

18 Jun 1736 Abraham Watson to Nicholas Walton

[Note: See letter dated 6 May 1737 from Walton and Boag to William Corbett]

An Exact Copy of the Agreement with Mr Abram Watson for Lead Oar on Behalfe of the Commrs of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich

The Original Sent the Board the 6th May 1737

June 18th 1736 Memorandm it is this day Agreed between Messrs Nicho Walton & Hugh Boag on the one part and Abram Watson. Agent for the Govr & Co for Smelting down Lead etc on the othr part that is to Say the Said Abram Watson Shall for all the well Dress'd Ore to be Deliverd to him or his Ord'r Raisd and Arising as Dues or Dutey Ore in the Manr of Aldston moor for the Years 1735 & 1736 before xmass next, the Severall prices following that is to Say for every Bing of Grove Ore <42s:6> and every Bing of wash or Cutting Ore 37s:8d and one Gunie over at the whole to be paid for to the Sd Nicho Walton & Hugh Boag or their ord'r at or upon the first day of April 1737
Witness my hand Abram Watson
Witness Jno Stephenson

5 May 1737 Nicholas Walton

[Note: See letter dated 6 May 1737 to William Corbett]

An Appraizmt of the Goods & Chattles of Gerrard Readhead taken this fifth day of May 1736

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Names of the places of abode of the Buyers		Appraismt	Sold for
Newburne	One Red Cow & Calf	£ 3 - -	£ 4 5 -
Bearl	One Guild Cow	2 2 -	2 16 -
Newburne	One Broch'd Red Cow	2 - -	3 12 -
Left wth G Readhead	One Black Cow & Calfe	3 5 -	4 11 -
Dam Mills	One Black Broch'd Cow	2 2 -	3 6 -
Bywell	One Red Cow	2 - -	3 6 4
Ovingham	Two Cows	5 - -	7 4 -
Whittles	Two Stotts	3 - -	4 10 -
East Acomb	2 Yearlings		1 3 6
Bearell	Three Yearlings at 13s4d	2 - -	1 10 -

	a pece 1 Yearling		
Horsley	One Two Year Old	1 - -	1 6 8
Wylam	One Mare & foal	- 7 -	1 1 -
Hexham	One Mare	3 - -	4 6 -
Wylam	One Coop Waine wth the Appurts	1 1 -	1 17 -
Wylam	One Long Waine	- 4 -	- 6 -
	1 Plow		- 6 6
	2 Ploughs	- 12 -	
	1 Plough	- 7 -	- 7 -
	One Ox harness	- 7 6	- 10 6
	One Horse Harrow		- 3 -
	Two Horse Harnesses	- 6 -	- 6 8
	One Horse Harness & Horse <Gear>		
	One <Yoke>		- 1 8
	Two <Yokes>	- 1 4	
	One <Yoke>		- 1 6
		£31 7 10	£46 16 10
	Prompt payment & Abatmt		- 1 6
			£46 15 4

John Slattor Constable

Valued & appraized by us Thomas Laidler Jonathan Dobson [both made marks]
The above is an Exact Copy.

6 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: William Corbett was Secretary to the Board and Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital.]

To Mr Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle May 6th 1737

Sr

We recd yours with the Minutes of the Board of the 20th of April last and Mr Maules remarks upon our Conduct in the management of the Derwentwater Estate which we are Sorry he has had the Trouble of and that he has had reason to trouble the Board therewith as we can asure them and you of our great desire to Serve the Honble Board wth all the integrity imaginable and with the Strictest Justice & tho by the great hurry we have had in Letting the Estate we may have Sliped somethings that otherwise

would have been observed yet we dare venture to say the Hospitall has not Suffered anything under our Care where it has been in our power to prevent it

Inclosed we send you answers to Each paragraph in the observations. The Original apraizment or Sale of Redheaths Stock Mr Stephenson Moor Masters Accot of the Dues of Lead Oare for the year 1735 & 1736 an abstract thereof & what they amount to & if agreemt with the Quakers Companys Agent for the Same these things we send with our answers for the Boards Satisfaction wch we hope will together Shew our Integrity and that we mean to doe 'em nothing but Justice what papers you now receive being Originalls except our answers to the observations will be of use to us therefore we Desire you will after you have made the proper use of 'em return 'em to us

You were acquainted the 4th Decer last wth a Claim being made to Haydon Town Farme as being on an Old Lease not yet expired at the yearly rent of £32 and in answer thereto the Board were pleased to order a further enquiry to be made into the Claime which has been accordingly done but tho' the Farme was Confirmed to Jno Fairlam and John Bell at £45 per Ann of which the Claimants were aprized they did not produce any thing to Shew their Right till Just before mayday when they produced a Copy of a Claime made by them at the Forfeiture wch they say was allowed of a copy whereof you have Inclosed, you will be pleased to observe that tho' this Claim is produced Green one of the Claimants axcepted of a New Lease from the Derwt Family under which he enjoyed 21 Years at an advance Rent wch Mr Gray is of opinion destroys the Title they pretend to by virtue of this Claim we have therefore by the advice of Mr Gray Served ejectn upon the Claimants Edwd Green Jno Green Thos Hawden Edwd Coates and widdow Green in order to throw 'em out of possession next Term & we hope the Board will approve thereof Mr Aynsley we are Informd has been so friendly as to bind all the parties in £100 to Stand as a Tryall

we have further to acquaint you that 2 days before Mayday Mr Aynsley produced an Article for a Lease of Dilston Mill under the hand of Mr Thos Errington late Agent to the Derwentwater family Signed in the Guardianship of the Countess of Derwentwater & Sr John Webb whereby it appears that he had a Terme in those mills for four Years yett to come at a yearly rent of £15 – we have taken Councillor Grays advice about this affair and he Says that the Article cannot be of any use Longer than Mr Errington had a power to lett which could be no longer than the Guardianship Subsisted and Consequently Mr Aynsley can have a right by vertue of that article no longer than Mr Radcliffe wd have been at age when the Guardianship and the power given Mr Errington ceased to all intents and purposes we have therefore ordered Mr Airey to Serve Ejectmts upon Mr Aynsley, but he has thot fitt to promise he will give the Tennant no trouble & leaves it to the Board to determine whether he has a right or not we therefore begg the Board will be pleased to give us proper Instructions therein that we may have an Intire end made to the dispute.

we are Sorry to Acquaint you with the Accident of a Fire at Keswick wch burnt down a Kill for Drying Oates belonging to the Hospitall by wch Accident the poor farmer as well as the Hospitall are Sufferers we have agreed with Jas Bow & Ptner for

buildg the Same again and are to pay them for that work £7.5 and hope the Board will approve thereof

as we are informed that in some of the Southern Estates near London the Charge of the Leases are paid by the Tennants Solely & as it is the Custom of this Country for the Landlord to pay for his part we thought proper to acquaint you with it as it is necessary that the Board should be Informed of it this has always been done in the Derwentwater Estate

The Quarterly Accot of the Contingent Charges without order of the Board would have been sent you at Candlemas last but that we have been so buisey kept making Computations about the Repaires & the other necessary business relating the Estate we Concluded if we sent that Accot at Mayday and afterwards quarterly it wd be aproved of particularly at a time when when we have had so much business upon us; it shall Sr be sent with our Cash Accot for April next post or on Tuesday at Farthest & we are Sr your most Obdt Servts

Nichos Walton
Hugh Boag

Observations relating to the Derwentwater Estate, humbly offered to the Consideration of the Honoble Board of Directors of the Greenwich Hospital the 20 April 1737 with the Receivers Answers thereto the 6th May 1737 Vizt

Boards Minutes

1735/6 Febyr 4th The Receivers are to Sell all the Dues of Lead Oare, which was wrought in or before the year 1735, as well as well as the Dues which may arise in this year to the best Advantage.

Mr Maules Remarks

It appears by a Letter from the Moor Master that there had been raised from Peatslack Hill Vein alone between Christmas 1735 & the 2d Octor 1736, near 220 Bings besides what may have been Raised before and Since from that & other Mines none of which is brought to Account by the Receivers nor any Accot of its being Sold as ordered by this Minute.

NB Each Bing of Oar is worth 42sh or 43sh at least.

Receivers Answer

The Dues of Lead Oare within the Mannor of Alston moore, raised in the years 1735 & 1736 were Sold to the Governr & Co for Smelting down Lead etc the 18 June last as appears by an Agreement under the hand of their Agent, Mr Abraham Watson Sent herewith as Also the Moore Masters Accot of the Delivery thereof and an Abstract shewing the Totall of each Sort of Oare & what it amounts to. The time of payment for those Dues was the 1st of April last & we have within that Month recd £700 in part. The prices of Oare is always governed by the prices Lead Sells for, & there is at all

times 5s difference between Bouse & Cutting Oare. The 220 Bings said to be raised at Peatstack hill was the whole quantity computed at that time & not the Dues only.

We apprehended that it was the Boards desire not to be troubled with things of this kind till they were Completed, & we intended it should have Come with our Cash Accot for the Month of April last.

Boards Minutes

1735/6 Febyr 24th Ordered Mr Watsons Accot delivered us by Mr Gilling of the Fee Farm Rents & Outgoings Issuing out of & payble from the Derwentwater Estate to Sundry Persons amounting in the whole to £111.8.21/2 per Ann be Sent to the Recers & if the Same Accot should not be right or Exact in any particular they are to Send their Remarks & Observations thereon to this Board.

Mr Maules Remarks

I don't find any Inquiry has been made about this Affair, on the Contrary I find by the last Cash Accot reced from them they have Suffered Mr Fenwick to levy a Small Rent of 3/4 per Ann due to him by that Accot for Buteland by Distress made on the Tennant the Expence of which they Charge on the Hospital in their Cash Accot for February.

NB There are a great many of these Small Rents Still owing & if not Soon look'd into may be levyed in the Same Manner, which will be an Expence to the Hospital if the Consequence is not worse, therefore wth Submission I think deserves the Consideration of the Board.

Receivers Answer

The Accot of the Fee Farm Rents & Outgoings Issuing out of the Derwentwater Estate, we acknowledged the rect of the 7 March 1735/6 & so farr as we have had an opportunity of examining it, we find the same to be right with the addition of £1.1.- per Annum due to Walter Blackett Esqr for Coastley Tyths & it is incosted in the Rentall made up by Mr Boag at London amongst the other Outgoings amounting in all to £112.9.21/2.

The distress made by Mr Fenwick was for 5 Years Arrear, 3 whereof in the late Receivers time, & the other two years Since we have had the Honr to be Concerned, but till the time that we allowed it to the Tennant we never heard of a demand or that Such distress was made & as it then appeared to agree with the Outgoings & the Charge that had accrued only 2/6 it was thought not worth disputing. We cannot think there can be any Ill Consequence attending the Nonpayment of Fee Farme Rents nay Mr Gray on the Contrary In forms us that all Fee Farm Rents Issuing out of the Derwentwater Estate & not Claimed at the Forfeiture are without dispute forfeited & not now liable to be pay'd by the Hospital. As this may therefore we humbly think deserve the Consideration of the Board, we desire their directions whether we must pay any more Outgoings of that kind or not.

Boards Minutes

1736 Sepr 1st Ordered, that the Recers do Sell the Deer in Dilston Park on the best Terms & assoon as they can.

Mr Maules Remarks

It does not appear that any Notice has been taken of this Minute.

Receivers Answer

The Orders we had for Selling the Deer in Dilston park was observed as much as we could yett we could gett no more than two Sold at 16s each, wch were killed by Mr Sunderland & others & will be brought to Accot amongst Severall Small things reced by Mr Bunting Bailiff in this Month.

Boards Minutes

1736 Novr 17th Ordered that the Receivers do Sell the Coppers in Dilston House for the most they can gett for them

Mr Maules Remarks

It does not appear that any Notice has been taken of this Minute.

Receivers Answer

The Coppers in Dilston House has been exposed to Sale but we have not yett been able to Sell 'em at what we believe they are worth. & we did not apprehend it was necessary to acquaint the Board or give them any trouble abt them till they were Sold.

Mr Maules Remarks

In examining the Accot of Sale of Gerrard Readheads Stock at Whittles the 5 May 1736 Sent up to the Board by the Recers in their Letter of the 27 March I find they have omitted to Credit said Readhead for a Cow which appears to have been Sold to John Newton & for which he had pd the Recers in part of the Paid Cow as appears by their Cash Accot the 12th Febr'y 1736/7 £4.10 Qry what this Cow was Sold for & why left out of the Accot there is due by James Gaire & Mattw Dodds a Note of hand payable last Novemr for £4.5.- & by Mr Richd Dobson £50 for the Crop of Corn Sold him, neither of which are brought to Accot.

Receivers Answer

The Sale of Gerrard Readheads goods & the appraizment thereof is Sent herewith, which Shews that there was not a Cow Sold to John Newton, & it is a mistake in as that £4.10 is brought to Accot the 12th February last, in part for a Cow Sold. as it Should

have been £4.5.- in full for the Cow Sold Gare & Dodds one of whom is a Servt to the said Newton. This mistake is Sett right in our Cash Accot for the Month of April. The £50 was due from Mr Richd Dobson the 1st Inst & will be punctually paid. & the whole of the Readheads Stock & Crop Sold amounted to no more than £96.15.4

Mr Maules Remarks

The Receivers has Charged in their Cash Accounts Money pd for Cording 93 Cord of Wood £9.6 but have not brought to Accot any money reced for that Wood, nor taken any Notice what it is Sold for, tho' some of it appears to have been Sold above 12 Months.

Receivers Answer

There was 93 Cord of Wood Sold to Mr Joseph Cotton, Vizt 77 at 6s & 16 at 5s which was Cutt out of the refuse Wood Cutt down for the branches in Devils Water Widehaugh & Fourstones and by Agreement was to be Charr Coated & taken away before Marts 1737 & we will take care that it shall be So coated & pay'd for before or at that time. But as it is not possible to preserve it without some Embezelment it may probably fall some small matter Short of the Quantity above, tho' we hope it will not.

Mr Maules Remarks

They write the Board the 5 Novr 1736, that they had Converted in to Money the Weedings of the Woods at Newlands & Whittonstall amounting to £55.15.101/2d but I don't find they have brought to Accot any more than £51.4.5d

Receivers Answer

The £51.4.5d part of the amount of the Weedings at Newlands was all that we reced for at that time, but by our Cash Accot the beginning of this Month the remaining part will appear to have been reced & is there brought to Accot by us.

Mr Maules Remarks

In looking over the List of Arrears due by Several Tennants at Martinmas 1734 delivered to me by order of the Board the 13th April 1737 I observe that most of these Tents have Continued in the same Farms are Reputed good Men & have pd Rent to the present Recers tho' no Notice has been taken of these Arrears

Receivers Answer

The List of Arrears due at Martinmas 1734 has been examined by us & some pretend to have paid the late Recers others Claim Allowance etc which they have not yett been able to Shew were Just, & till Such time as these matters in dispute were Settled we did not apprehend it necessary to trouble the Board therewith. But on being Informed that

an Extent was issued against some of the Persons in the returned List of Arrears we acquainted the Board whose Orders we wait before we proceed any further in making any demands. Note that Mr Watson's List of Arrears seem to amount to no more than £508.19.91/2d tho' it is neither Cast up nor Signed by him.

Mr Maules Remarks

Mr Francis Anderson of Alnwick quitted his Farm at Mayday 1736 & was then further in Arrears or appears by the Receivers Cash Accot £38.15. in all £59.16.10 of which none have been reced.

Receivers Answer

Mr Francis Anderson of Alnwick Farmed the Tyths of Larbottle & Alnwk House & Closes from Marts 1734 to Mayday 1735 & was in the Rentall Sent us by the Secretary returned at £44.10. He has paid us £38 & is in Arrears £36.15 as will appear by the List of Arrears at Marts last besides what he is in Arrears at Marts 1734.

Mr Maules Remarks

Reynold Hall Esqr was putt out of the Collry he Rented at Mayday 1735, when it appears he was in Arrears 31/2 years Rent at £5 per Ann. he is recommended as a preferable Tennant to James Dodds who has been Tennant Since Mayday 1735, but neither of 'em have paid any Rent as yet to the Hospitall.

