wheat.

I go to Hexham tomorrow morning. I am etc J.E.B

P.S. Mr Heron thinks that will be advisable for you to Subscribe to the Canal in the Hexham Subscripn Book & indeed I am of the same opinion; As the Canal on the No[rth] side will be through Mr Bosville's Estate, or very near it, The Estate will be benifited very much by it.

11 Feb 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
Portman square London

NewCastle 11th Feby 1796

Dear Sir

I met the Lead Stewards at Hexham on Monday & paid them £4480 for Subsistance for the Workmen, who are at present quiet, & well satisfied with the increased Subsistance, & the weekly supply of Corn; There is little alteration in the State of the Mines; for these six Months past they have been poorer, but I hope they are in a way to improve. Mr Carr was indisposed which prevented his meeting me; I acquainted him with the Allowance that you proposed to make him, & the alteration that takes place respecting the school etc with which I have no doubt that he will be well satisfied; I likewise settled that matter with the two Agents Mr Crawhall, & Mr Dickinson; Since my return I received the enclosed from the Church Wardens of Allendale; I shall write to Mr Carr, & Mr Dickinson for further information as to that matter, & acquaint you with the result. There is a Corn Mill & some Houses on a small Estate close adjoining your Lead Mill near Allendale Town, there have been frequent disputes with the Proprietor respecting the Mill race as the Water may be taken of your Lead Mill, it will be necessary to repair & enlarge the Slag Hearth & to build a Turf-house which cannot be done for want of room The present Rental of the Estate, Mill, etc is £55 per Annm the Owner asks for it £1300 he has refused £1200 but I have reason to think he will accept of £1260. Your Lead Agents strongly recommend it to you to make the Purchase, great part of the Land is very good, the convenience will be great, Mr Hunter says the Rent exclusive of every convenience for your Works will be £60 per Annum Mr Bell & myself are of the same opinion that it will be a very desirable

Purchase for the reasons that I have given; Should you approve of it? be pleased to acquaint me, it may be either annexed to the entailed Estate, or not, as you may think proper. From the nearest calculations that the Lead Stewards can make at present, The Mine & Mill Pays in the 2d Week in May will amount to about £56,000

I took a View of the Gate Way leading to the Abbey, & it appears to me that it will be highly necessary that something should be done immediately to prevent a great part of it falling down; the Ribs of the Arches are perfect, but the stones on which one of the Ribs rests, have given way; a Buttrace on the South west & the soil which has Accumulated for some time removed from the Top, as it lays a stress on that part of the Arch, will secure it for a trifle; Wood props are placed for the present. I am with respect etc J.E.B

11 Feb 1796 Joshua Straker to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson
Cinderhill near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 11th Feby 1796

Sir Mr Blackett desires that you will send a Pack of Bends, for the use of Coll Beaumont's Lead Mines, directed to Mr Thos Crawhall at Allenheads near Hexham, to be forwarded by Thos Nevin from Newcastle. Please to send Mr Blackett a Bill of the same, who will remit you the Amount

I am for J E Blackett Esqr

Sir yours etc J.S

12 Feb 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Lionel Self

Lionel Self Junr Esqr
Llyn

Newcastle 12th Feby 1796

Sir I Have been from home for some days which is the cause of your not having an Answer to your letter of the 6th Inst: I observe what you say respecting the Prices of Rye & Barley which I think very high, the former above this Markett at present; on which account I shall decline making any Purchase at this time having a sufficient quantity for the Miners for two Months. I am much obliged to you for your information & am with regard Sir Yours etc J.E.B

22 Feb 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

NewCastle 22nd Feby 1796

Dear Sir

I have the favour of your Lre of the 19th Inst; & shall observe the Contents; In a few days I shall inform you what Sum of Money I expect to have in my hands against the Lead Pay. As some Persons were about purchasing the Estate that I mentioned, Mr Bell & Mr Hunter agreed for it, (subject to your approbation) at the Price offered viz £1260 I shall acquaint Mr Bell that it meets with your approbation & the Conveyance etc will be prepared accordingly. I am of opinion that £5000 will be fully sufficient for you to subscribe to the Canal; should it be found expedient hereafter to make an Addition to your Subscription it may be done: I shall accordingly desire Mr Bell to subscribe £5000 in your Name _ I am concerned to hear that the Fleet has been obliged to return to Cork with damage.

I am Dear Sir Yours etc J.E.B

23 Feb 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

NewCastle 23th Feby 1796

Dear Sir

By a Lre that I received the last Post from Mr Beaumt he approves of the Purchase of the Estate, Mill etc which he desires may be confirmed; he likewise desires that £5000 may be subscribed in his Name to the Canal on the North side of the Tyne, as that line of Navigation is generally approved of; you will therefore please to Subscribe that sum in your Subscription Book.

Mr Beaumont is desirous that the Arch of the Gate leading to the Abbey may be sufficiently secured by a Mason which in my opinion should be done by a Buttrass of Stone rough Chizelled on the N.W. side & the hole in the Wall filled up to prevent any further sliding of the Arch, after which the soil that has accumulated on the Top of the Arch should be removed which will relieve it of the weight; that part between the Ribs of the Arch may then with safety be repaired.

I am with Comps to Mrs Bell & yourself

Yours etc J.E.B

29 Feb 1796 Joshua Straker to William Emm

Wm Emm Esqr

Newcastle 29th Feby 1796

Aukland Castle

Sir Mr Blackett will be much obliged by your informing him if you have taken any steps in Order to ascertain the Copyhold Boundary of Harehope Gill Lead Mine. We are informed that the Mine still continues Rich & as the Price of Lead has of late considerably advanced it becomes at matter of greater Moment to Col Beaumont to lose

any part of the Copyhold Mines, Leased under the Ld Bp of Durham. Mr Emerson of Newhouse informs me that he hears that the Gentn who keeps the Copyhold Court wonders that he has not been apply'd to about the Boundary of this Mine. Hoping to hear from you soon on this business I remain
Sir Yours etc J.Straker

1 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Martin

Richd Martin Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 1st Mar 1796

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees, Burdon & Co on Mess. Glyn & Co at Forty Days dated this day for Two Hundred & thirty One Pounds Five Shillings; being a Quarter of a Years Composition for the Lott Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due 26th Ulto to the Lord Bishop of Durham from T R Beaumont Esqr. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same.
I am Gentn Yours etc J.E.B

£231-5-

No 13530

Newcastle upon Tyne Mar 1st 1796

Forty days after date pay to the order of John Erass Blackett Esqr
Two Hundred & thirty One Pounds 5s 0d
To Messrs Glyn, Mills & Milton
Bankers London

Value received
Surtees Burdon & Co

1 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell
Abbey Hexham

Newcastle 1st Mar 1796

Dear Sir I received yours enclosing a Plan of the Church at Allendale Town with an Estimate of the Expence of putting it into sufficient repair, & I observe what you say on the subject; I am of opinion with you that the most advisable measure will be to cover the Chancel with blue Slate, to provide that, as well as the necessary Timber as soon as possible, & to set about the repairs as soon as the Season will admit it. I had a letter from Coll Beaumont by the last post, he approves much of the Purchase of the Farm & Mill near Allendale Town and desires that it may be conveyed to himself, & not to the Trustees under the Will of the late Sir Thos Blackett, which would subject it to the payment of the Annuities
I am Sir Yours etc J.E.B

1 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
Portman square London

Newcastle 1st Mar 1796

Dear Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 27th Ulto & have agreeable to your directions wrote to Mr Bell desiring that the Conveyance of the Farm & Mill near Allendale Town may be made to yourself, & not to the Trustees under the Will of the late Sir Thos Blackett, for the reason you mention. Inclosed I send you Copies of J. Bell's letters to me respecting the repairs of the Chancel of the Church at Allendale Town, with an Estimate of the Charge of the same; I am of opinion that a covering of Blue Slate will be the most advisable Method, as it will be a considerable saving as to the Lead, as well as the Timber, I have accordingly wrote to Mr Bell to provide the necessary quantity of Slate & Timber & to give directions that the repairs may be set about as soon as the season will admit; Were the Churchwarden's proposals agree'd to of giving them the old Lead & £30 they would cover the Chancel with Slate, without repairing the Walls, put Money in their pockets & you would probably have to repair it again in a few years, Whereas having it done under the inspection of your Agents etc it will be properly Executed, & the old Lead will go a great way towards the expence. I am yours etc J.E.B
T R Beaumont Esqr

5 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 5th Mar 1796

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the order of Mess Surtees Burdon & Co at Thirty days dated this day for Three Hundred & Thirty Seven Pounds Eight Shillings & four pence, being in full for a p[iec]e fine Silver sent you & which I doubt not you will duly honor. I am Yours etc J.E.B

6 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 6th Mar 1796

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 1st Inst to which I refer you; I have paid into the Bank of Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on your Accot the Bills undermentioned amounting to £23,289-19-10 the beginning of next month I expect to pay about £6000 more in Cash or Notes, & against the Lead Pay about £4000 reserving £6000 for the next lending, the Candle

Notes, B[isho]p's & Rectors rents, & other payments; the beginning of July there will be due about £16,000 for Lead sold. Lead from the several Mills comes in very slowly owing to the season, notwithstanding the exertions used, & the encouragement given to the Lead Carriage; there are at present near 16,000 p[iece]s of Lead on the Road; The Demand is trifling, & I much fear that the late price of £20 cannot be supported; some quantity of the best Lead has lately been sold at Stockton at £19-2-8 per Fo[the]r. Since thursday we have had a great fall of Snow with severe Frost & there is every appearance of a continuance. On Saturday Wheat sold from 12s to 13s 6 per W Bush: & soon bought up by the Millers, who are the chief cause of the high price; Oats sold from 3s to 3s/6d & some for seed as high as 4s per Win Bush; Beans at 6/6 Grey Peas at 7/6.

I have no doubt but you have hear'd of Sir John Eden's publick declaration of his not having any further Views respect[ing] the County of Durham; I hope that the County of North[umberlan]d as well as this place may be equally quiet.

I am etc J.E.B

6,148- 6- 9

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337- 8- 4

2,218-14- do 7th April

2,000 - - do 19th April

6,443-11- 8 do 6th May

£23,289-19-10 for which £26-16-6 is received for a Month's Interest @5 per Cent

10 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell
Abbey Hexham

Newcastle 10th Mar 1796

Dear Sir

I received your favour of the 9th Inst, & observe what you say respecting the Conveyance of the Estate lately agreed for in Allendale, & I am of opinion that both Freehold & Copyhold should be taken in the name of a Trustee for the reasons that you assign, & that you are the proper Person to be named on that occasion; & likewise to prepare the Purchase Deeds; when they are compleated, will it not be proper that Mr Williamson should peruse them? I am etc J.E.B

I had a letter from Mr Beaumont the last post Mrs Beaumont, himself & the Children were perfectly well; He approves much of the Mode of Repair of the Chancel of Allendale Church that we agreed on etc.

10 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter
Dukesfield

Newcastle 10th Mar 1796

Dear Sir I received yours with the Plans of the Estate & Allen Mill agreed for & I much approve of your losing no time in the providing materials for the necessary repairs & alterations at the Lead Mill, which should be set about as soon as the season will admit of it. I think you judge right in sending part of the Lead by Hexham as it may be a means of bringing the East hand Carriage Men to better terms, but I fear that those of Hexham etc are about an advance; however the Lead must be got down if possible tho' we may be obliged to pay some advance, there is at present upwards of 15,000 p[ie]ces of Lead on the Road from the Mills, the Interest of the Amount for 6 Months is considerable; which induced me to give the East hand Carriage the encouragement of paying the Toll & I likewise approve of your promising the last Years Carriage Men 6d per Fodd[er] from the Bankfoot to Blaydon for what they carry before old Lady-day provided they set about it in earnest. Mr Westgarth's Galloway I fear will not answer for me, but you shall hear further from me.

I am etc J.E.B

10 Mar 1796 Joshua Straker to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Junr
Dukesfield

Newcastle 10th Mar 1796

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 8th Inst and according to your request have sent you (below) an Account of the Corn delivered to Dukesfield in the Year 1795. The price that Mr Blackett fixed was for the Rye 11s per Bole & for the Barley & Peas 9s per Boll the carriage to be paid by Mr Beaumont.

Have likewise sent you the price of Lead for the Years that you mention. I received the Hare for which I return you thanks

I am etc J.S

Rye sent to Dukesfield	145 Bolls
Barley to do	63 do
Peas to do	6 do

Price Refd Lead in 1786 £16-10 per Foth[e]r
Do 1787 20 per Foth[e]r

Do 1791 19-10 per Foth[e]r

19 Mar 1796 Joshua Straker to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

NCastle Mar 19th 1796

Dear Sir As we are intirely out of Com[m]on Lead and are now receiving Orders for the Baltic etc on which account Mr Blackett desires that you'll endeavour to get the Lead on the Hexham Road down as soon as possible, as he is unwilling to lose the Orders for Exportation. There is as much Refineable Lead at Blaydon as will supply the Refinery for a Month it will therefore be necessary to have some of the Rookhope Lead down by the time the other is wrought up. I am yours etc J.S

22 Mar 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 22nd Mar 1796

Dear Sir

I was favoured with your Letter of the 17th inst & observe that you have made further application to Mr Pitt respect[ing] the early Importation of Rye from the Emperors Ports, in which I hope that you may succeed; I have communicated that part of your Letter to the trade _ Wheat was on Saturday from 12s to 13s 6d Oats 3s to 3s 6d per W<.> Bush: & as high as 4s 3d for Seed, tho Marketts were very thin owing to their being very busy in Sowing, which is likewise the cause of preventing the Lead being brought down to Market, but I expect that the Lead Carriage will lead briskly in ten days, that we may be enabled to supply the demand for the Eastern Marketts. The Miners are at present perfectly quiet & Contented; I was almost run out of Rye & a few days since I purchased 7 1/2 Lasts of Rye at £30 per Last & 5 Lasts of Barley at £18 per Do which will supply the Workmen till about the end of May next. Two of your Farms in Winlaton Lordship the Content & Parkhead were lett by the late Sir Walter Blackett to the late Mr Simpson on a Lease of 21 Years which expires the 1st May 1797; Mr Simpson sublet these Farms obliging the Tenants to lead Coals from his Collieries; It is probable that application will be made to you by Mr J. Ord or by Mr Simpson's Agent for a renewal of the Lease; but I recommend it to you; on no account to do it, for the reasons that I shall give you; The Farmers who are by their Lease obliged to lead Coals the whole Year, commonly neglect their farms, or do not pay that attention to them that a Landlord has a right to expect, & they are in general bad Husbandmen; but the Principal objection is the want of Carriage for your Lead, which puts us to great inconvenience, as well as expence; The new Tenants of these Farms will have no objection to the leading of Lead, neither will it be of that prejudice to the Farms as

being compelled to lead Coals, As it cannot be expected that your Agents in the North are sufficiently skill'd in the Valuation & letting of Farms etc I engaged J Armstrong (the late Sir Thos Claverings Steward, who his Nephew has very imprudently discharged) to View these Farms, & to make his report of the state they are in, a Copy of which, as well as the Agreements with the late Mr Simpson, I enclose you; I would recommend that the two Farms be Advertised in May next, & let to good tenants subject to such Conditions as Mr Armstrong may advise, particularly that of not leading Coals for any person, & being obliged to lead Lead; Your rent will be advanced, the Farms in much better condition, & this increase in Carriage will be a great Acquisition to the Concern. Armstrong is continued Steward for the Estates of Lord Cooper & Charles Clavering, & I do not know a more able, active, honest Man in his line; I have since employed him in Viewing some other Farms of yours in the same Lordship, let from Year to Year; I hope that what I have done, may meet with your approbation.

When you come into the North, something given to the prisoners in the several Goals, will be very proper, I think that it will be better let alone at present. Mr Davison an acquaintance of mine who has considerable Contacts under Governments, & who lately purchased Mr Grieve's Estate near Alnwick, at present; at present resides in Harpur Street, if you have not call'd upon him you should.

After some very mild fine Weather, we have had three bitter cold days, which has confined me to the House with a severe cold & Rheumatism. The Bill that you sent me down for the Division & Inclosure of Waste Lands was two leaf's deficient fols 33 to 36 _ The Proprietors of Lands will I think have too much power in some cases, to the Prejudice of the Lord of the Manor. but it will require great amendment, & I think that the Chancellor as well as the Officers of the two Houses will not be friendly to it, as it must curtail their fee's

I am etc J.E.B

Mr Emerson Jn has just now called on me, his Father (who is about 74) is dangerously ill of the Gravel, & he is come for Doctr Clarks advice, I hope that he may do well, for he would be a great loss to your Concern.

31 Mar 1796 Joshua Straker to Walker, Fishwick & Co

Messrs Walker's Fishwick & Co
White Lead Works

Newcastle 31st Mar 1796

Gentn

Mr Blackett received your letter of Yesterday the Contents of which rather surprises him as he is well convinced that the Lead he sold you on the 3d Octr last was to be paid for in Bills due at the end of Six Months from the time of Sale, and if you had

referred to his letter of that date you could have had no doubt on the subject, a Copy of which you have on the other side.

Mr C Blackett & Mr Hewitson purchased a Qty of Lead at the same time & have some time since paid for it by Bills due the 3d April and Mr B expects that you will do the same.

I am Gentlemen etc J.S

2 Apr 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esq
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 2d April 1796

Dear Sir

I had the favour of your Letter of the 28th Ulto & am sorry that I cannot give you a better account of Mr Emerson, he has been worse since Doctor Clarke left him, the systems continue alarming. & I fear there is little hopes of his recovery he is a very Able, honest Agent, & will be a great loss to the concern. I shall send five Guineas to Mr Heron to be distributed in Provisions etc to the Prisoners in Morpeth Goal at the discretion of the Goaler, & shall likewise write to Mr Bell on the like matter, as you direct. When I hear from Mr Skelton respecting his subscription to the Canal I shall act accordingly. I was in hopes of hearing from you respecting the several Farms in Winlaton Lordship: that Estate has been much neglected. I would recommend that some alterations be made in the Farms agreeable to Mr Armstrong's advise, that they be new let to good Tenants in larger Farms, who will not only have them in better condition, but will have it in their power of employing Carriages in the leading of Lead which will be of great advantage service to your Concern; I would likewise recommend that Mr Armstrong be employed in the setting out, & letting the several Farms, as well as the inspecting them for a time; be pleased to favour me with your determination, as no time should be lost in this matter. Wheat this day was from 9s to 10s 6d per Wr Bushel, Oats 2s 6d to 3s 2d & expected to be lower, there was a very full Markett _ I have Rye & Barley to supply the Workmen till the middle, or end of May, against which time I expect to have a quantity of Rye at 6s Wr Bush or under; The Report of a disturbance amongst the Miners in Weardale turn'd out as I imagined; I know there are some mischievous People amongst them, & being sensible that they had no real cause of Complaint, I had given Mr Emerson directions that in case of any further disturbance amongst the Workmen, to select the Promoters of it, to reckon with them, & to discharge them immediately; I believe that it had a good effect.

The Lead Stewards are to be with me on Tuesday for Subsistance for the Workmen, when you shall hear from me again.

I am etc J.E.B

[The following section crossed out:]

Mr Heron informs me that the Cause between you & the Exrs of the late Doctr Hall is likely to come at the Chancery Sittings soon after the 9th May; it will be very inconvenient should it be before the 16th as the Lead Pay will be the Week before & it will, I fear be necessary that both J Straker & myself should go up on that business.

5 Apr 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 5th April 1796

Dear Sir

Your Lead Stewards have been with me this day & have received £3150 for Subsistance for the Workmen, who are all quiet & well satisfied, notwithstanding the endeavours of a few troublesome bad People to make them otherwise; The Mines are much in the same state, except Allenheads, which I hope is improving. Docter Clarke is gone again to Mr Emerson whose recovery I fear is very doubtfull. Mr Herons letter will inform you the Resolution of the Committee respecting the Canal, which seems to meet with the approbation of many of the Subscribers, as well as the landed Interest who have not already Subscribed; the High Sheriff has set his Name down for £1000 as well as some others for less Sums, for it is the general opinion that it will not only be a public benifit to the County, but will be much more productive to the Subscribers than if the whole was carried into execution which the present Subscription as well as the opposition that was expected in Parliament does not give much prospect of.

I am etc J.E.B

I yesterday paid to Messrs Surtees & Co £9000 on your Accot

Corn fell considerably on Saturday Wheat sold from 8s 6d to 10s 6d per <W.> Bush
Oats 2s 6d to 3s 2d it is expected to be lower.

Docter Clarke is returned from Newhouse he left Mr Emerson with little or no hopes of recovery.

10 Apr 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 10th April 1796

Dear Sir I am favoured with your Lre of the 6th Inst & observe that application has been made to our Minister at the King of Prussia's Court to obtain leave for Rye to be exported from his Ports to this Kingdom, which I doubt not will be complied with, & a

great quantity is expected from thence, & other Ports, in the course of May, June & July. This Markett yesterday was something lower than the former, Wheat from 8s to 10s per Wr Bush Oats from 2s 6d to 3s but not so full Marketts. The last Accounts of Mr Emerson were more favourable, & there is some hopes of his surviving this illness. I am glad to find that what I recommended respecting the Winlaton Farms meets with your approbation; after Mr Armstrong has taken a further View, & settled as to the division of the Farms, they shall be advertised; I am satisfied that it will be a means of advancing & improving the Estate; Preserving the Woodlands as well as contributing to the benefit of the Lead Carriage. I have given directions for the repair & enlargement of the Allen Lead Mill where the new purchase is made, that Mill will greatly expedite the Smelting of your lead & getting it down to Markett. We have had some gentle Rains, which have been of service to the Country, it never looked better at this Season, but should the present North East Winds continue any <time> the Vegetation will be hurt. I am etc J.E.B

14 Apr 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 14th April 1796

Dear Sir I had a Lre from Mr Beaumont yesterday, himself & family were in good health; he desires that at the Head Court day you will give the prisoners in Hexham Goal two or three Guineas, as they may be in number that it may be laid out for them in provisions etc at your discretion; he ordered those in Morpeth Goal five Guineas; he takes no notice of the time he will be down, but says that the prospect of a Peace, is vanished for the present, which I am sorry to find. I am very glad to hear that Mr Emerson is do much recovered & I have great hopes that with care he may continue some time, for he is an honest valuable Agent. I hope that you may have good Weather for holding the Courts in the West.

I am with Compliments etc J.E.B

28 Apr 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thos Emerson Junr
Newhouse Weardale

Newcastle 28th April 1796

I shall be glad to hear that your Father continues better. I desire that you will procure what Information you can respecting the Workings etc at Harehope Gill, that we may have some conversation on that matter when we meet, for I do not propose being at Newhouse.

I send you enclosed, Copy of Mr Heythuyson's Letter, I would have your Father fully consider that matter, & you can inform me his opinion on it; I do not think that

Mr Beaumont will incline to purchase the Freehold. I have the pleasure of telling you that Gunpowder is fallen £5 per Bar[rel] from £11 to £6

I am with service etc to your Father Yours etc J.E.B

29 Apr 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to G S Van Heythuyson

G S Van Heythuyson Esqr
John Street London

Newcastle 29th April 1796

Sir I was favoured with your letter of the 12th Inst & observe the Contents. Mr Beaumont is obliged to you for the first offer that you make him of Harneyshaw Mine, with the Engine & Works; from the enquiry that I have made I understand that they will be no further an object to Mr Beaumont than by enabling him to work with more effect the other part of that Vein; he has no inclination for the purchase of the Estate, & is advised not to exceed the Sum of £300 for the Mine in the Freehold & Leasehold with the Engine, Smith's shop etc for liberty of keeping Water races that are now made in repair etc. Please to favour me with your Answer. I am with respect etc J.E.B
G S Van Heythuyson Esqr

18 May 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr
Foster Lane Lane London

Newcastle 18th May 1796

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing 1300 1/2 Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Market Price & Advise me on your Receipt of it
I am etc J.E.B

26 May 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter
Dukesfield

NewCastle 26th May 1796

Dear Sir I received your favour & approve much of what you recommend respecting the raising the level of the Water Race at Allen Mill, & I think that no time should be lost in carrying that matter into Execution. The day of Election at Alnwick will (I believe) be on Thursday the 9th June, no Opposition is expected, but it would be well to be a little prepared, & to have as many of Mr Beaumont's Friends to attend, as can with convenience do it
Yours etc J.E.B

31 May 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to G S Van Heythuyson

G S Van Heythuyson Esqr
John Street London

Newcastle 31st May 1796

Sir I was favoured with your Lre of the 26th Inst & observe what you say as to making your Mine & Mr Beaumonts a joint property _ but on consulting his Mine Agent I find that he is of opinion that it would not be to Mr Beaumonts advantage to do so; nor to Lease any part of his Veins, but as the Engine may enable him to work a part of the Vein adjoining your Freehold, I shall give £100 more than I offered you on the 29th April for the Mine in the Freehold & Leasehold with the other Conditions I mentioned in my letter of that date I am Sir etc J.E.B

1 Jun 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Makepeace & Sons

Messrs Makepeace & Sons
Serle Street Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Newcastle 1st June 1796

Gentlemen By desire of Coll Beaumont I have sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a P[iec]e fine Silver containing Fifteen Hundred & Nineteen Ounces, which I desire that you'll place to account with him at the Markett Price and advise me on your Receipt of it. I am desired by Coll Beaumont to inform you that it will be agreeable to him to Supply you with as much fine Silver as will compleat the Service of Plate, you allowing him the Markett Price for it, and on settling the Accounts to deduct the Sum you mention from your Estimate I am etc J.E.B

2 Jun 1796 Joshua Straker to Richard Fishwick

Mr Fishwick
Newcastle

NCastle 2nd June 1796

Sir Mr Blackett desires me to inform you that he intends making a Sale of Lead & that you may have 5000 P[iece]s 1/3 Refin'd & 2/3 Com[m]on at £19 per For for your London House, to be paid for in Bills due at the end of Six Months from the time of Sale; And 5000 P[iece]s in the same proportions & Terms, for your Works here _ Mr B. will be glad of your Answer as soon as convenient I am etc Josa Straker

3 Jun 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Masters & Co

Riche Masters Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 3d June 1796

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on Mess Glyn & Co at Forty days dated this day for Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds Five Shillings; being a Quarter of a Years Composition for the Lott Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 26th May last to The Lord Bp of Durham from Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr _
Please to advise me on your receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

£231-5--

No 14940

Newcastle upon Tyne June 3d 1796

Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr
Two Hundred and Thirty One Pounds, Five Shillings, Value receivd
To Mess Glyn, Mills & Milton
Bankers London Surtees Burdon & Co

11 Jun 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to G S Van Heythuyson

G S Van Heythuyson
John Street London

Newcastle 11th June 1796

Sir I was favoured with your Letter of the 5th Inst & observe the contents: Mr Beaumont does not mean to Lett any other parts of the Veins adjoining yours, and as your Agent is of Opinion that the Veins in your Freehold (with the other Terms I mentioned in my Letter) is worth £4000 I'm afraid we shall not come to an agreement, as Mr Beaumont's Mine Agent is of a very different Opinion & therefore I cannot make you any further Offer

I am Sir Your Most etc J.E.B

13 Jun 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 13th June 1796

Dear Sir

I hope that you found Mrs Beaumont & your little Folks much better, & that you have recovered the fatigue etc of the Election; Poor Harry Tulip has been dangerously ill & I wish that he may be out of hazard, the fatigue of his journey to Alnwick brought

on a suppression of Urine he suffered very much Mr Ingham drew off near a Gallon of Water & he left Tulip much relieved on Saturday Morning.

Butters Wife called on me this Morning to inquire if you had left her Husbonds discharge with me & she requests the favour of you to send his Discharge under Cover to Mr Heron. I Yesterday evening made a Sale of 10,000 P[iece]s Lead to Mr C Blackett for Freeman & Preston half Refined @ £18-10 per For payable in Bills due in Nine Months , this is a great Reduction of Price, as well as length of Credit, but I was under a necessity of coming into their Terms, for on those only would they purchase, they had bought some quantities on the same terms & had (I knew)an offer of some lower; a pretty large quantity of Lead at Chester has lately been sold at the reduced price of £2 per For. I expect to sell the other Houses 15000 P[iece]s on the same terms. I had a Consultation with Mr Williamson & Mr Heron this Morning respecting the Suit with Lancaster & Halls Execur & I sincerely hope the issue of it may be successfull to you; as there is not the least doubt of the equity of your Claim.