Receivers Answer

Reynold Hall Esqr was putt out of the Collry at Greenhead by James Dodds at Mayday 1735 when he was in Arrears 31/2 years Rent at £5 per Annum & it is very true that neither of 'em has paid any Rent to the Hospital, but that has been altogether occasioned by the dispute of the Right in that Royalty. Mr Hall we always looked upon as a preferable Tennant to James Dodds yett with regard to the Claim being given up, we tho't it preferable that James Dodds should be admitted Tennant, and he was admitted Tennant accordingly. As to the Arrear that is now due the necessary Steps shall be taken for the recovery thereof after we have reced the Boards further Commands.

Mr Maules Remarks

There is amongst the Fee Farme Rents said to be in Arrears one Gibson Charged for some Lands at Corbridge 6s per Ann which I don't find in any Rentall either of the late or present Receivers & Sevl others said to be in Arrear for the year 1734 have pd for the year 1735 I humbly conceive the present Receivers might easily discover the said Arrears are due or not, and if they are realy due that they should in Obedience to a

Minute of the Board of the 17 November 1736 take proper Methods to recover the same to the Hospital. The Amount per List is £512.9.91/2 but shou'd be £516.9.91/2

Receivers Answer

The 6s per Annum was not in the Rental Sent us by the Secretary, but amongst the Rest of the Examinations we have made about these Arrears we find it is due & has been paid to Mr Watson, we mean the 3 years returned in Arrear, & we will take care to receive the growing Rent.

These Answers we humbly offer to the Consideration of the Honble Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospital, to whom we hope they will be Satisfactory & are their Honours

Most Obedt & most Humble Servts

Nichos Walton

Hugh Boag

6 May 1737 Nicholas Walton

[Note: Undated, but given date of covering letter of 6 May 1737 to William Corbett]

Severall Persons are Drs for Dues of Lead Oare as followeth viz

The Governour & Compy for Smelting down Lead etc £716.4.3 1/2 being for the Dues of Lead Oare raised in the yrs 1735 & 1736 sold & delivered their Agent Mr Abram Watson as per the Moor Masters Accot Viz

268 1/2 Bings of Bouse Oare at 42/6	£570 11 3
77 1/8 Bings of Cutting Oare at 37/6	144 12 2 1/2
One Guinea over by Agreement	1 1 -

£716 4 5 1/2

John Ainesley Esqr & Ptners £3.3.103/4 being for the Dues of Lead Oare they ought to have left in the Bing steeds as of the Moor Mastrs Accots Viz

1 1/16 Bings of Bouse Oare at 42/6	£ 2 5 1 3/4
1/2 Bings of Cutting Oare at 37/6	- 18 9

£ 3 3 10 3/4

Mr William Lee For 1 Bing of Bouse Oare which he ought to have left in the Bing steeds as per the Moor Masters Accot

£ 2 2 6

£721 10 10 1/4

Abstract of the Dues of Lead Oare in Alston moore the years 1735 & 1736 taken from the Moor Masters Accot Viz

	Bouse Oare		Cutting Oare		Totall	
	Bings	Horse	Bings	Horse	Bings	Horse
Old Blagil at Thorngill	25	1 ¹ / ₄	16	1	41	1 ¹ / ₄
Fistas Ridge	81	1 ¹ / ₄	10	1 ¹ / ₄	91	1 ¹ / ₂
Ridgreves Nenthead	5	2	19		24	2
Ridgreves Natterass			5	2 ¹ / ₂	5	2 ¹ / ₂
Long hole head	1	3 ¹ / ₂			1	3 ¹ / ₂
Peatstack hill	71	3 ¹ / ₄	6	1 ¹ / ₄	78	1 ¹ / ₂
Brighill burn	2	2 ¹ / ₄	15	2 ¹ / ₂	18	3 ¹ / ₄
Grungill	44	1 ¹ / ₄			44	1 ¹ / ₄
Parkgrove	2	3 ³ / ₄			2	3 ³ / ₄
Fairhill	1				1	
Nentsberry hagg	6	1 ¹ / ₂	1	2	7	3 ¹ / ₂
Lough Vein	2	3			2	3
Haggs	4	2 ¹ / ₄			4	2 ¹ / ₄
Brownly hill				3 ¹ / ₂		3 ¹ / ₂
Shortergill	6	3 ¹ / ₂			6	3 ¹ / ₂
Browngill				2 ¹ / ₂		2 ¹ / ₂
Cornrigg	2	1 ¹ / ₂			2	1 ¹ / ₂
Eastside Clairgill head		2				2
Carrs	5	1			5	1
Nenthead field		1				1
Parkgrove moore		3 ³ / ₄				3 ³ / ₄
Thortergill foot			1		1	
Fetcherass	4	1			4	1
	268	2	77	1 ¹ / ₂	346	2 ¹ / ₂
John Ainesley Esq ^r & Ptners has taken away						
From Longhole head		3 ¹ / ₂				3 ¹ / ₂
Goodamgillmoss				2		2
Gallygill Syke		3 ³ / ₄				3 ³ / ₄
M ^r William Lee has taken away						
From Broomberry	1				1	
Totall	270	2 ¹ / ₄	77	2 ¹ / ₂	348	3 ³ / ₄

8 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to James Reeds

[Note: Addressees name blurred – possibly 'Reeds']

To James <Reeds> Esqr

Ravensworth Castle May 8th 1737

Sir

We wrote you the 18 March last and Inclosed 15 Acquitts which were signed by the Severall Persons you were pleased to mention but having heard nothing from You about the Receipt of them are in some doubt that they may not be come to your hand please to advise us

We will be glad to hear of our Accot being passed before the Chancellor of the Exchequer. If I Remember right were pleased to say there would be a declaration about the latter end of March last.

What Charges the Letters has been please putt to Accot & when our Accot is passed lett us know and we will Send you a bill for the whole Expence. We are

Sir Your very Humble Servts
Nichos Walton
Hugh Boag

10 May 1737 Hugh Boag to John Maule

To Mr Jn Maule

Ravensworth Castle May 14th 1737

Sr,

I recd Your Kind Favour dated the 7th April last only on the 7th Inst but where it had laid I know not

I have many times thought within my Selfe Since I left Greenwich I had done Something very Disoblidging to Mr Maule or that he was Dead for I never look out more for a Letter from any body than I did for yours, and when I recd it was very glad to hear you was well & all friends at Greenwich, but I am very Sorry for Mrs Maules Indisposition at that time but I hope She has Recovered that, She has too much fatigue with the Children & takes too much Care, of this I hope Mr Maule will Ease her, Sure She deserves it in my Opinion.

I Sent the Doctor a kitt of Salmond I am Sure I ordered him one above two Months Since & I neither can hear of it, being Ship'd from Berwick nor of its being come to hand. I Directed it to be left at Mr Robert Wilsons Corn factor in Mark Lane & desired it to be Sent him to Greenwich but as it is so long a time Since I Expected he had gott it & he has not I am Afraid it Spoyled lost or Mislaid, pray my humble Service to him for I am Ashamed of his & your Kindness while with you

I am Sorry you have so little hopes of Succeeding for an Allowance for your Clerk, Surely you will gett it the desire or Demand being so Reasonable

Mr Sands Observations in the House was neither Levelled at Your Salary nor ours but at those that have great Sums & does little Worke, tho' I think it no more than a Reward for the Long & Hazardous Services they have done

I never heard a word that the Directors had Allowed Mr W--son £50 till I had reced Yours I am very well Pleased as they thought fitt so to doe

The Copy of Mr Watsons Arrears was Sent abt a Month Since to Mr Corbett.

I will let you know abt Mr Fell in a post or two I always thought your Pd was to have Sent me his Bill upon him & that I was to Endeavour to gett it. Believe me Mr Maule Ill leave no Stone Unturned to Serve your Friend.

Pray tell Mrs Maule I do not know but my Wife Sometime or other may pay her a Visit at Greenwich but <Can>not Sett the times when. I am for Mr Walton & Selfe

Sr Your Very Humble Servts

Hugh Boag

10 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to George Greive

To Mr Greive

Ravensworth Castle May 10th 1737

Sir

The Directors of Greenwich Hospitall have given us Orders to call upon you to know if you have levied the Money on the Sevll Derwentwater Tennants for which the Extent was Sent into your hands we therefore Desire you wll on rect of this acquaint Mr Corbett with wt steps have been taken in that affair. he will be mett with at the pay office in Broad Street London. If any of the money appears to have been paid it will be proper to acquaint Mr Corbett therewith & we are Sr your Most Hble Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

10 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle May 10th 1737

Sir

We were favioured with yours with the minutes of the Board dated 4th May 1737 which we duely Observe

Mr Greive the Sherrif for the County of Northumberland is now at London to whom we have wrote this post to know what part of the Money he has Levied for which the Extent was sent down and we have desired him to wait upon you and Informe you what he has done in that affair

Mr Dentons Letter is a very Surprizing one if he means that we have Refused the Rent Due from Mr Blackett as we never did refused it, but we refused the payment of Coastley Tyth when it was first Demanded, till we had an Opportunity of Acquainting

the Board & that being done & the Directors ordering us to pay the Same if it appeared to be due, we acquaintd Mr Blacketts Agent therewith who after the Extent was Sent down Offered to Settle with us, but as the Extent was only for a part of what was returned in our list we mutually agreed to Deferr Settling till we acquainted the Board wch we did the 17th April last. We have therefore Sir Deferred Giving Mr Denton any answer as we are at a loss what to Say to him the Extent not being for the Totall of the Arrear & we quite Strangers how it happens to be so. we will therefore wait your further Orders before we give him any answer at all

Inclosed we send you our Cash Accot for last Month on which remains a ballance in our of £1802.2.4 One Thousand whereof we have a promise of a Bill for the latter End of this week or beginning of next wch Shall be sent to the Treasurer as Soon as we receive it and the other eight hundred we will Either retain in our hands for payment of the Interest due to Lord Peter (for which we expect a Demand Daily) or returne it to the Treasurer whether the Directors think fit.

We have made no Contingent payments on Accot of the Hospitall Since the 14th Novr last to the 1st May Inst without order of the Board except Such as are in the Inclosed Accot amounting to £8.12.4 and those were all made before the order of the 5th January last came to this place except 10s all which we humbly hope the Directors will allow of. The Expence of Court keeping we think hard to be upon us, therefore we humbly begg leave to acquaint the Directors with the Expence thereof being Incerted in the Same paper with our Contingent payments and hope they will also allow the Same to be Charged in the Month of May Inst.

Inclosed you have Mr Greives reasons for not Inserting the Clause about the Sale of the <dues> of Lead Oare for this present year or any Succeeding Year to George Liddell Esqr

& we are Sr your most Obdt Servts

Nichos Walton

Hugh Boag

Contingent Charges pd by Messrs Walton and Boag & Charged in their Monthly Cash Accots without order of Board from 14 Novr 1736 to 1st May 1737 Vizt

Novemr 29th

pd Abraham Bunting wch he pd for hire of a Room at Wark in which the Court was kept (formerly was pd £1.1.-d) but we agreed for

£ - 10 6

pd the Expence of taking possession of High Green Colliery

- 12 10

pd Abraham Bunting for Cording wood in Dilston Park & Dean Raw, being 63 Cord & part of wt was Sold to Mr Cotton

6 6 -

Decemr 6

pd Lawyer Gray a Fee touching the Estate in Dispute
at Ovingham - 10 6
January 6
pd John Reed Esqr the Charge that Accrued upon a
Distress made for 5 years Quit Rent on Buteland - 2 6
April 22d
pd Joseph Bell Damage of Ground by leading Blown
wood thro' Stablehill etc - 10 -
£8 12 4

The above particulars are all charged in our Cash Accot from 14 Novr 1736 to 1st May
1737 Witness our hands Nichos Walton
Hugh Boag

Charge that Accrued in holding the Court of Newlands Haydon Bridge and Alston in
Treating Sevl Freeholders etc who attended there The Courtkeeper his two Clerks & a
Servants Expences being included the whole amounted to £9.14.91/2
Witness our hands 10 May 1737 Nichos Walton
Hugh Boag

17 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle May 17th 1737

Sr,

We reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 13th Inst wch we duely Observe
In answer to that part relating to Mr Hall the last Tennt of Greenhead <at>
Tarretburne Colliery he was in possession thereof Severall years before we had the
honour to be Concerned in the Derwentwater Estate, & was putt out of possession by
Jas Dodds and others who Claimed a Right there to as being Freeholders in the Mannor
of Wark Of this we acquainted the Board & after having their orders we Served
Ejectments upon them & they Stood out Sometime; But at the time the Court was held
at Wark the Sd James Dodds offering to become the Hospitalls Tennt at £10 per Ann
the Board was acquainted with it he was Recommended (as he realy was) to be the best
& most Substantiall Bidder and was Confirmed accordingly This Sr is the State of the
Case from the beginning to the End and we wd further only Observe that Mr Regnd
Hall never was a bidder for this Colliery or offered one farthing for it.

We take the Liberty Sir to Trouble you with a Letter for the Treasurer of the
Hospitall which you have Inclosed in wch is a Bill for One Thousd Pounds on Accot of
the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate. Please to order it to be delivered Safe

We are Sir Your Most Obdt Servts
Walton & Boag

17 May 1737 Nicolas Walton to Hercules Baker

To Hercules Baker Esqr

Ravensworth Castle May 17th 1737

Sr

Inclosed I send you Mr William Soppetts bill on John Errington Esqr for one Thousand pounds dated the 16th Inst & payable 30 days after date on Accot of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate & for the use of the Greenwh Hospital

I send this thro' the hands of Mr Corbett as I am uncertain where to direct to you please thereof to Acknowledge the Rect thereof by return of the post & informe me how you wou'd for the Future have your Letters directed with Such Bills as we shall hereafter have Occasion to Send

For Mr Boag & Selfe

I am Sir Your Very Hble & Obdt Servt

Nichos Walton

Newcastle May 16 1737

Sr

Thirty days after date pay unto Messrs Walton & Boag or their order one Thousand pounds value rece'd & place to accot at per advice from

Yr Humble Servt

To John Errington Esqr

Will Soppitt

At Ormond Street Coffee House London

24 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle May 24 1737

Sir

Inclosed we Send you a Computation of the Expençe of Repairing and building Housing on the Derwentwater Estate, which has cost us a great deal of Labour & had been a Considerable Expençe not only to our Selves in the Severall Views but in Implying the persons who has Signed the Accot with us, who are all honest men and well Skilled in their Severall Employments.

This Computation is made on a presumption that the Board will think it proper to make a Generall Repaire thro the whole Estate, & on a Certainty that all the Tenants Expect Such conveniences made on their Respective farmes & Considering the Ruinous State of the Housing in the whole Estate, we Realy believe it will take all we have

computed to doe it in a workmanlike manner; Nay we are doubtfull in Some Articles we have computed low and Consequently that it may Cost more than the Computation

We will wait having the Orders of the Board for our Guidance in this affair & hope they will take the Same into Consideration so as we may Execute as much of their Commands this Sumr as the Season of the year will admit, and the Absolute Necessity of the Tenants Require and we doe Assure you Sir that this as well as any other of their Commands Shall be pursued wth the utmost care & Frugallity & we are

Sir Your most Obedt Servts

Nichls Walton

Hugh Boag

27 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Wood

To Mr Wood / Depty Treasurer

Rav Castle May 27 1737

Sir

I am Concerned you Should have the trouble of returning Mr Soppitts bill on John Errington Esqr for One Thousand Pounds for want of Endorsement; I wrote to Mr Baker the Treasurer that I apprehended no ill Consequence would attend His Ordering any of his Clerks to Endorse for us but Could not reach his hand before Yours came away. I Shall for the future direct Such Bills as we Send to you at the Victualling Office as you directed

I am Sir your assured Hble Servt

Nichos Walton

Note you will receive herewith the above mentioned Bill Endorsed by both Mr Boag and me

30 May 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr John Maule

Ravensworth Castle May 30 1737

Dear Sr

We were favoured wth a Letter from Mr Horne last post, wherein he is so kind as Informe us, that we have in some Particulars disoblidged you, by not Sending you Answers to Such Articles, as you & your Clerk both wrote about, wch we are realy Sorry for, as we never meant to use you ill in any way.