I set forward for Town early Tomorrow morning & shall be at my Daughter Steads lodgings No 11 Albermarle Street untill the suit comes on when I shall remove to the Queen's head Coffee House & Hotel, Holburn. I am etc J.E.B

14 Jun 1796 Joshua Straker to Miss Wilson

Miss Wilson

NewCastle 14th June 1796

Mrs Wilson's Innkeeper Alnwick

Madam I received your letter of yesterday and was rather surprised to find that you had forgot that there was £5 Added to the Bill for the Servants but on my mentioning the circumstances to you, I have no doubt but you will recollect that it was so _ Mess Grey & Beaumonts Bill as given in by you was £224-7- We added £5 for the Servants which made £229-7 Col Beaumonts private Account was £25 6s 10d making together £254-13-10 I have no doubt but you will perfectly recollect that I paid you £255 in Notes & that you gave me 6s in change; I hope the above explanation will be satisfactory to you and if so you'll please to give the Servants the £5 in such proportions as you think proper I am etc J.S

P.S. I paid your Bror £2-7-6 for the Horse Col B had to Morpeth

19 Jun 1796 Joshua Straker to Messrs Makepeace & Sons

Messrs Makepeace & Sons

Newcastle 19th June 1796

Serle Street Lincolns Inn Fields London

Gentln I have this day sent you by Jacksons & Potts the London Carriers Two Cakes of fine Silver One Weighing 1502 Ounces the other 1044 Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Coll Beaumont at the Market Price and advise Mr Blackett on your Receipt of them; who is not yet returned from London but is daily expected I am etc J.S

8 Jul 1796 Joshua Straker to Wheeldon Webster

Messrs Wheeldon, Webster & Co
Derby

Newcastle 8th July 1796

Gentlemen According to your request, in your letter to Mr Beaumont, I have shipp'd on board you 2 Tons of Litharge the Weight etc you have below; When you Remit the Amount please to make the Bill payable to Mr Blackett or myself I am etc J.S

Shipp'd on board the Newcastle of Gainsbrough Capt. Denis 7 Casks Litharge for the Account & Risk of Mess Wheeldon, Webster & Co Viz

Gross Weight	41-1-7
Tare	1-1-7
7 Cask Lith q 40 C @ £19-5s per Ton	£38-10 Neat Cwt 40
Wherry hire & Sufferance	5
	£38-15

22 Jul 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Mess Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle 22d July 1796

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Mess Glyn & Co at Forty days dated the 20th Inst for Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds; being half a Years Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11th Inst to the Revd Mr Hardinge from T. R. Beaumont Esqr _ Please to advise me on your receipt of the Bill and inform Mr Hardinge of the same. I am etc J.E.B

£450	No 15726
Newcastle upon Tyne July 20th 1796	
Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr	
Four Hundred and fifty Pounds	Value received
To Mess Glyn, Mills & Milton	

Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

6 Aug 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

Wm Emm Esqr
Auckland Castle

Morpeth 6th Aug 1796

Dear Sir! I am informed by Mr Beaumonts Agents, as well as by Mr Wilson the Rector of Wolsingham that there is now little or no doubt of Lord Burford's Lessees working Harehope Gill Lead Mine in the Copyhold under the Lord Bishop of Durham, as plainly appears by a Copy of the Surrender of the Copyhold part of Lord Burford's Estate; as well as by a plan taken by a surveyer employed by Mr Beaumont, founded on the Evidence of some Old Inhabitants, one of whom had formerly been a joint Lessee of that Mine; As the Mine has for some time past, & is at present very rich, the Lessees give every opposition to any View or inspection that has been attempted, I must therefore desire that you will lay this Matter before the Lord Bishop of Durham & I beg leave to request that his Lordship will be pleased to give directions that Mr Pearson may meet Mr Heron Attorney of Newcastle on the part of Mr Beaumont, & Mr Wilson & his Attorney Mr Surtees on the 22d of this Month at the place, for the purpose of Ascertaining the Boundary of the Copyhold etc.

I am with great respect to the Lord Bishop of Durham Yours etc J.E.B

31 Aug 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to G S Van Heythuyson

G S Van Heythuyson Esqr
Highcliffe Christchurch Hants.

Newcastle 31st Aug 1796

Sir I have been favoured with your letters of the 26th Ult & the 20th Inst to which you should have had a more early answer, I fully intended waiting on you when I was in Town, but the illness of my Daughter, & the death of my Nephew prevented me, I have since been from home for some days; I communicated the contents of your Letter to Mr Beaumont who declines the several offers that you make him for your Lead Mine at Bollihope, as well as for the Estate; I am sorry that you have been a sufferer by the former & I sincerely wish you a good Purchaser.

I am etc J.E.B

6 Sep 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Masters & Co

Riche Masters Esq & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 6th Sept 1796

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on Mess Glyn & Co at Forty days dated this day for Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds Five Shillings to pay a Quarter of a Years Composition for the Lott Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 26th Ult to The Lord Bishop of Durham from T R Beaumont Esqr. Please to advise on your Receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

£231-5s--

No 16221

Newcastle upon Tyne Septr 6th 1796

Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr Two Hundred and Thirty One Pounds, 5/- Value received Surtees Burdon & Co
To Mess Glyn, Mills, Halifax & Co
Bankers London

6 Sep 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Makepeace & Son

Messrs Makepeace & Son

Newcastle 6th Sept 1796

Serle Street Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Gentn I have this day sent you by Jackson's Potts the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver Containing Fourteen Hundred & Eighty two Ounces which I desire that you will place to Accot with Coll Beaumont at the Markett Price and advise me on your receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

13 Sep 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Makepeace & Son

Messrs Makepeace & Son

Newcastle 13th Sept 1796

Serle Street Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Gentlemen! I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carrier a piece of fine Silver containing Fourteen Hundred & Eighty One Ounces which I desire that you will place to account with Coll Beaumont at the Markett Price and advise me on your receipt of it. This piece will do more than Compleat the Service of Plate you are making for Coll Beaumont. I am etc J.E.B

23 Sep 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

T R Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 23d Sept 1796

M.P. Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Sir!

I hope that Mrs Beaumont yourself & Son are well after your Journey etc that you found your little folks perfectly so.

Your Lead Stewards were with me for Subsistance for the Workmen on tuesday; I strongly recommended to them the most strict attention & economy; the reducing the dead work, as well as expensive workings, as much as possible, untill more promising times and to consult with each other frequently on the letting of the Bargains; I likewise had a good deal of Conversation with Mr Hunter on the subject which Mrs Beaumont mentioned to me, he promised me to observe it, & to be very diligent & attentive to business; I recommended to him & his Sister to behave with propriety & kindness to Mrs Hunter who I understand intends to reside at Hexham. Mr Crawhall informed me that last week they cut a Flook of Ore in the field between Allenheads House & Mr Carr's house which promises well & will produce a quantity of Ore at a low rate for a time, but untill it be opened out, they cannot judge whether a good Vein may have connection with it. No applications have been made to me for Lead altho' I have acquainted the London Houses that I was ready to treat with them for a quantity, I think that they must come to Markett soon, & indeed considering the long Credit wch we are under a necessity of giving at present it becomes highly necessary that a considerable Sale should be made to enable us to make the several Pays in reasonable time. The letter that you gave me from Mr Wm Surtees was a complaint that your Agents had of late got the Timber for the Mines from other dealers, altho' he had usually supplied the Works during the time of the late Sir Walter Blackett, Sir Thomas Blackett etc he certainly had the greatest share of the business, & still continues to have much the larger part, but we always made it a Rule to take some part of the Timber from those Timber dealers that purchased Lead, & Messrs Heymers & Blaylock have for some years past bought pretty large quantities of Lead; I think that Mr Wm Surtees complaint is very unhandsome. Spark who represents to you the bad management in the Smelting of the Ore, at the same time makes application to be the Mill Clerk at Allan Mill; he was in that capacity before under Hopper & Co & was discharged since which he has been employed in the Isle of Man etc.

I am etc J.E.B

P.S. Mr Straker has been to meet the Bishop of Durham's Agents on the riding of the Boundary of Wolsingham Parish; a previous measure before any steps could with propriety be taken to ascertain the Boundary between the Bishop's Copyhold, & Lord Burford's freehold, respecting the Mine that is now working.

24 Sep 1796 Joshua Straker to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 24 Sept 1796

Dear Sir I have this day shipped on board the John & Mary Captn Barrowby for Hull 5 Fothers of Refd Lead, 3 Casks of Lead Fume & 5 Boxes of Sparr for Coll Beaumont which I hope will arrive safe. I am etc J.S

3 Oct 1796 Joshua Straker to Isaac Hunter

Mr Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 3d Octr 1796

Dear Sir Mr Blackett received your letter of the 27th Ult and observes what you say as to the Lead Carriage; he says that you must have misunderstood him as to stopping the Carriage at all the Mills that he only intended that Rookhope Mill should be stop'd on Account of the immense Quantity of Lead that was on the Road from that Mill: he agrees in opinion with you respecting the Carriagemen who bring the Lead thro' to Blaydon or Newburn & that they ought to have the preference. Mr B desires me to inform you that it is his wish that you should Refine as much Lead at Dukesfield as you possibly can, on Account of the Lead Trade being so very bad & the Silver being a ready Money article & it will likewise enable him to sell a larger Proportion of Refd Lead which makes a Sale; We are likewise pursuing the same Plan at Blaydon. I am etc J.S

8 Oct 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr

Newcastle 8th Oct 1796

M.P. Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Sir! I have the pleasure to acquaint you that I have at length made a considerable Sale of Lead, tho' at a reduc'd price, and long credit, neither of which could be avoided, in the present State of the trade. A Box with table Linen from Ebene Gairdner & Sons of Edinburgh directed for you is now at the Office, please to say whether it is to be sent by the Waggon to Bretton or London. I received your favor of the 25th Ult enclosing a letter from the Arch Bishop of Yorks Secretary respecting the difference between Mr Carr & Mr Richardson Curate of Ninebanks Chapel, the former has explained the matter to the ArchBishop which I hope may satisfy his Grace of the right & likewise the propriety of Mr Carr doing the duty of the Christnings & Churchings as usual; Was the matter given up? it would occasion a Clamour amongst the Workmen & in a short time they would be void of any Religion. I am etc J.E.B

Mr Fishwick for Messrs Walker's Fishwick & Co & Walker's Maltby & Co
25,000 Ps Lead 2/3ds Com[m]on & 1/3 Refined with the usual quantity of Slag

20,000 Ps Payable in Bills due in 9 Months
5,000 Ps do in Bills due in 12 Months

Mr C Blackett for Messrs Truman Preston & Son
20,000 Ps Do [payable] in Bills due in 12 Months
1,000 Ps Slag @ £16 due in 9 Months

Mr Hewitson for Lancaster & Co
10,000 Ps Do [slag] Do [due in 9 Months]
1,000 Ps Slag @ £16

17 Oct 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 17th Octr 1796

Sir! As I have made a considerable Sale of Lead (tho' at a reduced Price) I could wish that Lead at the Mill as well as that on the Road (particularly the Refin'd) may be sent down to Blaydon as soon as possible, before the Roads break up; & you must proceed briskly with the Refining as that Lead is most wanted & there is a Demand for Silver which is a ready Money Article. I have seen with some surprize an Advertisement of all the Stock, and Crop of Hay & Corn etc for Sale at the two Dukefields, I desire to have this matter explained to me as soon as possible; as I am sensible that it will occasion some alarm to Coll & Mrs Beaumont.

I am etc J.E.B

22 Oct 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Bretton Wakefield

Newcastle 22d Oct 1796

Dear Sir!

I have your favor of the 19th Inst & am happy to hear that you found Mrs Beaumont & the Children perfectly well on your return to Bretton. I understand that Mr Newton gave you an Account of the Sums that would from time to time be wanted to make the several payments towards the repairs and alterations at Hexham Abbey; Mr Bell pays the Masons & labourers; the £300 advanced Mr Newton is to pay for the <seasoned> timber etc & the preparing the same for the several purposes. The last Sale that I made of Com[m]on & Refd Lead was at £16-10 per For, the Slag at £16 per For it was my mistake in not distinguishing them separately in my Letter to you; I have since had a letter from Mr <Broadley> of Hull offering £16 per For for <100> For Refd at Nine Months Credit, which you may suppose I refused; I have sold upwards of 100 Casks of

Litharge at £17-10 per For & shall sell more at the same price, I do not believe that I should have obtained £16-10 per For for so large a quantity in those proportions had I not told the Buyers that had thoughts of making an Offer to the East India Company The Lead, the Lead Fume, & the Boxes of Spar were shipt some time since for Hull, of which an Account was sent to Bretton. another Box or tun of Spar will be sent by the first Vessel for Hull of which advice will be sent _ The Box of table linen will be sent by the first Waggon for Wakefield. The flat of Ore lately discovered at Allenheads is more promising I am etc J.E.B

I have no draft of your approving of the enclosed Advertisement, the Mischievous etc people at the place & Neighbourhood where you have so large property made it necessary.

25 Oct 1796 Joshua Straker to Richard Noble

Mr Richd Noble
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 25th Octr 1796

Dr Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 22 inst & observe the Contents _ The Newcastle Fors of Lead is 21 Cwts & this last large Sale that Mr Blackett made was at £16-10 per For Refin'd & Common together, but what we now sell in small parcells are at £17 per For for Refin'd & £16-15 for Com[m]on _ I shall Ship in a day or two 5 Fors Refin'd Lead & 3 Casks Lead Fume for Coll Beaumont, in the Newcastle Capt Hutchinson for Hull & which I hope will arrive safe I am etc J.S

25 Oct 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to G S Van Heythuyson

G S Van Heythuyson Esqr
John Street London

Newcastle 25th Octr 1796

Sir!

You should sooner have had an answer to your last letter had Mr Beaumonts Agent given me an answer to mine on that business, but I believe that he has not altered his opinion as to the value of your Mine etc and the present prospect of the Lead trade is so discouraging that Coll Beaumont does not incline to make a higher offer; As to granting a Lease of Yew Tree & <Hamishaw> Veins he is advised against it; many offers of the like kind have been made for different Veins wch have not been complied with by the Concern

I am sorry that you have been a sufferer by the Workings of the Mine & that it is not in my power to comply with your proposals. I am etc J.E.B

4 Nov 1796 Joshua Straker to G S Van Heythuyson

G S Van Heythuyson Esqr
John Street London

Newcastle 4th Novem 1796

Sir Mr Blackett was favoured with your letter of the 29th Ult & observe what you say respecting your Lead Mine etc. He is now at Harrogate & will be there for about three weeks; but as soon as he returns and has an opportunity of seeing Coll Beaumont's Mine Agent, you may depend upon hearing from him on that business. I am for JEB Esqr J.S

1 Dec 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Westgarth Forster

Mr Westgarth Forster
Unthank

Newcastle 1st Decr 1796

I am not a little surprized that you have not paid the Ballance of your Account with Mr Beaumont, & likewise the Money that you have in your hands belonging to the Club at Allenheads According to your promise; I am directed by Mr Beaumont to acquaint you that unless you do it before the 25th Inst or give good security, for the amount, that measures will be taken to enforce the Payment. I am etc J.E.B

2 Dec 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 2d Decr 1796

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver Containing Thirteen Hundred & Eighteen Ounces & a half which I desire that you will place to Account with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of it

I am etc J.E.B

12 Dec 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to G S Van Heythuyson

G S Van Heythuyson Esqr
John Street London

Newcastle 12th Decr 1796

Sir Since I received your Letter respecting your Lead Mine at Bollihope, I have had some conversation with Coll Beaumont's Mine Agent on your proposals, and am sorry to say I cannot agree with you for either _ In the first instance Coll Beaumont does not intend to have any concern in Partnership either in renting Engines or otherwise, and as I cannot possibly give the Sum you mention for the Mine I apprehend it will be unnecessary to say anything more on the subject. I am etc J.E.B

21 Dec 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman Square London

Newcastle 21st Decr 1796

Dear Sir I am favoured with your Letter of the 16th Inst and observe that an amendment in the Cavalry Bill is about to take place; indeed an explanatory Act is highly necessary; I do not apprehend that it will in the least affect the Galloways that are employed in the Carriage of Ore, or Lead; but those persons who have only one for the purposes of Riding etc (tho under the size prescribed) if liable to the Horse Tax? will I imagine be subject to the Calvalry. I observe the several large Payments that you are to make this Month, & I sincerely wish that it was in my power to make a large sale of Lead, but at present there is not any demand for it and no enquiries made by the London buyers about the price, I could sell & deliver from 15 to 20,000 Pieces of Com[m]on Lead at this time, but a considerable part of last Sale has not yet been shipped. I am glad to hear so good an Account of Mrs Beaumont & the Children & I am with best respects to her, yourself etc wishing many happy returns of the Season

Dear Sir etc J.E.B

22 Dec 1796 Joshua Straker to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thos Emerson Junr
Newhouse Weardale

Newcastle 22 Decemr 1796

Dr Sir The Qty of Rye sent to Weardale Mines since the 16th Novemr 1795 is 505 Bolls & of Barley 185 Bolls the Prices to be charged to the Workmen as below there is a difference in the Price of the Rye on Accot of the Reduction that took place in May last

I am etc J.S

355 Bolls Rye @ 15/- Free of Carriage

150 Do @ 8/- Do

185 Bolls Barley @ 9/- Do

N.B. The first of the Rye at the Reduced Price was sent on the 17th May last.

27 Dec 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 27th Decr 1796

Sir I have drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Surtees Burdon & Co at Twenty days dated the 26th Inst for £381-16-4 being for the piece of fine Silver I lately sent you & which I have no doubt you will duly honor _ I expected you would have allowed me 5s 10d per ounce, as Mr Walton the Agent for Greenwich Hospital, received that price of Mr Holmes for a Piece he sent him at that time and Mr Holmes likewise paid the Carriage. I am etc J.E.B

31 Dec 1796 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Makepeace & Son

Messrs Makepeace & Son
Serle Street London

Newcastle 31st Decr 1796

Gentn I have this day sent you by Jacksons & Potts the London Carrs a Pe fine Silver Containing Thirteen Hundred & Sixty Two Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr at the Markett Price & advise me on your Receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

13 Jan 1797 Joshua Straker to Wheeldon Webster

Mess Wheeldon Webster & Co
Derby

Newcastle 13th Jany 1797

Gentn The Litharge which I sent you in July last was charged at a Money Price as you desired & we are much surprised that you have not sent a Bill for the amount being £38-15s according to your Invoice sent you _ You'll therefore please (on Receipt of this) to send a Bill on London at a short date payable to J E Blackett Esqr or myself. I am etc J.S

14 Jan 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Mess Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle 14th Jany 1797

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Glyn & Co at Forty days dated this day for £450 being half a Years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11th Inst to the Revd Heny Hardinge from Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

£450

No 18133

Newcastle upon Tyne Jany 14th 1797

Forty days after date pay to the order of John E Blackett Esqr Four
Hundred and Fifty Pounds Value Received
To Mess Glyn, Mills & Hallifax & Co Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London

15 Jan 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 15th Jany 1797

Dr Sir! I am favored with your Lre of the 12th and am glad to hear that Mrs Beaumont & her young family arrived safe and well in Town, I hope they may continue so. I observe by the letter of Mess Surtees, Burdon & Co (which you enclosed) that the Ballance of Cash against you is £21,000 which I am concerned to find, and in the present state of the Lead trade, I am quite at a loss to say, when, & in what manner the Lead Pays are to be made; Mr Burdon called on me on friday morning, but I was gone to Winlaton on your concerns & did not see him; in a letter from him yesterday he desires that I would have a conference with Mr J Surtees on the business, which I shall tomorrow. Mr C Blackett's friends in London made me an offer a few days since of £15-10s for 4000 Ps Com. Lead & £15 for 1000 Ps Slag Lead payable in nine Months, which I refused, as that long credit cannot be complied with; I offered them the quantity at £16 & £15-15s per For payable in six Months. I met your Lead Stewards at Hexham last Monday with Subsistance for the Workman amounting £3100 there were no material alteration in the Mines since they were last down. The loss of Lead stolen on the Road has of late increased to an alarming degree, there was lately ten pieces stolen one night, I had Advertisements dispersed offering a handsome reward on the discovery of the Offences, & used every endeavour for that purpose, but with little or no effect; from some suspicious circumstances Mr Mulcaster had reason to suspect some persons at Winlaton, I went with him to the Justices in Gateshead & on his information being taken they granted a search Warrant, I went with him, Emerson & the Constables early the next morning, We searched several houses, but could not make any discovery, we found two small pans in which Lead had been melted, which tho' very suspicious as well as a confirmation in our opinion of the guilt of the Person, did not amount to a proof. I observe what you say as to Mr Newton, and the building

going on at the Abbey, & I shall on tuesday have some conversation with him on those matters, I do not see the necessity of his Son going there so frequently as Mr Bell mentions, and when he is there he should be more explicit with the Masons, particularly with Mr Johnson the Mason; but he leaves them too much in the dark, as to his Plan; The front to the West was got up the first Story but there was a Balk across each bow window that I did not approve of, which appeared to me would reduce the height below the Bow, near a foot; I shall talk to Mr Newton about it; It appears to me that it will be necessary that Money should be advanced towards Workmens Wages, the purchase of lime, Slates, & some Iron work, as well as carriage but I do not see the necessity of any further advance at present. Mr Pearson informed me that Mr Wilson of Pomfret has thoughts of disposing the House & Office that you rent in Westgate, & that in a few days he would let me know the price that he set on it; you pay £36 per Ann & at the death of the late Mr W Wilson Mr Geo Anderson was desired by his Executrs to set a value on the House; which I believe was £600 or 600 Guineas should that price be fixed? I think that you should purchase it.

I am etc J.E.B

17 Jan 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 17th Jany 1797

Dear Sir! I wrote to you the 15th inst to which I refer you; I am since favored with your letter of the 14th inst with the Memorial of Ralph Coulthard & John Kidd two of the Workmen who from my own knowledge have been the leaders in every disturbance amongst the Workmen of Weardale Mines, some of their alligations I know to be false, & I look on them to be very mischievous idle fellows & I am satisfied that if you listen to them that you will be perpetually Plagued and your concern will suffer greatly; At the time of the scarcity & dearness of corn (or rather before it took place) & before any complaints were made to me by the Miners; on Mr Emerson's representation I sent a considerable quantity of Corn from time to time to Weardale which the Workmen were supplied with at a much Reduced price, at a time that the Miners in other employs in Weardale had no such advantage; As to the charge of the Agent having the advantage of employing some horses, I do not see the evil arising from it, in case the charge be fair and reasonable, it has always been allowed to the Agents who can do it at a lower rate than you, & in case they should be deprived of this advantage, it will be reasonable that their Salarys should be advanced; As to Mr Emerson having received in one year for Horse hire £800 (or near that sum) it is a great falsity, as well as his having saved etc the many thousands, I have frequently informed you that Mr Emerson Senr has always been esteemed a very skilfull Miner & an honest Man I have found him to be such, his Son is sober, industrious and takes a great deal of pains to inform himself of the state of those Mines; he may have been rather pert & not

behaved properly & been a little sharp with some of the Men for which I found fault with him, & he promised me to be more circumspect, & cautious for the future; Algood & he have disagreed but since I discoursed with him on the occasion, he promised me that I should not hear any more complaints of the like for the future, & when I saw Mr Allgood at Hexham on Monday he did not take the least notice to me of any disagreement between them, he is I believe a quiet, sober Man, but he certainly is no judge of Mining, nor was ever looked on as such, nor a person capable of conducting that concern. As to Potts he is a poor ignorant fellow & is only fit to look after the Washers & to deliver out the Gunpowder & Candles. Ra. Coulthard & one of the same name at Chapel have always been at the bottom of all the mischief going forward in that quarter, the latter wrote & put up some very inflammatory papers last year at the Smith's Shop; on making some enquiry I found that he was jealous of a relation of Emerson's who interfered with him in business etc. Mr Clarke the Curate of St John's Chapel was appointed by Mr Hardinge contrary to the interest made in the time of Sir Thos Blackett for a Mr Harris (the nomination having been before in Sir Walter Blackett) & he has since taken the part of Coulthard & the rest of these people. I told Mr Emerson not to employ these men untill they were sensible of their fault & promised to be quiet, & peaceable for the future; which I am doubtfull of their doing; I shall make further enquiry into these matters of complaint & if in the instances they have mentioned or in any others? I shall find that Emerson is culpable, I assure you that I shall not screen him; at the same time I strongly recommend it to you, not to listen to their idle complaints which must give encouragement to these discontented fellows & weaken the authority of your Agents; Emerson Senr has greatly improved the state of those Mines since they have been under his management & I believe him to be a very honest man; he is perfectly acquainted with the Mines of that country having been employed there all his time; his son has been brought up under him, he is sober, clever, & industrious, but is too warm & hasty, he has promised me to conduct himself with more propriety for the future I certainly have no other object for the taking of one part in preference to the other, but your Interest solely I am etc J.E.B

Excuse this hasty Scrawl
T Rd Beaumont Esqr

29 Jan 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 29th Jany 1797

Dr Sir!

I wrote to you the 15th Inst to which I refer you. On friday last I had a good deal of conversation with Mr Burdon on the business that you mentioned to me in your last letter; I satisfied him that I had not lost any opportunity of making a Sale of Lead, even at a reduced price, but that in the present situation of the trade I did not think it

adviseable to submit to nine Months Credit in which he was of my opinion; the only offer made me was for 5000 Ps Lead, & had they come to six months Credit, it would have been an inducement to me to accept their offer, but the trade can not be carried on giving so long credit; The Lead Company & other Proprietors agree in the same. I do not apprehend that the London buyers are in present want of Lead as upwards of 20,000 Ps of their last purchase still remains at Blaydon, What is to be done in the present situation of the Lead trade, having an eye on the Pay being made in May, or June? I am at a loss to say.

Mr & Mrs Allgood, Mr Emerson Junr & (the Bishops Game Keeper) were with me on Monday each party were very much irritated, I heard all their complaints, & after taking great pains to reconcile them, I at length effected it, but I have my doubts how long they may continue cordial; Coulthard & Kidd are employed again, & I understand that they are sensible that they have behaved ill etc. The Miners at Alston the other day assembled to the number of about 200 they proposed to lay that part of the country under Contribution & had named the Persons, & the sums the insisted on having (your Agent Dickinson £20) they proposed proceeding to Penrith to join the rioters in that place & neighbourhood; to oppose the Supplementary Militia Act being carried into execution; The Lead Company's Agents with Dickinson & a number of persons met them, & after having explained the matter to them prevailed on them to disperse. I expected to have had a meetg with Mr Newton & Johnson the Mason last sunday, but Mr Newton having a violent return of his disorder, prevented me, I shall however see Johnson in a few days for I do not think that Mr Newton is likely to recover. Mr Westgarth Forster has been very ill for some days, Doctor Clerk was sent for to him yesterday; A small estate of Mr Forsters was advertised to Sale by his directions to Mr Bell, who I hope has taken some security from Forster for the debt owing you; I have wrote again to Mr Bell about it. Mr Heron goes up to Town in a Week or ten days to solicit the Bill for the Canal on the North side of the Tyne; from the strong opposition that will be made to it, I am of opinion that it cannot pass this Sessions; A meeting of the Subscribers is to be held the 7th Inst at Turners, when it is thought that a number of Subscribers will withdraw their subscriptions; I shall attend it, and advise you of the result of the Meeting etc.

I am etc J.E.B

T R Beaumont Esqr

30 Jan 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr J Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 30th Jany 1797

Dear Sir I wrote to Mr Beaumont respecting the building going forward at Hexham Abbey & what you mentioned on that business; I likewise had some discourse with Mr Newton, & it was intended that Mr Johnson should come over here to meet me & Mr Newton & I had wrote to him to that purpose but Mr Newton having a severe

return of his disorder prevented me sending my letter; Mr Newton still being very weak & in a very precarious state, I should be glad to have some conversation with Mr Johnson & as Sunday morning next may be the most convenient time for him, you will please to acquaint him therewith. I sometime since desired that you would see Mr Westgarth Forster & would take such steps as you thought adviseable for the security of the money owing by him to Mr Beaumont, I understand that you had authority to Advertise the estate, but it was necessary that Mr Forster & his son Westgarth should join in a Bond to Mr Beaumont, as a security for the debt untill the estate could be disposed of; if that is not already done no time should be lost in carrying it into execution, as I am informed that Mr Forster is dangerously ill I am etc J.E.B

31 Jan 1797 Joshua Straker to Joseph Dickinson

Mr Jos Dickinson
Coalcleugh

Newcastle 31st Jany 1797

Dear Sir! The quantity of Rye etc sent to Coalcleugh Mines in the Year 1796 you have as under with the Prices Mr Blackett fixed to be charged for the same. I am etc J.S

155 Bolls Rye @ 15/- Free of Carriage

120 Do @ 8/- Do

85 Bolls Barley @ 9/- Do

NB The first of the Rye at the Reduced Price, was sent on the 18th May last.