Such Particulars as your Clerk wrote abt, on rect of his were Sent into Mr Corbetts hands, wth whome we were Commanded to Correspond, in all Affairs relating the Derwentwater Estate, & tho your Letter required Mr Watsons Accot of Arrears to be Sent did not come to our hands till the 8th May Last we thought it proper

to tell Mr Corbett, that these things were Sent for by you, least it Should be taken amiss by the Board that your Clerk Shou'd Correspond wth us on these Affairs. The reason why your Letter dated 7 Apl last, did not come to hand Sooner than the 8th Inst we know not but as Soon as it did Come, it was answered as was Mr Willocks in Course

We can Assure you Dear Sr that in wh ever you Apprehend we have Slighted you, it was not Designed, nay on the Contrary we always had a Sensible regard for your friendship. We Begg if there is any thing wherein we have Disoblidged you, that we may be acquainted with it, that we may have an Opportunity of Acquitting our selves, either by Clearing our Selves of that Charge or in our future Conduct. There is no one can have the Interest of the Hospital more at heart than we have & you will always not only find that; but our readiness to Oblidge all

It cannot be a pleasure to us to See you Attack our Integrity by the Late Observations you have made upon our Conduct, yett tho' it gives us Trouble we are in little Concern about it, knowing our Actions to be Just in all Respects, & no Longer than we behave honestly doe we Desire the bread of the Hospital or any more Living. We hope Sir from this that no Misunderstanding will be between us & doe Assure you that we are in all respects Dear Sir Your very Hble & most Obedt Servts

Nichos Walton, Hugh Boag

3 Jun 1737 Hugh Boag to Peter Cockburn

To Doctor Cockburne

Ravensworth Castle June 3rd 1737

Sir

Since your kind favour of the 27th Ulte for which I give you a thousand thanks.

As to the Expencc that attends the Courtkeeping in treating Severall Freeholders etc Mr Walton & I desire no unreasonable thing of the board, & it is a distinct Charge from the Courtkeepers Sallarys but if the board should think it our due to pay we Submitt, but as you observe it's what is bore by all Lords of Manors in England.

We are not a little Surprized at Mr Maules Ill natured observations upon us & his attacking our Integrity so all which we hope we have Sr Cleared up to the Satisfaction of the Board, and doe assure you that we desire to be no longer Concerned then we act with Justice & the Utmost Integrity for the good of the Hospitall, and we humbly hope the honble Board have not Conceived an Ill opinion of us.

That of Mr Maules putting the board upon Corresponding with the Moor Master about the Lead Mines we think doing us wrong as it will tend to Lessen our Character here in the Country & the Hospitall not gett one farthing by it, and we think our Selves as Capable as that branch as any of the other, Mr Maule takes notice of the late Recers Selling the Lead Oare Dues for 2 years at 43s & 43/6d & Sayes that Mr Watson made no distinction between Bouse & Cutting Oare as we doe, but does not take notice of the same Recers Selling the Lead Oare the year before we were Concerned for 32/6d & 37/6d per bing which is agood deal less than what we sold them for & there they make

5s per bing difference between Bouse & Cutting Oare, & I doe assure you the Moor Master declaires there always Was 5s per bing difference between the bouse & Cutting Oare ever since he was Concerned in the Derwentwaters familys time, as for the 2 first years when the Dues were sold for 43s & 43/6d there was no Cutting Oare raised besides it's not possible to Sell always a Comodity for one & the same price we Sold the Dues for the year 1735 & 1736 Vizt Bouse Oare at 42/6d & a Guinea over & the Cutting Oare at 37/6d per bing, I hope Mr Watsons Management in all the parts of the Estate shall be no precedent to us tho'he seems to Quote him. I am sorry Mr Maule has so mean opinion of us, I Suspect he has had some Ill Impressions made to him of us from Mr Willock for some reasons not prudent to mention.

As Mr Maule is an honest good natured Man I hope we shall have no Misunderstanding, & I begg we may not, but he has been rather too hard upon us

I Shall make your Compliments to the Collenel who is not yett gott home, he having Stay'd on the road to Drink some Waters I am Sr Yours etc

Hugh Boag

He Observe what you Say abt your Letter

3 Jun 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle June 3d 1737

Sir

We reced Yours with the Boards Minutes of the 25th May last & a Copy of Mr Maule Letter dated the Same day, all wch we duely Observe

Included in the Acct Stated between Mr Blackett & the Hospitall as we Apprehended it <Stated>, by wch there Appears to be due at Martinms 1734 for Accot of Sums <Stand> £6 whereas the Extract is for no more than £4

The Reason why we desired the article of £9.14.101/2 wch Accrued in holding the Courts of Newlands &c to be Allowed us was that we never Understood any Expençe of Courtkeeping Save any Courtkeepers Salareys to be upon us, & as we believe Such Expençe is always born by the Lords of Mannors all over England we hoped the Board would allow the Same to us. But as we desire nothing but what they think a reasonable thing, & as it is an Expençe that will accrue only once a Year we humble Submitt it to the Boards pleasure whether they will allow it or not

We Observe Mr Maules Letter in answer to which the Late receers were only Concerned in the Rect of the Derwentwater Rents from Marts 1731. That they Sold the Dues of Lead Oare for 1732 & 1733 for 43s & 43/6 per Bing being all Bouse Oare, & that they Sold the Dues in the Year 1734 for 37/6d for Bouse & 32/6d for Cutting Oare by wch Mr Maule might have Observed a difference of 5s per Bing, as the Moor Master Assures us there always was in the time he has been concern'd in the D-er Family

How farr we are Impowered to Sell the Dues of Lead Oare by our Commission, the Directors themselves are best able to Judge but we begg leave to Observe that we have not presumed to Sell any Dues without the Boards Particular Command, to which we refer in their Minute of the 4th Febridy 1735/6 for the sale of the Dues for 1735 & 1736 & to their Minute of the 4th May last for the Sale of those for 1737

We never thought our Selves Exempt from any Rules the Directors have thought fit to prescribe to us but have in all aspects conformed thereto as Near as we could; This however we are Certaine of that we have always acted with Justice to the Hospital, & no longer than we do Soe do we desire their Countenance and favour.

We are so Farr from taking upon our Selves any Authority or from doing a thing that may be any way displeasing to the Board; that we have no desire to Correspond with them abt the Lead Mines, but we humbly think it is greatly Lessening to our Credit & making our Authority less regarded in the Management of their other Affairs; & that need not be done As the Remains of the Derwentwater Family, find ill natured Persons Sufficent to Oppose the Interest of the Hospital when ever they have it in their Power

We hope these Answers will be Satisfactory to the Board & that they have Conceived no ill Opinion of us from any Representation that has been made to them & we are

Sr Your most Obedt Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

P.S. Please to return the Original Agreems wth Mr Abram Watson for the Dues for 1735 & 1736 as we cannot Settle wth him without it

4 Jun 1737 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Mr Pearson

Ravensworth Castle June 4th 1737

Inclosed we send you the list of Arrears due from the Severall Tennants at Keswick to Ladyday last past & we desire that you will goe to Each of them & make a formal demand and what answers you gett Transmitt them to us.

We desire that you will not pay any outgoings Except Tyths if any there be, we mean no fee farme Rents without a fresh order from us, put the Gentn in mind that used to Receive these fee farme or other Rents that till they Inform us if they putt in their Claims at the forfeiture we will not pay & we are informed by Councill that unless they putt in their Claim at the forfeiture we need not pay any of them.

We have seen a Copy of a Representation of the Tennants of Thornthwaite to Collonel Liddell (Imagining him to be a Lessee of the whole Estate) Shewing forth that they have always Enjoyed the Liberty of Cutting down Aller & Birtch Trees & Selling them to their own use till now that we hinder them & Mr Jefferson Complains in

particular that we have discharged William Miles from paying him any Money for Trees he had Sold him

This Representation is Signed by Joseph Pearson among the others wch we Suppose to be your Selfe, if so you act the double part with us for you have told us that the Thornthwait Tennants have no liberty to Cutt down Aller & Birch & Sell it, we desire you to Call upon Wm Miles for the money for these Trees he Cutt down & Carried away of Mr Jeffersons Estate

Pray Mr Pearson from What does this arise that the Thornthwaite Tennants Imagine Collonel Liddell to be axe free of the Estate & we his Substitutes, Surely they are wrong for the Commrs of Greenwich Hostl are the Landlords & we are their Substitutes, We desire you'll examine in to this Matter & undeceive the Tennants that Say Colll Liddell is the Lessee for he in truth has nothing to doe with any thing but the Lead Mines.

As to the Mill you mention upon the Customary Estate we do not think the Lord of the Mann liable to find wood for her or any other Repaires on the Customary Estates & is Surprized that you should Encourage any of these Customary Tennants to Crave wood out of the Demesne We believe where there is wood upon any of those Estates the Tennant has a right for wood for repaires having the Lords Leave but that we desire you'll Enquire into & give Liberty to none without acquainting us. We are

Yours etc

Walton & Boag

10 Jun 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle June 10th 1737

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Accot for last Month on which remains a Ballance of One Thousand & Twenty two pounds Nine Shillings & Sixpence three farthing in favour of the Hospital. We have no demand made upon us for the Interest due to the Lord Peters & the heir of Doctor Chamberlain at Ladyday last, therefore we begg to know whether we should remitt the ballance now in hand to the Treasurer or keep it to answer demands of Lord Peters etc when they shall be made.

John Atkinson who was late Bayliff for the Manner of Wark & Barony of Langley, has not yett been paid his Sallary due at the time of his discharge amounting to £5.16.8d & he humbly craves Leave to desire the Board will order the payment of it. He Says he has made frequent demands of the late Receivers & they have refused payment alledging that they had not the boards order for soe doing. He has also made frequent demands of us, but as we had no orders for the payment of it we refused in Like manner, tho' we humble think if the board has no Objection it Should be payd therefore we desire their Order therein & are Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

11 Jun 1737 Hugh Boag to John Smart

To Mr John Smart at Belford

Ravensworth Castle June 11th 1737

Mr Smart

I think you pay on the Hospitalls Accot to the Duke of Somersetts Agent or Bayliff a fee farme Rent for Spindleston annually. We are advised that unless persons who receive these fee farme Rents Issuing out of the Derwr Estate put in their Claim at the forfeiture, the hospitall need not pay any. The Directors have ordered us to pay none unless the persons Satisfie us that they have putt in their Claim. This I thought it would be proper to Signifie to you, because you pay some of these Rents and we have allowed you them but must desire for the future you'll pay no outgoings till further order Except Tyth Rents & Meduses for Tyth if any there be. I am for Mr Walton & Selfe Sr Yours etc

Hugh Boag

11 Jun 1737 Hugh Boag to Peter Hughes

To Mr Peter Hughes
at Middleton Hall by Alnmouth

Ravensworth Castle June 11th 1737

Mr Hughes

What Fee farme Rents are payable out of Middleton Hall to any person we are advised and ordered not to pay them unless the persons Claiming first Satisfie us that they put in their Claim at the Forfature so acquaint them with this but pay none till further orders, if any Tyth Rent or Moduses are payable out of your farm they must be punctually paid.

I am for Mr Walton & Selfe Sr Yours etc Hugh Boag

11 Jun 1737 Hugh Boag to George Ancrum

To Mr Geo Ancrum at Scremerston near Berwick Ravensworth Castle June 11th 1737

Mr Ancrum

Pray acquaint your Brother that whatever fee farme Rents are payd out of Scremerston that he is not to pay them till they Satisfie us that they put in their Claims at the forfeiture & we are ordered not to pay them till further orders, but what ever Tyth Rents or Moduses if any be payable out of Scremerston they must be punctually payd. I am for Mr Walton & Selfe Yours etc

Hugh Boag

Acquaint the other Tennants with this for fear they should pay any outgoings

17 Jun 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Rav Castle June 17th 1737

Sir

We were favoured with yours of the 10th Inst with the Boards Minutes of the 8th Inst which we duely Observe.

The Representation of Ralph Radcliff Esqr relating his purchase of the Ambles Estate in the County of Northumberland, we doe not question the fact of, but we are Ready to believe Mr William Radcliff had no right to Sell What we meant by a Settlement was the Original Settlement upon Mr William Radcliff by which it will appear whether he had a right to Sell or not. This we thought proper to Mention again as it may deserve the boards Consideration

We begg leave to put you in mind of the Ovingham Estate as we understood a Suit was intended to be Commenced with all Convenient Speed, wherein John Fenwick Esqr Thos Errington Esqr John Aynsley Esqr were to be made party & which being done there is No doubt but the Hospital will prevail

The Tenants in all parts of the Estate belonging to the Hospital begin to be uneasy for want of the Leases of their farmes and realy make us so, and we cannot proceed in the Draught lice that we Sent be approved of by the board.

We begg leave to returne the Directon thanks for the Allowance they are pleased to make us for the Expençe of holding Courts & doe Assure them that the future Expençe thereof Shall be Managed with the Utmost frugallity by Sr Yor most Obedt Servts

N Walton & H Boag

17 Jun 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Jn Maule at Greenwich

Rav Castle June 17th 1737

Dear Sr

We Take the first opertunity of Answering your favour of the 10th Inst which came to hand last post and for which you have our Sincere and hearty thanks.

It is Some nay a great deal of Concerne to us to find you think us rather Inclinaire to Correspond with the Board than you on Such affaires as particularly relate the Accots of the Derwentwater Estate and were we guilty of representing any Mistakes being Sett right after having been taken Notice of to us by you it would be

using you verry ill, & indeed in Such a manner as wou'd render us inexcusable but that you will not we hope charge us with.

Your letter of the 8 March last never came to our hands & that of the 7th of April not till the 5th of May, which required Nothing of us but a Copy of Mr Watsons Arrears which we Sent to Mr Corbett on rect of Mr Willocks letter with Some other things he wrote for, & Mr Willocks was Answered in every particular

The reason whey we Sent those papers to Mr Corbett was that we were ordered at our first Appointment to Correspond with the Secretary on all affairs relating the Hospital, but for the future you may depend upon punctuall Answers to every thing you require and be Assured Dr Sir that it will be the greatest pleasure to us in a friendly Manner to Correspond with you, and you may depend upon our greatest care not only to prevent mistakes but when any happen to Clear 'em up

We reced the original agreement with Mr Abraham Watson for the last years dues and are with kind respects to your Selfe & family

Dr Sir Your verry Humble & most Obedt Servts
N Walton H Boag

Mr Maule

The £50 – made recd of Mr Robt Twizle & Mr Robt Weldon the 21st May last & in the Cash Sd to be in pt of an Arrear of Rent due Mayday 1737 for Hartburn Grainge Should be for an Arrear of Rent due from them for Meldon outgrounds due Marts 1736 Please to Set this Right I am etc Sr Yor H Boag

This was Observed after Ceiling Your Letter
Mems this was put in a Slip into the Letter after it was sealed

21 Jun 1737 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Mr Simpson Attorney at Law

Ravensworth Castle June 21 1737

Sir

The Tennants of Thornthwait (a part of the Estate of the Late Earl of Derwentwater) have growing upon their Respective Farmes Birch & Alder Wood and Oakes in their HedgeRows some of whom Claim a Right to Sell all and others only to that in the HedgeRows. As I rememember when I acquainted you with it you were Clear in opinion that these Tennants had no right to Selling any Wood at all, but they had a Right to any of these sorts for Repairs on the Estates were such timber is was growing

Mr Boag & I are pretty much Strangers to the Customs of these Arbitrary & Customary Estates in these parts for which reason I take the Liberty to give you this Trouble desiring you will by Return of the Post Informe me what you apprehend the Right of the Tennant to be in any of the Customary or arbitrary Estates of Castle Ridge

Derwentwater & Thornthwait wth respect to the Cutting of wood of any kind for Sale or for their own Use and by what right it is that the Lord Can hinder them from so doing. I begg Sir you will be particular to me on this head, for we wd not putt a hardship upon the Tennant, nor can we see the Lord have any Injustice. Your Compliance herein will greatly Oblige Mr Boag & him who is Dear Sir Your Very Hble Servt

Nichos Walton

21 Jun 1737 Nicholas Walton to Strickland

To Mr <Strickland>

Ravenworth Castle June 21st 1737

Sir

I am favoured with yours of the 16 Inst in answer to which we are prepared to remit you the Interest due to Lord Peter and the Annuity to Lady Catherine Radcliff. I Observe you have a Certificate in the usual forme of Lady Catherines Life Since Ladyday last which Certificate I desire you'll Show Lawyer Hunter, who is Auditor of the Derwentwater Accots for his approbation, of which you'll be so good as Informe me after you have so done. Your money is ready & I Shall in the mean time be preparing you proper remittances For Mr Boag & Selfe I am Sir Your most Obedt Humble Servt

Nichos Walton

3 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 3d 1737

Sir

We were favoured with yours with the Boards Minutes of the 22 June last in Course which we duely Observe.

The Ballance of our last Cash Accot in favour of the Hospital we have remittance for, ready to be Sent you pursuant to the Boards Commands, but as we have a demand made upon us for the Interest & Annuity due to Lord Petres & Lady Catherine Ratcliff at Lady day last, we have presumed to reserve these Remittances for that purpose & hope the Board will approve thereof.

The best Information we can give the Board of the Settlement mentioned in ours of the 17th Ulto is that we apprehend it to be in the hands of Mr Radcliff the present possessor of Amble Estate, & as Mr Radcliffs shewing his right would be the easiest way of ending the dispute, we humbly think he can have no objection to share the Settlement mentioned

We have given the Moore Master Orders to acquaint the Board pursuant to their command, what methods are observed in the preservation of the Lords dues in the Manour of Alston moore wch as he has before informed us are; to attend the Weighing of all Oare at the Bingsteads or Washing places, when the Lords dues are laid Separate & preserved from Embezilment by the Lessee, for Such time as is Covenanted in his Lease.

Tho' we have made all the enquiry we cou'd into the Affair of the Keswick Rents; we have not yet been able to Clear it up to the Boards Satisfaction, yet we hope we are now furnished with Materials to do it by next Post or that afterwards.

It would be very proper Sir if the Board think fitt to Send us an Accot what Fee Farme Rents payable out of the Derwentwater Estate were Claimed at the Forfeiture, as Severall Persons to whom they are due say they made Claims, & in Such Cases where Claims were made, by our refusing Payment Suits may be Commenced. These Claims may we apprehend be had at the proper Office where they are recorded

We have been this Week in Alston moore viewing the Lead Mines in wch we think Colll Liddell & Partners have made great progress, & are proceeding to win in an effectuall manner & with the utmost expedition all such Mines as are believed to be hopefull, They have made a pay which amounts to near £900 ending at Midsummer last, of which in Lead Charge £679.2.73/4 exclusive of raising Oare by Bing & exclusive of what has been expended by the Lead Company & Mr Hally.

N Walton

H Boag

3 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr John Maule

Ravensworth Castle July 3d 1737

Sir

We received your favour of the 25th Ulto for which we return you many thanks.

That mistake which you mention in our Cash for the Month of April last, about Mr Pearsons Salary being made due Martinmas 1737 upon examination of our Copy find to be as you Say, but was intended for Mayday then next, as it was so near at hand, and the Recet is accordingly & we desire you'l make it that Months Cash due Mayday next or 1737

The mistake you are pleased to mention about John Atkinson's <Hens> & Coales of the 17th May last is in our Coppy of the 19th May and is expressed there, Reced of John Atkinson for 4 <Henns> 4s & 4 fother of Coales 10s for Broomhill & Pulwell 2 Years due Martinmas 1736 14s which is right as it is for 2 Years Each. & if it is not so in yours please to make it so.

We are very much obliged to you for this favourable way of Setting any mistakes right which we hope you believe are not designed ones but through the Hurry of Business are made

We are Sir Your Humble Servts

Walton & Boag

5 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 5 1737

Sir

After Severall enquirys and examinations into the matter in Dispute between the Hospitall & the Keswick Tennants, we have produced to us a Lease of Old Park dated 16th August 1711, for 21 years Commenceing at Ladyday preceeding under the yearly Rent of £20, payable at Penticost & Martinmas in every year, by which means every years Rent was payd up at Martinmas preceeding the end of each year.

We have examined the Recets of Severall & Inclosed you have Coppys of Mr Miles Willson Recets from the time he entered upon his Farme (wch was at Ladyday 1731) to Marts last, by which it very plainly appears he has payd Six years Rent, which must be in full to Ladyday last altho' due the Martinmas preceeding.

The Late Mr Radcliff dying about Decemr 1731 by the Tenr of the above mentioned Lease, all Rent to Ladyday 1731, became due to the Derwenttr Family, but whether in Law they Paid such right is we think the matter in dispute If they had not a right to grant Leases in that way, then we apprehend the full half year Rent is due from that family, for the Tennants have undoubtedly payd all that is due from them. We have however made a demand of the Tennants & so Soon as we have the further Commands of the board their orders Shall be putt in execution

We reced the Boards Minutes of the 29 Ulte in Course, as we did yours, with all the Boards Commands relating Mr <Jenison>, all which shall be duly regarded.

Inclosed is our Cash Accot for last Month & we are Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

14 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to Luke Nealson

To Mr Luke Nealson

Ravensworth Castle July 14 1737

Dear Sr

Your favour of the 19th June last is before us and in answer we are sorry we Cannot Comply with what you desire as to Winning Limestone in the Estate of Scremerston.

The Directors of the Hospitall have positively Commanded us not to Suffer any person whatever to Win Limestone in any of their Estates without paying for the Liberty of doing so, & this to themselves & not their Tennant who has a right to no more Limestone than what they make use of themselves.

Mr Wilkie & <Kn..g..way> may win what quantity they please provided it no way Interfere with our Tennants, paying them a Satisfaction for Spoile of ground, and

the Hospitall a further Satisfaction of a penny per Fother till Mayday next giving us an Accot at Martinmas, Candlemas & Mayday next of the Severall quantitys they get from time to time

We are Sir Yours etc Walton & Boag

14 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to Andrew Scott

To Mr Andw Scott

Ravensworth Castle July 14th 1737

Mr Scott

We reced yours of the 24 June last which before now we have not had time to Answer

As to the Division of the Northside of Scremerston however you and the Joynt takers understood it, we always Meant that it Should be Enjoyed in equall Shares, Each paying an equall Share of the Rent and in that way it was understood to be agreed when Mr Boag was last at Scremerston

Wee disire now that a division may be made of the whole north Side into four parts equally to be Sett by one Indifferent person chose by Each of you and the imedately as we disire to prevent all manner of disputes If any of the parties object to the manner of division may acquaint them that we determined to have it in no other way as we do not See it can be otherwaies with Justice to you all We are Your Hble Servts

NW & HB

15 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Mr Thos Simpson

Ravensworth Castle July 15th 1737

Attorney in Law at Penrith

A Coppy of Mr Waltons Letter dated 21st June last was Sent him this day with the following Letter.

The above is a Coppy of a Letter wrote you the 21st June last which we doubt not came to your hand, tho' we have not been favoured with Your Answer.

What is therein desired was intended to be of use to the Hospital & not of any particular use to us, therefore we humbly presume it might have been favoured with an Answer of Some kind; We are very well assured no one is more capable of Setting the Hospital right in what is mentioned in our Letter to you of the 21 June last; than Your Selfe & we did also believe none would more readily do so; therefore we conjecture a miscarriage in the Letter may be the Occasion of it, but if it should not be so, we cannot; with Submission think the Hospital or us well used.

When this comes to your hand we shall hope for Your Answer & would hope nothing would prevent your free Correspondence with us in all Affaires to the Hospital & we are

Sir Yours etc NW HB

20 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton

Ravensworth Castle July 20th 1737

Sir

We have omitted in ours of this date to acquaint you that in the Newcastle Courrant which we send you Inclosed is incerted a Paragraph relating the Informacon exhibited against Mr Readhead for Committing Waist on the Darwentwater Estate wch is taken from a Letter wrote by Mr Wye & Seems to be intended as a reflection upon the Enquirey & to excuse Ra Redhead we therefore thought it proper to acquaint you wth it & that if the Board think fit they may order a Paragraph to be incerted in the Newcastle Papers to Shew the Just Cause of Such his prosecution We are Sir Your Hble Servts

NW & HB

20 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Shutt

To Mr Ben Shutt

Ravensworth Castle July 20 1737

Mr Boag and I have a Sum to pay Lord Peters and Lady Katherine Radcliffe for Interest etc due out of the Darwentwater Estate which I must Desire you will <transmit> for us. The Sum due to Lord Peters is £1000 & to Lady Kath Radcliffe £100 for wch proper Receipts are to be taken: Coppys whereof you have Inclosed with Tenn Bills & Notes amounting to £1089 the Neet Sum to be paid 'em they allowing us ½ per Cent for remittg the Same. Mr Mannock Strickland is the person Impowered to Receive this Money at his Chambers in Lincons Inn who will procure his Lordships Recets for one years Interest on £20000 due Ladyday last £1000 & he will give a Recet for £100 Annually due at the Same time by Vertue of a Letter of Attorney Impowering him to doe so wch Letter of Attorney before you pay the £100 is to be approved of by Mr Hunter Auditr of the Hospitall & Signed by him. Mr Hunter Lives at No 3 in Garden Court Middle Temple London. You will observe that the Recets are to be for £1000 & £100 alltho' the neet Sum you pay is only £990 & £99 the other £11 we keep in our hands for remittance

I begg you'll acknowledge the Recet hereof with the Inclosed Bills by Returne of the Post

I am Dr Sir Your verry Hble Servt
Nichos Walton

P.S. Mr Strickland is to Shew & deliver up to you a proper Testimonial of Katherine Radcliffe Being alive at the time this Annuity became due wch Mr Hunter must also approve of & Signe

Notes & Bills Inclosed to Mr Shutt the 20 July 1737

Saml Vincent Bill on <... & Co> dated 16 May 1737 at <3> Usances	10
<23> Do on Do & Co dated 16 Do at 2 Usance	13
Wm <Elstobb> Do on <Jonas Leverland> 24 Do at 30 Days date	30
Edwd Smiths Note to James Sayers dated 25 Do at 60 Days date	130
George Fowlers Bill on Wm Williford dated 31 Do at 60 Days date	110
James Dawsons Note to John <Cockerell> Dated 17 June at <60 Days>	130
Mr John Aireys Bill on Geo Wilson dated 23d Do at 8 Days Sight	400
Robt Hudspeth do on Thomas young dated 23d Do at 50 Days Sight	84
Thos Wills Do on Thomas White dated 24th Do at 28 days date	84 3 11 1/2
George Blacks Bill on Messrs Chizhull & Ingram	
dated 1 July at 28 Days Do	97 18 1
	£1089 -- 1/2

20 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 20th 1737

Sir

In Obedience to the Boards Commands we have Inclosed sent you an accot of what Repaires are most necessary on the most proper parts of the Estate late Darwentwr to be begun with & wch we hope may be done this Season tho' it is so farr advanced that we doubt of Compleating all in the Inclosed Accot.

All the parts of the Darwentwater Estate (to put the housing into Tennantable condition) are almost in Equal Necessity, but the reason why we make Choise of those in the Inclosed Accot is that in such parts where the Hospitall's Estates will furnish Wood we would deferr till next Summer, as the Bark (wch is of Considerable Vallue) would be lost now, & in such places as we now propose to begin to Repaire we will be obliged to buy firr Timber whether begun now or at another time

There is Sevll Tennts in the other parts of the Estate that cannot dispence with out Some Repaire & in such places we will be obliged to doe Small things pursuant to the Boards Former Order, but we hope no place will much exceed £10.

The Repaires on Newlands and Whittonstall must be done with firr wood & part of those Repaires must if possible be done this Season which being agreed to by the General Court have left 'em out of the Inclosed.

We Shall be ready to prosecute all the Boards Commands on these affaires so
Soon as we have the Honr to Receive 'em & with the Utmost care & Frugallity and we
are Sir Your most Obedt Hble Servts

Nichos Walton
Hugh Boag

22 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 22d 1737

Sir

As the Hospitall are to have Tryall (with the Persons Claiming Haydon Town
Farme on an old Lease) at the next Assizes at NCastle which begins the 8 August next,
we begg leave to putt you in mind of it, tho we hope Mr Airey has taken proper care to
inform you or Mr Radley so as to prepare what is necessary for Tryall.

The Quakers company's Agent having Offered 46s per Bing for Bouse & 41 per
Bing for Cutting Oare & Geo Liddell Esqr & Compy having offered the same & one
Guinea & half over. we have agreed with the latter as best bidders, for all the Dues of
Lead Oare arising within the Manor of Aldstone Moore from Christmas last to
Christms next to be paid in April next which we hope the Board will approve of This
price for Lead Oare is we believe the highest that has been known in that Country, the
reason for which we apprehend to be this, that the Quakers having a Lead Mill ready
erected are distressed for want of Oare to keep her going, by reason of the poverty of
the Lead Mines in & about Aldston Moore, & not onely that But Sevl other Mills are
lying for want of Oare & this Scarcity <still...& will,> or as <....> the price by that Mill
wth Coll Liddell Parts are Erectg in Aldston <mre> where for some time the whole
quantity to be raised will not be Sufficient to keep the Mill going.

We are Sorry to in forme you that at Tarret burn in the Manour of Wark, where a
Lead Mine has formerly been wrought, & where Geo Liddell Esqr & Partners had
begun further Tryall the Royaltys are claimed by Severall who have given the
Workmen a discharge, upon which Accot that work is at present Stop'd. Wee have
allways believed the Royaltys in that part belonged to the Hospitall & we doubt not but
it will appear to be so, yet least we should run the Hospitall into vexatious Suite, we
have thought it more proper to desist than proceed in working, till a particular enquiry
is made into the Affair. Wee are to be at Hexham next Monday & thro the Estates of
that Neighbourhd. the remaining part of the week so that as we Shall not only wait
upon the persons who Claim, but make all the enquiry we can in that part of the
Country, we hope to give you a particular Accot by next Frydays post of the whole
affair We are Sir Yr most obedt & most Hble Servts

N Walton Hugh Boag

29 Jul 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 29th 1737

Sir

We wrote you the 22nd Inst about the discharge given to the persons Employed by George Liddell Esqr & Partners, at Tarrett Burn in Tindale within the Manour of Wark & therein acquainted you that we would make enquiry & give you a particular Accot of the whole Affair

We have accordingly made all the enquiry we had an opportunity of doing, & have Examined the old papers at Dilston & from the whole we cannot find whether the Mine in dispute was let by the Derwentwater family or not.

By the Grant it appears that all the Mineralls within the Manour of Wark were granted to the predicessors of the Derwentwater family, & this place being within what is Called Tindale, is undoubtedly the right of the Hospitall, tho' the great distance of time Since the Mine has been wrought, & the want of foot steps to trace it makes it very difficult to find it out. We have been upon the Premisses & have examined Severall old people who Say they always believed & it was reputed that the Royaltys belonged to the Der----r family, that the Mine was wrought about 60 years agoe by One Curtis & afterwards by Alderman Ramsey, but that they do not know by whom authorized, but believes by the Lord <Derw.r> we have therefore to presume rights of the Hospitall (where it may probably be of great Consequence to them) Ordered Workmen to begin work & keep possession which we hope the Directors will approve of.