1 Feb 1797 Joshua Straker to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 1st Feby 1797

Sir Mr Blackett received your Letter & desired me to send you the Amount of the Debt due from Mr Forster to Coll Beaumont & enclosed is a Copy of the Account as Settled at Allenheads the last Pay _ Mr B says that Mr Forster Received some Money belonging to a Club at Allenheads & gave a Note for the same on Mr Beaumont's Accot but Mrs B does not know to what Account; probably Mr Crawhall will be able to inform you I am etc J.S

8 Feb 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coll Beaumont MP
Portman Square London

Newcastle 8th Feby 1797

Dr Sir! I wrote to you the 30th Ultio since wch I have been favoured with your letter of the same date. I acquainted you in my last letter with the Conversation that I had with Mr Burdon _ The Lead Buyers have made Offers of paying One half of the Amount of the last Quantity of Lead sold them one Month sooner than the Agreement & the Remainder a Month later wch on consulting with Mr J Surtees it being agreeable to him I consented to. I am in treaty with Mr C B for 6000 Ps Lead & with N F & Cos for f[ro]m 10,000 to 15000 Ps 2/3 Comon 1/3 Refd at £15-10 per For payable in 6 Mos. I hope in a few days to inform you of the Agreement being made We made the East Lead Carriage Pay yesterday at Blaydon Amounting to £1650 - Mr W Forster died after a short Illness a few days since, I wrote to Mr Bell some time since to take the necessary Measures for the security of the debt owing to you but I am apprehensive that you will be a sufferer by him Mr Pearson informed me that Mr Wilson of Pomfrct has come to a Resolution of disposing of the House in Westgate Street wch you Rent of the Family at £36 per Annm & he makes you an Offer of the same at £650 I think that he should accept of £600 for it _ Mr Johnson the Mason was with me on Sunday last & I had some Convern with him before I sent for Mr Newton's Son, he informed me they had got the Building up to the top of the Windows of the 2d floor of the West front, that they should proceed with the East front & cover the whole of that part together in the Course of next Month, he likewise informed me that Mr Wilson Jr did not come there oftener than once in a fortnight & that the Workmen had not been at a stand owing to his not being there more frequently, he is to meet Mr Johnson there the 14th against wch time I have wrote to Mr Bell to speak to a Plumber at Hexham to give in his proposals for doing the Work being supplied with the Lead from Dukesfield, the Old Lead from the Abbey being sent there to be new cast _ Mr Newton is better but not so well as to enter on business & I am doubtful of his ever being in a State to undertake it I am etc J.E.B

18 Feb 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 18th Feby 1797

You must remember what I mentioned to you respecting the Lead Mine Accounts being sent for the future regularly every Month to the Office let me desire that you will pay proper attention to it & not put me under a necessity of acquainting Mr Beaumont with this neglect; not one Account of the Lead Smelted & Delivered from Allen Mill has been sent to the Office since that Mill has been in Mr Bs possession & I have great reason to believe that the Loss of Lead from that Mill has been considerable

If Mr Smith persists in not complying with these Regulations it will be necessary to appoint a person in his place of wch I shall acquaint him I am etc J.E.B

19 Feb 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coll Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 19th Feby 1797

Dear Sir!

I am favoured with your letter of the 13th 14th inst & observe that you have had some conversation with Mr Burdon respecting the Lead Pay & that he had wrote to Mr Surtees on the business What I mentioned to you as to the Pay being Postponed to June was from an Idea that it would not be in our power to effect it sooner but if it can be accomplished in May there is no doubt as to the Propriety of the Measure

I have within these few days Sold to the several London Buyers 20000 Ps Lead 2/3 Comon & 1/3 Refd at £15-10 per For payable in Bills due in Six Months which I look on as a good Sale considering the times; a Quantity of Refd & Comon Lead was sold a few days ago at the same price Nine Months Credit & Mr C Blackett has a quantity of Refi'd offered to him at £15-10 Six Months Credit; For Convenience of the Buyers as well as for Surtees & Burdon I have consented to alter the times in which the several Payments will become due an Accot of which you have enclosed _ I observe that Lord Burford will not leave the Matter of the Boundary that is in dispute to reference but is determined on contesting it which I think is unhandsome _ The Bishop of Durham (notwithstanding his Agreement with you for the Dues) should in Justice to the See of Durham contribute towards the expence of a Contest, but he has declined it & the Rector of Wolsingham (who in case of your succeeding will be entitled to the Dues) will be backward in paying his proportion of it; on which Accot the Matter must be well considered & the best Advice must be had before you engage in an expensive suit

The Widow of Westgarth Forster has by her Son made an offer to Mr Bell of paying in May £200 on Accot of her Husbands Debt, she says that he expended upwards of £300 as Overseer of the Highways by the direction of the late Sir Thos Blackett which he cannot recover from the County & she is in hopes that you will allow it; the Remainder she begs that she may be allowed time for the payment; this I have no doubt you will not comply with & as Forster has by Will left what property he had to his Wife I have directed (as no previous steps had been taken before) to propose to Mrs Forster & her Son to join in a Security for the Debt & on refusal to bring an Action against Mrs Forster the Executrix in order to bind the effects in some sort in her hands Mr Surtees will acquaint you with the Amt of Capt Steads Debt, he told me that the Importers Corn at this place were great sufferers & that they were about sending Petitions to yourself & others for Relief but I really do not know the Particulars of of their Grievances I am etc J.E.B

Bills due in June	30000
Do in July	10000
Do in Augt	30000
Do in Septr	10000
Do in Octr	5000

85000

23 Feb 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Makepeace & Son

Messrs Makepeace & Son
Serle Street London

Newcastle 23th Feby 1797

Gentlemen On the 21st Inst I sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Pe of fine Silver Containing Fourteen Hundred & Sixty Five Ounces which I desire that you will place to Account with Coll Beaumont at the Markett Price and Advise me on your Receipt of the same

I am etc J.E.B

24 Feb 1797 Joshua Straker to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 24th Feby 1797

Dr Sir Mr Blackett received your Letter and desires me to inform you that it is his wish that all the Lead upon the Roads, from Allen & Dukesfield Mills to Newburn, should be sent in as soon as possible & an Account made out, in order to see what Quantity is lost or mislaid a new regulation must also be made with the Carriagemen, as a Quay is engaged at Newburn & a person to take an account of the Lead, a Wherry will likewise be engaged to deliver it at Blaydon, and any other regulation that is necessary can be settled when you come down for Sunbsistance, I hope we shall be able to procure it for you, tho' at present the Banks are in a bad situation, but before you have to come down I hope they will be able to go on in their usual way.

I am etc J.S

10 Mar 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 10th March 1797

Dr Sir! I am favoured with your letters of the 6th & 7th inst & observe the Contents I hope that the Bank may soon put their smaller Notes in circulation, that things may come about, & that Credit & Confidence may soon be restored; the Banks of this place have begun to issue Twenty shilling Notes & I have great hopes that we may be enabled to make the Lead Pay in May next. I have had letters from the Lead Stewards & am glad to find that the postponing the lending has not been attended with any great inconvenience or Clamour. I am etc J.E.B

13 Mar 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Masters & Co

Richard Master Esqr & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 13th March 1797

Gentlemen! Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Glyn & Co at Fifty days dated this day for Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds, Ten Shillings; being half a Years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 20th Ulto to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Coll Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same. I would have made you this Remittance sooner but the situation of the Banks here prevented me I am etc J.E.B

£462-10

No 18971

Newcastle upon Tyne Mar 13th 1797

Fifty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett
Esqr Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds 10s

Value Received

To Messrs Glyn, Mills, Hallifax & Co
Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

15 Mar 1797 Joshua Straker to Wheeldon Webster

Messrs Wheeldon Webster
Derby

Newcastle 15th March 1797

To Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr Do

1796 July 8th	Cwt qr lb	£	
For 7 Casks Litharge qty 40	@ 19 1/4 per Ton	38-10	
Wherryhire, Sufferance etc		5	
1797 Mar 15th			
For 12 Casks Litharge qty 73 3	@ 16 1/2 per Ton	60-16-10	
Wherryhire, Sufferance etc		8- 2	
		£100	

Gentlemen Your letter of the 18th Ulto was duly received enclosing a Bill for £100 and according to your request have this day Shipped you on board the Phosphoris, Capt Crabtree for Gainsbro' the above 12 Casks Litharge which settles the Account of your Bill, the Weight of which you have above I am etc J.S

15 Mar 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coll Beaumont
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 15th March 1797

Dr Sir! I wrote to you the 10th Inst to which I refer you. We shall be supplied by Mess Surtees & Burdon against Monday next with 20s Notes & Cash for the lending but I have not heard when the Banks open; the length of time that they have been shut, has been a great inconvenience to the Country, as well as to the Trade, and when they do open their credit & Confidence in their Notes will be much affected & the Country will be constantly making application to them for cash or Bank of England Notes in exchange for their Notes; At this time a circulation of new Copper would be of great service & convenience to the Country, & particularly to your Workmen at the Mines & Mills & would likewise be a means of putting a stop to the circulation of very base Copper coin which we have in such abundance; Since I have been in business I have frequently had Copper from the Tower, on application being made for it, I wish that your Bankers would apply for 4 or 5 Cwt, & as an inducement to their parting with it, the value may be paid in fine Silver at the current price. I have no doubt that the Canal Bill will be thrown out, or at least put a stop to for this Sessions; The Hexham People I understand were much pleased at what you said in the House on the Bill being presented, but you have not answered their letter which I wish you would do.

I am etc J.E.B

I am selling small quantities of Lead for the Baltick. Refin'd at £16 Comon at £15-15s per For Litharge at £16-10s per Ton.

P.S. I have by this days post the favor of Mrs Beaumont's & your letters; When I receive Mr Makepiece's Bill I will settle with him & desire him to pay the Ballance to yourself; Silver has lately rose in price the last Piece was charged to Mr Makepiece at 5/10 per Oz I had one from Dukesfield yesterday which Mr Langlands of this place is to have, (I believe) at the same price but in case it is higher in London he is to be governed by it.

21 Mar 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coll Beaumont
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 21st Mar 1797

Dr Sir!

I wrote to you the 17th Inst to which I refer you. Your Lead Stewards have been with me this Morning & I have paid them in Notes & Cash £2950 for Subsistence for the Workmen with which the Stewards say the Men will be well satisfied, & that they do not complain much on account of the lending being postponed being sensible that it could not be avoided.

The Stewards inform me that the Lead Pay will amount to about £51200. The Lead Pay of 1796 was £52100. At the foot is an account of the Bills received & to be

received for the Lead sold, & the times they will become due. There are no material alterations in the state of the Mines since the Stewards were last down for Subsistance.

The Widow of Westgarth Forster has been with me with her Son George in consequence of a letter that I wrote to her, she makes the following Proposal, That in case you will allow the £300 which her Husband expended in making the Road between Allenheads & Allendale Town & building the Bridges (which he always said that Sir Thos Blackett directed him to do, & that he would be at the expence of what it amounted to, more than the sixpence in the pound paid by the land Owners) she will pay £200 in May next, & give you security for the payment of the remainder in one year from that time at two payments Mr Crawhall says that it appears by the Accots that Mr Forster brought in at the Meetings, that he had expended £300 more than he had received; The money that he had in his hands of the Club for which he had given a Note in your Name is given up on Mrs Forster & Son paying part, & giving their Note for the remainder. I have had a good deal of conversation with J Emerson Jr respecting the Complaint of Kidd & Coulthard, he says that he is very desirous that the matter of complaint may be fully examined into, & that he will abide by the consequences, but that in case they are employed at present that neither his Father nor himself can have any control whatever over the Workmen, Indeed I believe (from the enquiry that I have made) they are very troublesome fellows I am etc J.E.B

Times due

Mr Hewitson, received & paid to

Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co	£6,300	8th June
	6,400	8th Augt
Messrs Walker's Fishwick & Co		
not recd the Lead not being	10,000	7th June
all delivered	10,000	7th Augt
Mr C Blackett will be received		
this day & paid to Surtees	5,000	12th June
Burdon & Co	5,000	12th Augt
	5,000	12th May
	5,000	12th Septr
	£52,700	
Messrs Walker's Fishwick & Co	5,000	7th Octr
Ditto	5,000	17th Augt
Mr Hewitson	5,000	17th Augt
Mr C Blackett	5,500	9th Augt

Notes & Cash recd of Messrs Surtees B & Co; the 21 Mar for Subsistance for the Workmen

Notes of £5 each £ 1,550

Do	£1 do	1,000
Gold		330
Silver of which		
£20 in Dollars		70
		£2,950

25 Mar 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

Mr John Beatson
Cinder Hill near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 25th March 1797

Sir! I shall answer your letter in your own words ("I am surprised to hear from you in the manner I have,) which I assure you I think very unhandsome manner of treating me; I never saw your Bends, nor those from Mr Wood of Bishop Auckland, and in case that I had, should not have been a judge of the quality; the late Westgarth Forster Agent at Allenheads ordered some bends of Mr Wood, & both he, & the present Agent Mr Thos Crawhall declared that they were of better quality & came lower than those they had from you which were too green, I had nothing to do with the ordering, of the Bends of Wood, for I should certainly give you the preference (knowing it to be the wish of Coll Beaumont) if your Bends were approved of by the Lead Agents & came as low as others. I am etc J.E.B
(See other side for P.S.)

£46-12 No 19124

Newcastle upon Tyne Mar 25th 1797

Fifty days after date pay to the order of John E Blackett Esqr

Four Six Pounds Twelve Shillings Value Received

To Mess Glyn, Mills, Hallifax & Co

Surtees Burdon & Co

Bankers London

25 Mar 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 25th March 1797

I am well informed that Cuthbert & George Bainbridge Sons of Cutht Bainbridge of East Gates did in the night take up on the Lead road 102 pieces of Col Beaumont's Lead & convey them in a private clandestine manner off the road, they at the same time knowing that the same had been brought fm Rookhope Mill by Thos Pringle; I will have this matter fully investigated, & in case that it can be proved to be true, Thos Prindle must be Credited for this Lead, & the Bainbridges charged with the same as

they no doubt took it for the purpose of making up some deficiencies of the Lead they took from the Mill. At the next Pay at Dukesfield I am determined not to pay for the Carriage of the Lead of last Year remaining on the Road & that I will keep the Money in my Hands untill the whole is delivered at Blaydon. of which I desire that the Carriagemen may be acquainted. I am etc J.E.B

25 Mar 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to John Beatson

[Note: Post script see previous letter dated 25 Mar 1797]

Postscript to the Lre for Mr John Beatson _ Ommitted

P.S. Inclosed is a Bill for £46-12 being for the Parcel of Bends you sent to Allenheads Leadmines in April Last _ We only pay once a Year now for Bends got for the Mines in like manner as the other Articles that are wanted for the use of the Mines _ Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill.

17 Apr 1797 Joshua Straker to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 17th April 1797

Sir Mr Blackett received your letter & according to your request have given you below the rates of Carriage of Lead from the several Mills to Blaydon. Mr Ellis got the same Account from me last week which he said was to send to London. Mr B desires his best Compts & says he is much obliged to you for the information you have given him on the business he wrote to you about. I am etc J.S

			s
Dukesfield Lead	12 Stone Pieces	1/ -	per Piece
Do	11 St do	-/11	per do
Rookhope Lead	11 St do	1/ 3 1/2	per do
Do	8 St do	12/11	per 14 Pieces
Allen Mill Lead	11 St do	1/ 3	per Piece

The quantity Recd at Blaydon for 7 Years past has been upon an average about 120,000 Cwt per Year.

5 May 1797 Joshua Straker to John Richardson

Mr John Richardson Plumber Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle May 6th 97

To Thomas Rd Beaumont Esqr Dr
1797 May 5th Cwt Qr lb £
For 280 ps Refin'd Lead qty 419 2 7 @ 17 per Fother £339-12-11
Keeldues in Shipping 16- 6
 £340- 9- 5

Sir Above you have an Invoice of the 280 ps Lead you bought of me, Shipped on board the Diana Captn Browes & which I hope you'll receive safe. I am etc J.S

9 May 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

T R Beaumont Esqr Newcastle 9th May 1797
Portman square London

Dear Sir! I wrote to you the 2d Inst to which I refer you. The Pay for the Mines & Lead Mills, with the Subsistence money for the Workmen which they should have had last week will amount to about £53,000 with which we are to be supplied by Mess Surtees Burdon & Co in the following manner £37,000 in Notes of £5 each, 14,000 in Notes of £1 each, & 2,000 in Gold & Silver which is all that I can obtain from them, & I much fear that it may not give satisfaction. I am selling small quantities of Lead & Litharge for exportation at the following prices, which will come in payment in suitable times for the payments to be made Comn Lead £15-10 Refin'd £15-15 Litharge £16
Should I meet with a small House in a convenient part of the Town at about £18 per Year Rent have you any objection to it being engaged for an Office etc. What answer must I give to the Widow & Son of Westgarth Forster respecting the debt due from her concerning which I wrote to you. Mr John Stoddart who married a Sister or Mr C Blackett stopt payment the other day, he is indebted to you £73-11-1 for Lead, his effects are assigned over to Trustees for the benefit of his Creditors & I hope that he may pay fifteen shillings in the pound. I am etc J.E.B

23 May 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Auguss Browne Esqr Newcastle 23d May 1797
Foster Lane London

Sir On the 16th inst I sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing 1593 Ounces & this day I have sent you another Piece Containg 1288 1/2 Ounces both of which you'll please to place to Accot with Coll Beaumont at the Market Price & Advise me on your Receipt of them I am etc J.E.B

4 Jun 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Rd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 4th June 1797

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 26th ulte & observe the contents. I hope that your Mines may improve this year, otherwise the quantity of Ore will not keep the Mills, & the Carriage employed; last year the Stock of Ore & Lead at the Mines & Lead Mills were large, & I sold from the 1st June to the 1st inst 107,231 Ps Lead & 1514 Casks of Litharge; I fear much that the quantity this following year may fall considerably short. I do not expect that any thing can be done respecting Harehope Gill Lead Mine until the Bishop comes into the country, & a conference can be had with him on the business; I have had some conversation with Mr Casson (the person whose letter you enclosed to me) & I have employed him to draw a plan of the disputed Ground from a regular Survey which he took for the Lessees of Lord Burford, he has a difference with them respecting his charge, & his Evidence may be of material service in this affair. The South front of the Abbey facing the Garden was in so ruinous state, that it would not by any means have been safe to underset it, of course it became necessary to take it down; when the delay & expence of proping & undersetting the Wall, is considerable, exclusive of the hazard) the difference in the expence will be trifling. I go to Morpeth with my Daughter this week, & stay 'till the end of the Month, if business does not call me home; Should you & Mrs Beaumont come to the Races? my House will be much at your service. I am etc J.E.B

By the Coach I yesterday received a parcel from Mr Skelton containing a Release of an Allotment No 4 to Ann Booth it is executed by you & Mrs Beaumont & Witnessed by J Wilson & I have no doubt as to its being quite regular, so I shall execute it (without consulting Mr Heron) & return it to Mr Skelton; he sends me a state of the Sales that I have joined in, & the conveyance of Lands in lieu which he says is necessary as it will be the last Professional Business he hopes & believes he shall ever transact for the Bretton family.

12 Jun 1797 Joshua Straker to John Richardson

Mr John Richardson
Plumber Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle 12th June 1797

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the order of Surtees Burdon & Co at Ten days date for £340-9-5 being the Amount of the 280 Ps of Coll Beaumonts Lead which you bought of me the 20th Decemr last & which Bill I have no doubt you will duly honour I am etc J.S

14 Jun 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond
Bankers Charing Cross London

Newcastle 14th June 1797

Gentln Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on
Mess Glyn & Co at Thirty days dated this day for Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds
Five shillings; being a Quarter of a Year's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale
Lead Mines due the 26th May last to My Lord Bishop of Durham from Coll Beaumont.
Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same & I am etc J.E.B

£231-5

No 20777

Newcastle upon Tyne June 14th 1797

Thirty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr
Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds 5/-

Value Received

To Mess Glyn, Mills
Hallifax & Co
Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

16 Jun 1797 Joshua Straker to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 16th June 1797

Sir Mr Blackett desires me to inform you that he has drawn a Bill on you payable to
the Order of Mess Surtees, Burdon & Co at Thirty days dated the 15th Inst for Eight
Hundred & Ten Pounds Eight Shillings & Sixpence, being in full for fine Silver sent you
& which he has no doubt you will duly honor I am etc J.S

22 Jun 1797 Joshua Straker to John Richardson

Mr John Richardson
Plumber Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle 22nd June 1797

Sir

I received your letter dated 16th inst & observe what you say as to allowing you a Discount on the Lead, had it been customary I certainly would have sent it with pleasure but we have never done it to any of our Customers

We are now selling Refin'd Lead at £16 per For & I believe in a little time it will be higher
I am etc J.S

27 Jun 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Augustus Browne

Augustus Browne Esqr
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 27th June 1797

Sir I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing Fifteen Hundred and Forty five Ounces which I desire you place to accot with Col Beaumont as usual at the markt Price & advise me on your receipt of them
I am etc J.E.B

29 Jun 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Fishwick

Mr Richd Fishwick
White Lead Works Newcastle

Boldon 29th June 1797

Sir Your Favor of the 26th inst came to my hands this day. After I had sold Mr C Blackett a quantity of Comon Lead I came to a resolution not to dispose of any more for some Months, except small quantities for exportation at an advanced price, the stock of WB Lead is small at this season & the quantity this year will be much decreased on which account I certainly shall not make a Sale for some Months
I am Sir etc J.E.B

3 Jul 1797 Joshua Straker to John Spark

Mr Jonn Spark Allenheads

Newcastle 3d July 1797

Sir Mr Blackett desires me to inform you that he is much displeased at your not sending down the Mill Accots to Mr Hunter as usual & likewise that you had set on some Lead Carriers contrary to his direction, but Mr B expects in future that you will attend to the directions given by Mr Hunter the same as you did to his Father _ Mr Bl thinks that as there will be much less Ore smelted at Allenheads Mill than formerly there will be no occasion for you to have an Assistant
I am etc J.S

23 Jul 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to John Tweddel

John Tweddel Esqr
Unthank near Haltwhistle

Newcastle 23d July 1797

Dear Sir I am informed by Mr Bell of Hexham that endeavours have been used to set aside the Poor Rate for the Parish of Allendale & rating the Lead Mill & their Profits arising therefrom at the very enormous sum of £3000 per Annum which certainly is out of all kind of reason; In some years the Lead Mills have scarce yielded any Profit, & before some little improvements were made at that Mill, it was under lease to Mess Hopper & Monkhouse for 21 Years at £6 per Ann. The Hospital Mill & Refinery which is larger than that of Mr Beaumont's is rated (as Mr Walton informs me) at £100 per Ann & in that proportion we should have no objection to it, but can not possibly submit to that enormous rate, or any thing nigh it. As the rate is to go before you to be allowed, I have taken the liberty of writing to you on the subject I am etc J.E.B

25 Jul 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling
Bankers London

Newcastle 25th July 1797

Gentlemen Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Barclays Fritton & Bevan at Forty days dated the 24th Inst for Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds, being half a Years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th inst to The Revd Mr Hardinge from Coll Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am etc J.E.B

£450

No 403

Newcastle upon Tyne July 24th 1797

Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr Four
Hundred & fifty Pounds Value Received
To Mess Barclays, Fritton & Bevan Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London

25 Jul 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
M.P. Scarbrough

Newcastle 25th July 1797

Dr Sir I wrote to you the 23d inst to which I refer you. To prevent any dispute hereafter respecting the Boundary of Alston Moor, and the Bishop of Durham's

Copyhold in Weardale under Lease to you, it is proposed to have the Boundary ascertained & settled in the like manner that was done in the year 1777 between the Hospital Estate & the Regality of Hexham, I have had some conversation with the Bishop of Durham, as well as with Mr N Walton on this matter, who are very desirous that it should take place & I have consented to it, on your part, hoping that it may meet with your approbation I am with respect etc J.E.B

28 Jul 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

[Note: Includes details of the Boundaries. Rough sketch referred to in the letter text is not included in the copy letter book]

Mr Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 28th July 1797

Dr Sir I recd your letters of the 25th & 27th ins the latter enclosing Mr Tweddels letter, which I return you, & I have no doubt that the matter in dispute respecting the rating of Allen Lead Mill to the Poor Cess will be amicably settled. I have been applied to by the Bishop of Durham & Mr N Walton respecting the ascertaining the Boundary between the Manor of Stanhope, & that of Alston Moor; it is proposed that it shall be done in the like manner of that of the Regality of Hexham, & the Manor of Alston Moor in 1777. I have consented to it on the part of Mr Beaumont & must request that you will meet the several Agents to settle that business, of which you will have previous notice sometime before Mr Walton. Mr Dickinson & Mr Emerson will attend with you _ I have had a letter from Mr Beaumont who is desirous of knowing in what state the Abbey is in & whether the Approach to the House may not be made more commodiously at the West front? Pray did you see Mr Newton Senr when he was at Hexham this week? & in what state was he? I am etc J.E.B

210,78

204,49

415,27 equal 5 Miles & 336 Yards, Sett out in 3 Days in 1777

172,00 equal 2 Miles & 264 Yards from Killhopehead to that part of the Boundary of the Bishop of Durham adjoining upon Eshgill liberty in Priorsdale

6th 7th & 8th Octr 1777. The Boundary of 5 Miles in length was settled by the Agents & a Ditch cut in their presence _ Mess Walton & Smeaton assisted by Mr Hilton the Moor Master of the Manor of Alston Moor on the part of Greenwich Hospital _ & Mess Bell & Dickinson assisted by Mr Westgarth Forster on the part of Sir Thomas Blackett. We have been happy ever since & have no difficulty now in determining the Boundaries underground as at the Surface all is known exactly _ The Boundary between the Manor of Alston Moor & the Regality of Hexham, is in general under no other description than that of the Division of Heavens Water or as the old Bounder papers describe it from one Bounder mark to another _ sicut aqua celestis divisit. The Boundary of the Manor

of Alston Moor joining the Manor of Stanhope is as above by the Division of Heavens Water - it extends upon the Ridge of very high ground & the summit is in many places of a considerable breadth & nearly flat and being chiefly composed of Black Peat Earth the Rain water has in course of years cut it into many meandering hollows or Sykes the higher extremities of which extend beyond each other into the two Manors so that the Rain which falls clearly within the Manor of Stanhope runs in many instances into the Manor of Alston Moor & in many other instances the Rain which falls in the Manor of Alston Moor runs into the Manor of Stanhope and the hollows or Sykes are subject to alter and are extending farther & farther into each Manor it seems necessary to have something done effectually to ascertain the Boundary which should most undoubtedly run & really must be by a Line running between the extremities of the hollows or Sykes - See Rough Sketch.

30 Jul 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
M.P. Scarbrough

Newcastle 30th July 1797

Dr Sir I am favoured with your letters of the 26th & 27th inst & I observe that you approve of the Boundary being ascertained, & settled, between the Manor of Alston Moor, and that of Stanhope (leased by you) the Boundary between the Hospital Estate, & the Regality of Hexham, was settled in 1777. Mr Newton is in the Country, & I do not find that he is yet capable of doing business; his Son is from home, when he returns, I shall desire him to give you the Information that you want. Mr Anderson asked 30 Guineas a Year for the house that I mentioned to you in a former letter, it was old, & would require many things being done by the tenant; I have engaged a small house in Westgate Street (above Mr Heron's house on the same side of the street) for five years at £20 per Ann. rent, it has had a thorough repair, & is to be painted inside & out; it is the property of Mr Ord of Fenham. I hope that it may meet with your approbation. Should you send your Gamekeeper on these Moors? I fancy that a few Birds would be very acceptable to Genl Musgrave. Two Guineas shall be given in your Name to the Prisoners in Morpeth Goal of which proper notice shall be taken I am etc J.E.B

P.S. I have seen Mr Newton Jr who has promised me to give the Information that you want.

31 Jul 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Mander & Bacon

Messrs Mander & Bacon
Wolver Hampton Staffordshire

Newcastle 31st July 1797

Gentn I recd your Lre of the 29th ins & observe the Contents. The Litharge that I dispose of on Mr Beaumont's Account is in large quantities, the present price will be £17 per Ton of 2220 lbs & we are at no charge whatever in the shipping etc on which account I would recommend it to you to employ your Friends at this place to act for you. I am etc J.E.B

6 Aug 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
M.P. Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 6th Augt 1797

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your letters of the 1th & 4th ins & I observe the contents. I shall make your apologies to the High Sheriff & Gentlemen for not attending the Assizes, which was your intention to have done had not some unavoidable circumstances prevented you. Since I wrote to you I have had a meeting with Mr Williamson, Mr Heron & the Revd Mr Wilson's Attorney, respecting Harehope Gill Lead Mine, the former is of opinion that the Chancellor will not grant an Injunction to stop the Workings, of course there will be no other method of proceeding against the Lessee's of Lord Burford, than by an Action at Law etc & that there is no summary method of preventing the Lessee's working, which they are doing as expeditiously as they can, & the Mine is very rich, most of the Lessee's have small shares as 32ds & 64ths so that I fear that there will be a great difficulty in obliging them to account for the Profits, in case of your succeeding in yr cause; The Leases of the Mines, as well as well as that of the Moor Master, are to be laid before Mr Heron etc to prepare a case for Mr Williamson's opinion. Sir H Wilson should appoint some person at this place to receive the Interest who could give a receipt for the same, for it is not reasonable that you should have the trouble & risk of the remittance.