We find the possessors Severall Small Estates in Tarrett & Tarrett burn who call themselves freeholders have agreed to Try the Hospitall rights to the Royallitys in these parts & have Sett the Workmen to Work a Colliery in Terrett burn adjoining the Hospitalls Tennt James Dodds & also another Colliery in Blackburn within the sd Manour of Wark, both which we have putt off work by discharging Gilbert Milburn & others at the former, & James Robson & others at the latter place we not only discharged these persons, but threw the Ropes & other work tools at each place downe the pitts, in the presence of the parties which we hope the Directors will approve off, & indeed unless what we have done be followed with vigirous proceedings in the Law the Hospitalls Libertys will be greatly infringed upon

We are greatly concerned to be informed by Mr Airey that no provision is made so as to have Tryall with the persons Claiming Haydon Town Farme the next Assizes, as it not only gives these persons an Oppertunity of Continuing upon the Farme another year, but greatly encourages that Sett of people whose View it is to distress the Hospitall in all their Affairs. We therefore earnestly begg the Directors will consider how much their Interest Suffers by these delays. & we begg to assure them that no Stone shall be left unturned to Support their Interest by Sr Yours etc

Walton & Boag

3 Aug 1737 John Maule to William Corbett

A Copy of a Letter from Mr Maule to Wm Corbett Esqr

Royal Hospitall Greenwch 3 Augt 1737

Sir

In answer to the Receivers Letter of the 5 July be pleased to acquaint the Board that I have Strictly examined & considered as much as in my power the affair in Dispute between the Hospitall and the Tennants of the Demiesne Lands of Keswick & by comparing the Copys of Miles Wilsons receipts for the Rent of his farme at Loaning head, which they say he entered upon at Ladyday 1731, it plainly appears he has paid Six years Rent, which must be in full to Ladyday 1737 tho due at Marts 1736; but then I apprehend as he entered on his Farme at Ladyday he enjoy'd the first years Crop & is to quitt possession at the Same time to the Succeeding Tennant

This appears plainly to me by tracing the Lease of Old Park wch they say was produced to them; John Fisher for some of his predecessrs take a Lease of this farme for 21 years from Ladyday 1711 by which they became bound to pay one half years Rent at Pentecost next following & the other half year at Marts after so that at Marts 1711 the first years Rent was due tho according to the Custome of Payg Rents was Seldom demanded till Ladyday. Fisher held his farme till Ladyday 1736 & by what I can find has paid 25 years Rent from Ladyday 1711 to Ladyday 1736 the the last ½ year became due by his Lease at Marts 1737 & upon paymt thereof by reason of some hardships complaind of in his Letter to the board of the 10 Janry he gives notice that he is to quitt his farme & the Receivrs advised the board the 24 Janry 1735/6 that they had lett the farme to Lanct Penny, who I suppose entered in full possession of it at Ladyday 1736 & <...> engaged to pay the Rent at the Same terms his predecessor had which he had usually complied with hitherto; & the Tennants of this Manner have paid in many half years Rents as the Tennants of any other part of the Estate have, the only Difference that appears to me is that the Tennants of Keswick enter in full possession & enjoy all the profit of their farms from Ladyday & for that reason are bound to pay a whole years Rent at Martinmass following, whereas in other parts of the Estate the Tennant entering at Mayday is not in full possession till the Waygoing [struck out: 'Crops'] Tennts has cutt down his Crop which Seldom happens before Michs & therefore the first years Rent is not due till Mayday if this be the Case (as I apprehend it is) the dispute may <only> be determined by the Receivers answer to this one question : Did John Fisher enjoy the Crop of the year 1736 or did Lanct Penny enjoy it. If John Fisher enjoyd it he owes half a years Rent to the Hospitall having reaped the benefit of the farme 6 months after Ladyday, but if Lanct Penny enjoyed that Crop Fisher is acquitted having paid the half years Rent due at Marts 1735 & Penny became Dr for that half years Rent due at Pentecost following which by the Recers Cash Accot he paid in October last & that due Marts 1736 he paid in April last. In examining the Last Accot for June I find the charge for unavoidable Repaires in Meldon Park and Hartburn Grainge £29. 4s. 8½ d which I doe not find any order of Board for, & I think cannot be

comprehended in the Liberty allowed them by the Minute of the 9 Feb last, to Cause such repairs to be done from time to time as cannot be delayed till they receive particular orders from the board provided the Charge of such repaires do not exceed £10 its true these Repaires are on 3 Tenemts but I believe all in the occupation of the same Tennant & as it appears by the accot were a Month in hand, during which time I humbly think they should have advised the Board thereof & reced their directions

I beg you will also represent to the Board that among the Charity Boys there are some Boys who are now quallifyd to be bound out, tho they have not been three years in the School and Severall who might be quallifyd much sooner than that time if the board should think proper to give directions to Mr Weston their Schoolmaster, to advance such Boys as are capable in learning the necessary Rules prescribed by the Instructions and to acquaint the board when Such Boys are so quallifyd that they may be bound out tho they have not been three years in the School which woud very much extend the Charity, which is humbly Submittd to the Board by Sir Your most humble Servt

Jo Maule

7 Aug 1737 Nicholas Walton to James Hunter

To James Hunter Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Augt 7th 1737

Sr

Your favour of the 23 July last woud have been answered Sooner: had we not been both abroad when it came to this place & Since engaged in business that we no way could avoid.

By our appointment as Receivers, we never apprehend any Expençe of Fees (in passing our Accots) to be upon us, & it was our Intentions to Charge what you mention, as fees, at passing the last years Accot, upon the Hospitall, & unless we are by your good advice persuaded that we shoud not, we determine to doe so, You will be pleased in what way soever it is (if you think fitt) to draw upon us for the Charge; or give us notice & it shall be remitted you

We are exceedingly obliged to you for your last favour, as we shall be for your further advice in this Affair, & in the meantime we are Sir Yours etc Walton & Boag

PS From what Accot Mr Boag had at London, he understood that the Expençe of passing all the Hospitalls Accots in the Ececheqr were a Charge upon themselves

14 Aug 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Augt 14th 1737

Sir

We reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 3d Inst which we duly observe; and the Board may depend upon our utmost care & frugality in excuting their commands.

The necessary Repaires amounting to £1160. 8. 2 we are putting in Execution & we beg leave to observe that the Board have given no Orders for doing anything at Newlands & Whittenstall which is in great necessity. In ours of the 20th Ulto we mentioned those Repaires & hoped that the Board would have given their Orders therein as we were in doubt whether they intended that we Shou'd proceed therein upon the Order of the Generall Court of the 26 Jany last. If therefore they expect that we Should proceed upon that Order, we Should be Glad of their pleasure therein.

We have Mr Maules Letter before us and in relation to the Keswick Rts we observe his Just Remarks upon it, & think the Question he has putt does not decide the Dispute for it is without all manner of Dispute certain that Such of the Tennants as have paid their last Rents have pd all Rents due from them to the late Mr Radcliffs Heirs, the Treasury & the Hospitall. We cannot possibly Say Whether Lancet Penny enjoyed the full Crop or total produce of the Farme he Entered upon at Ladyday 1736 or whether John Fisher enjoyed a part, but be that as it will it does not Seem to make any difference for it is a Custom & a very Just one here that where a Tennant enters upon a Farm having a Crop at his Entrance he has no right to a Crop when he leaves it. & on the Contrary where he enters upon no Crop he has a right to one at the Determination of his Farme so that whether Lancelot Penny entered upon a Crop or not he is obliged to pay his Rent from Ladyday 1736 to 1737.

The Case Seems to be this, That the Derwentwater Estate being on the Death of the late Mr Radcliff forfeited to the Government all Rents thereof became due to the Treasury etc from Martinmas 1731 which to Ladyday last is 51/2 Years. Now upon examining Miles Wilsons Receipts you will find that he entering upon his Farme at Ladyday 1731 pays 6 Years Rent to last Ladyday which is all that is really due from him, 5 whereof has been paid to the Receivers & one to the late Mr Radcliffs Heirs, where as we apprehend only half a year should have been paid to the said Heirs. The Question then Seems to be Was the halfe Years Rent ending at Ladyday 1732 & due the Marts 1731 preceeding by the Tenure of the Lease of Old Park due to the Treasury or Mr Radcliffs Heirs, he dying in December 1731. If it is due to the latter then the Treasury and the Hospital together receive out of that Estate from the time of the Forfeiture only 5 Years rent to Ladyday last whereas in all other parts of the Estate they receive 51/2 Years Rent to last Ladyday.

As to the £29. 4s. 83/4d laid out in Repaires at Meldon park & Hartburn Grange it is true it Exceeds the Boards Order had it been laid out on one Tenement, but as it was laid out on three which are occupied by more than 3 Tennants we apprehend it to be within what the Board were pleased to Command & hope they will think so and approve thereof.

Inclosed is our Cash Accot on which remains a Ballance of £75. 8s. 4d in our favour. The Accot of Wood and Bark Sold out of the Weedings this Season will Come in our next

we are Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

14 Aug 1737 Nicholas Walton to George Birkett

[Note: Forename of recipient not given but possibly the George Birkett named as recipient of a letter to Cockermouth as a trustee of Thornthwaite manor estates]

To Mr Birkett

Ravensworth Castle August 14th 1737

Sir

We reced yours of the 16 June last, which would have been answered Sooner but that we were prevented by Busyness of Conquence.

[In the margin:] Sent Mr Simpson a Copy of this the 25th May 1740

As to what You Seem to Charge Mr Pearson with, we are Strangers in it and more Particularly so as it was at a time when we were no way concerned. At the time of the Commission of Enquiry it would have been proper to have laid these (if they are fact) Charges against him and had they been so and made, appear to have been fact we don't apprehend he would have been continued in the Hospitals Service. We have a better Opinion of him than to believe him guilty of any Injustice & till it appears otherwise we must Support him in executing what he is Commanded to do.

We are not yet Informed that you have any right to Cutt Wood & if you do it without our Consent it may be of ill Consequence, therefore to prevent any further Inconvenience it will by no means be prudent to doe anything of that kind. We are farr from hindering You or anybody from having all the Priviledges You have right to, but till those things appear to be your right You will excuse us in doing what we believe to be Justice to the Hospital & we are

Sir Yours etc Walton & Boag

23 Aug 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Stephenson

[Note: Enclosing a letter from the Hospital Board requesting Monthly Accounts]

Ravth Castle August 23d 1737

Mr Stephenson

Inclosed I send you the Boards Minutes at Salters Hall the 3rd August Inst which relate to you, & which you will I doubt not Observe as farr as you have it in your power, but I doe not see how you Can once a Month give any Accot It woud do well I

think when you replie if you desire they will give you Leave to doe it once a quarter,
But this I only mention to you, as if you can doe it Monthly pray lett it be done so.

I have this day wrote to Abraham Watson about the Dues of Blagill a Coppy
whereof you have on the other Side, in which you will Observe that you, as the
Hospitalls Moor Master shall Judge whether the dues be Merchantable or not, & pray
unless they are so do not receive em I am Dear Sir Yours etc

N Walton

[Enclosed letter]

To Mr Stephenson Moor Mastr

At a Meeting of the Directors of Greenwich Hospital at Salters Hall the 3d August 1737

Mr Stephenson the Moor Masters Letter of the 16 of July was read; Setting forth the
method observed from time to time to Secure the Dues of Lead Oar to the Lord for
these 30 years; Ordered that he Continues the same Method till further Orders.

Ordered that the Moor Master do transmitt to the Board Monthly Accots of the
Bings of Oare that are raised in the Severall Lead Mines, and what the weight of a Bing
is in that Country.

In the absence of the Secretary

Signd Richd Horne

A True Copy Nichos Walton

13 Sep 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Sept 13th 1737

Sir

Inclosed I Send You our Cash Accot for the Month of Augt last on which is a
Ballance of £29.-.6d in our favour:

There has been Sold by Mr Johnson one of our Bayliffs out of the Weedings of
Woods under his care this Season, on Notes dated as follows

Payble at Michs next 15th May last on Note from
Francis Marshall & Robt Watson for 280 Yards of
Bark Sold out of the Shaw wood at Newton Hall £46

Payble at Ladyday next 10th July last on Note from
Wm Richley for Weeding of Wood out of Shaw Wood 5

Payble at Michs next 10 July last on Note from Do
[Wm Richley] for 110 Yards of Bark Sold from
Rawgreen and Thornbrough 13 15

Payble at Ladyday next 25 July last on Note from Wm
Dixon & Robt Bell for Weeding of Wood at RawGreen
Reced £3.15.10 5 7 6
Total £70 2 6

Mr Buntings Accot of what has been under his care will come in our next.

The Persons who claim Tarret Burn Lead Mine have continued to throw the metal in to the mine as fast as Colll Liddell's Miners threw it out, so that we have discharged the Miners from proceeding till further order, as it was creating an Expence; I hope the Directors will approve thereof & give Orders that Something may be done to Support their Rights. We have not Yet been able to find out by what power it was that Alderman Ramsay wrot that Mine but we are endeavouring to be Informed.

You will observe Sir that the Boring at Scremerston is finished, so that we are ready to proceed in the winning, so Soon as the Board Signify to us their Pleasure therein. But we think the Lease of the Colliery should be executed before we go into the Expence of Making the Winning.

This being the Time of the Year for Sale of the Deer at Dilston we have endeavoured to dispose of them but to no purpose, nay on the Contrary some neighbouring Gentlemen tell us we have no right to them as they are Outlyers & that they have a right to hunt and kill where they please provided they are roused without our Liberty. This particularly been done by Mr Fenwick of Bywell whose Servants have killed Severall within 10 or 14 days last past and tho' we have discharged them, they will not desist. This I thought proper to lay before the Board, that they may give Such Orders therein as they Judge proper.

I am Sir Yours etc Nichos Walton

2 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Octor 2d 1737

Sir

We reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 14th & 17th of last Month in Answer to which we are under no Covenants with any Tenants in the Derwentwater Estate for building or Repairing Housing, further than this. That all Tenants to whom farmes were Confirmed to Comence at last Mayday made their proposals particularly mentioning that they had expected their Housing put into Tenantable Repaire. The Housing on Newlands and Whittonstall are in so badd repaire that unless something is done most of the Tenants cannot Subsist even this nixt Winter but with great difficulty,

tho as the Season is So farr Spent they must dispencc in the best Manner they can till Next year.

There has been Sold by Mr Bunting Bayliff out of the Weedings of Woods etc under his care as followeth Vizt

Payble at Mayday 1738 To Wilkinson Chrisopp & Partners 109 Yds of Bark at 4s out of Dinnetley Wood, 3 Yds of which given in at the Bargain and not to be Reckon'd at 4s	£21 4 -	
Payble at Do Time To Ditto [WC] 30Yds of Bark at 3s out of Do Woods	4 10 -	
Payble at Do Time To Ditto 119 Do of Do at 4s (3 yards given in at the bargain and not to be reckoned) out of Harsondale Woods	23 4 -	£48 18 -
Payble at Do Time To William Fenwick 49 Yds of Do at 3/6 out of Capons Cleugh Wood	£8 11 6	
Payble at Do Time To Do [WF] 51 Do of Do Oak 3/3 out of High Wood	8 5 9	£16 17 3
Payble at Do Time To Chrisr Bell 12 Do of Do at 2/6 out of Do [High Wood]	£1 10 -	
Payble at Do Time To Do a Small parcell by Lump	1 1 -	£2 11 -
Totall		£68 6 3

We are Sir Your most Obedt Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

4 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Octor 4th 1737

Sir

We reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 28th Ulto which we duly observe.

The late Alderman Ramsey who wrought Tarrettburn Lead mine in partnership with Alderman Morton both of Newcastle has been Dead many Years, the former whereof was Succeeded by his Son, who was also an Alderman in Newcastle, the papers of both which after the Death of the latter came into the hands of William Colesworth of Gateshead Park Esqr & afterwards into the hands of Henry Ellison now of Gateshead Park Esqr Mr Alderman Morton has been also long Dead & his Estate &

papers descended to one Mr Robt Durham in whose hands these papers now are. We have made Enquiry of both Mr Ellison & Mr Durham who have both Searched their Papers and Accots, and cannot find any thing relating the said Mine. The State of this Enquiry might have been Sent by us Sooner, tho it is verry lately wee gott it finished as we were obliged to take it from the Gentlemen who did us the favour to make Search in Such Manner as was agreeable to them selves, & the Board may be Assured we have not been dilatory in it, tho the Information we have gott is of no real use and upon that Accot it was that we did not think it proper to trouble the Board with what Steps we had taken in that Affair, Still hoping to discover something in some other way, and we now have some information in View from Mr Blackett Agents, being Informed that the Lead Mine Tarrettburn was wrought before Alderman Ramsey by Mr Blacketts family, but this we must wait for till Such time as they are pleased to give it us. Upon the whole we do assure you we have not been negligent in this Affair, and the Board may be assured nothing in our power shall be awanting to make all the enquiry and discovery we can, and as Soon as we can find any thing out they Shall be immediately acquainted therewith

We have wrote to the Tennants of Scremmerston Colliery, to know what Advance Rent they will give in Case they win the Colliery themselves & as Soon as we have their Answer the Board Shall be acquainted with it, & also have our Computation of the Expenche.

We cannot Sell the Deer belonging to Dilston Park upon any Terms as the neighbouring Gentlemen take the Liberty of Hunting & killing them within the Park at their pleasure.

We have Sent to Mr Stephenson the minute relating to him & are Sr Yours etc

Nichos Walton

Hugh Boag

PS We are Setting out upon a Collection of the Mayday Rents and it will be about a Month before it; and holding the Courts be finished

14 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Wm Radley

Ravensworth Castle Octor 14 1737

Sir

We were abroad when yours of the 20 Septemr last came to Mr Airey's hand, & being Just come home, we take this first Opportunity of Acquainting You, that the Farme in the possession of Green & Howden lyes in the Township of Haydon, in the parish of Netherwarden, Barony or Lordship of Langley.

There will be great Inconveniencies attending the Want of the Tennants Leases, for which reason we desire You will forward them all possibly You can & are

Sir Yours etc Walton & Boag

14 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Octor 14 1737

Sr

Inclosed we Send you our Cash Accot for the last month on which their Remains a ballance in our favour of £7.14.6

We have nothing Material to Lay before the Board Save that Geo Liddell Esqr has made his Michs Quarters Pay which Amounts to £1221.10.111/4 of which for Raising Oare by bing only £118.16.83/4 there was then Employed at the Mines 263 Pickmen 43 Labourers & 27 Washers, besides Masons Carpenters Smelters, Peatcasters & Oare Carriers which has been Occassionally 60 persons at least

We are Sr Yor most Obedt Servts

Walton & Boag

Alston Moore September the 29th 1737

A List of Lead mines Wrought by Geo Liddell Esqr and others with the Number of hands Employed at Each mine Vizt

		Pick- men	Lab- our ^{rs}	Wash- ers
Thorngill	Employed	13	-	3
Lough Vein	Ditto	8	-	-
<Goring gill>	Ditto	6	-	-
Blagill	Ditto	30	5	3
Cock lake	Ditto	4	-	-
Nentsberryhagg	Ditto	6	-	1
Brownley hill	Ditto	4	-	-
Nenthead Low Level	Proceeding to <Shaw> Redgroves & Rampgill	10	10	-
Redgroves at Nenthead	A Top Level Carrying to that mine	4	1	8
Fairhill East of Nent	Employed	4	-	-
Fairhill West of Nent	Ditto	6	-	1
Rampgill	Ditto	4	-	-
Carrs & Cowsletts	Ditto	23	-	1
Long Cleugh	Ditto	4	-	-
Middle Cleugh	Ditto	4	-	-
Capell Cleugh	Ditto	4	-	-
Longholehead East End	Ditto	10	-	-
Peatslackhill	Ditto	17	8	4
Brigghill burne	Ditto	4	-	5
Dowgan Vein	Ditto	6	-	-

Garrygillburne old grove	Scarr Ends
Dodberry Dikehead	Lee House
Hill Close	Wallop Knott
Eshgill Side force	Langley Barony Vein in Thorngraston <End>
Clergill Cleugh head	Broken Heugh
Brock Als Rockhill	Thornley Quarry
Broomberry	Planderheath
Parkgrove	Wellgill Inclosure
Horse Edge	Cragg Scarrs 2 or 3 Veins
Sleate Mea	Dilston Parke

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag Recers
Jno Stephenson Moor Mar
A Copy

17 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton

Messrs <.....> Goldsmiths
at Temple Barr London

Ravensworth Castle Octor 17th 1737

Gentn

I have Inclosed sent you three Promy Notes for One hundred and Forty pounds & my draught on Mr Benja Skatt for Eight Pounds Ten Shillings wch with the Allowance you are pleased to make for remittances in full for one years Annunity due to the heirs of Peter Chamberlain <abt> Lady daglish you will be pleased to send me a proper Recet for it by return of the Post. The Letter you mention has Miscarry'd or you may be assured the Money wd have been Long a goe remitted you but I doe assure you tho I now send you it we have no money in our hands belonging the Hospitall We have always a Recet of the Rents abt Mayday so that for the future if you write about that time it is the same thing to us to pay you then as it is to doe it at any after time. I am for Mr Boag & Self

Gentn Your most Obedt Servts

Nichos Walton

Anth <Boughes> Note to So Gaskin for	£40
Thos Reginalds to Jas Huston for	55
Wm Goodchilds Nath Colby for	45
N Waltons bill on B Skatt	8 10
	£148 10

21 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Octr 21 1737

Sir

Mr Stephenson Moor Master has Sent me an Accot of the Quantity of Lead Ore raised within the Manour of Alston from Xmas last to Michs last, wch I Send You Inclosed & you will have it hereafter Quarterly. There was a Small Quantity of Oare raised from Michs to Xmas 1736 wch was not Included in the last years Sale of the Dues of wch Mr Stephenson will give an Accot in the next Quarters Accot.

Mr Boag is attending the holding of Courts at Newlands, Haydon Bridge & Wark & returns to Hexham to morrow, where I am to meet him in order to receive the Mayday Rents and Arrears on Monday & Tuesday next, & on Wednesday is to be held the Court at Alston, where one or both of us will attend For Mr Boag & Selfe

I am Sir Yours etc Nichos Walton

An Accot of Oare Raised in Alston Moor from Christmas 1736 to Michaelmas 1737 Viz

	Bouse Oare			Cutting Oare			Total		
	B	H	P	B	H	P	B	H	P
Brownhill	1			1			2		
Longhole head West End	6						6		
Peatslack hill	121	1					121	1	
Brighilburn				56	3		56	3	
Greengill	8						8		
Nentsberry Haggs	34						34		
Thornhill	28			12	2		40	2	
Lough Vein	5						5		
Nenthead Field				1			1		
Fairhill West of Nent	9		1				9		1
D ^o East of Nent		3						3	
Redgroves at Nenthead				26			26		
Blagill	160	2		13			173	2	
Carrs & Cowslitts	45			3			48		
Fletcheress	6			6			12		
	424	2	1	119	1		543	3	1

Per John Stephenson Moor Master

21 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley at Greenwich

Ravensworth Castle October 21st 1737

Sir

This Post you will receive from Colll Liddell the Draught of the Lease of the Lead Mines in Alston Moore & other parts of the Derwentwater Estate with Such

Alterations (from Your Draught) as he thinks are proper to be made of which he has wrote fully to you this post.

I Send you Inclosed a Coppy of one of the old Leases to the Tennants of Lands in Alston Moore, granted by Henry Hylton Esqr whereby you will Judge what right the Lord has reserved to himself for Working the Mines.

I begg You will forward the Land Leases & am Sir Your most Obedt Servt

Nichos Walton

21 Oct 1737 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Skatt

To Mr Ben Skatt

Ravensworth Castle Octor 21st 1737

Dear Sir

Being so often abroad is the occasion of my not getting your Letters immediately as they come by post, & of your wanting an immediate answer. I reced both yours for which I thank you with the Recet for Lady Catherine Radcliffs Annunity & Testimonial of her being alive, when it become due, which is all right except that of paying Mr Hunter half a Guinea for Signing the Testimoniall, which I am afraid you have done instead of Mr Strickland who ought to have paid it, & indeed I must desire you wait upon him at your Convenience & gett it of him. You may please to tell him that we shall not for the future pay it without their producing proper Testimoniall which they are not, without the Auditor Sign 'em. What expence you have been or shall be at in this affair pray charge upon Mr Boag & me

I am Sr Yor etc N Walton

4 Nov 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Wood

To Mr Jno Wood Deputy Treasurer of the
Royal Hospital at Greenwich at the
Directors Office on Tower Hill London

Ravensworth Castle Novr 4th 1737

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you Twelve promisory Notes & Bills amounting to One Thousend Pounds the particulars of wch are above Mentioned wch I hope will be all well paid. I have made Mr Baker Dr for 'em on Accot of the Rents of Ld Derwentwater Estate & for the Use of Greenwich Hospital

I am Dr Sr Yor most

Humle Servt

Nichol Walton

Please to Acknowledge the Rect hereof by Return of the Post

Leand Philips Note to Frans Cockerill dated Aug 9th 1737 at 4 Ms	£59 8
Daniel Mauds Do to Wm Robinson dated Sep 2 1737 at 30 days	£25 12 8
Thomas Smitter Do to James Huston dated Sep 26 1737 at 60 days	£27
Philip Pentyers Bill on Owen Somors dated Oct 8 1737 at 30 days	£20
John Colletts Note to Jno Wilkinson dated Do 11th Do at 40 Do	£100
Robert Fowlers Do to Robt Hudspeth dated Do 21st Do at 40 days	£64
Lockwood Brodricks Bill on Samull Price dated Nov 2 Do at 40 Do	£94
Do Do on Do dated Nov 2 Do at 40 Do	£100
Wm Coates Do on John Coates dated Nov 2 Do at 50 Do	£119 10
Thos Aireys Do on Wm Randall dated Novr 9 Do at 40 Do	£20
Geo Pantounes Do on Thos Haley Esqr dated Octr 28th 1737	60
Nichs Waltons Do on Ben Skatt dated Novr 4th 1737	370 9 4
	£1000

4 Nov 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Novemer 4th 1737

Sir

We were Favoured with Yours of the 28th of October last with the Boards Minutes of the 19th preceding wch we duely Observed & we reced also a letter from Mr Snowball wch is sent to him.

Inclosed we Send you Mr Stephensons & our Joynt Report of our View of Longcleugh Middle Cleugh & Capel cleugh Mines in Answer to the Boards order of the 19th Ulto which we hope will be to them Satisfactory

Upon our last being at Alston-moor there is a Vein appears to have been open, which before was deem'd an unopen Mine, It is called Clergil Cleugh and lyes on the South Side of a burn called Ale burn wch divides the Countys of Northumberland & Cumberland but in a disputed part of the Common This part of the Common in dispute is Claimed by one Richardson of Penrith as part of his Mannor of Ale, All tho' it may be proved by living Witnesses that he has rid a Boundary and left that part out & there is not only that reason to be given for its belonging to the Derwentwater Estate but some of the Tennts & Freeholders within the Manour of Alston have & doe to this day cast Turbary within the disputed ground wch are we think convincing proofs of its being the right of the Hospital. This Sir we desire you will lay before the Board for their Consideration, & also that you will acquaint them that their Vein is hopefull & may be of a very great Consequence

Since we gave you the last Accot of wh Steps we had taken for making a discovery by what power Mr Alderman Ramsey wrought Tarret Burn Lead mine we have been in expectation of being Informed of Something Material from Mr Blacketts Agents who we at last find can give us no Information at all. So that unless some light

can be had into the Affair by looking into Inquisitions post Mortem or from the Family Title Deeds, we doubt it will be in Vain to Attempt a Dispute in Law

The Severall presentments at the Courts held in Octor 1726, not being Leveyed, has been no Small trouble in the holding the last Courts, & realy is Such an encouragemt to all Ill designed men that many of the Tennts are not to be kept from Committing Trespass & <that all> the want of the Tennts Leases makes the management very Troublesome. We therefore begg the Directors will give orders to their Courtkeepers, that all Lawfull means may be used for Maintaining the rights & Jurisdictions of their Courts & we begg the Directors will order all the dispatch that's possible in getting us the Tennts Leases

In Obedience to the Boards Orders we have wrote Sevll Letters Letters to Mr Hodgshon of Tynehead demanding the paymt of Tythe which he has neglected to pay the Hospitals Tennts at Lowbyre in Alston Moor to wch he does not give us any answer & to Show his ill-intentions, he has lately put one of his Tennts upon taking by Force a Cow from one John Furnace who Legally bought the Same, after She had been Seized for an Action of Debt recovered in Alston Court Mr Hodgshons Tennt has Since disposed of the Cow and being a beggar Furnace has not the Oppertunity of doing himself Justice therefore humbly begg the Directors will be Pleased to order him some relief in it he is a poor man & would we think be Satisfyed with 25 or 30s in Consideration of his loss we have ordered Mr Simpson Courtkeeper to write Mr Hodgshon abt his Tythes & to Threaten him with a prosecution.

This day we have Sent Mr Wood Dep Treasurer Bills Value £1000 for the use of the Hospital & are Sir

Your most Obedt Hume Serts

Walton & Boag

[Enclosed Report]

Inclosed 4th Novr 1737 William Corbett Esqr

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed haveing duely Consider'd the Boards Order of the 19th of October Inst relating to hushing Longcleugh, Middlecleugh & Capelcleugh Mines in the Manner of Alston Moor & having Particularly Viewed & Inspected the Situation thereof, we find the same to be distant from any of the present working Shafts, or Levells proceeding to any mines at least halfe a Mile; & from any of the Inclosed Lands about a mile, lying at Nenthead in the Extream part of the moor. That those mines have been wrought many years agoe & are now ruinous & not likely to be wrought unless in the Winning thereof, they are first proceeded to by hushing, which are of Opinion may be done without the least damage, either to mines or Inclosures, nay in all probability may be of great Advantage to the Hospital. Writing our hands the Twenty Seventh day of October 1737

Nichs Walton Recrs

Hugh Boag

Jno Stephenson moor maer

7 Nov 1737 John Simpson

Sir

According to your Orders I wrote to Mr Hodgson about the Tythes the very Day I left Alston and this Morning I received this Inclosed from him If the Hospitall thinks it worth their while to Dispute the payment of the Tythes I think It will be most Adviseable to get a Release from <Carrick> which will prevent any Contest about the Boundarys of the Common before they Comence any Suit agst Mr Hodgson

I am Sr Yr hble Servt

Penrith Novr 7th 1737

Jno Simpson

Mr Simpson

I know of no contract made with late Lord Derwentwaters Stewards no more than I know what right you have to Demand Tyths of me but I write you now as I did Mr Aynsley when concerned that I Do expect you Show me some Title Deed writing or Colour of right to Demand any Tyths of me for I am Farr from wronging any man neither am I easily Persuaded or frightened into a Compliance to pay what I ought not neither will I do it.

You may know that neither I nor any under whom I Claim ought or can be Compelled to be Subject or Answerable to the Court for Myne is an Intire Manner of Itself and no part of Alston Moor, and Yet since you have been Concerned you have not only Unjustly Determined an Action but issued a promise to Seize a Tenants Goods of Myne, I am not nor have been as yet any way Deserving of such Treatment to say no worse but I Advise You not to do the like again for no man living ever knew the like done in Aldstone Court before

I Desire you will give my Service to the Governours and Acquaint them that I have in right of Tyne head a very good right as I Apprehend for Cattle throughout the whole waste in Aldstone Moor & which was Enjoyed by the poor, and other rights too and seeing they make me so <...ly> I know not why I should loose my right neither will I which is all from

Your Humble Servt Hodgson

Turn over

3 Novr 1737

If the Governors think themselves Injured they know what they have to do, I shall<Defend> my Self

An Order taken out of any of the Law Courts in Westminster Hall might as well be granted in Ireland against a <...> who had <this> and <when Opposed>, as the <people> which you sent into my <Manner> Care I have much Ado to persuade Myself to be Content with this <...> Again.

11 Nov 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Novemr 11th 1737

Sir

Inclosed I Send You our Cash Accot for the last Month in which there remained a Ballance of £802-11-5 in favour of the Hospitall. We have Since recd upwards of £200 & on the 4th Inst Sent Mr Wood Bills for £1000 on Accot of the Hospital. I am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir Yours etc N Walton

22 Nov 1737 Nicholas Walton to Giles Monk

To Mr Giles Monk

Ravensworth Castle Novr 22 1737

Sir

Last year was made out your Accot of Receipts and Disbursemnts to the 14 <Novr> in that Year and this we are proposed to Make out our Accot in the same Manner but as it seems more regular to end the 31st <December> in every Year we thought proper to Acquaint you that If you Approve of <It> we will Apply to the Directors to grant us leave to make up our Accounts for this Year to the 21st December to this wee desire you'll give us your Answer by returne of the post and are Dear Sr Sincerely Yr most Obliged Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

22 Nov 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Novr 22 1737

Sir

We Reced Yours with the Board Minutes of the 16th of Novr Inst to which we have a Due regard and in Answer to that part thereof relating the Lead Ore Vein called Clargill Cleug Begg leave to have the Boards further Order in what way we Shod proceed to preserve and keep possession thereof. The Vein being an Open one is Granted to Geo Liddle Esq and partners and they as Lessees are ready to begin to work which undoubtably is the most proper way of taking and keeping Actuell possession but they think It hard upon them to enter into an Expençe of Disputing the Hospitalls Tythe unless they are Supported In It therefore they hope the Directors will take it into Consideration so as they as Lessees may not be Suffered in Case Mr Richardson shd prevail in the Dispute and turn them off this & may be of Consequence to the

Hospittall and in regard to the Very Old Evidences we now need produce (of 80 Years of age) It seems much the Hospittalls Interest to have it Disputed soon as those Evidences to the riding a Boundary must in Course Dye in a small time which must <..> be a great loss If their Evidence cannot be perpetuated otherwise than by a Dispute in Law.