Mr Newton's letter is a very extraordinary one after what I said to his Son; I shall desire that he will give you the Information that you wanted, that you may be enabled to judge whether what has been done is much to your satisfaction. I shall observe what you say as to the Book Case, & the Beds etc. I am etc J.E.B

8 Aug 1797 Joshua Straker to Browne & Brind

Messrs Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 8th Augt 1797

Gentn I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers a Piece fine Silver Containing 1518 1/2 Ounces wch I desire you place to Account with Coll

Beaumont as usual & Advise Mr Blackett on your Receipt of it for whom I am Yours
etc I am etc J.S

19 Aug 1797 Joshua Straker to Browne & Brind

Messrs Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 19th Augt 1797

Gentn Mr Blackett desires me to inform you that he has drawn a Bill upon you payable to the Order of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co at 30 days dated this day for £500 on Accot of fine Silver sent you on Coll Beaumonts Account & which he has no doubt you will duly honor I am etc J.S

22 Aug 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 22nd Augt 1797

Dr Sir I wrote to you the 15th inst to which I refer you. Your Lead Stewards have this day been with me for Subsistance for the Workmen; the Mines are much in the same state they were when the Stewards were down last, not any improvement, some new trials are making of which they have great hopes. I have advanced the price of Lead a little the small quantities that I have sold have been at £16 per For for Comon £16-5 for Refd £16-10 & £16-15 per Ton for Litharge; an advance of price will depend on the prospect there may be of a Peace, should that be unfavourable? I fear that the present price can not be maintained; I hope during the course of next Month to make a Sale to the London Houses, & I could wish to sell 40,000 Pieces of Lead. I have seen Newton Junr who will write to you more fully respecting the expence of making the entrance to the Abbey at the west front etc. I observed by the Papers that Mr Gray had given one Guinea to the Prisoners in the Goal at this place, I have done the like for you
I am etc J.E.B

1 Sep 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir Henry Wilson
Pontefract Pomfret

Newcastle Sept 1st 1797

Sir, Mr Beaumont informs me that you have accepted of the trust for the children of the late Mr W Wilson of this place & that you have directed that the Interest of the £5000 on Mortgage shall for the future be remitted half yearly to your Banker in Town

As that matter is not usually done you will be pleased to appoint some person at this place to receive the Same and you may depend on its being regularly paid. I am etc J.E.B

29 Sep 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 29th Sepr 1797

Gentlemen On Wednesday last I sent you by Jacksons & Potts the London Carriers a Pe fine Silver Containing Sixteen Hundred and Ninety Ounces which I desire you will place to account with Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Markett Price & advise me on your receipt of it I am etc J.E.B

30 Sep 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir H Wilson Kn
Pomfret Yorkshire

Newcastle Sepr 30th 1797

Sir, Your letter to Colonel Beaumont of the 25th inst was sent me by him, & it being on business, an answer by Deputy I hope may not give you offence. One Thousand Pounds (a part of the £5000 on Mortgage from the late Sir Thomas Blackett to the late Mr William Wilson) shall be paid to you on the 1st Novemr by a Bill on London at ten days date (if agreeable to you) on your giving a proper discharge on the Mortgage Deed, which Mr Pearson informs me is in your possession. Inclosed I send you Messrs Surtees & Burdon's Bill on Barclay's & Co for £125 being one half years interest of the £5000 on Mortgage, the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge to Sir etc J.E.B

£125

No 1318

Newcastle upon Tyne 30th Sepr 1797

Thirty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds

Value Received

Mess Barclays Tritton & Bevan
Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

2 Oct 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to William Wilson

The Revd Mr Wilson Wolsingham

Newcastle 2d Octr 1797

Sir I am desired by Mr Beaumont to acknowledge the receipt of your letter respecting Harehope Gill Leadmine, and to acquaint you that he will be at this place in ten days or a fortnight; the Matter relating that Mine is before Mr Williamson and Mr Heron, if you are not satisfied with the proceedings? you are at liberty to take such steps (on your own part) as you may think proper. I am etc J.E.B

21 Oct 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Wilkinson

Isaac Wilkinson Esqr Chesterfield

Newcastle 21st Octr 1797

Dr Sir

I understand that the Minister intends to propose a tax on Lead Ore at the Mine, or on the Lead smelted, at the Mill, & to put it under the Excise, either of which will be a heavy burthen on the trade, & discourage the working of many Mines; taxing the Ore at the Mines will be most unjust & oppressive, as it is frequently badly dressed & the waste is considerable; Should the Lead be taxed at the Mill it will not only be a heavy load on the trade, but subject it to numberless inconveniences, delays, & loss by its being subject to the Excise laws, and finally destroy the Mining for Lead in this Country; A Gentleman of my acquaintance, a very intelligent well informed man who has resided for some years in Spain, informs me that if the Spaniards were to open their Mines of Lead? they would undersell us in this Country, considerably, as their Mines are very rich, & worked at a small expence; I have had letters from Scotland on this business & application is made to the Lead Compy. I should be glad to have your sentiments on the matter; I have directed the Lead Agents at the Mines & Mills not to comply with the requisition of the Excise Officers untill the matter is further considered; In case it should be found that the Minister is bent on laying a tax on Lead, it will then be advisable to use our endeavours that it may be in a mode least burthensome to the Proprietors, & the trade.

Since I wrote to you I have sold about 18,000 Ps of Lead 1/3 Refin'd at £16 per For 6 Mn Credit & 1000 Ps Comon at £16 5 all which I can deliver in the course of a Month; I could have sold 20,000 Ps more to the London Houses on the same terms; the Agent of the Lead Company informed me this morning that they have very lately sold to Lancaster & Co & Walkers & Co 10,000 Ps Refin'd Lead at £16 per For _ The Houses of Preston & Son & Locke & Co had no part of my last or former Sale. There will not be above 8000 Ps at this Markett unsold 7000 of which is Mr Erringtons. I congratulate you on the late glorious Victory gained by Admiral Duncan's fleet over that of the Dutch & I hope that it may be a means of bringing about a Peace I am etc J.E.B

22 Oct 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir H Wilson
Chelsea Park Little Chelsea London

Newcastle 22d Octr 1797

Sir I had the honour of your letter of the 14th Inst which I should have answered sooner had I not been called from Home. Inclosed you will receive Surtees & Burdons Bill on Barclays & Co dated 14th Inst at Thirty days date for One Thousand Pounds, being in part payment of Sir Thomas Blacketts Bond & Mortgage to the late Wm Wilson Esqr for £5000 I enclose you a receipt which you will please to sign, & return to me; It will be necessary that an endorsement should be made on the back of the Bond (which is in your Steward's possession) of the receipt of this sum.

Your handsome expressions towards me are very obliging

I am with respect etc J.E.B

£1000

No 1507

Newcastle upon Tyne 14th Octr 1797

Thirty days after date pay to the order of John E Blackett Esqr	
One Thousand Pounds	Value Received
Mess Barclays Tritton & Bevan	Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London	

29 Oct 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 29th Octr 1797

Dr Sir I waited for a letter from Mr Bell before I wrote to you that I might have it in my power to give you some account of what is doing at the Abbey; All he says is, that the Slaters are getting forward, & that they will get the South side of the square covered in before Martinmass, in case the Weather permits. Miss Newton informs me that her Father has not yet given a Power of Attorney to her & another person to act for him, it has been mentioned to him, & he has no objection, the Deed is preparing, & when executed, Mr Ebdon will be desired to meet Mr Stephenson (who acts for the Newtons) at the Abbey to set a value on the work etc As I propose going in a few days to Harrogate for a fortnight any letter that you may write on this business, you will please to address to Mr Straker or Mr Bell. I wish that you would endeavour to find out from Mr Pitt or Mr Rose whether there is any serious intention of bringing forward in the House a Tax on Lead; Whether it is proposed to lay it on the Ore at the Mine, or Mill, before the Smelting, or on the Lead when smelted, and if it be the intention of the Minister to subject it to the Excise laws, It is highly necessary that we should be informed of these particulars as soon as possible, that the Lead Proprietors may be enabled to offer such Arguments to the Minister against the

Tax, (or the Mode of it,) as may be adviseable and which if attended to may be the means of preventing the Mining Concerns being materially injured, and a number of Mines in this Kingdom must unavoidably be laid in, & the Workmen & their families rendered destitute of bread; I have wrote to Derbyshire & Scotland on the subject & shall write to Mr Chayter a principal Proprietor in Yorkshire, they are all of the same opinion with me on this matter; I shall be glad to hear from you on this business, directed to the Dragon Harrogate. I hope that you left Mrs Beaumont & young folks in good health. I am etc J.E.B

31 Oct 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Messrs Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 31st Octr 1797

Gentn I have drawn a Bill upon you payable to the Order of Surtees Burdon & Co at 30 days dated 30th inst for £803 being the Balance of your Accot for fine Silver with Coll Beaumont & which I doubt not that you will duly honor _ I observe what you say respecting the Cash Price of Silver & have mentioned it to our Refiners & hope the like will not happen in future I am etc J.E.B

1 Nov 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond
Bankers Charing Cross London

Newcastle 1st Novr 1797

Gentln Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co on Messrs Barclays & Co at Thirty days dated this day for Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds Ten shillings; being a half a Year's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due 26th Inst to The Lord Bishop of Durham from Coll Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same I am Gentn etc J.E.B

£462-10

No 1697

Newcastle upon Tyne Novr 1st 1797

Thirty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett

Esqr Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds 10/- Value received

Mess Barclays, Tritton & Bevan
Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

2 Nov 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to William Chayter

William Chayter Esqr
Pennithorn near Middleham Yorkshire

Newcastle 2d Novr 1797

Sir I understand that it is the intention of the Minister to propose a Tax on Lead smelted at the Mill, or on the Ore at the Mine, & to subject it to the Excise laws, either of which Modes of taxing it will be very burthensome to the trade, as well as a great discouragement to the Mining Concerns in this Kingdom; Applications having been made by the Excise Officers to the Agents at the several Lead Mills in this Country, in Derbyshire and in Scotland for an exact account of the quantity & weight of the Lead smelted at each Mill during the space of the last year, I directed the Agents of Mr Beaumont not to comply with the requisition untill the matter was fully considered; Should such a tax be proposed? will it not be adviseable to have a Meeting of the Mine Proprietors at some Central place (as Middleham) to take this matter into full Consideration that they may be prepared to offer such arguments against the measure as may (if not totally prevent its taking place) at least may remove some of the most objectionable parts of it & cause it to be the less burthensome to the Mining concerns. I go tomorrow to Harrogate for three weeks & shall be happy to be favoured with your Sentiments on this business directed to the Dragon I am etc J.E.B

2 Nov 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 2d Novr 1797

Dr Sir I am favoured with your Lre of the 29th inst inclosing your Lre to Mr Bell which I forwarded by post. Mr Tweddale called on me & I had some conversation with him respecting the buildings etc at the Abbey; its probable that he may stay there till Monday next to meet Mr Stephenson who goes thee on the part of Mr Newton, & when he has executed the power of Attorney? notice will be given to Mr Ebdon to meet Mr Stephenson on that business; I find that Newton strongly recommends a stone Stair case (instead of that intended) & recommends the design of that at Capheaton, I mentioned this to Mr Tweddale who will consult with Johnson about it; & make his report to Mrs Beaumont & yourself. I wish you would inform yourself of Mr Pitt or Mr Rose as to the proposed tax on Lead & favor me with a few lines directed to the Dragon Harrogate for which place I go tomorrow. I am etc J.E.B

5 Dec 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 5th Decr 1797

Dear Madam I had the honor of your Lre of the 26th Ulto which I should have sooner replied to, could I have brought Mr Newton to a point as to the mode of settling the business between you & himself, for untill that was done, it would be to little purpose having Mr Ebdon & Mr Stephenson to meet at the Abbey with different instructions. on which account I had a meeting with Mr Stephenson, when I acquainted him that you & Coll Beaumont disapproved much of what had been done at the Abbey, & that you were determined on coming to a final settlement with Mr Newton, & have nothing more to do with him; I told him the Mode in which it was proposed to settle this business, which I desired he would communicate to Mr Newton, or his family, & to acquaint me with their answer as soon as possible that I may be enabled to appoint a day with Mr Ebdon for the meeting; I have not yet been able to procure an answer, & should I not get such a one that is satisfactory? I shall (with your approbation) on Monday next discharge Mr Newton, & likewise the Men employed by him at the Abbey; you will be pleased to favour me with your answer. I shall go to Hexham on Monday morning to meet the Lead Stewards with Subsistance for the Workmen & to make some Wood payment for the Mines. The business of Parliament has I imagine detained Col Beaumont longer in Town than he expected I am etc J.E.B

The proposed Tax on Lead will I hope be abandoned. I by no means agree with Lord Hawks that it is not the interest of the Lead Proprietors (for the reasons that he gave) that the price shou'd exceed £17 per For that price has been exceeded four & £5 per For. We found no bad consequence arising from it, very much otherwise & I could wish to have another experiment of the kind.

10 Dec 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Coll Beaumont (to be opened by Mrs Beaumont)
MP Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 10th Decr 1797

Dr Madam

Since I wrote to you I have received the inclosed from Mr Newton from which you will observe the claims that he makes on Col Beaumont, & how necessary that it will be that some plan of settlement between the Parties should be agreed to, before Mr Ebdon & Mr Stephenson go to the Abbey for the purpose of adjusting that matter, otherwise their valuation and report will not be conclusive, & can answer no good purpose; I have had some conversation with Mr Stephenson on the business, & he is of the same opinion; I at the same time informed him that neither you nor Col Beaumont made any agreement with Mr Newton for the payment of any stated sums at certain times; that Mr Newton did deliver me such a Calculation, which was looked upon by Coll Beaumont & yourself to be overrated & unreasonable, & of course was not complied with; That had you not given your consent to Mr Newton having any part of

the Materials whatever (nor has he even made any Proposal of the kind) & in case of his having disposed of, or converted any article to his own use, that he must be accountable for the same. Should I not hear from you by this days post, I shall tomorrow give a discharge from Coll Beaumont to Mr Newton from proceeding further in the repairs & Alterations at the Abbey, & do the like to his Workmen at Hexham.

Mr Heron informs me that in the Law Proceedings respecting Harehope Gill Lead Mine it is necessary that he should know whether Mr Cockshet & Mr Cotton are still living. and at what place Sir Thomas Blacketts Will was proved. I am etc J.E.B

Not having any letter from you or Coll Beaumont by this Post I shall proceed in the business as I have mentioned. as from Yourselves

13 Dec 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coll Beaumont
MP Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 13th Decemr 1797

Dr Sir At my return from Hexham yesterday Noon I received your favor of the 10th inst & I am glad to hear that you found Mrs Beaumont & the Children all in good health. As I found there were only five of Mr Newtons joiners at work at the Abbey finishing the materials they had there, I postponed giving him, or them, a discharge untill I heard further from you in answer to my last letter, & I again repeat that I foresee a very great difficulty in getting this business settled with Mr Newton; Should Mr Ebdon (after having your instructions) take a View of the Work etc it appears that Mr Newton would not abide by his Report, neither would you (its probable) be determined by that of Mr Stephenson; If Mr Tweddale can be spared I think that it would be advisable for him (after having your full instructions) to come over, & meet Mr Ebdon & Mr Stephenson at the Abbey; in case Mr Tweddale can not with convenience come over, Mr Bell may have your Instructions how to Act; after the business is settled & you have done with Mr Newton, would you approve of continuing Smith the present foreman of Mr Newton to carry on the work in the same Capacity as he is at present? I understand that he is very desirous of it, & that he is a sober, diligent, good Workman; you will please to favour me with your Answer. I paid your Lead Stewards £3680 for Subsistance for the Workmen, & to make payments for Wood. The Mines were much in the same state as when the Stewards were last down. I hope that the proposed tax on Lead is abandoned by the Minister. I am etc J.E.B

18 Dec 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

[Note: Attached letter to William Newton]

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 18th Decr 1797

Dr Sir In consequence of a Lre which I received from Mr Beaumont by the last post. I have wrote to Mr Newton, a Copy of which you have annexed; its probable that this notice will occasion Mr Stephenson to call on me, & as soon as a time is appointed for him & Mr Ebdon to meet at the Abbey, for the purpose of settling the business with you, you shall be informed of the same. As Smith will be no longer employed by Mr Newton, & a Foreman will be wanted to carry on, & compleat the joiner Work, I do not see that Mr Beaumont can have a more proper person than Smith who appears to be very capable of conducting the same & is acquainted with it; Mr Beaumont thinks that his being continued may induce Mr Newton to think that he is still employed under him; which matter I shall explain to Mr Newton in case Mr Beaumont should not have any further objection. I am etc J.E.B

Mr William Newton

Newcastle 18th Decr 1797

Mr Beaumont having given Directions that the Carpenters and joiners work carried on by you for & at Hexham Abbey shall be no longer continued you will take notice Accordingly that after saturday the 23d ins Thos R Beaumont will no longer be answerable to you or your Workmen for any Work done on Account of the same

I am for Thos R Beaumont Esqr Yours etc J.E.B

19 Dec 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont

Newcastle 19th Decemr 1797

MP Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your letters of the 14th & 15th in consequence of which I have sent Mr Newton a Discharge a Copy of which I enclose, & I likewise sent the same to Mr Bell to be delivered to Mr Newton's foreman since which I have not heard from him, or Mr Stephenson, as soon as they fix a time for the meeting at the Abbey Mr Ebdon shall be wrote to, & you & Mr Bell shall be informed of the same; I imagine that Mr Newton will make a charge for all the new timber the iron work & Nails supplied by him, for the Carpenters & joiners wages, for the several journeys of himself and his Son & likewise for the Plans; An estimate of the materials & workmanship could not be formed, as a considerable part of the Old Timber has been made use of in the building etc. I do not find f[ro]m Mr Bell that any part of the old timber of the Abbey has been applied by Mr Newton to his own use. Mr Bell told me that he had not paid any thing to the Plasterers for materials or Workmanship. After saturday next Smith the foreman will be no longer be employed by Mr Newton as he does not carry on business any longer.

The new Assessed Taxes give very great dissatisfaction, & are thought to be very unequal, ruinous & oppressive. I am etc J.E.B

26 Dec 1797 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Messrs Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 26th Decr 1797

Gentln I have this day sent you by Jacksons & Potts the London Carriers three Pieces fine Silver Containing Three Thousand Six Hundred & Eleven Ounces (as under) which I desire that you will place to Account with Thos R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Market Price & Advise me on your Receipt them I am etc J.E.B

a Pe fine Silver qty	1377
Ditto qty	1087
Ditto qty	1147
	3611

6 Jan 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos R Beaumont Esqr MP
Bretton Yorkshire

Newcastle 6th Jany 1798

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your letters of the 27th & 29th Ultio I have at length got the Newton's to fix a day for Mr Ebdon to meet Mr Stephenson at the Abbey for the purpose of settling the business between you & Mr Newton, I have wrote to Mr Ebdon & if Monday 15th inst should suit him; he is to be with me on the Tuesday evening, it will be necessary that Mr Ebdon should be informed of the nature of the Agreement made with Mr Newton & as Mrs Beaumont & you are the best able to give that information, you will be pleased to state it to me that I may have it in my power to instruct Mr Ebdon; Mr Newton's Estimate of Alterations & Repairs to be made at Hexham Abbey as per Plan marked No 2. Money to be Advanced for carrying on the work etc (as it is entitled) which he gave me (Copy which was sent you) Should not I think be an guide to Mr Ebdon & Mr Stephenson altho' the Newton family considers it as a kind of Agreement they lay a good of Stress on it on that account & possibly may instruct Mr Stephenson accordingly _ In my opinion they must either make an Estimate of the Work done from Measurement & of the Materials of Mr Newton's that are remaining, or they must set a Valuation on all the Timber, Iron Work Nails etc which with the Carriage the Workmanship (or the Wages paid) must be brought into the charge; Mr Newton's charge as well for the Plans as that for Attendance of himself &

his Son possibly may not be thought proper to be taken into Consideration by the two Persons; the former has been carried into execution in part only, & the Work has not been executed to your satisfaction nor has this inspection of Mr Newton & his Son notwithstanding which I do apprehend that you will be liable for a reasonable charge for both. Mr Heron has frequently been applied to for his bill for business done previous to the death of Sir Thos Blackett as well as since that time; untill I obtained that it was not in my power to settle with him, he is desired to make out his Bill for both as well as his charge on your Elections; you do not mention the Sum it may be proper to give Mr Williamson for his attendance at Alnwick on that occasion _ I have sold some small Quantities of Lead since the last sales that I advised you of there is no demand at present & if I make a Sale any time this month it would not come in course of payment before the time of the Lead Pays the end of May. I am at present at a loss to say what may be the Amount of the next pay, but I hope that the payments to be made for the Lead already sold, with a part of the Sum in your Bankers hands may be sufficient for the Carriage & Lead Pays the Subsistence for the Workmen & other charges

The Assessed Taxes Certainly will take place the Modifications will require some other Taxes & that proposed to be laid on Lead I have no doubt will be adopted

I am etc J.E.B

19 Jan 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
M.P. Portman square London

Newcastle 19th Jany 1798

Dr Sir I refer you to my letter of the 15th ins: Mr Ebdon returned fm Hexham yesterday evening & he called on me this morning; he & Mr Stephenson have gone through their valuation etc at the Abbey, & they are doing the like by some deals at this place which are ready dressed for flooring (& will be preferable to green ones) as well as some Architraves which are already wrought, Mr Edbon informs me that it will take some little time to arrange & settle this matter, & that in the course of ten days, he will either call on me with their Valuation etc or that it shall be sent to me; I believe that you could not have employed a Person in every respect better qualified for the business, than Mr Ebdon: What Timber or Deals that may hereafter be wanted for the Abbey Mr Bell will order from Mr Wm Surtees: You will probably hear from Mr Bell on this business. It is fortunate that I made those Sales of Lead in Septr & Novr last for there is no demand at present, & the prospect for this year is very unpromising indeed, the foreign Ports being in a great measure shut to our trade, and the restrictions laid on by the Enemy on the Ships of Neutral Powers, will be a very great Cramp on the trade; the Quantity of Lead sent to India has been much less for these two years past, & this year there will be a further reduction of 1000 or 1200 Tons; A pretty large quantity of Mr Errington's Lead has been at Markett for a considerable time, for which £16-10s per

For was refused some time ago, he probably may be under a necessity of accepting of £15 or £15-10s per For. On the 17th ins I paid into the Bank of Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on your Account sundry Bills on London payable in one, two, & three months amounting to £34,348-7s-2d. I am with best respects to Mrs Beaumont & yourself
Yours etc J.E.B

28 Jan 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R Beaumont Esqr
Portman square London

Newcastle 28th Jany 1798

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your Lre of the 26th inst inclosing the Bishop of Durham's letter to you respecting the inclosure of the Common & waste lands in Weardale; Such a measure I have no doubt will be very injurious to your Concerns in those parts, & it requires some serious consideration before you give the Bishop an answer to his letter; I propose being at Hexham on Monday the 5th Feby to meet the Lead Stewards, & I shall then hear their arguments against the measure, at my return I shall lay the Lease before Mr Williamson for his opinion as to the ground you may have to go on for the purpose of opposing the Bill (should it be thought advisable) for its clear that the Bishop has given his consent, & will use his interest towards carrying it forward; Should he be of opinion (which I think will be the case) that any opposition from you & the small free & Copyholders will have little or no Effect, it will in that case be matter of consideration what Clauses it may be advisable for you to Propose for the preservation of your rights, etc under the Lease that you hold of the Bishop, & likewise those liberties enjoyed by the small free & Copyholders as far as you may have it in your power. I have not seen or heard from Mr Ebdon since I wrote to you.

I am etc J.E.B

In a letter from Mr Bell (an extract of which I send you) he complains much of the Battens sent by Mr W Surtees & Co. I shall shew Mr Surt[ees] the letter.

2 Feb 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 2d Feby 1798

Gentlemen I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the order of Mess Surtees Burdon & Co at Thirty days dated this day for £979-19-7 being in full of your Account with Col Beaumont for fine Silver sent you, and which I doubt not you will duly honor

I am etc J.E.B

3 Feb 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs Gosling Bankers London

Newcastle 3d Feby 1798

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on Mess Barclays & Co at Forty days dated this day for £450 being half a Year's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due 11th Ulto to the Revd Heny Hardinge from Coll Beaumont _ Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & inform Mr Hardinge of the same
I am etc J.E.B

£450 No 3084

Newcastle upon Tyne Feby 3d 1798

Forty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr
Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds Value Received
Mess Barclays, Tritton & Bevan Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London

8 Feb 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R Beaumont Esqr
Portman square London

Newcastle 8th Feby 1798

Dr Sir I wrote to you the 29th Ulto to which I refer you. I met the Lead Stewards at Hexham on Monday last & paid them £3000 for Subsistence for the Workmen, & on Monday I shall make the last Lead Carriage Pay amounting to upwards of £900. I have desired that Mr Emerson's will take the matter respecting the Division & enclosure of the Commons & Waste lands in Weardale into full consideration, & to state to me the Prejudice that such Division may be to your Concern in that Quarr: & likewise what Clauses they would recommend for the Preservation of the rights which you at present enjoy by the Lease that you hold under the Bishop of Durham; I expect to receive it this next week, when I shall lay the same with the Lease before Mr Williamson for his opinion how far it may be in your power to prevent a Division taking place & in case it should not, then to frame such Clauses as may be thought adviseable; when that is done you shall be advised of the same. I send you enclosed a Copy of the Valuation made at the Abbey etc by Mr Ebdon & Mr Stephenson & likewise a Copy of a Paper delivered to me by Mess Newton being a Charge made by Mr Newton in his Book of Accots for his Journeys Plans Estimates etc. Mr Ebdon declined giving any opinion on that part of the business, nor do I yet know what he is to be paid for the trouble that he has had; Mr Newton has received from Mr Bell £750 on Accot. The Masons Carpenters

& Plaisterers, are at work on the Abbey, Mr Bell will write to you fully as to that business, to whom I refer you. I am etc J.E.B

23 Feb 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir H Wilson Pomfret Yorkshire

Newcastle 23d Feby 1798

Sir

I send you enclosed Messss Surtees Burdon & Cos Bill on Barclays & Co for £160-11- being for six months Interest on the late Sir Thomas Blacketts Bond to the late W Wilson Esqr due 17th ins & likewise for one year's Rent of the House in Westgate street due Mart[ima]s last deducting 9s/ for the Land Tax the receipt for which I enclose you; Your will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the same for the purpose mentioned I am etc J.E.B

P.S. I find that on the payment of the £1000 that the enclosed overpays you for 3 Mon 17 days intt amountg £15-4-6 which will be deducted from the next ½ Yrs intt

£160-11-

No 3373

Newcastle upon Tyne Feby 23d 1798

Thirty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr
One Hundred & Sixty Pounds 11/0d Value received
Messss Barclays Tritton & Bevan Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London

2 Mar 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to John White

Mr John White Engine Maker
No 11 John Street Minorities London

Newcastle 2d March 1798

Sir I received your letter of the 16th Ulto with Invoice of an Extractor amounting to £13-13- for which sum I herewith enclose you Surtees & Cos Bill on Barclay's & Co dated 1st inst at ten days date. The Extractor is arrived & landed & should it answer the purpose I may have occasion for more, & probably of a larger size; I have shewn it to several Persons concerned in Collieries & Leadmines who seem to approve of it. I am etc J.E.B

£13-13- No 3454

Newcastle upon Tyne Mar 1st 1798

Ten days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr
Thirteen Sixty Pounds Thirteen Shillings Value received

To Messrs Barclays Tritton & Bevan
Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

2 Mar 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr
Portman square London

Newcastle 2d March 1798

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 24th Ult & observe what you say respecting the intended Division in Weardale; I have no doubt that it will be injurious to your concerns in some degree, but it appears that the Bishop of Durham has not only given his Consent to its taking place, but that he has promoted the Measure as much as possible, he may be benefited by it; You can not, however any opposition of yours to the Division would have little effect, as the Bishop of whom you hold Leases is friendly to the Measure; It will be highly necessary that you should have the full enjoyment of every right that you have exercised; The Bishops Law Agents in Conjunction with Mr Williamson & Mr Heron will look to that, & I will procure from your Weardale Agents every necessary Information that may be required, & as (by Mr Pearson's letter) this business cannot go to Parliament this Session there will be full time to obtain every information & likewise to have this Matter fully considered. I send you enclosed a Copy of Mr Pearson's letter to Mr Heron

Mr Fishwick has not yet complied with his agreement & I do not expect to get the Bills till the 13th or 14th inst.

I am etc J.E.B

18 Mar 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
MP Portman square London

Newcastle 18th March 1798

Dr Sir I wrote to you the 2d inst to which I beg leave to refer you. On Monday last Mr Heron & myself had a meeting with Mr Pearson of Durham & Mr Mowbray the Bishop's Agent respecting the application that is about to be made to Parliament for a Division of the Commons & Stinted Pastures in Weardale, when after having fully considered that matter it was agreed that care should be taken that the proper Clauses may be in the Bill for the preserving every right & Privilege which the Bishop or his Lessee may have enjoyed; the Lead Stewards are to be down here the 2d April when Mr Emerson & Mr Allgood are to come prepared to give Mr Heron every information, & satisfaction that may be required, after which he is to write to Mr Pearson previous to that Gentl & Mr Mowbray having a Meeting with the Freeholders & the Copyholders; The Bishop of Durham Covenants in his leases to you, that you shall

have the full and ample enjoyment of such Privileges as are there stated & which the Lessee under the See of Durham have hitherto enjoyed; Consequently it will be incumbent on the Bishop of Durham to provide against the rights etc of his Lessee being injured. In a former letter I advised you of the bad prospect for the Lead trade this year & I am sorry to say that it is not likely to improve, some Lead at this place has lately been sold at £14 per For ready money & tho' the Market is not absolutely to be governed by such small sales on account of the holders being needy, yet as the demand is very trifling, & large stocks will soon be at market, the price must drop, the small quantities that I have sold of late have been at £16 per For but we can not expect that price to be kept up I am etc J.E.B

23 Mar 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
MP Portman square London

Newcastle 23d March 1798

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 19th inst & by the last Post Mr Wilson's letter to Mrs Beaumont; I hope that it will be unnecessary for me to go thro' a long detail to clear myself of the Aspersions this fellow has thought proper to load me with, I shall only say that his Charges against me I solemnly declare are false, & I very believe the like of those against Mr Straker Mr Emerson & his Son; if the Man is not disordered in his brain (which I rather incline to think he is) he is a most lying impudent scoundril, & I beg leave to refer you to Mr Williamson & Mr Heron for their opinion of him, particularly the latter as to his Veracity in the transaction that he has had with him in this business; I shall send you a Copy of his letter with my observations & answers to the several charges in case you think proper.