As to the right which Mr Hodgsons Tenant had to take away Furnace's Cow to be sure he had none but the pretence is that the Cow was not legally Seized as being in the Estate of Mr Hodgson which he Calls a Manner within itself to <Screen> himself for the payment to the Hospital It was an Act of Violence the taking at this Cow but as It was by a Person who is now a beggar we Apprehend the Directors will be of Opinion that no Prosecution sho'd be brought Against him therefore we have Presumed to postpone doing anything therein till we have their further Commands

Mr Simpson has at last had a Letter from Mr Hodgson about the payment of Tyth which we send you Inclosed with Mr Simpsons Letter which Covered it to us. You will observe that Mr Hodgson Reckons his Estate a Manner within itself and Consequently not Subject to the Paymt of Tyth, Altho It is very provable that the Derwentwater Family always Rec'd Tyth thereof before Mr Hodgson purchased nay we believe some time afterwards and It is very easy to prove that Mr Hodgson purchased of Mr Stephenson of Croftlands and Mr Whitfield of <Newshield> (who are <Proprietors of 2/3 of all the Tyths in Alston Moore) their Share of the Tyths of his Estate at Tynehead which now Calles a Manner within itself what we demand as Tyths is 20s the Annum for the Hospittalls third while You will Observe he refuses to pay and you will Observe what he says as to the Seizing the Cow taken from Furnace afterwards

Mr <Rippeth> and partners are not willing nay they Absolutely refuse meddling with Winning Scremerston Colliery but writes us that they Expect to have the Winning Sett forward as soon as possible which when Completed they will perform All Covenants on their part and they will punctually pay the Rent they Offered in the mean time but hope there will be no Delay in the Winning as there Advance Rent is agreed

We are Sr Your most Obedt Servts
Walton and Boag

P.S. The Character's <H.P. over> the Lead Ore in the Moore Masters Accot are all for Horse Load containinging a Quarter of a bing And P. for poke being half of a horse load. Every Bing of Ore contains 4 Horse Load 64 Stone or 8 Cwt each sack <Cwt> being a poke of Ore.

22 Nov 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Stephenson

To Mr John Stephenson

Ravensworth Castle Novr 22 1737

Dear Sir

I hope this will meet with you Safe at home, where I hope also you found your Family well.

Inclosed I send you the Minutes of the last Board of Directrs at Greenwich Hospitall relateing Hushing and the Vein Called Clergill Cleugh near Ale which I Doubt not but you will Observe, but pray do not make Publick any thing about the Vein Called Clargill Cleugh till you hear further from Sir
Your very
Hble Servt

Nichos Walton

25 Nov 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Novr 25 1737

Sir

Edward & Matthew Brown & George Thompson who took Langley Castle Farme, only for one Year ending at Mayday next at the yearly Rent of £75 & Langley Draw Kills being taken by Matthew Brown at £8 for one Year ending at the Same time we are to acquaint You that the said Persons have offered for the Same the Rents above mentioned on Lease for 21 Years to Commence at Mayday next; And Mark Cook who took Dinnetley for one Year at £21 has offered to take the Same for 21 Years at the Yearly Rent of £18 Tyth free (being lett for this present year free of Tyth) These Persons desire to know whether the Directors are pleased to accept of them as Tennts at the above Rents on Lease for 21 Years wch we desire You will be pleased to lay before them for their Consideration. They Are all very Substantial Tennants
We are
Sir

Yours etc Walton & Boag

PS Dinnetly Farm is realy too dear at £21 & we believe not worth more than £18 or £19 nay we doubt no Person, that is able To pay the Rent, will give more than £18 for it

2 Dec 1737 Nicholas Walton to John Wood

[Note: Recipient not stated but presuambly John Wood, the Deputy Treasurer, to whom an earlier letter regarding bills was sent on 4th November 1737]

Ravensworth Castle Decemr 2 1737

Sir

I have the Favour of Yours with with Lord Brodrick for a Bill of <Sam Price> for One hundred and thirty four Pounds returned for non Acceptance. since which I have Seen a Letter from Price who says he had given that Answer to the person you sent to Call upon him, but in the same Letter he Agrees he has money in his hand and

Promises to pay the Bill however as I Doubt he is a Triffling Man and as I would not have you have any trouble with him I have Inclosed Sent you two Bills on him thereof which will be punctually paid. I am sory you have had so much trouble in finding out some of the persons whose Notes I sent you and as I cannot give you any Information where they are to be found, If you Cannot find them out I must desire you'll return them before due and I will make you a remittance in lieu thereof, for the future what Bills we have occasion to Draw you shall not have the trouble of sending into the Country for the Treasurer I am with my very humble service To Mr Maul and mr Horn
Dear Sr Yrs etc NW

To Geo Blacks Bill on Mr N Walton 2nd Inst £100
Do on C.C.Ingham 2 Do 34

14 Dec 1737 John Watson to Nicholas Walton

A Copy of Mr John Watsons Letter to Messrs Walton & Boag in favour of Jas Wilkinson

Goswick Decem 14 1737

Gentn

I Received Yours per James Wilkinson and in Order to Comply therewith have gott him to Exhibit the Inclosed Particular of Repairs at and about the Mill at Scremerston as he bears the Character of an honest man in the Neighbourhood and the said particular is Attached I take It for granted is right for If otherwise it must of necessity be most Apparent to you when upon the Premisses.

The Water Mill first being in a ruinous Condition the Tents of Scremerston not Grinding with him, and his Wind Mill afterwards blown down when It wod have been of greatest use in there late Dry Season when the Mills in the Country wanted water have been great Losses and Misfortunes to him. By Yors I perceive his Balance but small but he is unable to pay It being being extreamly Indigent and Derangd both in body and Mind through Age all which render his Case a very Compassionate one and your good Offices in representing it as such for the Directors Clemency and reasonable Allowance for the said Losses will be an Act of Reall Charity

I am Gentlemen Yr very humble Servt

John Watson

A Copy of the Repairs of Scremerston Mill etc by James Wilkinson as follows Vizt
1733

To a New Axeltree with Ironwork Included	£3 10 -
To Repairing the Cogg wheel with 2 new Arms	14 -
To Mending the foot of the Spindle	2 -
To Mending the water Wheel falling in two pieces	1 10 -

To Mending the Water Wheel being broken again	18 -
To 2 hundred 10d Nailes to the Water Wheel	1 8
To repairing Vizt Building a New Barn	2 10 -
1734	
To Cleaning the Mill Dam	1 10 7
To Building a Main Dam	0 15 3
To Cleaning 300 Yards of water Course at 6s per 100 Do	18 -
	£12 9 6

Patrick Robson Witness
John Simerton his mark

16 Dec 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Decer 16 1737

Sir

We Reced yours with the Board Minutes of the 7th of Inst wch we duely Observe, and we have acquainted George Liddell Esqr and his Partners with the Boards Resolutions Relating to Clergill Cleugh Lead Vein.

As we apprehend the Board required as particular an Accot as possably of the Valuation of the Severall Woods in the Derwentwater Estate we with proper Assistants have gone thro the whole which being of So large Extant has been very Tedious and Troublesome and has prolonged the time much Longer than we Expected tho we have made as much dispatch as possible the particular Valuation is now Coppying & will be finished so as we may Send you an Abstract thereof Next week and the particular Valuation will come by Next weeks Carrier along with a Rentall of the Estate for the year 1737 & Severall other Accots

Next post will bring you our Cash Accot to the 14 November last & from that time to the 30th the Same & we are Ready to make up the years Accot to the 14 Novr, but as it would be more Convenient to us & we hope no way Irregular with Regard to the Hospital Accot we Should desire leave to make up the Accot to the 31st Decer Inst with which we desire you will acquaint the Board & you will much Oblidge

Sr Yor most Obdt Servs NW & HB

23 Dec 1737 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Includes various valuations of the Derwentwater estates]

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Decer 23d 1737

Sir

We would not have been so late in Actioning the Boards Minutes of the 29th June last relating the Sale of a part of the Derwentwater Estate, but that the valuing the Extensive Woods took up so much time that we could not doe it Sooner, & besides, till the boring at Newlands and Whittonstall was finished we could not give our opinions of the Values of that Estate

That Boreing was Completed the 30th November last the particulars whereof we Send you Inclosed by which you will there is only two workable Seames of Coale and these far from Valuable ones So that there is no hope of that Colliery every letting at a higher Rt than it now letts at or at least cannot be advanced for many years and Consequently that Estate will be of less Value than we Apprehended.

It is most certain that Such Estates <...> most remote from the bulk there of and that are least Capabell of Improvemnt are the most fitt to be Sold and this Estate at Newlands and Whittonstall being at least 8 Miles from Lime will require a very great Expencc to make any Tollerable Improvement which we Apprehend is a thing the Hospital will not think prudent for them to Engage in and Consequently the present Rents or that about is All that can be Expected from it. A purchaser may have other Views and Should it be Sold to a Gentlemn Inclined to Improve the Extensive moore will be an Inducement to give a better price then its Real worth to the Hospital, besides as there is an Improvg wood upon it we realy think it will Sell well.

Keswick Als Castleridge Derwentwater & Thornthwaite Manors Lying near 50 Miles from the bulk of the Estate cannot possibly be Improved for which Reason it is we humbly think proper to be Sold there is in this Estate Wood worth near £5000 and the Tenure being a very odd one Vizt Lands calld Demain Lands, Lands which pay a Customary Rt with finds certain, Lands which pay a Customary Rt with fine Arbitrary, And lands which pay A free Rt & Services. None of which Customary Rts etc can be reced by the present possessors without having one admitt Ld. We humbly conceive the Sale of that above any of the other parts of the Estate most Ellegable.

Inclosed is an Accot Shewing what we Compute will be Saved by Selling these parts of the Estate & as much wood as will make up Such A Sum as will pay off the Incumberances, as is also An Accot of the leasing at Newlands and Whittonstall and an Abstract of the Valuation of all the Woods the particulars of all the wood Valuation & A Rental of the Estate as lett at Mayday last is Sent This day by Geo Liddell Esqr filled up, and we hope they will be with you on the 2d or 3d of Next Month.

Inclosed is our Cash Accot Ending the 14th of Novr last & also the 30th of the Same when there remained a ballance in our hands of £347.8.5

We are Sr Yor Hble Servts

W & B

An Abstract of the Value of the Woods over the Derwentwater Estates fit for Cutting as Valued the Months of August, September, October and November in the Year 1737

Names of the Manours/	Numb er of Oak	Numbe r of Ash	Numbe r of Birch	Value of Oak wood [£ s d]	Value of Ash Bark	Value of Oak Wood	Value of Ash Trees	Value of Birch Elm	Total Value
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TNA ADM 66/106 Greenwich Hospital Northern Receiver Letters 1737-41

Several Woods	Trees	Trees	Alder Elm & Trees			and Bark		Alder &c Trees	
Langlay Barony									
Linburn	1003			£64.3.6	£40.17.6	£105.1.-	£	£	£105.1.-
Harson-dale	2475	36		312.-	155.1.-	467.1.-	2.17.-		469.18.-
Lees	2111	24	32	106.-.6	66.8.6	172.9.-	2.18.-	1.13.6	177.-.6
Allerwash	1674	124		119.16.6	67.-.6	186.17.-	12.8.6		199.3.6
Plankey	474	61		119.3.-	58.9.6	177.12.6	5.19.-		183.11.6
Esphill	711	30		57.12.-	28.14.-	86.6.-	2.15.-		89.1.-
Lightbirks	719	36		49.10.6	23.1.-	72.11.6	3.9.6		76.1.-
Tedcastle	324	8		42.1.6	19.1.-	61.2.6	-.5.6		61.8.-
DeanRaw	465	44		24.15.-	12.17.-	37.12.-	2.19.6		40.11.6
Sillywray	448	86		52.11.6	25.7.6	77.19.-	4.14.-		82.13.-
Lipwood	858	137		57.16.-	34.16.6	92.12.6	23.-.6		115.13.-
Ratten		57					6.10.6		6.10.6
raw									
Coastley and Appurtenances									
Coastley	877			45.17.-	26.12.6	72.9.6			72.9.6
Bogg & Boathouse Lane	405	89		33.11.-	25.15.-	59.6.-	5.19.6		65.5.6
High Wood	14861			679.10.6	410.16.-	1090.6.6			1090.6.6
Langhope	1178			63.16	35.16.-	99.12.-			99.12.-
Dilstone	4024	693	1621	783.16.-	561.-.-	1344.16.	148.16.	67.6.-	1560.18.
Thornbrough	1560		116	249.18.6	145.7.-	395.5.6		26.5.6	421.11.-
Meldon		476	266				69.17.6	41.15.-	111.12.6
Hartburn	20	246		3.2.-	1.-.-	4.2.-	20.10.-		24.12.-
Graing									
Castlerigg Derwentwater & Thornthwaite									
Calfe	869	1269	498	202.13.6	82.1.-	284.14.6	83.5.-	24.9.6	392.9.-
Close & Stable Hill									
Deer	1045	2507	1429	211.2.6	87.18.6	299.1.-	152.8.-	63.15.6	515.4.6
Close etc									
Waterage	1181	1278	116	372.16.-	123.13.6	496.10.6	37.8.6	4.10.-	538.9.-
Bank &c									
Castlehead &c	975	63	110	154.4.6	59.9.6	213.14.-	2.14.6	4.19.-	221.7.6
Stands	257		95	300.15.6	95.11.6	396.7.-		1.14.6	398.1.6
Hagg									
The Two Islands	102		143	92.15.6	24.16.6	117.12.-		38.19.-	156.11.-
Watsons	731		408	142.15.-	44.13.-	157.8.-		10.4.6	167.12.6
Park &c									
Names of the Manours/ Several Woods	Numb er of Oak Trees	Numbe r of Ash Trees	Numbe r of Birch Alder Elm & Trees	Value of Oak wood [£ s d]	Value of Ash Bark	Value of Oak Wood and Bark	Value of Ash Trees	Value of Birch Elm Alder &c Trees	Total Value
Cock-shott	313			295.15.-	70.19.6	366.14.6			366.14.6
Loaning-head	1238			1792.16.-	325.18.-	2118.14.-			2118.14.-
Langley									

Barony Linburn only for Charcoale								25.-.-	25.-.-
	40898	7264	4834	£6400.15. 6	£2653.1. 6	£9053.17. -	£588.16. -	£310.12. -	£9953.5.-
Throckley							16.-.-		16.-.-
Young Wood Improving and not yet fitt for Cutting Viz ^l Castle Rigg Derwentwater & Thornthwaite									
Keswick						15.-.-			15.-.-
Langley						788.-.-			788.-.-
Barony/ Several Woods									
Coastley and Appur- tenances						568.-.-			568.-.-
Hexham- shire						340.-.-			340.-.-
Thorn- thwaite						46.7.-		11.15.-	58.2.-
Newton Hall/ Shaw						240.-.-			240.-.-
Whittle						65.-.-			65.-.-
Newlands &c Manour						985.-.-	10.-.-	20.-.-	1015.-.-
	40898	7264	4834	£6400.15. 6	£653.1.6	£12101.4. -	£614.16. -	£340.7.-	£13058.7. -

We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed do Certifye that the Above is a true Valuation According to the best of our Judgments of All the Woods on the Derwentwater Estate Amounting in the Whole to thirteen thousand and Fifty Eight Pounds Seven Shillings, that such part thereof as is fitt for Cutting Amounts to the Sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred pounds and Fifty three Pounds Five Shillings the Greatest part whereof is at its full Growth and will Suffer by Standing Witness our hands the 20 December 1737

Wm Ramsey Ambrose Hopper Robert Johnson Edwd Oxley his Mark [E] Hugh Boag Nichos Walton
Witnesses Richard Morrison James Dewer

Memorandm That a true Copy of the Above Valuation Signed by the respective persons Above named was Sent to the Board on the 1737

An Abstract of the Value of the Woods over the Derwentwater Estates as Valued the Months of August, September, October and November in the Year 1737