Inclosed you have a copy of a letter that I received yesterday from Mr Emerson Junr from which you & Mrs Beaumont may judge how far Mr Wilson may be depended on when he alleges in his letter, "I also found that the Proprietors of the Mine had offered to suffer Coll Beaumont's Agents to examine the Mine & that Mr Emerson or his Son were the persons fixed on. in another part he says "I waited on Mr Blackett the day after he returned from Hexham to hear what Mr Dickinson said about coming; He told me that Mr Dickinson said he could not conveniently come but Mr Blackett would desire Mr Emerson of Newhouse or his Son to attend". In answer to this charge I spoke to both Mr Dickinson & Mr Crawhall when I was at Hexham about taking a View of Harehope Gill Mine with Mr Emerson Junr and after having Dial'd it giving their opinion of the workings etc but untill I knew whether Lord Burford's Lessee's would permit your Agents to take a View of the Mine, it would be to no purpose to them to go from their other Concerns on this business _ this I told Mr Wilson when he call'd on me, & on the 2d March at his request I wrote a letter to Geo Raw the Agent for that Mine to know if the Agents of Coll Beaumont would be allowed

to take such View, an answer to which has been given to Mr Emerson, in short Mr Wilson is so troublesome a Man, and so dangerous to have any conversation with that I am determined to have nothing to say to him for the future except in the presence of the persons of the law employed by you or himself.

My letter to you of the 18th ins would inform you of the bad prospect there is of the Lead trade, Mr Fishwick at length gave me Bills for about £6736-1-9 which was the sum & not £10,000 The purchase of the Land-tax by the Proprietors will not be relished by the landholders in this Country & will be looked on as a Prelude to an equal General Land-tax throughout the Kingdom; the present Land-tax on your Estate in the Manor of Hexham & Anick Grange is upon an average 11d per Pound. I am etc J.E.B

18 Apr 1798 Henry Hardinge to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Included with letter from JEB to Col Beaumont of 30 April 1798]

J E Blackett Esqr Newcastle upon Tyne

Sir Having heard last Week with much pleasure that Coll Beaumont's Miners were desirous to contribute for the defence of the Country, I waited upon Mr Emerson & requested that he would allow me to add a contribution from those of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Stanhope who were not employed in Coll Beaumonts Works, & who might be disposed to join in that very laudable purpose, with which request he was so obliging as to comply; I have accordingly with the assistance of a Church Warden & two of the principle Parishioners raised the sum of £41-17-6, & consigned it to the care of Mr Emerson, to whom I delivered the Account. I took the opportunity when I was in London last month of paying at the Bank of England the Charge upon me for this year's new assessment, & afterwards a Voluntary Contribution of £40 in my own name & £10 in the names of my two eldest sons, & of course my contribution in the Parish is considerable less than it otherwise would have been. I beg leave to mention that I wish to pay the expence of Printing the account in the Newcastle Papers, & have authorised Francis Vickers, the Carrier, to settle with the Printers, especially as my necessary list of Contributors consists of a pretty large number of names. Mr Emerson will probably not be able to complete & send his account in time for publication this week, but next week will answer nearly as well, for several other Parishes in this part of the country are not yet prepared to publish their Contributions

I am Sir

With Respect etc

H Hardinge

Stanhope

April 18th 1798

30 Apr 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

[Note: see letter from Hardinge to JEB of 18 April 1798 referred to in this letter]

Coll Beaumont
MP Portman square London

Newcastle 30th Apr 1798

Dr Sir

I wrote to you the 14th inst to which I refer you. the only sale that I have made since that time is 3000 Pieces of Lead to C.B. one half refined at £15 per For payable in Bills due in six months; I offered Mr Chris Blackett the like quantity at 7 months credit but he declined it; I wait for Mr Lancaster's answer whether he will take 3 or 6000 ps on the same terms; Mr Fishwick declined my offer to Walkers & Co unless they were allowed nine months credit, which I told him could not possibly be complied with; Notwithstanding this reduction in the price there is little or no demand, this shews you the present situation of the Trade. I expect the Lead Stewards down on the 13th May they receive the Money to make the several Pays the 14th & I shall go with them to Dukesfield the day followg. The Contributions amongst your Miners & Smelters in Aid of Government (which I mentioned to you in a former letter) has been sent down to me amounting to about £150 the particulars of which you will see in the next NCastle Paper, I hope that the measure may have a good effect as it is giving them a kind of consequence & binding them to the cause which I think you will approve of, I had a very handsome letter on the occasion from Mr Hardinge the Rector of Stanhope (which I enclose you) & he has sent down upwards of £50 with Mr Emerson's Collection; A letter of thanks etc from you, I think would please him. Mr Newton died yesterday noon which is a fortunate event for himself, as well as for his family, considering the melancholy & hope less state that he has been in for some time past; his family can now settle their affairs which there was a difficulty in doing in the state he was in. I am etc J.E.B

The Port ships are expected daily, do you want any wine for the Abbey?

Just before I closed my letter Mr Tweddale called on me in his return from Hexham; he mentioned an alteration at the Abbey which strikes me forcibly which is to appropriate that part where the stables were to a Brewhouse, Washhouse & Laundry with lodging rooms for Servants & to have the stables where the Tithe barn is it may be fitted up at a small expence & the inconvenience of the stables so near the house removed, I think that Mrs Beaumont & yourself will approve of it.

14 May 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Mess Drummond Bankers London

Newcastle 14th May 1798

Gent Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co on Barclays & Co at Thirty days dated this day for Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds Ten Shillings to pay half a Year's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th Instant to My Lord Bishop of Durham from Coll Beaumont _ Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & I am etc J.E.B

£462-10- No 4432

Newcastle upon Tyne May 14th 1798

Thirty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett
Esqr Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds 10/- Value Received
Mess Barclays, Tritton & Bevan Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London

22 May 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Browne & Brind Newcastle 22d May 1798
Foster Lane London

Gentn I have this day sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers Two Pieces of fine Silver Containing Two Thousand Five Hundred & Sixty Six Ounces (as under) which I desire you will place to Account with T R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your receipt of them I am Gentn Yours etc J.E.B

A Pe fine Silver qty 1512 1/2
Do 1053 1/2
 2566

21 Jun 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon Webster

Mess Wheldon & Webster Derby Newcastle 21st June 1798

Gentlemen I received your letter of the 13th Inst inclosing a Bill for Fifty Pounds. and in return you have the Amount sent you in Litharge which is shipp'd on board the Phosphorus, Capt Wm Crabtree for Gainsbro' the Invoice of which you have below
I am Gentn Yours etc J.E.B

June 19th	Cw q lb	£
For 10 Casks Litharge qty 64.-.- @15 1/2 per Ton		49-12-
Wherryhire & Sufferance		8-
Cr		£50

By their Bill on Mr Richd Jones a@ 65 days dated 14 Inst 50

23 Jul 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 23d July 1798

Gentn I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Surtees Burdon & Co at 20 days dated this day for £700-6 being the Balance of your Account for fine Silver with Col Beaumont & which I doubt not you will duly honor. also will send you by Jacksons & Potts the London Carriers, this day, a Pe fine Silver Containing Nine Hundred & Fifty Two & one half Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Col Beaumont as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your receipt of the same I am Gentn Yours etc J.E.B

24 Jul 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Brown & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 24th July 1798

Gentn Since I wrote to you yesterday I have received another Pe of fine Silver which have sent you by Jackson's & Potts the London Carriers Containing One Thousand & Seventy Seven Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Col Beaumont as usual at the Market Price & advise me on your receipt of the two Pieces I am etc J.E.B

A Pe fine Silver qty 1077
A Pe fine do 952 1/2
2029 1/2

11 Sep 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Brown & Brind
Foster Lane London

NCastle 11 Sept 1798

Gentn I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Mess Surtees Burdon & Co at 20 days dated this day for £553-17-8 being in full of your Account with Col Beaumont for fine Silver sent you, & which I doubt not you will duly honor I am etc J.E.B

11 Sep 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Girling

Mess Girling Bankers London

NCastle 11th Sept 1798

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on Mess Barclays & Co at 20 days dated this day for Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds, being half a Years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due 11th July last to the Revd H Hardinge from Col Beaumont _ Please to advise me on your receipt of the Bill & inform Mr Hardinge of the same I am etc J.E.B

£450 No 4297

NCastle upon Tyne Sept 11 1798

Twenty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds Value received

To Mess Barclays, Tritton & Bevan
Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

12 Sep 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Maynard

Thomas Maynard Esqr Durham

NCastle 12th Sept 1798

Sir By Mr Blacketts directions I inclose you Mess Surtees Burdon & Cos Bill on Mess Barclays & Co at 30 days for £150-1-2 which will be in full for One Year's Rent due from Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr the 1st Aug last to the Lord Bishop of Durham for the Office of Moor Master of Weardale, with 1s-2d for Acquit[an]ce & Duty & likewise a Copy of the late Mr Pearsons's receipts for the said Rent which on examination agrees in form with those for seven years past _ You will please to send a receipt for the same

I am For T.R.B Esqr Yours etc T.C

£150-1-2 No 4305

Newcastle upon Tyne 12 Sept 1798

Thirty days after date pay to the order of

J E Blackett Esqr One Hundred & Fifty Pounds 1s 2d

To Mess Barclays, Tritton & Bevan Value received
Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co

13 Sep 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd Mr Hardinge
Stanhope Durham

Newcastle 13th Sept 1798

Sir I am sorry that I was away from home when you did me the favor to call on me. I wished to have had some conversation with you respecting the proposed Division of

the Common & Stinted Pastures in Weardale; I am apprehensive that it may be injurious to Mr Beaumont's interest in those parts, for if care be not taken in the Bill that a reservation be made of the free & uninterrupted enjoyment of all the rights etc that the Lessee has hitherto exercised under the Lord Bishop of Durham's lease, it will be very prejudicial to Mr Beaumont, as well as to the concern at large in the future working of those Mines. On the 11th Inst a Bill on London for £450 was remitted to Messrs Gosling on your Account being for one half Year's Composition of your Tithe Ore due 11 July last _ the illness & death of my Clerk has been the cause of this delay which I hope that you will excuse I am Sir etc J.E.B

15 Sep 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Maynard

Thomas Maynard Esqr Durham

NCastle 15th Sept 1798

Sir In answer to your Lre of the 13th Inst Mr Blackett desires me to inform you that upon examination all the Receipts given for Rent for the Office of Moor Master for seven years back, are signed by Mr Pearson, except one given 29 Mar 1797 for £225-4 being for 1 1/2 Yr's Moor Masters Rent, which is signed T Maynard for G Pearson Esqr Recr General for the Bp Durham; & except that one it has been paid regularly each half Year I am etc T.C

18 Sep 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Messrs Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

NCastle 18 Sept 1798

Gentn I have this day sent you by Jacksons & Potts the London Carriers a Piece of fine Silver, containing Sixteen Hundred & Ninety Two & one half ounces which I desire that you will place to account with T R Beaumont Esqr as usual at the market Price & advise me on your receipt of the same I am etc J.E.B

2 Oct 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Errington

Henry Errington Esqr
Stable Yard London

NCastle 2d Octr 1798

Sir I am desired by Mr Beaumont to answer your letter of the _ Ulto respecting Longage & Wallfell Collieries (which in the Rental are termed St Johnlee & St Oswalds Collieries rented by Henry Tulip;) On application being made by Sir Edward Blackett to the late Sir Thomas Blackett some Year's since for a lease of those Collieries at the

expiration of the subsisting lease, he had Sir Thomas Blackett's promise which has been confirmed by Mr Beaumont, but for your accomodation Sir Edward Blackett waves the Promise offer respecting Wall fell Colliery & takes a lease of Longage Colliery which meets with Mr Beaumonts approbation I am with respect etc J.E.B

11 Oct 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 11 Octr 1798

Gentn I have this day drawn a Bill on you payable to the Order of Mess Surtees Burdon & Co at 30 Days dated this day for £458-7s-9d being in full of your Accot with Col Beaumont for fine Silver sent you, and which I doubt not you will duly honor

I am Gentlemen Yours etc J.E.B

11 Oct 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont
M.P. Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 11 Octr 1798

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 9th Inst enclosing a letter from Mr Bell the Contents of which I have considered & am of opinion that it will be adviseable to accept of the Arrears of the Quit rent viz £105 & for the future the Annual payment of £5 per Ann from Mr Errington, but as it is a matter of some consequence, I have desired Mr Bell to state the case to Mr Williamson for his opinion, as he will be at Hexham on Monday next to hold the Courts.

I have wrote to Mr H Errington in answer to his letter respecting the Collieries agreeable to your determination.

I wrote to Mr Emerson Senr respecting the application made to you by Sir Hedworth Williamson inclosed I send you a Copy of his answer from which it appears that it will not be adviseable for you to comply with his request, but I shall meet the Lead Stewards at Hexham on the 12th Novr when I shall lay the Plan before them & take their opinion more fully on the Matter of which I shall acquaint you _ Have you come to any determination as to Purchasing the Land tax on your Estates etc in this Country? If you have please to inform me? at foot is the Rate of Land tax paid at present for the Lands etc at the Mines & Mills with Winlaton, Mr Bell will inform you of that of Hexham etc.

I am with best respects to Mrs B etc J.E.B

Pay at present

£ s d

Winlaton exclusive of that in Comon with
the Lords of the Manor of Winlaton &
including the Cottages & the Assessment
on Blaydon Refy of £40 per Ann 521- 7- 4 1/4 per £

Allenheads including the Assessment on
on the Mines of £20 per Annum 404-18 1s-4d per £

Dukesfield	440-10	5 3/4 per £
Weardale	36-13	4 per £
Coalcleugh	47-10	4 1/2 per £

The above is the Account from the Stewards in which there may be some small Errors.

22 Oct 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr Jn Bell Hexham Abbey

NCastle 22d Octr 1798

Dr Sir I recd your letter of the 20th Inst with an account of the Money paid by you to the late Wm Newton & Son on Account of the Repairs & Alterations at Hexham Abbey ammountg to £750. I observe that considerable Sums are due for Lime Hair & Leading which certainly should be paid, but Mr Ebdon & Mr Stephenson having given the Sum in a lump that they awarded to be due to the Exors of Mr Newton, I have wrote to Mr Ebdon to know if the above, or any part of it was included in their valuation. My Brother Sir Edward Blackett having had a Promise from the late Sir Thos Blackett of a lease of Longage Colliery on the expiration of the present Lease, which promise has been confirmed by Mr Beaumont, a Lease is to be made out accordingly at such Rent as Col Beaumont may require, he has likewise a promise of a Lease of Wall Fell Colliery but that he declines on favour of the old Tenants. I propose being at Hexham on Monday the 12th Novr to meet the Lead Stewards. I am etc J.E.B

28 Oct 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont
M.P. Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 28 Octr 1798

Dr Sir

I wrote to you on the 26th Instt at the request of Mr Newburn in favor of his Brother; I have since been favored with your Lre of the 26th Instt by which I observe that Mr John Donkin has made Mr Bell an offer of £200 per Year for the Collieries of St

John Lee & St Oswald which surprises me much; as in his Lre to me of the 16th Inst he writes "In case of Sir Edward Blacketts engaging & pursuing it for his own use Mr Errington would not scruple to wish him all manner of Success." Now Mr Errington was very sensible that it was for the sole use of Sir Edwd Blackett & that his motive for taking the Colliery of St Johnlee or Longish was the advantage that he might derive from his Leadmine Level which advantage Mr Errington (notwithstanding his declaration by Mr Donkin) is endeavouring to deprive him of, however he may be disappointed, for altho' the great advanced Rent cannot be made of those Collieries, I am inclined to believe that Sir Edward will give it, of which I shall advise you in a few days. & I wish that the like advance was to take place on all your Farms etc. Since you left this place I have sold 10,000 Ps Lead half Refd @ £15-10s per For payable in Six Mos & 200 Casks Lith @ £16-10 per Ton which quantity it will not be in my power to deliver this Year, the Lead Compy & G Hospital sold at the same price all Refd, and the stocks at present at Market are very trifling; the late Success of our Fleet will I expect occasion a considerable demand for Lead in the Ports of Italy & the Lavant. I shall be at Hexham on Monday the 12th Novr to meet the Lead Stewards with Money for the Workmen's Subsistance. I am etc J.E.B

6 Nov 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont
M.P. Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

NCastle 6th Novr 1798

Dr Sir

I am favoured with your Lre of the 4th Inst & I observe what you say respecting the Purchasing of your Land tax in this Country as well as that in Yorkshire; People are much divided in opinion as to the eligibility of the measure & I do not find that many are inclined to purchase in this Country, neither the Duke of Northumberland or Lord Tankerville do, I have not heard whether the Duke of Portland & Lord Carlisle intend purchasing I apprehend that it will be very difficult at this time either to borrow Money for the purpose, or to prevail on any to lend Stock;

I acquainted you in my last that owing to our late Success in the Meditteranean & East Sea the demand for Lead has increased & of course the price advanced I have refused £16-10 for 10,000 Ps to be delivered in the Spring & I have offered 5000 Ps at £17 per For which I expect will be accepted of; With prospect of the trade during the course of the next year, I shall direct the Lead Stewards at our Meeting at Hexham on the 12th Inst to push forward the Workings etc. We did not forget little Wentworth's Birth Day yesterday & I sincerely wish him many happy returns of it. I am etc JEB

13 Nov 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Mess Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle 13 Nov 1798

Gent In answer to your Lre to Mr Blackett of the 10th Inst he desires me to inform you that he cannot engage to supply you with all Mr Beaumonts fine Silver, as he has connections in London & this Town who have had it for some time. he has objection to your having a part, but cannot stipulate any certain times as its coming from the Refineries is uncertain, he will have a Pe to dispose of in a Weeks time, which you may have at 5s-5 3/4d per Oz you paying the Carriage and remitting a Bill for the Amount at One Month on your Receipt of the same

I am For TRB

Yours etc T.C

20 Nov 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Browne & Brind

Messrs Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 20 Novr 1798

Gentn In Mr Blacketts Absence I send you by Jacksons & Potts the London Carriers a Pe fine Silver Containing Eleven Hundred & Thirty four & one half Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Col Beaumont as usual at the Market Price, and advise Mr Blackett on your Receipt of the same
etc T.C

For whom I am Yours

21 Nov 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Mess Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 21 Novr 1798

Gent In Mr Blackett's Absence I have this day sent you by the Leeds Waggon, according to your request, a Pe fine Silver Containg 1208 Ounces which you will place to Acct as under with Col Beaumont, and advise Mr Blackett on your Receipt of the same For whom I am etc T.C

Mess Read Lucas & Reads

To T R Beaumont Esqr Dn

Novr 21st For a Pe fine Silver qy 1208 @ 5-5 3/4 per Ounce

£330-18-10

8 Dec 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Mess Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

NCastle 8th Decr 1798

Gent Mr Blackett's desires me to acknowledge the Receipt of your 8 Bills, the Amount of which £331-7 have placed to your Credit, at the same time to inform you that he will send you the first Pe fine Silver he has to dispose of, which will be in about three Weeks time _ The Carriers infuse the Silver at this Place. I am etc T.C

10 Dec 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond Bankers London

NCastle 10th Decr 1798

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees & Co on Mess Barclays & Co at 30 days dated this day for Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds 10s/ to pay half a Years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due 26th Ulto last to My Lord Bp of Durham from Col Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same
I am etc J.E.B

£462-10 No 5689

NCastle Decr 10th 1798

Thirty days after Date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr	
Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds 10s	Value received
Mess Barclays, Tritton & Co	Surtees Burdon & Co
Bankers London	

10 Dec 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Mess Goslings Bankers London

NCastle 10th Decr 1798

Gentn Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees Burdon & Co on Mess Barclays & Co at 30 days dated this day for Two Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds, being for One Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11 Octr last to the Revd Henry Hardinge from Col Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & inform Mr Hardinge of the same I am Gentn etc J.E.B

£225 No 5690 Newcastle on Tyne Decr 11th 1798

Thirty days after date pay to the order of J E Blackett	
Esqr the Sum of Two Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds	
Mess Barclays & Co	Value received
Bankers London	Surtees Burdon & Co

11 Dec 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir Henry Wilson Chelsea Park London

Newcastle 11th December 1798

Sir

I wrote to you from Harrogate the 5th Inst to which I beg leave to refer you. Inclosed I send you a bill for £84-15-6 which sum with £15-4-6 over remitted the 23 Feby last will be in full for one half years interest of the £4000 remaining on the Bond & Mortgage on the late Sir T Blackett to the late Mr W Wilson; the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge.

Col Beaumont enclosed me your Lre of the 3d Inst which he desired me to answer. Col Beaumont cannot with any tolerable convenience pay Twelve Hundred Pounds immediately in part of the £4000 but on account of its being of service to the young Gentn a Bill will be remitted to you for that sum in the course of this Month, or the beginning of the next; which I hope may answer his purpose; You will please to observe that Sir Thomas Blackett took the Sum of £5000 of Mr W Wilson & continued it at 5 per Cent by way of doing him a service at a time when that sum could have been procured on a Mortgage at 4 per Cent.

I am respectfully Yours etc J.E.B

£84-15-6 No 5691 Newcastle upon Tyne Decr 10th 1798

Thirty days after Date pay to the order of J E Blackett Esqr
the Sum of Eighty Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings & Sixpence
Mess Barclays & Co Value Reced
Bankers London Surtees Burdon & Co

11 Dec 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon Webster

Mess Wheeldon Webster & Co
Derby

Newcastle 11th Decr 1798

Gentn Mr Blackett yesterday received your Lre inclosing a Bill Amt £100 & desires me to inform you that the Litharge will be sent you the first opportunity. The present Price at this place is £17 - 10 per Ton & there is a probability of its getting higher

I am Gentlemen etc T.C

14 Dec 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Browne & Brind

Mess Browne & Brind
Foster Lane London

Newcastle 14th December 1798

Gentn I have this day drawn a Bill on you at twenty days date payable to Mess Surtees Burdon & Co for £307-5-2 the Amount of the Piece of Silver sent you the 20th Novr which I doubt not that you will duly honor _ I sent a Pe of Silver about the same time to Sheffield for which I have been allowed 5s-5 3/4d per Oz Carriage paid which makes the difference about one penny per Oz. I am Gentn etc J.E.B

16 Dec 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
M.P. Portman Square London

Newcastle 16th Decr 1798

Dear Sir

I wrote to you from Darlington the 7th Inst & yesterday I was favoured with your letter of the 13th Inst enclosing a Certificate from the Assignees of Walter & Frederick Hall's Bankruptcy recommending it to the Creditors to sign their Certificate; You will judge for yourself in this delicate point; How the Assignees (who must be privy to some very unjustifiable transactions a few days previous to their stopping payment; can take upon them to recommend this measure? I am at a loss to Account; It is well known that the Bank of S & B secured themselves by some considerable Purchases made by the Halls a very short time before they failed, which was immediately transferred to S & B which accounts for their interesting themselves in the favor of the Halls, & likewise for Mr J Surtees entering into Partnership with them, not much to his Credit, The means that the Halls made use of to get Possession of the Money in the hands of Lancaster & Co & their Purchasing of me a quantity of Lead two or three days before they stopt payments & at a time they had determined on the measure which Lead they immediately let a clamourous Scots Creditor have to prevent an arrest, will certainly be no recommendation to your signing their Certificate; should you be of that opinion? & of course decline it? the Answer to be given to Mr Burdon I wou'd recommend to be general without entering into particular, That their Conduct & transactions in your Concern have been such as to put a bar against your signing their Certificate; At the same time I must beg that you will not shew that Gentn my letter, nor tell him that I dissuaded you against the Measure. I have wrote again to Sir Henry Wilson & have remitted him a Bill for the Interest of the £4000 & at the same time acquainted him that I would in the course of a few Weeks send him a Bill for £1200 in part of the above sum. The term being lengthened for the compleating the Purchase of the Land tax will enable us to be more accurate in those accounts, in which I am taking the necessary steps. As soon as I am informed of the heads of Mr Pitts proposed Bill respecting Income, & how far Lead Mines may be affected by it, I will give you my opinion thereon. I am quite of your opinion as to the evil Tendency of the circulation of small Notes under twenty Shillgs; the Notes of that amount are a present convenience & the circulation will (I imagine) be allowed for some time longer. I cannot give an answer respecting the Collieries of St Johnlee & St Oswald; on your application to my

Brother, you will have his answer. A Meeting of the Proprietors of the Commons & Stinted Pastures in Weardale is to be held tomorrow at Westgate, on my consulting Mr Heron on that matter, & on the Resolutions come to & signed by some of the Parties & likewise how far it would be adviseable for him to attend the Meeting in your behalf; I received the enclosed Lre from him & I have wrote to Mr Emerson accordingly.

Application will be made to you by several persons for your Vote to succeed as Matron to the Infirmary a Person of the name of Smiles has offered who is every Way qualified for that Office & I must request your Vote in her favor.

I have been confined to the House this Week past with the Rheumatism in my head & teeth, I am better this day & hope to get out tomorrow.

I am etc J.E.B

20 Dec 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir Henry Wilson Chelsea Park London

Newcastle 20th Decemr 1798

Dr Sir As my letter of the 11th Inst was in a great measure an answer to yours of the 13th I postponed answering it; I have since received your Lre of the 15th Inst acknowledging the Receipt of a Bill for £84-15-6 being in full the Bal: of a half Year's Interest of £4000 due 17th Augt last; I observe what you say as to the Date of the Bill which certainly was far from being objectionable. Inclosed I send you Surtees Burdon & Cos Bill on Barclays & Co dated the 19th Inst at 14 Days date for £1200 which is as short a date as can possibly be expected for so large a Sum, & that with some inconvenience for the sake of accomodating the young Gentlemen, which you must be sensible of, considering the sudden call for this Money; As to charging Discount I never heard of it being done, unless legal & customary notice has been given for such payment, & rather than submit to a charge of the nature, I shall be ready (on the part of Col Beaumont) to pay in the remaining Sum of £2800 in August next on the proper discharge being given; of which you will be pleased to advise me. I desire that you will please to acknowledge the receipt of this Bill by the first Post & likewise to endorse the Receipt of the Sum of £1200 on the back of the Deed. I am with respects etc J.E.B

£1200 No 5809 Newcastle upon Tyne Decr 19th 1798

Fourteen days after Date pay to the order of J E Blackett

Esqr the Sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds

To Mess Barclays Tritton & Co

Indorsed

Value Received

Bankers London

J.E.Blackett

Surtees Burdon & Co

22 Dec 1798 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont MP
Portman square London

Newcastle 22nd Decr 1798

Dr Sir

Since I wrote to you the 16th Inst I have sold to Mr Blackett 5000 Ps of Lead, one half to be Refd @ £17 per For payable in Bills due in Six Mos. and the like quantity to Mess Walkers Maltby & Co on the same terms; this Lead is not yet come down to Blaydon & the bad roads & late season have laid off the Lead carriage.

Mr Heron is against the matter respecting Damage being paid for Working in the Stinted Pastures being left to reference, or to the opinion of Council; & he recommends that unless free liberty be allowed as usual for sinking, working etc in the Stinted Pastures, that it will be adviseable for you to oppose the Bill in Parliament, & petition to be heard by Council against it; Mr Heron has wrote to Mr Scruton requesting to see the draught of the Bill, when he will be enabled to judge more fully of the Matter.

I reced the Bill for granting a further time for the compleating the Purchase of the Land tax etc. I am proceeding in the business of Purchasing your Land tax in the North, & it may be a matter worthy of consideration, how far it may be adviseable to purchase that of the Lease & Copyhold in Weardale, held under the Bishop of Durham, & the Master & Brethren of Greasham Hospital, this you will please to take under consideration & advise me accordingly. It will likewise be a matter of consideration (as you & Mrs Beaumont are in the remainder of Mr Bosville's Estate in Northd (& he is not likely to purchase,) Whether you incline to do it; I am etc J.E.B

28 Dec 1798 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Mess Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle 28th December 1798

Gentn I have this day sent you by John Pickersgill the Leeds Carrier a Pe fine Silver Containing Thirteen Hundred & Eight Ounces & One half which Mr Blackett desires you will place to Account with T.R.Beaumont Esqr as below and advise him on your Receipt of the same _ The Price has advanced of late, Mr Blackett has charged this the same he would have done had he sent it to London I am Gentn etc T.C

For a Pe fine Silver qty 1308 1/2 @ 5-6 1/2 per Oz

£362-11-3

11 Jan 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

NCastle 11 Jany. 1799

Mr Blackett duly rec[eiv]ed your l[ett]er of the 8 Inst. inclosing 11 Bills Am[oun]t £360.6 . as you advise & which are passed to y[ou]r Credit above you have an Invoice of a P[iec]e fine Silver sent you this day by Jno. Pickersgill the Leeds Carrier, which you will please place to Account with T R Beaumont Esq. as usual. Mr Blackett will inform you about the Test Bottoms in a few days, when we see what quantity is on hand etc. he is unwell or intended to have wrote you this day himself. I am etc T. C.

17 Jan 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon Webster

Messrs. Wheeldon Webster & Co.. Derbys

Newcastle 17 Jany. 1799

On board the Phosphorus Capt. Crabtree are shipped for you 33 casks Lith. weight 10 Tons, according to your request of the 9th Ult. - the Invoice & weight of each Cask you have below. It would have been sent you sooner had there been a Ship ready. The present Price of Lith is £18 P[er] Ton. I am etc T. C.

17 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs. Gosling Bankers London

Newcastle 17 Jany 1799

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co. on Barclays & Co. at One Month dated this day for Two Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds, being for One Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th Inst. to the Revd. Henry Hardinge from Col Beaumont - Please to advise me on your receipt of the Bill & inform Mr Hardinge of the same. I am etc J E B

£225 . No. 6220

Newcastle upon Tyne January 17th 1799

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J E Blackett Esq.

Two Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds

Mess. Barclays Milton & Bevan
Bankers London

Value received
Surtees Burdon & Co.

17 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond.
Bankers London

NCastle 17 Jany 1799

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co. on Barclays & Co. at 40 Days dated this day for Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds Five Shillings, to pay One

Quarter's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th Feb. next
to my Lord Bishop of Durham from Col. Beaumont Please to advise me on your
Receipt of the same I am etc J E B

£231 .5. No. 6219 NCastle upon Tyne 17th Jany 1799
Forty days after Date pay to the Order of J E Blackett
Esq. Two Hundred & Thirty One Pounds Five Shillings
Mess. Barclays Milton & Co. Value rec[eiv]ed
Bankers London Surtees Burdon & Co.

18 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir Henry Wilson Newcastle 18th January 1799
Chelsea Park London

Sir Your favour of the 20th Ult. acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill for £1200 . .
was duly received by which I observe that you accept of the notice of the remaining
sum due on Sir Thomas Blacketts Bond & Mortgage to the late Mr William Wilson,
being paid off on the 8th August next; you will please to inform me at what place the
payment is to be made, & a proper Receipt must be given on the Bond etc.
Inclosed I send you Surtees Burdon & Cos. Draft on Mess. Barclays & Co. for £90 . .
which is in full for four Mo[nth]s Interest of £4000 to the 17th Decr. & two Mo[nth]s
Interest of £2800 to 17th Feby. next the Receipt of which you will be pleased to
acknowledge. I am with respect etc J E B

£90. No. 6222 Newcastle upon Tyne January 17th 1799
Thirty days after Date pay to the Order of J E Blackett Esq.
Ninety Pounds
Mess. Barclays Milton & Co. Value rec[eiv]ed
Bankers London Surtees Burdon & Co.

18 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq. Newcastle 18 January 1799
Durham

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs
Barclays & Co. at One Month dated this day for Seventy Five Pounds One Shilling &
Two Pence being in full for half a Y[ea]rs Rent due from T. R. Beaumont Esq. the 1st

Feby next to the Lord Bishop of Durham for the Office of Moor Master of Weardale, with 1s/2d for Acquit [an]ce of Duty. Please to send a receipt for the same. I am etc JEB

Arthur Mowbray Esq.

Sir, Since my Annexed letter to you I have been favoured with your letter of the 16th Inst. I have been so much indisposed as to confine me to the house since I had the pleasure of seeing you at this place untill this morning when I had some discourse with Mr Williamson & Mr Bell called on me. Had I been in health I would certainly have attended the Meeting but in that case I could not have Acquiesced in the Question of a Division without there being an express Clause in the Bill that Col. Beaumont as Lessee under the Lord Bishop of Durham should not be subject to pay any Damages for Working etc in the Stinted Pastures.

On that being consented to Col. Beaumont will not object to the Division & I shall acquaint his Agent at New House Mr Emerson with the same _ I am sorry to hear that Mr Shaftoe should Address the Meeting in such indecent & very improper terms _ As to Mr Wallace he is very troublesome but of very little consequence. I am etc J E B

£75. 1 . 2 No. 6221

Newcastle upon Tyne January 17th 1799

Thirty days after Date pay to the Order of J E Blackett Esq.

Seventy Five Pounds One Shilling & Twopence

Mess. Barclays Milton & Co.

Value rec[eiv]ed

Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co.

19 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thomas Emerson
Newhouse, Weardale Durham

NCastle 19 January 1799

In a letter that I had from Mr Mowbray he appears to be hurt that nothing was said by you at the Meeting in favour of the Division, which he said caused it to be thought that Col Beaumont was not Friendly to the measure & requested me to write to you & set that matter right, I acquainted him that in case of there being an express Clause in the Bill that Col Beaumont (as Lessee under the Lord Bishop of Durham) should not be subject to pay any Damage whatever for Working etc etc in the stinted Pastures, that he would have no objection to the Division, I now understand that it is consented to, that such Clause shall be inserted in which case, Col. Beaumont will not give the Bill the least opposition. I observe by the Gunpowder Notes that a much larger proportion has been got last year from Reedman & Hall, than from Chris Blackett; I desire for the future that you may take the one half of your Gunpowder from the latter, as I know that it is Col. B[eaumon]t's wish. I am Etc J E B

Sir Hedworth Williamson was with me this morning & is very desirous of having an answer respecting his application to Col Beaumont for liberty of Working etc in his leasehold Property about 400 Yards, Mr Emerson Jr. is fully informed of the particulars of the request & it was agreed at the former Meeting at Hexham that Mr Crawhall & Mr Dickinson & himself should take a View of that part of the Newlandside Mine, & to make their Report in writing to Col Beaumont as to the propriety of granting such liberty that Col Beaumont may be enabled to give an answer to Sir Hedworth Williamson.

20 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont
MP Portman square London

NCastle 20 Jany. 1799

D[ea]r Sir I wrote to you the 13th Inst to which give me leave to refer you. Mr Williamson who attended the Meeting in Weardale respecting the Division informs me that great opposition was made by the small Free & Copyholders to the Division of the Commons of Stanhope & Bollilhope, tho' the principle Proprietors were for the Division taking place no opposition was made to the Division of the Stinted Pastures, & Mr Williamson so far convinced them of your right (as Lessee under the Bp of Durham) of working etc etc in those Grounds, without being subject to pay any Damages whatever on account of the same, that it was agreed that such Clause for the Purpose should be inserted in the Bill as meets the approbation of your Council, so I expect that this business will go forward; I understand that a very indecent letter, or Address to the Meeting from Mr Shaftoe of Hexham against the Bill was received, but it was so personal as to the Bp. & the Solicitor for the Bill Mr Scruton, that it was not allowed to be read; Your acquaintance Mr Wallace was (as usual) very troublesome, but it was after Mr Williamson had left the Meeting, he delights in mischief, & tho' a very Silly fellow frequently does harm. Sir H Williamson called on me yesterday respecting the Application that he has made to you for liberty to work into your Leasehold Property for the space of about 400 yards from the Leadmine of Newlandside in which he is concerned, I acquainted him that I had consulted your Mine Agent in Weardale who was averse to such liberty being granted, but I had directed other Agents Mr Crawhall & Mr Dickinson jointly with him to take a View of the Ground etc & to make their report the result of which he should be informed of. The Lead Carriage Pay is to be made tomorrow amounting to about £1000. I am J E B

21 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Archbold Paris

Mr Archb[ol]d Paris.
No. 7 New Bond Street, London

Newcastle 21st January 1799

Sir, I am favoured with your letter of the 17th Inst, & observe the Contents - I have within these few Months sold a very considerable quantity of Lead to the London Houses of great respectability at £17 P[er] F[odde]r half refined, & half Common, payable in Bills on London due in six Months from the Day of the sale, a great part of which Lead is not yet shipt, nor has it yet come down to market. I have advanced the price to £17 - 10 - P[er] F[odde]rand it is very probable that it may be higher before I shall have any quantity to dispose of; In the Spring I shall (agreeable to your desire) advise you of the state of this Markett & shall be happy in supplying your House; the Punctuality of which I am very sensible of. You will please to observe that we are at no trouble or expence whatever in the shipping of the Lead, on which Account it will be necessary that you should employ a Broker at this Place for the purpose. I am respectively Sir etc J E B

26 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thomas Emerson
Newhope, near Stanhope Weardale

Newcastle 26 January 1799

I received your l[ett]er of the 23rd Inst. & I observe what you say as to your doubts of Col. Beaumont not having (in Case of a Division taking Place) the priviledge & advantage of discovering New Veins by Flushing, I have had a good deal of Conversation with Mr Williamson on this business, He recommends that no notice be taken in the Bill respecting the Flushing, nor any particular Mode of Working the Mines etc but that a Clause shall be in the Bill, that Col. Beaumont (as Lessee under the Lord Bishop of Durham) shall have liberty of working the Mines & carrying on the business in the stinted Pastures as well as in the Commons in as full & ample a manner as had been done in the times of the late Lessees without the payment of any Damage whatever, It certainly will not be proper for you to sign the Petition as Agent to Col Beaumont but as a free, or Copyholder you are at perfect liberty to sign it, or not as you may judge most for your advantage. I am etc J. E. B.

I thank you for the Spar for Mr Williamson let me know if you pay any Landtax for any part of Rookhope or who does or for Redburn or who does.

27 Jan 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont MP
Portman square London

NCastle 27 Jany. 1799

D[ea]r Sir I wrote to you of the 20th Inst. to which I refer you, I have since had a good deal of Conversation with Mr Williamson respecting the Division of the Commons &

Stinted Pastures in Weardale, he is of opinion that a Clause in the Bill giving you (as Lessee under the B[isho]p) full power to work etc the Mines within the Stinted Pastures, as well as the Commons, in as full & ample a manner in every respect, without being subject to the Payment of any Damage whatever, as in the time of the late Lessees, that such a clause, (of which he shall approve) will be fully sufficient to answer your purpose, & much better than specifying the particular modes of carrying on that concern & that such general Clause will entirely put an end to any disputes of the kind for the future, but he strongly recommends it to you, that on the Bill being sent up to Town, or when before the House, that you do not give your consent to any alteration that may be proposed to you, without consulting your Lawyers etc. The late Sir Walter Blackett had two Councils Annually retained; I never could prevail on Sir Thomas Blackett to retain any one, as he said that he did not intend to go to Law, & if he should be forced to it, that one Lawyer was as good as another; I have frequently intended to recommend your retaining Mr Williamson who is certainly a very able Lawyer, as well as a most Worthy honest Man, & unless retained by you, would be at liberty to be employed for the Harehope Gill Lessees, or any concern against you, & he could not with propriety refuse it; in consequence of which I have given him in your name a general retaining fee of five Guineas, I hope that Mrs Beaumont & you may approve of this sum. I have not yet received from Mr Bell the Schedule of the Land tax for the Lands etc under his management, so as to obtain a Certificate from the Commissioners of the Land tax to enable me to treat with the Commiss[ione]rs for the Sale, but I expect it soon, when that matter will be proceeded in of which I shall advise you, I am etc J E B

28 Jan 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

NCastle 28 Jany. 1799

Gent[lemen] I have this day received your letter of the 26 Inst. covering Six Bills, Am[oun]t £375-10-6 as you advise & which are placed to your Credit for fine Silver sent you. I have now on hand about 50 tons of good Test Bottoms which you may have at £3-3- P[er] Ton you paying all expence in Shipping etc which will be about 2/-s P[er] Ton for Labourage & Keel Dues, & I believe the Freight to Hull about 14/-s P[er] Ton. The Test Bottoms to be paid for by Bills due in Six Months from the time of sale. I am etc T C

4 Feb 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to J Tweddell

J Tweddell Esq.
Threepwood near Hexham Northumberland

Newcastle 4th February 1799

D[ea]r Sir

Col Beaumont was favoured with your letter of the 25th Ult. but not being fully informed of the progress that had been made in the Bill for the Division of the Commons & Stinted Pastures in Weardale, he has desired me to answer your letter. This Division nearly concerns Col Beaumont as Lessee under the Lord Bishop of Durham, & it of course strongly behoves his Lordship as well as the Rector of Stanhope, that the Lessee should not be placed in a worse situation than the Lessee had ever been before, To provide against which it will be necessary that there be a proper Clause in the Bill giving the Lessee full liberty of Working the Mines in as full & ample a manner in the Stinted Pastures, as well as in the Commons, without being subject to the Payment of any Damage whatever as heretofore hath been done; Which Clause shall be approved of by the Lessee's Council & consented to by the Proprietors etc at the Meeting; This being addopted Col Beaumont I have no doubt will be Friendly to the Bill & give it his support; but untill that is done I can not recommend it to him to sign the Petition, nor to oblige his Agents to do it, however their own private interests may be concerned in it.

I have wrote to Mr Emerson at Newhouse to this purpose. Col & Mrs Beaumont desire me to present their respectful Compl[imen]ts to Mrs & Miss Tweddell & yourself & I am with respect etc J E B

17 Feb 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
MP Portman square London

Newcastle 17th February 1799

D[ea]r Sir I wrote to you the 15th Inst. to which I refer you. I understand that Mr Fleming has given up all thoughts of the School at Hexham; On his application to the Trustees a Majority of them were in his favour, but meeting with unfriendly Opposition from a quarter where he had not the least reason to expect it, induced him to drop all further thoughts of it; The Town of Hexham has lost the opportunity of having one of the best school Masters in the Kingdom, and a most valuable good Man, the benefit of which to the Place & the Neighbourhood, would have been considerable. The Ice in the river did not give way 'till yesterday, the day was mild & we had reason to think that the storm was over, but a heavy snow has fallen the whole of this day, which has the appearance of lasting sometime longer, so that the road will be again shut up. I am with Compl[imen]ts etc J E B

I should be glad to have the Income Act

23 Feb 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
MP Portman square London

Newcastle 23 February 1799

D[ea]r Sir

I was favoured with your letter of the 16th Inst. enclosing Mr Heron's letter to you; the Opinion that he gave you with respect to the Division is certainly very just & proper, the Bishop may be disposed to do what is right, but it does not yet appear that all the Copyholders are equally well disposed to acquiesce with rights that you claim, & have hitherto enjoyed. I have already paid Mr. Heron something on account of his Bill for business etc, which Bill he has not yet sent in, but I always understood that you would satisfy him & Mr Williamson for the trouble that they had on Account of your Election; I am as much a stranger as you can be with respect to what is proper to be paid on the occasion, not having had any concern in a County Election, but I will make enquiry, Consult with Mr Heron & endeavour to get that business settled, I hope to their satisfaction. I understand that several of the most respectable Persons in Hexham are much hurt and displeased on account of the discouragement shewn to Mr Fleming by a Person or two which induced him to abandon all thoughts of the School; What Mr Heron wrote you respecting the Petition in favour of Mr Mitchell is very true. I am etc
J E B

8 Mar 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Rd Beaumont
MP Portman square London

Newcastle 8th March 1799

D[ea]r Sir

I wrote to you the 23, 26 27 & 28 Ult. to which I refer you. I hope that I shall by this Post or the next receive the Bill, or Act for granting a further time for the delivery of a Statement of the Amount etc. of the Income etc. it will be a most arduous Matter at any length of time, but it is impossible to be done with any degree of correctness in a fortnight from the time of the delivery of the Notice. Your Lead Stewards were with me on the 5th Inst. & received £3100 for Subsistence for the Workmen. The present state of the Mines you have at the foot of this. I have fixed the several Mine & Mill Pay's for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd of May, about a fortnight earlier than usual as an accomodation to the Workmen, as well as the Country it being a full Week before Stagshaw Bank Fair, the Pay's will amount to about £51,000. I shall take about £45000 or £46000 of Mess. Surtees & Burdon & in July I shall want £3000 for the Workmen and £2800 to pay Sir Henry Wilson the sum resting on the late Sir Thomas Blackett's Bond. I send you enclosed an Account of the Bills paid into Mess. Surtees & Burdon's Bank since the 21st May last amounting to £74790 - 4 - 9 one half of the amount of the last Bills £24406 - 18 - 5 is at one Month the remainder at three Months

date, I expect to receive in July next upwards of £22000 for Lead sold in Decr. last @ £17 P[er] F[odde]r the price induced me to sell tho' the Lead was not come down & we at present want upwards of 10000 P[iece]s at Blaydon & no great quantity on the road; the badness of the Lead road & the low Condition of the Horses (owing to the severity of the season) will be a means of preventing our getting the Lead down so soon as I expected, which may oblige me to allow a longer Credit for the last Lead sold. The very large quantity of Lead that has been sold since July last will reduce the sales this year considerably. The loss of the Italian Ports is a great disappointment, as it prevents the demand from thence, & of course the prospect of an advance of price, but I hope that it may keep up to £17 which I apprehend will be the height. Should Mr. Burdon apply to you to postpone the Pay ten days, or a fortnight, for the purpose of accommodating their Bank? let me beg of you not to comply with his request. W. Crawhall & J. Emerson Junr. took a View of Newlandside Lead Mine & they agree in opinion that it will not be adviseable for you to comply with the request of Sir Hedworth Williamson of granting leave to work into your Copyhold Property on any Condition whatever, for reasons which they assigned.

I have had another long letter from Mr. J Tweddale requesting your Support of the Bill for the Division of the Commons etc. in Weardale, but particularly of that of Boilhope in which (he says) that he is much interested; & that your Agents may have directions to do the like & to use their Influence with the Proprietors; As you have no further concern in this Common than as Lessee under the Bishop of Durham of the Mines, & as a strong opposition is made to a Division of this Common, I think that there would be an impropriety in your moving in it, nor should it be expected from you, Mr. Scruton the Sollicitor for the Bill told Mr. Emerson that on account of the opposition that was made to a Division of Boilhope Common, that it would be left out of the Bill, this will not please Mr. Tweddale. After a few very mild days we have got very cold raw Weather with some snow. In Weardale Mines, Breckon Sike is doing well. Rookhope improving, Kilhope Poor, the rest of the Groves much as usual. Coalcleugh much as usual; Allenheads very poor at present, but a prospect of improving. I am D[ea]r Sir etc J E B

12 Mar 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
MP Portman square London

Newcastle March 12/99

D[ea]r Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 9th Inst. by which I observe that Mr. Fleming has accepted of your offer of the Curacy of Hexham, I am a stranger to the forms etc of those appointments but I have been with Mr Heron who has promised to send me a Copy of the appointment of the late Mr. Busby; What could be the motive of Mr. Bell for throwing any difficulties in the way to Mr. Flemings appointment to the

school, I am really at a loss to guess, but this I am certain of, the Town & Neighbourhood will have no Cause to thank him. What you mention respecting the Clerk is quite new to me, & from the information that you had from the Bishop I should imagine that Mr. Bell has been misinformed, & that no such Nomination or Application has been made by Mr. Busby. I am much at a loss as to the Income Tax, not having received either the Act, nor that for giving a further time for the making out, & the delivery of the State of the Income arising from your Mines, nor have I been informed by you of the Place where you incline to be assessed, which by the Act I am informed is optionable, it will be a most difficult & perplexing matter to settle.

I am etc J E B

When Mr. Heron sends me the Appointment for the Curacy it shall be sent you

16 Mar 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Rd Beaumont Esq
Portman Square London

Newcastle 16th March 1799

D[ea]r Sir

I wrote to you on the 12th & 13th Inst. to which I refer you. On writing to Mr Bell about the appointment of a Clerk I had yesterday a letter from him (a Copy of which I inclose you) on shewing the letter to Mr Heron he strongly recommends your not giving up the Matter; Your claim is not as Lord of the Manor but as Rector; the Bishop has certainly been imposed on by a misrepresentation, & when the Matter is fairly stated to him I have no doubt that he will give it up; In the appointment of a Clerk it would be well that proper attention was paid to the Moral Character of the Person, as well as to his qualification as to Voice etc. I do mean that it is necessary that he should Sing a good Song.

Pray let me know as soon as you conveniently can in what manner you intend to redeem your Land-tax? Whether by a Transfer of Stock that you have already in the 3 Per Cent Consol? or by purchasing into that Stock. I am with respect etc J. E. B.

19 Mar 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 19th March 1799

D[ea]r Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 16th Inst. & as soon as I can get the several Certificates from the Commissioners for the Sale of the Land-tax, they shall be sent to you to enable you to redeem your Land-tax in Northumberland, & Durham. I imagine that you have taken the like measure respecting that in Yorkshire.

This Income Bill is not only a most Complex, but will be found to be a most Perplexed Affair, the Printed Statements of Income etc have been left not only at your several dwelling Houses, but at all your Agents dwellings and at your Office in this Place, were returns to be made at each place signed by yourself as the Act requires it would be a most endless & difficult business, & next to a impossibility to execute; these returns are directed by the Act to be made before the 25th Inst. which is impossible to be done with any degree of Accuracy, not even in one return which I think would be the most eligible measure, but it will require some length of time & in such case it will be necessary for you to make such return in the Statement left with you & likewise that you should acquaint the Commissioners in Town & your Steward those in Yorkshire with the cause of the delay, & that the return will be made in as short a time as possible from your Office in Westgate Street in the Parish of St. Johns in the Town of & County of Newcastle upon Tyne - Should you approve of this measure it will be necessary that the Statement of your Income in Yorkshire should be sent to me, I mean the gross amount agreeable to the Act, specifying the Annuities or Rent Charges that are paid out for which the several Persons will be subject to be taxed.

I am D[ea]r Sir etc J. E. B.

23 Mar 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 23rd March 1799

D[ea]r Sir

Since writing to you the 20th Inst. I observe that the time allowed for making a return of the state of your Income is prolonged to the 5th April on which Account we shall have time to make out a tolerable exact statement of the Profit of the Mines etc on an average of the last five years, which statement on further Consideration should I think be given in at Hexham, should you be of that opinion ? the necessary notice must be given to the Assessors & Commissioners in London & in Yorkshire; I have desired Mr Bell to come to this place for a day to assist me in forming a statement of the Income arising from your Landed Property in the North; In case this should meet with the approbation of Mrs Beaumont & yourself the statement of your Income arising from your Yorkshire Landed Estate as well as your Woods must be calculated agreeable to the Act after making the necessary deductions of Annuities etc which are to be noticed in the return, that the Parties may be taxed for the same. I send you enclosed an extract from a letter that I had from Thos. Emerson Jnr. by which you will see that the Division is likely to go forward without further Opposition , tho' at the same time it will be necessary that a watchful Eye should be kept least any alteration should be made, or a new Clause introduced when the Bill comes before the Committee.

You will observe by the Inclosed that Bollihope Common is left out of the Bill, & for a very good reason when considerably more that one half the Property was against

the Division, notwithstanding which Mr J Tweddale wanted you & your Agents to fight his Cause. I am etc J. E. B.

29 Mar 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 29 March 1799

D[ea]r Sir I was favoured with your letter of the 22nd Inst. inclosing the Names and Ages of your Children; I have since received the Income Act, but I have not had the Pleasure of hearing from you respecting the making a return of the Amount of your Income to the North Commissioners, neither have I received such Account of your Income from your Yorkshire Property etc. to enable me to make such return; Mr Bell's business prevents his being with me before Monday, at which time we shall make a statement of such parts of your Income as we may from the Information before us be enabled to do, & take the necessary steps on that occasion. My Brother wishes to have the business concluded respecting the Collieries, & I understand from Mr Bell that he waits for your directions. I am etc, J E B

8 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Boldon 8th April 1799

D[ea]r Sir

I wrote to you on the 1st & 4th Inst, to which I refer you. On the 5th I sent you by Mr Clayton the Town Clerk of NCastle the Certificate of the Commissioners (for the Sale of the Land Tax) of the amount of your Land Tax in the County of Northd. the Certificate of that in the County of Durham will be sent you as soon as I can obtain it from the Commiss[ione]rs. these will enable you to purchase your Land Tax in the North. As soon as I can get the Schedule of your Property compleated, it shall be sent you. Since the above I have by this days Post received your letter of the 6th Inst. a letter from Mr Tweedale of the 7th last & one from Mr. C. Bowns of Bank Top of the 6th the latter enclosing an Estimate of your Income in Yorkshire stated by him, on the information of Mr. Tweedale; Agents Salary & some other Articles in the Deductions, Mr Heron informs me will not be allowed; Mr. Tweedale informs me that the £144 Rent of a Farm (which you thought had been omitted in the Account he sent) is included in Dorton Rents as being Collected there with the other Rents. Not having heard any thing either from Mr Heron or Mr Williamson respecting the Suit about Harehope Gill Mine, I apprehend that matter has not come on to trial at the last York Assizes.

The Weather has been very severe for some days past, the very violent Storm on thursday night & friday last has been fatal to the Shipping on this Coast, there is already an Account of a dozen loaden Colliers being Wreck'd, five of which all the Men perished & we have fears for many more to the Northward, if you have not a good stock of Coals you must pay a very high price for them. NCastle 9th April. The Accounts of the Shipping that have suffered in the late storm, become daily more Melancholy.

Mr Bowns takes notice that nothing is stated for your House in Town either as to rate or deductions, he probably is not acquainted that is rented; he likewise writes me "The Income Commissrs. have appointed to meet on the 17th Inst, in order to receive returns from the Assessors, so that if you could furnish Mr Tweedale with a Duplicate of that which the Colonel is to make previous to that time I trust he will not be considered a Defaulter," Now we do not apprehend that there will be a necessity for that being done against that time as the State of your Income will be given in to the Commissrs. for Northd. at Hexham, but should the Yorkshire Commissrs. require it, the Statement shall be sent to Mr Tweedale, should you recollect any omission etc on acquainting me early it shall be rectify'd; The Money that you have in the Stocks for the Purpose of Purchasing your Land Tax, & the Money in your Bankers hands to make the several Lead Pays next month should not (I think) be noticed in the Statement.

I am etc J E B

10 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas. Bowns Esq.
Bank Top near Barnsley Yorkshire

NCastle Ap[ril] 10/99

Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 6th Inst. enclosing a Statement of Col. Beaumonts Income arising from his Property in Yorkshire; I am forming a statement of his whole Income so far as it comes within my knowledge; a Duplicate of which shall be sent to Mr Tweedale before the 17th Inst. which he may produce to the Commiss[ione]rs in Case he should be required so to do. The Salary paid to the Steward I am of opinion is a Deduction that will be allowed in Case such Steward receives the rents. The Rent & Taxes of the House in Portman square in which Col. Beaumont resides I am perfectly unacquainted with. I am etc J E B

10 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to William Tweedale

Mr W Tweedale.
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle April 10th /99

Sir

I received your Letters of the 5th & 7th Inst. & note the Contents, I have likewise a letter from Mr. Bowns enclosing a Statement of Col. Beaumonts Income arising from his Property in Yorkshire, I am forming a Statement of his whole Income, a Duplicate of which shall be sent you before the 17th Inst. which may be produced to the Commiss[ione]rs in case of your being required so to do.

I am perfectly unacquainted with the Sums that Col. Beaumont pays for the Rent & taxes of the House in Portman square. I am Sir etc J E B

11 Apr 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 11 April 1799

Gentn. I have this day sent you by Mr. Pickersgill the Leeds Carrier a P[iec]e fine Silver, Containing Fourteen Hundred & Eighty One & one half Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thomas Rd Beaumont Esq. as below, & advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am etc For J.E.B Esq T.C.

For a P[iec]e fine Silver Qty 1481½ Ounces @ 5s/8d P Oz £ 419 . 15s . 2d
NB The Test Bottoms are not yet shipt but will send them by the first opportunity

15 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Rd Beaumont Esq.
Portman Square London

Newcastle 15th April 1799

D[ea]r Sir My last letter to you was of the 9th Inst. I have at length made out a Statement of your Income (as far as any information that I have led me) amounting in the whole clear of Deductions to £13841-4-5. but your Pay as Colonel of a Regt. of Light Dragoons is not included in the statement (for want of information from you) which you possibly may be called on to state, in which case the amount will be upwards of £14000 which will make it necessary that it be inserted in the Statement etc that application should be made to the Commissioners of Income to amend the return; The Statement shall be sent to you by the Mail Coach on the 16th Inst. The Suit with the Lessees of Lord Burford respecting Harehope Gill Lead Mine will be tried the next Durham Assizes to avoid the expence of taking the Witnesses to York. The Income Act requires that the residence of the several Persons to whom Annuities or Interest is paid (for which a Deduction is made in the Statement) shall be mentioned which you will please to insert in the Statement before it be delivered to the Commiss[ione]rs (should it be called for) & in case of your Pay being included in the Statement I would recommend that the return be amended with the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds in

the stead of Fourteen Hundred Pounds which I mentioned in a former letter; You will please to let me know the residence of the several Persons to whom you Pay Annuities or Interest that it may be inserted in the several duplicates of the Statement. Should the Statement be required from you by the Commiss[ione]rs in London, on its being amended as I have before mentioned it must either be signed by you or by your Agent Mr Bell, in the latter case on application to the Commiss[ione]rs a further time will be allowed for the purpose. Mr Clayton was seized with the Gout the day before he proposed going for Town & I shall send the Land Tax Certificate with the Statement tomorrow by the Mail Coach, the Durham Certificate shall be sent to you as soon as I can obtain it from the Commiss[ione]rs. I am etc J E B

15 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr Bell Hexham

Newcastle 15 April 1799

D[ea]r Sir

Herewith you will receive the Statement of Coll. Beaumont's Income in which I have found it necessary to make some alterations, as you will observe at the foot; I am of opinion that it will be necessary to make further amendments by inserting his Pay as Coll. & likewise naming the residence of the several Persons to whom he pays Annuities or Interest (which the Act requires) both of which I was ignorant of, & have wrote to Col. Beaumont for information; Should his Pay be included (which I have no doubt the Act requires) it will become necessary to make Application to the Commiss[ione]rs for leave to amend the Return, in which case I would recommend that Fifteen Hundred Pounds be inserted in the Stead of £1400 . . as Contribution.

It will be necessary that you should sign your name to the Statement which should the Commiss[ione]rs require before I have the Information from Col. Beaumont, on their being acquainted with the Cause of the delay they will allow a further time for the delivery of it.

I am etc J E B

16 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr I Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 16th April 1799

Mr I Hunter I received your letter with the Piece of Silver weight 943 Ounces. I am surprized and much disappointed at not having received the Pay Bill for Dukesfields. Your delay in sending it puts us to great inconvenience & I have been under the Necessity of postponing the Payment of the several Tradesmen solely on that Account, & in case of its not coming to hand in two or three days I shall be obliged to

put it off till after the Pay for which they may thank you. I have had the other Pay Bills a considerable Time.

I am Sir Your Humble Servt. John E Blackett

16 Apr 1799 Thomas Crawhall to William Balshaw

Mr Wm Balshaw
Bolton Lancashire

Newcastle 16th April 1799

Sir, Mr Blackett received your Lre of the 12th Inst and desires me to acquaint you that he has not at present any Lead to dipose of, nor will he have for some time, but in case he had the lowest price at present would be £18 . . P[er] Fother of 21 Cwt. = 2352 lbs. I am etc T. C.

22 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 22nd of April 1799

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 18th inst. inclosing the residence of the several Annuitants which shall be inserted in the Income return sent to Mr Bell the Schedule of the Land tax in the County of Durham (except that in Weardale amounting to £0 .12. 6 which I have not yet got from the Clerk of the Commiss[i]one[r]s of the Landtax, tho' frequently applied to for the Purpose) was sent by the Mail Coach Yesterday directed to you. Inclosed you have a Copy of a Letter that I received from Mr Hunter respecting your giving your Support to the Petition against a Clause in the Hexham Turnpike Bill on the South side of the Tyne; I do not at present apprehend that a Gate being placed at High Team will materially affect you, but I will enquire further & let you know in the interim I would recommend it to you in Case of any Application being made to you by Lord Strathmore, Sir Thomas Clavering etc not to enter into any Engagement as to opposing the Clause, for I look on the Opposition as partial & ill founded, taken up by a Set of People from Lanchester & the Neighbourhood.

I have by this days post your Letter of the 20th inst. & observe the Contents; I had made a Deduction for the Salaries of the several Stewards that received your Rents Viz. Mr Bell, Mr Twedale, & Mr Mulcaster but I was informed by some Commissioners that I was wrong, & that it would not be allowed, & indeed I believe that on its being proposed in the House that Mr Pitt objected to the Amendment; I think it is very reasonable it should be deducted, particularly as the Steward pays on Account of his Income for that sum. I should imagine that Sir Geo. Young has been misinformed with Respect to the appearance of Mines at the Cape; should be desirous of taking over with

him any experienced Miners & workmen it will be necessary that he should make some Offers for no person certainly will engage but on a Certainty. I am etc J E B.

23 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 23 April 1799

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 15th inst. with the Return of Coll. Beaumont's Income; I have since received an Account from him of the residence of the several Annuitants etc which I Inclose you to be inserted in the return sent you; Coll. Beaumont has not taken any Notice of the Amount of his Pay as Colonel of the 21st Regt. of L[igh]t Dragoons tho' I mentioned in two Letters the Necessity of it & that it was probable he could be required to do it by the Income Commissioners.

I propose going by Hexham (instead of Dilston) to Dukesfield on Tuesday & I hope that road may be safe for a Change.

I expect that the Lead Stewards will be at this Place on Saturday the 27th inst. I am etc J E B

23 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Peter Hunter

Peter Hunter Esq. Durham

Newcastle 23rd April 1799

Sir I received your letter of the inst. It will not be convenient for me to attend the Meeting on the 26 inst. I do not apprehend that the placing a Gate at High Team on the Hexham Turnpike road south of Tyne will materially affect Col. Beaumont's Concerns on which account I can not recommend his giving the Clause in the proposed Bill his opposition. I am etc. J E B

24 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs. Gosling.
Bankers London

Newcastle 24 April 1799

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co. on Barclays & Co. at Thirty days dated this day for Two Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds, being for One Quarters Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th Inst. to the Revd. Henry Hardinge from Col Beaumont - Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & inform Mr Hardinge of the same. I am etc J E B

£225 . 0 . 0 No. 6093

Newcastle upon Tyne April 24th 1799

Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of J E Blackett Esq.

Two Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds

Messrs. Barclays Tritton & Bevan

Value received

Bankers London

Surtees Burdon & Co.

25 Apr 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

NCastle 25th April 1799

Gentn. I have to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 23rd Inst. inclosing Nine Bills - Amount £410 - 1 - 6 as you advise and which are placed to your Credit for fine Silver sent you on T. R. Beaumont Esqrs Account I am etc T. C.

27 Apr 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman square London

Newcastle 27 April 1799

D[ea]r Sir I am favoured with your Letter of the 25th Inst. I have made further enquiry respecting a Gate being placed on the South Turnpike Road to Hexham at High Team, how far it may affect your Concerns, & I do not find that it can in any Material Degree; Your Lead from Weardale comes down to Blaydon some Distance above that Gate, & all the heavy Materials for those Mines are sent up the River to Blaydon, & go up from thence by the back Carriage. I observe what you say respecting the House of which you have an Offer; it appears to be an eligible Purchase provided you have a long term in the Lease, for I imagine that it is not Freehold but I am informed there are a Number of large Houses on Sale at this Time which may be an Inducement to the present Owner to lower the Price; should the Circumstances turn out as has been represented, the Title approved of by the Person of the Law that you employ, & the Terms agreeable, I would recommend that in Case no part of the Purchase Money remains for a Time on Interest, that the Payment may be made by Instalments. I have not got the Bill for the Division of the stinted moors & Pastures in Weardale, but Mr Williamson has shewn me it. By which I observe that your Right of working the Mines in as full & ample a Manner as they have been heretofore, without paying any Damage whatever, is sufficiently guarded by which Means you are in a better Situation than before, for although no Damage has been paid, it was always a Subject of Contention which this Act puts an End to. Your Lead Stewards are with me at present, they receive the Notes & Cash tomorrow, I shall go up with them to

Dukesfield on Tuesday Morning, though I am very unfit for such a Journey in so very cold Weather having the Rheumatism in my Head & Teeth very much. The Stewards inform me that there is little or no Alteration in the State of the Mines since I saw them last. I am etc J. E. B.

3 May 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R. Beaumont Esq.

Newcastle 3rd May 1799

Dear Sir I wrote to you the 28th inst to which I refer you. You will be surprised at receiving a Letter from me at this Place when you expected I was at Allenheads, but, I really durst not venture to encounter the very severe, cold Weather at this Time, with the Rheumatism in my Head & flying about me; & it is well that I did not, for my Complaint has increased, & the Weather continues very unfavourable; Mr Bell & Thomas Crawhall went with the Lead Stewards on Tuesday, the latter returns on Sunday when you shall hear from me. From the further enquiries that I made, I do not find that the placing a Turnpike Gate at High Team will prejudice your Concerns, & of Consequence does not call on your opposition to the Measure; but it will be necessary that any other Gate being placed on the road to take in all your Lead Carriage from Dukesfield (which I believe that Mr. Silvertop has in Contemplation) should be guarded against. Mr Mulcaster having informed me that the Agents of Sir Thos. Clavering & Miss Simpson were taking in & inclosing considerable parts of Barlow Common in the Parish of Ryton the Property of the Lords of Winlaton; being sensible that a Discharge would not avail & pulling down the fences might be looked on in an invidious Light, I gave Mulcaster directions to immediately set about inclosing about forty Acres of pretty good Land Contiguous to your Farm; this may bring them to reason, & should either Sir Thos. Clavering or Miss Simpson make any Application to you on this Matter, I would recommend that you answer them, that the inclosure is by your Directions & that they set you the Example, but that in Case of their desisting with their Inclosure & pulling down that which they had already made, that you would do the like, & join with them, in a Bill for the Division of that Common at a small Distance in the Latter of which Mr. Standish has a Share. I am etc J E B

22 May 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 22nd May 1799

Gentn. Mr Blackett received your favor of the 18th Inst & in his Absence I am requested to inform you that a P[ie]e. fine Silver will be sent you by the Waggon next Week, but as Silver has had an advance it will be charged @ 5s.9d P Oz. Mr Blackett

thinks himself much obliged by your having so kindly executed his small Commission.
I am etc. T. C.

31 May 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle May 31st 1799

Gentn. I have this day sent you by Jno. Pickersgill the Leeds Carrier a P[iec]e fine Silver, Containing Fourteen Hundred & Seventy Ounces, also have shipt on board the John & Mary Capt. Barrowby of Hull, for you one Ton of Test Bottoms (in four Casks) which I desire you will place to Account with Thos Richd Beaumont Esq. as below, & advise me on your receipt of the same. I am etc J .E. B.

For a Pe fine Silver qty 1470 oz at 5s/9d P Ounce	£422 12s 6d
For 19 Cwt 2 Qrs of Test Bottoms at £3 3sP Ton	3 1 6
For Wherry hire & Sufferance of Test Bottoms	3
	£ 425 17 0

31 May 1799 Thomas Crawhall to William Tweedale

Mr W Tweedale
Bretton near Wakefd Yorkshire

Newcastle 31st May 1799

We have this day shipped on board the John & Mary Capt. Barrowby of Hull 4 Fothers of Refd. Lead (53 Pieces) & 4 C[as]ks Lead Fume, directed for Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esqr. to be left at the Old Warehouse Wakefield, & which I hope will arrive safe. I am etc T. C. I am Sir etc J E B

14 Jun 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

NCastle 14 June 1799

Gentn. I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour of the 11th inst. inclosing eleven Bills amounting to £420 . 13 . 4 as you advise, and which are placed to your Credit for fine Silver sent you on Thomas Rd Beaumont Esqrs. Account I am etc. T. C.

23 Jun 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas R Beaumont Esq.
Portman Square London

Newcastle 23rd June 1799

Dear Sir

I was much Concerned to hear that you have been indisposed, but I sincerely hope that this may find you perfectly restored to Health; as I had not any particular Business to communicate to you, I have not troubled you with a Letter for some time past; very little Lead has been yet brought down from the Lead Mills, Dukesfield Mill has been off Work for six or seven Weeks for want of Ore, owing to the Lead Road being almost impassible, & the very low Condition of the Carriers Horses, on which Account it has not yet been in my Power to deliver the Lead sold in December last, but I expect to compleat the Quantity this Week; I do not intend making a Sale of the London Houses till August or September, nor indeed will it be in my Power, & the Quantity will fall considerably short of former Years, owing partly to the Cause I have mentioned, & likewise to the Mines not being so productive; but the Advance of Price of the last Quantity sold in Decer. & the prospect of a rising Market, may I hope in some Degree make up for it, The Lead sold in Decer. was at £18 the Fodr. the Lead Company have lately sold 10,000 Pieces at that Price; I am at present selling Litharge at £18 . 10s . d the Ton, & I am in Hopes of obtaining that Price for the next Quantity of Lead that I sell.

The Lead Agents are to be with me tomorrow for upwards of £2950 as Subsistance for the Workmen & about £1000 more for Wood Payments and Candle Notes.

The Act of Parliament for the Road from Hexham to join that of Carlisle being near expiring, it is proposed to apply to Parliament for a Branch from that Road at Corbridge in a streight Line to join that of Carlisle road at Heddon on the Wall, which will cut off a considerable Angle, be a nearer, & much more pleasant road being almost on a Level; this road will go between the low Country Road by the Side of the River & the Carlisle Road, & be a much better & Cheaper Conveyance for your Lead from Allen Mill, it will likewise be a great Benefit to the Town of Hexham, as the Carriers between N.Castle & Carlisle will prefer it to the high hilly Road the Calculation of the Expençe of making this Road is £2500 inclosed you have the Sums subscribed for which a Security will be given on the Tolls. Miss Simpson, Col. Bewick & several Others are expected to subscribe, so there will be no Doubt of its going forward; Mr Walton & Mr C. Blackett desire me to mention this Matter to you, & they are in Hopes that you will subscribe; I shall be glad to have your Answer before the 2nd July as a Meeting for that Purpose is to held that Day at Hexham or Corbridge.

I am etc J E B

23 Jun 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 23rd June 1799

Dear Sir

I received yours with an Extract of Lord Carlisle's Admittance to his Estates at Stanhope, with a Skitch of the Mines which I have delivered to Mr. Emerson for his Information etc.

I observe by the inclosed that Col. Beaumont's Income Tax after the Abatement allowed for Children amounts to £1260 the first Payment of which being £210. I have inclosed you Surtees & Burdons Order for that Sum, & I have desired Col. Beaumont to inform me if he would have those Payments continued or the Remainder paid into the Bank of England in one Payment.

I had a letter yesterday from Col. Beaumont who would leave London on Sunday for Bretton & come North soon after. I have lately been in better Health & my Daughter & little Girls are pretty Well. I am etc J E B

24 Jun 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Richard Barrowby

Mr Richard Barrowby
Hull

Newcastle 24th June 1799

Sir The Piggs of Lead, Lead Fume etc, shippd on board, the John & Mary Capt. Barrowby at this Place P[er] Mr Blackett, were requested to be sent as follows (Viz.) 4 Tons Lead (53 Pieces) & 4 Casks of Lead Fume for Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esqr: to be left at the old Warehouse Wakefield, and 1 Ton of Test Bottoms (in 4 Casks) to be sent to Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield - They paying Carriage etc of the same _ They Parties were advised of the Goods being shipt which we thought was all that was necessary I am etc T. C.

25 Jun 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont MP
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 25th June 1799

Dear Sir

I wrote to you in Town on the 23rd inst. to which I refer you; I was Yesterday favoured with your Letter of the 22nd. I hope that this may find Mrs Beaumont yourself & young Folks perfectly well after your Journey. Your Lead Agents inform me that there are very little Changes in the State of the Mines since the Lead Pay; but they say that owing in some Degree to the Division of the Common, (as well as to the very low Condition of the Carriage Horses) that there will be a great Difficulty in

having the several Lead Mills fully supplied with Ore, & likewise the Lead brought down to Blaydon.

I had yesterday a Letter from Mr Bell with the Amount of your Income Tax being (after the Abatement for Children being Deducted £1260.. but in Case you should approve of the whole Sum being paid at once into the Bank of England (whereby you will be entitled to 5 P Ct. on the several Payments) you will please to advise me, & likewise let me know what I must give to Mr Walton respecting the Subject in my former Letter. Your Gamekeeper informs Mr. Crawhall that the Moor Game have bred tolerable well, but are very small, that the severe Weather the latter end of May kill'd many of them. I am etc J E B

On the 3rd inst I paid into the Bank Bills at 2 Months Date for £6367 . . on the 24 inst Bills at 1 & 2 Months for £5000 . & this Week I expect to make the like Payment of £5000 .s .d at 1 & 2 Month's Date.

2 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thomas Emerson
New House Weardale

Newcastle 2nd July 1799

Mr Thomas Emerson I am much surprized & concerned to find that Mr Purvis (who is employed equally for Col. Beaumont as for Mr. Wilson) met with a backwardness from you in giving him that Assistance & Information respecting Harehope Gill Lead Mine which he had reason to expect from you as Col. Beaumonts Agent, & that a Paper which you or your Son had been desired to preserve with Care (it being of material Consequence in the Cause) could not be found, & Mr Purvis was told that it was supposed the Maid Servant had burnt it; If this is the Case & the Persons employed have not that full Assistance & Advice of the Agents, it can not be expected that Col. Beaumont can succeed in the Cause, which he will of concern attribute to the Backwardness etc of yourself & Son, owing to your near Connection with some of the Lessees; I had not this information from Mr Wilson, neither do I believe that he is informed of it.

I do beg that every Assistance may be given to the Gentlemen of the Law employed by Col. Beaumont & Mr Wilson in this Cause, which will prevent any unfavourable impression to your Disadvantage, I am etc J. E. B.

You will please shew this letter to Mr. J. Bell when he comes up on Thursday or Friday.

2 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 2nd July 1799

D[ea]r Sir

I this day was favored with your letter of the 30th Ult. which was too late to take any step at the Meeting at Hexham this morning respecting the new branch proposed from the Hexham Turnpike road at Corbridge to join the Carlisle road at Headon on the Wall; I acquainted you in a former Letter of the Benefit I was of opinion that it would be to you in a part of your Lead Carriage, as well as the great Benefit which it must be to the Town of Hexham on which Account I would recommend that your Subscription should be £300 . . for which Sum you will have a security on the Tolls of this Branch of the Road; Since I wrote to you Mr Biggs has subscribed £200. I was very much surprized to find by the Act lately passed for the Division of the Moors & Stinted Pastures in Weardale that a very material part of the Clause in the printed Copy of the Bill (which was agreed to at the Meeting) & was sent up to you & you were desired to be on your guard that no Alterations were made in it, is omitted, Viz: "And that without paying any Damages or making any Satisfaction" whatsoever for so doing Mr Scruton the Solir. is certainly very blamable for this Omission which appears to be done designedly, & tho' I hope that no bad Consequences may arise from it, yet it leaves an opening for Contest, & it was what Mr Williamson went up to Weardale about once or twice solely on that Account & it was with Difficulty that he could at length bring the Meeting to consent to that Clause; Nothing more could be done with us, for your Interest & if you have recourse to my Letter of the 29th Jany 98 you will observe that I strongly recommended it to you to be on your guard that the Printed Bill which was agreed to at the Meeting should not be altered; Mr Williamson is much hurt on this occasion, & indeed I think that you have been very unhandsomely treated.

I am etc J E B

I should be glad to know when you propose being at this Place.

4 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Rd Beaumont Esq.
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 4th July 1799

D[ea]r Sir

Since my letter to you of the 2nd Inst. I received a letter from Mr Hardinge, a Copy of which I enclose, as well as a Copy of your Agreement with him for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Mines. The advance that he demands is considerable indeed, & I think out of reason, before an answer can be given to it this Matter must be well considered in the interim I have wrote to Mr Emerson to keep the Ore that may be wrought from the 11th Inst seperate from what had been wrought prior to that time; I shall acquaint Mr Hardinge with my Sentiments on this business & that when it is fully considered that he shall have an answer.

I am with best respects to Mrs. Beaumt & yourself Dr. Sir etc J. E. B.

The Ore wrought in Weardale Mines for the last six years on an average was 17535 Bings

The Rectors due on which was 1753 Bings. The Average Price of Ore in Alston Moor for the last three years was £3 . 7. 0 P[er] Bing

5 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Mr. Hardinge
Stanhope Durham

Newcastle 5th July 1799

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 2nd inst by which I observe that the Agreement between you & Col. Beaumont (for seven Years) for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines will expire on the 11th inst. I have accordingly directed the Agents of those Mines that the Ore that may be wrought from the 11th be separated from that which was raised prior to that Time.

You certainly are at Liberty to fix what Sum you may think proper for the Composition for your Tythe Ore, but when the great Charge & Expence attending those Mines is fully considered, I really am surprized to find that you expect so very considerable an Advance for your Tythe Ore, you greatly overrate it, for so far from these Mines being more productive, the Quantity of Ore raised has decreased for the two last Years (which I can make appear to you) from the Report of the Agents the present Year will be less productive, & although Brockonsike Vein is rather more promising than it has been (owing to the considerable Sum expended on that Mine) yet the Weardale Mines on the whole are not near so productive as they have been, the Price of every Article for the carrying on the Mines, as well as that of Labour is very considerably advanced, which should be taken into Consideration by you; The Price of Lead you must be sensible is fluctuating, it is at present tolerably good but it was so low the last Year that Col. Beaumont would be a very considerable loser by a large Quantity that I sold; Was the Composition for the Bishop of Durham's Lot Ore to be advanced in the like proportion to what you expect for your Tythe Ore? I do declare that I should not hesitate in recommending it to Col. Beaumont that the Lot & Tythe Ore should be drawn, & that a great part of the Mines which are at present very Poor be laid in, working only a small part that might yield some little Profit, and to push forward his other Mines in Allendale which have lately a very promising Appearance. This Matter Sir must rest for the present, until I have some Conversation with Col. Beaumont on the Business, who I expect to see in a few Days, when you shall hear further from me, & until this Matter is determined, the Ore that may be raised from the 11th inst shall be separated.

I am etc J. E. B.

To Messrs. Barclays Tritton & Bevan
Bankers London

Value received
Surtees Burdon & Co.

15 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr. Durham

NCastle 15th July 1799

Sir, Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs Barclays & Co. at Forty Days dated the 15th inst for Seventy Five Pounds 1s/2d being for half a Years Moor Master's Rent due from Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. the 1st August next to the Lord Bishop of Durham, with 1s/2d for Acquittance & Duty. Please to send a receipt for the same. I am etc J E B

I was very much surprised to find that a Part of a Clause in the Printed Bill for the Dividing the Moors & Stinted Pastures in Weardale (which Clause was agreed to at the General Meeting of the Proprietors) has been left out in the Bill Viz: (Fo. 32) "And that without Paying any Damage or making any satisfaction whatsoever for so doing." This Omission appears to have been by design and I think that Mr Scruton is highly blameable and that he has treated the Lord Bishop of Durham and his Lessees very ill Mr Williamson is of the same opinion.

£75. 1 . 2 No. 7424 Newcastle upon Tyne July 15th 1799
No 29 Forty days after Date pay to the Order of J E Blackett Esq.
Seventy Five Pounds One Shilling & Two Pence
To Messrs. Barclays Tritton & Co. Value rec[eiv]ed
Bankers London Surtees Burdon & Co.

16 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond.
Bankers London

Newcastle 16 July 1799

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs Barclays & Co. at Forty Days dated the 16th Inst for Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds Ten Shillings, to pay half a Year's Comp[ositio]n for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th Aug. to My Lord Bishop of Durham from Col. Beaumont Please to advise me on your receipt of the same I am etc J E B

£462 .10. No. 7425

Newcastle upon Tyne 15th July 1799

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of J E Blackett Esq.
No 30 Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds Ten Shillings
Messrs. Barclays & Co. Value rec[eiv]ed
Bankers London Surtees Burdon & Co.

27 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Wilson

Sir Henry Wilson
Chelsea Park London

Newcastle 27 July 1799

D[ea]r Sir I was duly favored with your letter of the 12th Inst. The remaining Sum due on the late Sir Thos Blackett's Bond to the late W Wilson Esqr. with the Interest that may be due thereon will be paid at Colonel Beaumonts Bankers Hammersley & Co. Pall Mall on the 17th August next to you as Executor to the late ___ Wilson Esqr. on your giving a receipt for the same on a two Shillings Stamp, but the Bond must be also delivered up, and a reconveyance taken of the mortgaged Estate to the uses, & upon the Trusts of the late Sir Thos. Blackett's Will, previous to which it will be necessary that the Mortgage Deed should be given up & sent down that Col. Beaumonts Council may prepare the reconveyance, but that need not delay the payment of the Money on your receipt being given etc. I am etc J E B

27 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Henry Hardinge
Stanhope Durham

Newcastle 27th July 1799

Sir I communicated the Contents of your Letters to Col. & Mrs. Beaumont who think that the Proposals that you make for your Tithe Ore are very high, for notwithstanding it may appear of greater Value to those who only see the Quantity of Ore raised, without considering that this Tithe Ore in being in the Hands of the lessee under an easy Composition, has been the Means of producing this Quantity by encouraging the Lessee to venture his Money; some Years ago when both the Compositions did not amount to £700 the late Sir Walter Blackett lost Money by the Weardale Mines and the considerable Increased Expence attending the working of them, when taken into Consideration will I hope induce you to accept of twelve hundred Pounds Pr. Annm for your Tithe Ore which I am empowered to offer you to which you will please to favour me with your Answer that I may be enabled to give Directions accordingly. I am etc J. E. B.

30 Jul 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Hammersley

Messrs Hammersley
Bankers Pall Mall London

Newcastle 30th July 1799

Gentn. Inclosed I send you Messrs Surtees Burdon & Cos. Bill on Barclays Tritton & Bevan dated the 15th July at 30 Days date for Two Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy Pounds which is on account of Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esq. and which Sum you are desired to pay on the 17th Augt. next to Sir Henry Wilson late of Pomfret but now of Chelsea Park Executor of the late _____ Wilson Esq. in discharge of the remaining Sum due on a Bond & Mortgage of the late Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. to the late Mr William Wilson Esqr. for Five Thousand Pounds. Sir Henry Wilson's receipt must be on a two shillings Stamp which I enclose for £2800 (the remainder of the Principal Sum) & £70 for One half Year's Interest which becomes due on the 17th Aug. next, but the Bond must be delivered up & likewise the Mortgage Deed which you will be pleased to send down by the Mail Coach directed to me at this place for the Inspection of Col. Beaumont's Council that they may be enabled to prepare the Reconveyance. I have acquainted Sir Henry Wilson that a remittance would be made to you for the above purpose, his Bankers are Mess. Snow & Co: Strand.

I am Gentn. etc J E B

8 Aug 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Henry Hardinge
Seaton Carew near Stockton

Newcastle 8th Augt. 1799

Sir Your Favour of the 5th inst. I received this Evening at my return from Newbiggin where I have been for a few Days. I observe what you say as to the Application that has been made to you to enter into a Treaty for your Tythe Ore; Rather than the Ore should be separated which probably might be attended with unpleasant Circumstances to both Parties I take upon me, on the part of Coln. Beaumont to agree to your Proposal to compound for the whole of your Tithe Ore on the Terms that you mention (Viz.) Fifteen Hundred Pounds per Annm. during your Possession or Enjoyment of the Rectory of Stanhope; Payable as described in your late Agreement, to take place from the 11 July last; Should this meet with your Approbation shall the same Form of Agreement be prepared & sent to you, & a counter part of the same to Coln. Beaumont, or would you have Mr. Williamson employed. I am etc J. E. B.

10 Aug 1799 Henry Hardinge to John Erasmus Blackett

Seaton Carew Stockton

Saturday Augt. 10th 1799

Sir

I received this afternoon the Favour of Yours of the 8th inst. and as you agree on the part of Colonel Beaumont to my Proposal to compound for the whole of my Tithe Ore on the Terms I mention'd (Viz.) Fifteen Hundred Pounds Pr. Annm. during my Possession or Enjoyment of the Rectory of Stanhope, Payable as described in my Late Agreement, to take place from the 11th of July last, this meets with my Approbation and I shall expect the same form of Agreement in every other respect as the late Agreement between Coln. Beaumont & me.

As I purpose to stay at Seaton about a Fortnight, & to go from hence into Yorkshire, I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to forward the Agreement & Counterpart to me at this Place, & I will then execute both if the Form should correspond with the late Agreement, & will return the proper Counterpart to you at Newcastle by the Post from Stockton, or by any other Convenience that you may please to mention.

With respect, I am Sir Your most obedient humble servant H Hardinge

14 Aug 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esq.
Bretton Wakefd. Yorkshire

Newcastle 14th August 1799

D[ea]r Sir I wrote to you the 9th Inst. to which I refer you. I made Mr Hardinge an offer of £1200 P. Ann. as a Composition for his Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines which Sum he refused accepting of, & he wrote me that an Agent of a Mining Company in that Neighbourhood had made him offers more advantageous to him than the terms that he had proposed to me, I had no doubt that such offers had been made to him, & therefore thought it adviseable to conclude the Agreement with Mr. Hardinge on his own terms Viz. Fifteen Hundred Pounds P. Ann. I wrote to him to that purpose & have had his answer; I now enclose you the Agreements which when you have Executed you will be pleased to return to me that they may be forwarded to Mr. Hardinge for his Signature. Your Quantity of Lead will fall considerably short this year, the advanced Price may I hope make some little amends; I do not expect to make a Sale 'till next Month (not having above 13000 ps. of Lead at Blaydon at present, exclusive of about 4000 ps. of Refineable Lead) when I hope to obtain £19 P. Fr.

I am with best respects etc J. E. B.

14 Aug 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. Henry Hardinge
Seaton Carew near Stockton

Newcastle 14 Aug. 1799

Sir I was favoured with your letter of the 10th Inst in consequence of which I have got the Agreement & Counterpart drawn up on two twenty shillings Stamps which the law requires) agreeable to the enclosed, which I have no doubt will meet with your approbation; I send them by this Post to Col. Beaumont to be executed by him, on their being returned to me, they shall be forwarded to you at Seaton for the like purpose; As you possibly may not have the late Agreement with you I have for your satisfaction enclosed it under another Cover for you to compare with the Copy of the new Agreement, which be pleased to return with the Counter part.

I am etc J. E. B.

15 Aug 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 15th Augt. 1799

Gentn.

Mr Blackett this Day received your favour of the 28th inst. inclosing ten Bills Amount £394..4..6 as you advise, and which are placed to the Credit of your Account for fine Silver sent you. At the time the last pc. Silver was sent you Mr Blackett was not acquainted with the price of fine Silver but which has since charged @ 5/9 P[er] Oz.; & below you have an Invoice of the Same. [the previous sentence replaced the following which was crossed out: Mr Blackett has not yet been able to inform you of the Price of the Piece Silver last sent you, but will inform you in two or three Posts.]

I am etc T. C.

1799 Aug 16th For a pc. fine Silver q. 1389 @ 5/9 P[er] Oz £399.6.9

30 Aug 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 30th Augt. 1799

Gentn. Mr Blackett received your Favour of the 3rd Inst. inclosing a Bank Note, Amount thirty Pounds, which is placed to your Credit, would have acknowledged the receipt of it sooner, but waited till we had an Opportunity of sending you a piece fine Silver, which have done this Day p[er] Leeds Waggon, Containing Thirteen Hundred & Eighty nine Ounces, which you will please place to Account with Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr. and advise Mr Blackett on your receipt of the same. Mr Blackett observes what you say respecting the Test Bottoms, which he has disposed of, Since receiving yours. I am etc T. C.

6 Sep 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont MP
Bridlington Yorkshire

Newcastle 6th September 1799

D[ea]r Sir I was favoured with your letter of the 1st Inst with the Inclosures; I have had some conversation with Mr Williamson respecting the business he had likewise a similar letter from the Bishop with whom we had some discourse yesterday & Mr Williamson is fully satisfied that the omission in the Act of (without paying any damage for the same / altho' very improper) is remedied in the following Clause that neither this nor Lord Walsingham's Clause can possibly be attended with any bad consequent to your Concern; So application is now making to the Lord Bishop of Durham for his Consent to the Division of other Commons & of course will be made to you; It is strongly recommended that your answer may be; That you have no objection to such Divisions taking place; provided the Divisions may be solicited jointly by the Bishop of Durham & yourself & that your several Agents may meet for the purpose of preparing & settling the same. I don't see what can be done further respecting to the late Mr Newton's claim, after the matter had been settled as we thought; Were you after this to consent to its being left to reference its probable that they would allow of all the changes as there would be no Evidence to disprove them. You shall hear further from me in a few days - I am etc J.E.B.

9 Sep 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq.
Bridlington Yorkshire

Newcastle 9th Sept 1799

Dear Sir I wrote to you the 6th inst. to which I refer you. Inclosed you have a Copy of a Letter from Mr Clark of the House of Commons respecting the Introduction of Lord Walsinghams Clause in the Division Bill etc. I have the Pleasure to tell you that I have at length made a Considerable Sale of Lead at an Advanced Price to the London Buyers. 27000 Pieces one half Refined @ £20 P[er] Fr. and 2500 Pieces of Slag Lead @ £19.10. P[er] Fr. Payable in Bills due in Six Months; you will please to observe that little more than one half the quantity is yet come down to Blaydon, but I have wrote to Mr Hunter to hasten the Lead down, & to carry forward the Works at the several Lead Mills with Briskness. The Balance due to you from the Newton family according to the Account settled with Mr Stephenson is £44.7.6 but should the Exec[uto]rs intend to contest this matter; I would recommend that one half that sum be accepted & a full discharge given etc. I am etc J. E. B.

16 Sep 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 16th Sept 1799

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letters of the 12th & 15th inst. I shall endeavour to settle the Business with the Executors of the late Mr Newton in the best Manner that I can.

I have spoke to my friend C. Blackett respecting the Buck that you are so kind as to send us, & should it be convenient to you we shall be glad to have it on Saturday the 12th Octr. I am happy to hear that Mrs Beaumont & your young Folks have received benefit from the Sea Air & Bathing.

I am etc J. E. B.

22 Sep 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Hammersley

Mess. Hammersley & Co.
London

Morpeth 22nd Septemr. 1799

Gentn.

I wrote to you the 20th Inst. to which I beg leave to refer you; I have now the favour of your letter of the 19th Inst advising of your payment to Sir Henry Wilson's Bankers Mess. Snow & Co. £2870 on Account of Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esq.& enclosing Mess. Snow & Co's receipt for that Sum. I am glad that Sir Henry Wilson has at length thought proper to receive this money, without insisting on a few days interest owing to some delay in him on Account of his late Marriage.

I observe that the Bond & the Mortgage Deed will be forwarded by the Mail Coach.

I am etc J. E. B.

PS. The Bond & Mortgage are arrived P[er] the Mail Coach this day.

26 Sep 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Morpeth 26th Sept 1799

Dear Madam I had yesterday evening the favor of your letter and I observe that you have had a Visit from that most troublesome, restless, Mischievous Bore, the Rector of Wolsingham; he certainly mistimed his Visit, the season of Lent being more suitable for Abstinence & Mortification; that Persons Conduct has been so very

extraordinary that I now am not surprised at any of his proceedings. As to his notice of withdrawing all Pecuniary assistance towards the future carrying on the Suit that is at this time, depending, & of which he has under his hand engaged to bear his own fourth part of the expence, I do not apprehend that it is in his power to do it; the engagement that he entered into is in the hands of Mr. Heron, I shall return to Newcastle tomorrow, & shall then consult him & Mr Williamson on this matter, the result of which you shall be informed of; Mr Wilson's Attorney's Mess. Surtees & Purvis will likewise keep him close to his agreement with them. As to what Mr Wilson told you respecting the Gentn. that would take a lease, or a tack of your Mines in the Parish of Wolsingham on the terms that he mentioned I do not believe him, One fifth is the highest dues that is paid at Alston Moor, & is much higher than is paid either in Yorkshire or Derbyshire, but were they to pay one fourth dues (which I do not credit) you would have to pay the Rector One tenth of the whole, so that your dues would be reduced to little more than one seventh part, which (considering the inconvenience that it might occasion to your other concerns in Weardale) would make it far from a desirable object, but I shall consult with your Lead Stewards on this matter; the Rectors object for the working of these Mines is obvious, Some Mines in this Parish of Wolsingham were formerly wrought in the time of the late Agent Mr Maughan, but not answering the expence of working they were given up, I believe that Mr Emerson made another trial with the like success; Now can it be supposed that your Agent would desist working these Mines were they as promising as Mr Wilson represents them to be, solely out of private pique to him. I hope that I shall have no more correspondence with the Wilsons, the Knight and the Divine are not the most desirable acquaintance. I am a stranger to the terms of the Lease of the Colliery taken by Sir E. Blackett & Mr Tulip, but Mr Bell must be acquainted with the particulars, my Brother thought that it would be better that I should have no concern in that business. The Venison that you are so kind as to send me will be very acceptable against the 12th October tho' it may not be quite so fat as at this time. I hope that you met with agreeable entertainment at Doncaster Races & found your young Folks perfectly well when you returned home.

I am D[ea]r Madam etc J. E. B.

On sending to the Glass House I was informed that your Glasses were sent, I hope they may arrive safe & give satisfaction, enclosed is the bill which I shall not pay until I hear from you or Col. Beaumont

16 Oct 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 16th Oct. 1799

D[ea]r Sir

I wrote to Mrs Beaumont the 9th Inst to which I refer you. Your Lead Stewards were with me yesterday when I paid for Subsistence for the Workmen & for Candles £3700 the State of the Mines is not improved, & I shall have some difficulty in getting down to Blaydon this year the Lead that I sold in Sept. last, we are at present about 7000 Ps. short of the quantity, what is on the Road shall be hastened as soon as possible, but the poor condition of the carriage Horses, the bad state of the road, & the total want of provender will prevent the Lead being got down from the Lead Mills, as well as the Ore from the Mines; most of the Carriage have already dropped off, a number of their horses having been lost - I shall be under the necessity of having the Lead brought from Dukesfield to Hexham & from thence by the Turnpike Road to Newburn & boated across the river to Blaydon which must be attended with an additional expence, & to induce the East Carriage to bring down what lead is on the road I have promised to make that carriage Pay the last week in Novr. instead of Feby. The time that I shall have it in my power to make another Sale will be very uncertain.

When you made the Purchase of your Land Tax of your property in this Country you did not return me the several certificates which you will be pleased to do, as your Agents are now called upon for the Land Tax which they will be under a necessity of paying unless the certificate be produced. The Weather for these three days past has been very favourable for the Harvest that is yet out, but a great part has been much injured by the constant rains, Old Wheat in this Markett sells from 14/-s to 15/-s the Winr. Bushl, Oats 6/-s to 7/-s, & will be higher; New Corn is lower, but is very soft & alone not fit for the Mill; I am very apprehensive of a scarcity.

I am etc J. E. B.

19 Oct 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Gosling

Messrs. Gosling.
Bankers London

Newcastle Oct 19th 1799

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs Barclays & Co. at thirty Days dated this Day for three Hundred & Seventy Four Pounds, being for One Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11th inst. to the Revd Henry Hardinge from Col Beaumont, after deducting 20/s for a Stamp for the Counterpart of the Agreement. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & inform Mr Hardinge of the same. I am etc J E B

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London	Surtees Burdon & Co.

20 Oct 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Wakefd Yorkshire

Newcastle 20th Oct 1799

D[ea]r Sir I am favoured with your letter of the 18th Inst and am very much surprised to find that you have not made a purchase of your Land Tax; I beg leave to refer you to my several letters of the 8th the 15th & the 22nd of April last, by which you will observe that the Land Tax Certificate (with the Contract) for Northumberland was sent you by the Mail Coach on the 16th April that for the County of Durham by the like conveyance on the 21st April, of which you was advised in the letters above mentioned. I had an infinite deal of trouble in this business, & fully executed that part which could be done here, the several Certificates were sent you from hence & I suppose that from Yorkshire by Mr Tweedale the business then was short as you had purchased Stock for the purpose, & laid with you or your Agent in Town, or Banker whoever you thought proper to appoint to do the business; Indeed I had not the least doubt of your having made the purchase, & I am concerned that it has not been done; there was an omission in the schedule for Weardale which was not found out for some time after & the schedule was not sent you but as soon as the Certificate can be obtained it will be forwarded to you. I am etc J E B

10 Nov 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coln. Beaumont
Bretton Wakefd Yorkshire

Newcastle 10th Novr 1799

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 7th inst & and shall tomorrow desire Messrs Surtees & Co. to purchase Stock to the Amount of £2622.4.9¾ for the Purpose of reducing your Land Tax agreeable to your Direction & for the reason that you assign: the Certificates that I sent you with those from Yorkshre must be sent up to Town to the Person that you employ to settle that Business, & make the Purchase. The Event of the very unfortunate Expedition to Holland, & the Consequences have put a stop to the Demand for Lead for the present, and I fear will occasion a reduction of Price.

The very high Price of Corn, the Prospect of it still being higher is a most serious & alarming Consideration. The Corn of the present Harvest has been greatly injured by the Weather in the Northern Parts of this Country, it has likewise been the Case in the Eastern Countries which has advanced the Prices there and has been the Occasion (with some other Circumstances of a small Importation from thence, & it is much to be

feared that a Stop will soon be put by the foreign Powers to further Exportation from thence, this is a most serious Matter to this Country for from the best Information that I can obtain there is likely to be a Real Scarcity: It is most astonishing that Government does not put an immediate stop to the Distilleries. I am endeavouring to procure a Quantity of Rye for the supply of your Miners but I am doubtful whether I shall succeed.

I am etc J E B

Much Corn is yet out in these Parts; in Scotland they are in a worse Situation, & little or no Seed is sown owing to the wet Season: A good deal of Corn was led on Friday & Saturday, but the Rain this Day will prevent anything being done tomorrow.

Novr. 11th On mentioning the Matter respecting the Purchase of your Land tax to Mr Aub. Surtees he says that they must have the Certificates before they can execute that Business; now I am of Opinion that your Bankers in Town Messrs. Ransome & Co will be the most proper Persons to transact this Matter being on the Spot; should this meet with your Approbation the Certificates sent you with that for your Yorkshire Estate must be sent up to them, and a Sum must be purchased in the Stocks (or transferr'd by you from your Stock) equal to produce the annual Amount of the whole of your Land Tax Calculating the rate of the Stock at the Time of the Purchase. Mr Brother made the Purchase of his Land Tax in Town from the Certificates from Northumberland, Durham, Surry

15 Nov 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Hall Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 15th Novr 1799

Dear Sir

Since my Letter to you 11th inst I have yours of the same Date & as Mess. Surtees & Co. have not made the Purchase in the Stocks, I think that the Mode you propose of sending a Power of Attorney to your Bankers Mess. Barclays & Co. to sell out your Stock or to transfer it, will be the best, I did not know that you had changed your Bankers, Against the Time that your Steward Mr Tweedale has made out an Account of your Land Tax in Yorkshire & procured a Certificate, I hope to send you that for Weardale, in the Account that Mr Emerson formerly sent me, he omitted to insert the Land Tax he pays for those Mines charged in the Mine Accounts which has paid for near 30 years.

I have been fortunate in making a Purchase of 9 Lasts about 700 Bushels of foreign Rye at £28 P[er] Last for your Workmen, the Price is advancing & I have been offered £40 for the purchase Very large Orders have been sent to the Eastern Ports for both Wheat & Rye but it is feared that a Stop will be put to the Exportation from thence

Indeed a Scarcity of Grain is much to be apprehended on which its to be hoped that Government will put an immediate Stop to the Distilleries in this Country.

I am etc J. E. B.

16 Nov 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Read Lucas & Reads

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 16th Novr. 1799

Gentn. I yesterday sent you P[er] J. Pickersgill the Leeds Carrier a p[iec]e fine Silver, Containing One Thousand Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thos Richard Beaumont Esq. as below, & advise me on your receipt of the same.

I am etc J. E. B.

A P[iec]e fine Silver qty 1000 Oz at 6s/1d Pr Ounce £ 304 . 3s . 4d

27 Nov 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 27th Novr 1799

Dear Sir I received your Letter of the 26th inst with a Copy of that of Mr Wilsons; The Terms that he mentions for a Tack of some Mines in the Parish of Wolsingham are certainly very advantageous, and with the usual Conditions of such Leases, it would be advisable for Col. Beaumont to comply with their Terms; but when we come to treat with the Parties on this Business, I am pretty confident that they will not abide by those Terms subject to such Conditions as may be advisable and are usual on such Occasions; I shall meet the Lead Stewards at Hexham on the 9th Decemr when this Matter may be well considered & an Answer given to Mr Wilson of which I shall acquaint Col. & Mrs Beaumont. What Mr Wilson desires respecting the Books and Accounts about 70 or 75 Years prior to this Time you must be sensible that it is not in our Power to comply with they having been all burnt (however ill-advised that Measure was) at the Time that the late Mr Fawcett & Mr Wilson settled the Business between the late Sir Thos. Blackett and Sir J Trevelyan; this you can inform Mr Wilson of, for should I do it he will say (as he has frequently done) that I withhold Papers and Accounts that would be very favourable to the Claim of Col. Beaumont & himself.

I am etc J E B

I shall be at the Bull at Hexham between 11 & 12 o Clock on Monday the 9th Decr next.

27 Nov 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Hall Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 27th Novr 1799

Dear Sir

I had a Letter from Mr Bell inclosing Copy of Mr Wilson's Letter to him, inclosed you have a Copy of my Answer to Mr Bell.

The Sales of Lead that I made in Augt & Septr was very fortunate for there has been little or no Demand since that Time; Refined Lead has been offered at a Reduced Price and refused; there are still 2,000 Pieces of Common Lead wanting at Blaydon to compleat the Quantity sold, which I hope may be got down in the Course of the next Month so that it will not be in my Power to make another Sale to the London Buyers before Feby or March at the soonest. The Subscription that you entered into towards furnishing a Part of the Hexham Volunteer Infantry and the Band of Musick with Cloathing etc having fallen short Major Surtees called on me a few days since with the Paper of the 2nd Subscription and seeing that Mr Clarke and several others had subscribed a like Sum as their former Subscription I took the Liberty of doing the same for you and set down your Name for ten Guineas, which I hope you will approve of. I intend meeting the Lead Stewards at Hexham with Subsistence Money for the Workmen on Monday the 9th Decer. next, should you have any Commands etc to that Place you will be pleased to acquaint me. I am etc J. E. B.

5 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Read Lucas & Reads

Mess Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 5th Decr 1799

Gentn I have this Day received your Favour of the 2d inst inclosing Nine Bills. Amount Three Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings which are placed to the Credit of your Account with Colonel Beaumont, being in full for fine Silver etc sent you. Another Cake of fine Silver will be sent you about the 31st instant. I am etc J.E.B

8 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont M.P.
Shrewsbury

Newcastle 8th Decr 1799

Dear Sir You will have received a Letter from Mr Arth Surtees informing you of the Particulars of a very extraordinary & ill founded Demand that I understand is intended to be made on you, I never heard of it till a few Days ago, when Mr A Surtees & Is Hunter called on me, the former told me that he would write to you on the

Business, Tho there is not the smallest Pretence for this Claim, yet it being of that Magnitude & Serious Nature, I think it advisable that Mr Williamson & Mr Heron should be made acquainted with it by Isaac Hunters Friend & Attorney; & I have spoke to him to that Purpose; they probably may recommend a meeting with Mr Is Hunter Mr Surtees & Mr Westgarth, when the whole Matter of the Claim may be explained to them. I go to Hexham tomorrow (to meet the Lead Stewards with Subsistence Money for your Workmen & for Wood Payments as well to make the East Carrigg Pay which on the whole will amount to abt £

I am etc J.E.B

Your sudden call to join your Regt I hope is not for the Purpose of sending you to Ireland. The two Battals of the 15th Regt were ordered for Ireland, & one or two Divisions were on their March; they have been countermanded & are returned to Sunderland Barracks.

We have cold & wet Weather at present with Showers of Snow & Hail at S. East.

11 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont

Newcastle 11th Decr 1799

Bretton Hall Barnsley Yorkshire

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 8th to which I refer you; I am by this Days Post favoured with your Letter of the 9th inst & observe what you say respecting the Mode of giving relief to the indigent Poor of Hexham & the Neighbourhood; that pointed out by Mr Clark which had been adopted on a similar Occasion will certainly be the most beneficial, & what I would recommend on the present Occasion; I shall write to Mr Bell & consult with him whether it would be advisable for you to purchase a Quantity of Rye for the supply of the Poor at a reduced Price, or to subscribe a certain Sum for the above Purpose & let it go into a general Stock, to be disposed of the Discretion of a Committee nominated for that Purpose; The latter Mode I think will be the most eligible, as the one Charity would not interfere with the other & it will be the Means of saving your Agent a great deal of Trouble; as well as some Grumbling & Complaints; I think that Mr Clark has behaved very handsomely on the Occasion & that he should have your Thanks by Mr Bell, who may consult with him as to the most advisable Measure to pursue. The Rye that I purchased for your Miners is sent up Weekly, & as some more Ships are arrived with Dantzic Rye, I shall take the Opportunity of buying a further Quantity tho' it will be some think higher.

It is the general Opinion that the letter of the Bishop of Durham respecting the high Price of Corn, & the Apprehension of a Scarcity (which was publish'd in the Papers) had much better be let alone, it was certainly well intended but it was sounding the Alarm improperly & has done much harm; Should you have any Applications made to you by the Weatrdale Miners about Corn, they really should not

be listened to, for they are the most dissatisfied troublesome Workmen that you employ & have always been the foremost Promoters of any Mischief that is going forward, I send the Rye up to Weardale as fast as I can get the Carriers to take it, but not content with that, they are perpetually coming down, some for two Bushels others for four, which cannot be complied with. I met your Lead Stewards at Hexham on Monday & returned Yesterday so much indisposed that I am confined to the House. I am sorry that it is not in my Power at present to give you a better Account of the State of your Mines, they are in general Poor, we are using every Means for the getting your Lead down to Blaydon, but is attended with additional Expence & a part of it between that Place & Dukesfield cannot be got down till the Roads are better, I have directed Mr Emerson to give Notice that we are ready to receive a lease or Leases of Mines in the Parish of Wolsingham, We shall see if Mr Wilsons Friends will come forward.

15 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 15h Decr 1799

Dear Sir Had you been kind enough to have called on me when you was last in this Town, it would have saved us both a good deal of Trouble etc. I kept the House, & sent both to Sunderlands & Turners desiring to see you for half an Hour, When I got Home from Hexham I found a Letter from Coln Beaumont desiring my Opinion as to the giving some Relief to the indigent Poor of Hexham; Inclosed I send you a Copy of my Answer to that Part of his Letter; Please to give me your Opinion as to this Matter; Should you be of opinion that Rye should be sent upon the Sole Amount of Coln Beaumont, mention the Quantity & likewise the Price, at which you think it should be sold at; The Rye will cost 16s 6d at least at Hexham even in Case of its being sent up to Blaydon or Newburn by Water, & taken from the latter Place in the return'd Lead Carts; Should you think that the other Mode will be the most advisable, Say what Sum Coln Beaumont should subscribe? If the whole at first or two Subscriptions. What was done on the former Accasion? As I may probably purchase pretty large Quantity & on that Account get it somewhat lower; If Mr Clarke & yourself etc are inclined that I should purchase a few lasts for the Purpose; let me have your Answer as soon as you can & if any Sacks should be brought for the Occasion etc. Please give my best Compts to Mr & Mrs Clark I am etc J.E.B

16 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr Durham

Newcastle 16 Decr 1799

Sir I received your letter of the 1st Inst on the 12th since which I have been much indisposed which prevented me answering your Letter sooner. It certainly was

Colonel Beaumonts Intention to have purchased his Land Tax in Weardale with that of his other Property, but owing to the Neglect of the Agent Thos Emerson the Particulars were not sent me (in due Time) tho' required of him early the last Year; I was about taking the necessary Measures for the Purchase where to my Surprize I was informed that the Lord Bishop of Durham had taken the Advantage of that neglect of the Agent, & was about making the Purchase; It is not at present in my Power to answer the Queries that you propose but I have sent your Letter to the Agent with Directions for him to answer them, the last Query you can answer. I am etc J.E.B

17 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thomas Emerson
New House near Stanhope Weardale

Newcastle 17th Decr 1799

Mr Thos Emerson

By not having an Account sent me in Time of the Land Tax paid by Colonel Beaumont for the Weardale Mines he has lost the Opportunity of redeeming the Land Tax which was his Intention & the Bishop of Durham takes the Advantage of that Neglect, and will make the Purchase himself as you will see by the inclosed;

You must therefore answer the several Queries except the last (which Mr Mowbray must know as well as myself) and enclose the Paper to him at Durham.

I am etc J.E.B

I have purchased more Rye for the Workmen which I hope will satisfy them, but realy I have always found the Weardale Miners etc the most dissatisfied unreasonable & Turbulent Set of Workmen in the Concern.

17 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon Webster

Messrs Wheldon & Webster Derby

Newcastle 17th Decr 1799

Gentn I have received your Favour of the 14th inst enclosing a Bill amount £175 - 19 -- which is placed to the Credit of Your Account with Colonel Beaumont. By the first Opportunity will send you Litharge to the Amount of £100 and which will balance your Account. The present Price of Litharge at this Place is £21 per Ton. I am etc J.E.B

18 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Hall Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 18 Decr 1799

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 11th inst which I fear has miscarried as you have not in your Letter of the 15th inst taken any Notice of it.

I observe what you say as to the demand made on you by Pringles Widow; I mentioned the Affair to Mr Williamson, & I this Morning had some Conversation with Mr Anth Surtees on the Business, who is to get Mr Williamson & Mr Heron to appoint a Time for Isaac Hunter, Westgarth, & Mr J Bell to come down & to have this Matter fully investigated.

With respect to the unreasonable Application to you by the Commissioners of the Almouth Road, I gave you my Opinion in a former Letter, Mr Bainbridge's Conduct at the Meeting was very unhandsome & illiberal, but what can one expect from a Fool, but a foolish Speech. Mt Bell writes me that he thinks that your Subscription towards the supplying the Poor of Hexham with Corn at a reduced Price should not be less than £50. I am a Stranger to that Affair as well as to the Proceedings on a former Occasion. In a former Letter I acquainted you with the Resolution of the Bishop of Durham to redeem the Land Tax of the Mines in Weardale as the Time had elapsed from your making that Purchase owing to the Omission of your Agent there, I now enclose you a Copy of the Letters that has passed on this Business.

I am etc J.E.B

19 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 19 Decr 1799

D Sir I received your letter of the 18th Inst & observe the Contents. The Rye that I have purchased for Mr Beaumonts Workmen would not be sufficient for them & the Poor of Hexham etc for six weeks, & Mr Clarke being of opinion that the price will be lower, & the report that prevails of a Combination amongst the Corn Merchants which is certainly unfounded induces me to decline having any concern with the supply of Rye for the Poor of Hexham, which I can on no Account undertake; on which account if you can not have confidence in any of the Corn Merchants of this Place for the Weekly supply of your Poor at a fair reasonable Price, to be sent up by such conveyance as you, or the Committee may direct, Some proper Person should be appointed to transact that business _ As to Col Beaumont's Subscription; You who are acquainted with the proceedings, on a former occasion, & what is necessary to be done on the present, must be a much better judge than I can possibly be. The Weather at present is very severe
I am D Sir etc J.E.B

21 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Samuel Castle

Mr Samuel Castle
Durham

Newcastle 21st Decemr 1799

Sir I received your letter of the 19th Inst and observe the Contents. Col Beaumont enclosed me a letter from you respecting a demand made by Mrs Pringle on him; As I know that Mrs Pringle has no Claim or Demand whatever on Col Beaumont, I must refer you to his Attorney Mr Heron. I am etc J.E.B

21 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 21 Decemr 1799

D Sir

I received your letter of the 20th Inst. I have in Compliance with the wish of the Gentlemen at the Meeting made Application to Mr Jonn Sorsbie (on whom I have the most dependence) for the supplying you with a last of good sound Rye weekly for five or six Weeks for the Poor of Hexham at a reasonable Markett Price & that Mr Clark & you would be answerable for the payment; Mr Sorsbie Ship with Rye is not yet arrived; Mr Bateson & Mr Barras will not sell under 17/- the <Bowl>. I have agreed with Gray & Richardson for Six Lasts of Rye at £32 the last, to be delivered the next week when I would recommend that Carriages may be sent for it, that it may not be lofted and possibly mixed with some heated Corn, you shall be informed when to send for it; Gray & Richardson are selling at 17s/- & it will be advanced to 18/- per Bl next week

I really am at a loss to say what Col Beaumont's Subscription should be; In case you should be of opinion that £100 is proper, & is expected from him, let that be the Sum, but I do not by any means understand what is mean't by saying that in Col Beaumonts Situation in the County it is incumbent on him to greatly enlarge his subscripn it would be equally so on that Account throughout the County; I do acknowledge that Col Beaumont's local situation does make it necessary that he should come handsomely forward on the present occasion

I am Sir etc J.E.B

You will understand that the Rye was at a ready Money Price, It may be sent for any day, TC should have a days notice

23 Dec 1799 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon Webster

Messrs Wheldon Webster
Derby

NCastle 23 Decr 1799

Gent Mr Blackett wrote you the 17 Inst (acknowledging the Receipt of your favor of the 14 Inst enclosing a Bill value £175-19 which he hopes you have received: The Litharge will be sent you by the first Ship for Gainsbro' the present Price is £21 per Ton but Mr Blackett cannot engage the Quantity you <mention> I am etc T.C

27 Dec 1799 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont
Bretton Hall Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 27 Decr 1799

Dr Sir I am favoured with your letters of the 22d & 23d Inst inclosing a Copy of your letter to Thos Emerson & Mr Bells letter of the 22d Inst: the former may I hope have a proper effect; From what Mr Bell writes I am of opinion that it will be advisable that your Subscription towards the supply of Corn to the Poor of Hexham at a reduced Price should be £100 I have wrote to Mr Bell accordingly & desired that he would immediately subscribe that Sum in your Name. I hope that your letter to the Bishop of Durham respectg the purchase of your Land tax in Weardale may have its due weight. The Demand made on you by the Widow of J Prindle is certainly very ill founded, as all your Lead Agents can testify: Mr Bell, Isaac Hunter & Westgarth are to be with Mr Williamson, Mr Heron and Mr Anthy Surtees on an early day when that matter will be fully examined into; altho' the Claim on you is for Carriage of Lead in the Years 1794, 1795, & 1796, no Claim or Demand whatever on that Account has been made on me (as your Agent) by the late John Pringle, his Widow or any Person concerned for her, until the Receipt of Saml Castle's letter of the 19th Inst nor did I ever hear of any Claim that J Pringle or his Widow had on you till Mr Anty Surtees informed me on the 5th or 6th: she may put you to some trouble & expense but it is not possible she can succeed in her demand. I have purchased upwards of 25 Lasts of Dantzick Rye for your Workmen & Six Lasts for the Poor of Hexham, since which the Price has considerably advanced & it will be higher it is thought I am etc J.E.B

30 Dec 1799 Thomas Crawhall to John Bell

Mr Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle December 30th 1799

Sir Mr Blackett reced your letter of yesterday enclosing Bank Notes Amount Seventy Pounds which I am to acknowledge the receipt of, & which is placed to the credit of your Accot for 6 Lasts of Rye _ The Corn being bot at a ready Money Price. Gray & Richardson called upon Mr Blackett who paid them the Amount _ Above you

have Surtees & Cos Check on Mr Wood for £300 which is placed to your Account on
Accot of Repairs etc at Hexham Abbey I am etc T.C