Names of the	Numbe	Numbe	Numbe	Value of	Value of	Value of	Value	Value	Total
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Several Woods The following are fitt for Cutting	r of Oak Trees	r of Ash Trees	r of Elm Birch Alder &c Trees	Oak Wood [£ s d]	Ash Bark	Oak Wood and Bark	of Ash Trees	of Elm Birch Alder &c Trees	Value
Thorn-brough	1560		116	£249.18.6	£145.7.-	£395.5.6	£	£26.5.6	£421.11.-
Dilstone	4024	693	1621	783.16.-	561.-.-	1344.16.-	148.16.-	67.6.-	1560.18.-
Highwood and Boat House Lane	15266	89		713.1.6	436.11.-	1149.12.6	5.19.6		1155.12.-
Coastley and Longhope	2055			109.13.-	62.8.6	172.1.6			172.1.6
Langley Barony	11262	643	32	1005.10.-	531.14.-	1537.4.-	67.17.-	1.13.6	1606.14.6
Meldon		476	266				69.17.6	41.15.-	111.12.6
Hartburn	20	246		3.2.-	1.-.-	4.2.-	20.10.-		24.12.-
Grainge									
Keswick and Appurtenances	6711	5117	2799	3535.14.6	915.1.-	4450.15.6	275.16	148.12.-	4875.3.6
Lynburn in Langley Barony only for Charcoals								25.-.-	25.-.-
Total wood fitt for Cutting	40898	7264	4834	£6400.15.6	£2653.1.6	£9053.17.-	£588.16.-	£310.12.-	£9953.5.-

Young Wood Improving upon the Estate

Keswick						15.-.-			15.-.-
Thornthwaite						46.7.-		11.15.-	58.2.-
Throckley, the Wood an Ornament							16.-.-		16.-.-
Several Woods in Langley Barony						788.-.-			788.-.-
Coastley and Appurtenances						568.-.-			568.-.-
Hexham-shire						340.-.-			340.-.-
Several Woods									

Names of the Several Woods The following are fitt for Cutting	Numbe r of Oak Trees	Numbe r of Ash Trees	Numbe r of Elm Birch Alder &c Trees	Value of Oak Wood [£ s d]	Value of Ash Bark	Value of Oak Wood and Bark	Value of Ash Trees	Value of Elm Birch Alder &c Trees	Total Value
Newton Shaw Wood						240.-.-			240.-.-
Whittle Estate						65.-.-			65.-.-
Newlands Manour						985.-.-	10.-.-	20.-.-	1015.-.-
						£3047.7.-	£26.-.-	£31.15.-	£3105.2.-

We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed Do Certifyed that the Above is a true Valuation According to the best of our Judgements of All the woods on the Derwentwater Estate Amounting in the whole to thirteen thousand & Fifty eight Pounds & Seven Shillings. That such part thereof as is fitt for Cutting Amounts to the Sum of Nine thousand Nine hundred and Fifty three Pounds five Shillings, the greater part of whereof is at its full Growth and will Suffer by Standing Witness our hands the 20th of December 1737

Wm Ramsey Ambrose Hopper Robert Johnson Edwd EO Oxley his Mark Hugh Boag Nichos Walton

Witnesses Richard Morrison James Dewer

Memorandm That a true Copy of the Above Valuation was Sent to the Board on the 23d December 1737

A Coppy of the Above Abstract (The Underwriting & Signing Excepted) Annexed to the Affidavit Sent the Board the 10th day of August 1739

An Account of the Severall Tryalls made for Coales in the Manours of Newlands and Wittonstall from the 19th May 1737 to 30th November 1737 Vizt

The following being in 5 places from Numbers 1 to 5 in the <...> Shew the Depth to which Tryalls have been made <to my own> <D.....ing> here each boring being <taken> at the Depth where the <preceeding> one was bored to for expence being in all 56 Fathoms 1 Yard 2 Feet and 9 Inches

No		Fath- oms	Yrds	Ft	Inch- es	Fath- oms	Yrds	Feet	Inches
1	First of soyle and Clay		1						
	Soft Ramble			2					
	Coale with water				11				
	Soft Grey Mettle	1							
	<Grey and brown Mettle>	2							
	Grey and Black Mettle		1						
	Foule Coale				9				
	Grey and Black Mettle	1							
	Coale			1	8				
	Coale scared with Grey Mettle				2				
	Coale				6				
	Grey Mettle		1						
	White and Grey Post		1	1					
	Black Mettle				6				
	Coale				6				
	Grey and Black Mettle with Girdles of Water	2	1	1					
	Soft Black Mettle				6				
	Coale -----0:0:0:11								
	Foule Coale -----0:0:0:9								
	Coale -----0:0:0:11			2	7				
	Grey Mettle with Girdles or <Cathead>	1	1	1					
	White <and> Grey Post		1	2					
	Grey Mettle			1	6				
	Coale -----0:0:1:4								
	Black Mettle-----0:0:0:2								
	Coale -----0:0:2:4			3	10				
	Grey and Blue Mettle with Girdle or Lumps	1	1	2					
	White Post			1	7				
	Grey and Brown Mixt Mettle			1	6				
	White and Grey <Shamey> Post with water	2		1	6				
	Black and Grey Post and Settaway then water	1							
	White and Grey <Shamey> Post		1	1					
	<Black Mettle ... with Coale				4				
	Coale			2	8				
	<Grey Mettle with Post Girdle>		1	2					
	Grey Post	1		1					
	Grey Mettle with Girdles or Lumps>	1	1	1					
	Coale			1	6				
	Black and Grey Mettle	1							
	Black Stone			<2>					
	Grey Mettle Stone		1	1					
	Coale			2					
	<In> Grey Mettle Stone			1		27			6
2	First of Brown Soyle			1					
	Of Stoney Clay	1		2					
	Sand and Gravell <with> water		1						
	Stoney Clay	1	1						
	Grey Mettle with Grey Post <....>	2	1						
	Grey Mettle Skared with Coale				6				
	Coale			1					
	In Grey Mettle			1	6	6	1		

3	First with Grey Mettle with Grey Girdles or Lumps	2	1						
	Coale and Grey Mettle			1	6				
	Grey Mettle	1							
	Brown and Grey Post	1							
	Black Mettle				3				
	Grey Mettle Stone	1							
	Black Stone			1	6				
	In Grey Mettle				6	6	0	0	9
4	First of Brown and Grey Mettle	1							
	Grey Mettle Skared with Coale				6				
	Coale			1					
	Grey Mettle		1	2					
	Brown Post	1							
	Black parting Skared with Coale	1			4				
	Black Stone			1	6				
	Black and Grey Mettle Stone	1							
	Grey Mettle			2					
	Coale			1	10				
	In Grey Mettle				7	5			9
5	First of Grey Mettle			2					
	Black Stone			2					
	Grey Mettle		1						
	Coale			1	4				
	Grey Mettle with Post Girdles with water	1	1						
	Coale				10				
	Grey Mettle			1					
	Open Grey and Brown Post	2		2					
	White Post			2					
	Grey Mettle Stone with Mettle Partings	1	1						
	Blue Mettle			1					
	Coale			7	7				
	Grey Mettle with Post Girdles	2	1						
	Black Mettle			1	6				
	Coale			1					
	Grey Mettle			1	6				
	Coal				4				
	Grey Mettle				7				
	Coale				9				
	Grey Mettle				4				
	In Grey Post	1				12			9
						56	1	2	9
	First of Soyle and brown Clay			1					
	<Brown Stoney Clay	1							
	White and brown Post with Water			6	6				
	<grey> <mettle>	5		2					
	Coale			2	6				
	Grey Mettle	1		1					
	Grey Post Girdles with water	1		1					
	Grey Mettle	2							
	Black Mettle Skared with Coale				7				
	Coale			2	5				
	In Grey Mettle		1	0	0	10	0	1	
7	First of Soil and Brown Clay			2					
	Brown and Grey Rambell	1							
	Coale and black Stone			1					
	<Grey Mettle>	1		1					
	Coale			1	3				
	Grey Mettle		1	2					
	Grey Post	1							
	Black Mettle				3				
	Coale				6				
	Grey Mettle with Grey Post Girdles	2		2					

The Charge of Boring the preceding Boreholes vizt

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An Accot of what parts of the Derwentwater Estate is most proper to be Sold to pay off the Incumbrances and what will be Saved thereby in One Year Vizt

Estates proper to be Sold and there Computed Value

Keswick Including Wood and Lead Mines we
Compute will Sell for £15000

Newlands and Whittingstall we also Compute
may Sell for 25 Years purchase after more
housing is built upon It which as It is now
Lett Amounts to £11,150 and the wood £1000
so that the whole may Sell for 12000

May Sell wood to the balance of £1900 and the
Remaining part may be Applyd towards repairs
of the Estate if it is thought proper 1900 00 0 1/2 £28900

Annuall Savings by Paying off the Incumbrances
There is now paid out of the Profitts of the Estate Annually

Interest on £20000 to lord Peter at 5 pCent	£1000	
Interest on £3000 to Doctor Chamberlands Heirs	150	
Interest on £5900 to Mr Constable at 6 pCent	354	£1504

The Annuall Rents of the Estates to be Sold are

For Keswick and Appurtenances	£287 15 1/2	
For Newlands and Whittingstall	446 - 2	733 15 2 1/2
	Saved in One Year	£770 4 19 1/2

6 Jan 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle. Janry 6th.1737/8

Sr

We received Yours of the 28th December last with the Boards Minutes of that Date, whereby we observe the Board have been pleased to give Orders that our Accot. sho'd be made out to the 31st December last, in Obedience to which you may be well assured It shall be done to that time as Speedily as possible.

We are Glad the Severall papers we sent came safe to your hands, and hope you have received from Colonel Liddell the Rental and particulars of the Valuation of all the woods on the Derwntwater estate.

We beg leave to represent to you the Case of James Williamson the late Miller of Scremerston Mills who stands in Arrear to the Hospital in the late receivers time £14:14:0 and since w have been Concerned £25 -0-0 to Mayday last. (The case is this) The poor man was farmer of the Mills for many Years, Built a Wind Mill at his own expence which not being able to keep in repair was blown down and renderd of no use to him and the other Mill having become ruinous and in bad repair he expended in the Years 173 and 1734 in the repaire thereof £12 - 9 - 6 which sum he begs may be Allowed him by the Directors, As to the fact of these repairs being done we have wrote to Mr Watson to Attest the same, and had his Answer which we send you Inclosed with the Accot. of the particulars of the said £12 : 9 : 6 [see Watson to Walton, 14 Dec 1737]

This poor fellow being a Mill Wright by Trade, we have Employd him in the late repairs of the Mill and other Repairs at Scremerston and there is Due to him upon that Accot. near £22 - 0 - 0 which sum he is Willing to Allow in part of his Debt as he is to allow the said £12 - 9 - 6 if the Directors are pleased to Order It to be Accounted in that way he is no way Capable of paying the Old Arrear but by Allowing him the Old repairs we think the Directors sho'd Comply therewith, but that we Submitt to their Direction.

We are Sr Yr most Obed. Servts
N.W., HB

13 Jan 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle. Janry 13/1737/8

The slow proceedings against Thomas Howden, Gren and others Tenants of haydon Town farm is really such an Inconvenience to the Hospitals Affairs that I cannot help (after the Treatment I mett with yesterday) Acquainting you with It and beg It may be laid before the Board at their first meeting If you Judge It proper at that time, If not at the next Convenient time.

That Affair of Green and Howdens being Dropt at the last Assizes by the proceedings being Irregular, has hung in suspence over time and no other proceedings appeare to be made against them wich Occasions the World to Suspect the Tory party to Insinuate that we have no right to prosecute the Law against them, nay the Tenants whose Rents have been Advanced do not stick to say they see no reason for their very Advanced Rents when Green and Howden can maintain their pretended right against us, this is at present Insinuated and I wish it may not occasion too great trouble , I am sure nothing can prevent It but Imediate care being taken to prosecute the Law against all persons who Comitt such Offences.

This will Appear to you most Evident by one Instance in one of the old Tenants of Allerwash who Absolutely refuses to go off jis Farm, and now tells us that as we cannot turn Green and Howden off, he will by the same rule Maintain his right against us, and how farr these slow proceedings put people upon Committing will appear to you in another Instance – one Simon <Dryden> has an estate Joyning upon Grindon Comon and has ever since we have been Concern'd Claimed a right of Graizing his cattle thereupon Notwithstanding it appears that he nor his predisessors ever had any rights at all, and we have always Threatened him with a prosecution, if he at any time put his cattle upon that Comon which he durst not presume to do, till last week, when our bailiff Mr Bunting impounded them and he has since Replevyd them so that we shall be obliged to give him Tryall. I have acquainted Mr Airey with this who will take proper Stepps about it which I hope the Board will approve of.

But to Shew you Further how the Hospital Affairs Suffer by these Slow proceedings and how the Creditt of the Directors as well as our Authority Suffers for want of Tenants Leases, I beg leave to relate to you hat I mett with Yesterday from one Lumley a Freeholder in Corbridge who came to me Solliciting our Concurrance in the Inclosing a part of Corbridge North Common, who after I had acquainted that I would not presume to agree without my principalls Concurrance he told me he very plainly see we had no right at all to agree to anything, either as to Granting Leases or many other Affairs. I believe this part of the Common may be proper enough to be Inclosed, and will be an Advantage for the Hospitals Tenants, but before anything is recommended of that kind to the Board, for this Consideration I beg leave to Consult my partner Mr Boag in it he being now from home.

I have remitted to Mr Wood Deputy Treasuer of the Hospitall Bills for accot. at the Hospitall value £541-11-0 and next post we hope wee shall send you our Cash Accot. for last Month. And in Mr Boags Absence I am for him

Sr. Yr most obliged and hble Servt. N.W.

13 Jan 1738 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood, Deputy Treasurer

Ravensworth Castle. Janry 13 1737/8

Dear Sir

I have Inclosed herein Sent you three Bills value Three hundred and Forty One pounds Eleven shillings which I have Endorsed to you on accot. of the rents of the Darwentwater Estate and for the use of Greewich Hospital, for which I have Debted you this Day accordingly.

I wish you, Mr Maule, Mr Horne, and all Friends at Greenwich and Broad street many happy new Years and am for Mr Boag and Self Dr Sir Yr most oblig'd hble servt. N.W.

John Bakers Bill on Mr Shutt dated 31 Ult at 30 Days	£69 0 0
Wm Radleys Do. on Tenant and Co dated 10 Janry at 28 days	172 11 0
Peter Bernardeaus Do. on Peter Flower dated 13 Do. at Usance	300 0 0
	£541 11 0

21 Jan 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle. Janry 21. 1737

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Acct. the 31 December Cash on which is a Balance in the Hospitalls favour of £419-0-2 ½ but we sent Mr Wood Bills the 13 Inst to the value of £541-11-0 so that they are considerably in our Debt as we have reced. very little since.

We hope the Accot. given the 13 Inst of the Severall abuses in the Der[wentwater] Estate came safe to your hands & has been before the Board, & doubt not but they will order proper methods to be taken to surpress it, but We beg leave further to Observe that Severall Tennants are Tearing out Fresh ground & will not be hindred from it, as they are under no manner of Covenant this Sir we beg may be laid before the Board for their Consideration & we are Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

31 Jan 1738 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Thomas Simpson Att[orney]

Ravensworth Castle. Janry 31 : 1737/8

Sir

Wee have a letter from Wm Lee Acquainting us, that you had wrote to him to require our Authority from John Furnace to bring an Action against Carrick which he has Accordingly done and in answer Furnace tells him he is ready to give you any Authority that is Necessary provided he is kept harmless which to be sure he must be, as the Comissioners mean to be at all the expence that shall attend the prosecution. If therefore It is proper to bring the action in Furnaces name (as most certain it is) Pray give him such an Indemnity as may make him safe as to any expence and this shall be an Indemnity to you from Sr Yr most hble Servs

NW, HB

PS. Pray be Expeditionous in this affair, and let the Fellow be made an Example of, as a Tenor to all others

31 Jan 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle. 31 January 1737/8

Sr

We recd. the Boards Minutes of the 18th Inst & shall duly observe them.
Inclosed we send you then Acct. of Bricks & Tyles made at Dilston &c the last Year to the 31st December 1737 by wch the Directors will see what Profit arises from that undertaking, Also we have sent you John Shinn, the undertaker s pticulars Accot.to 31st Decemb. 1737 that they may see upon what Terms he is Employed and also what balance is due to him. We are Sr Your very Humb. Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

John Shinn Brick & Tyle Maker

His Acct of Bricks and Tyles at Dilston &c the year 1737

DR.

1736	December 21	For Cash paid him on Accot.	£10 – 0 – 0
1736/7	January 22	For Cash paid him on Accot.	6 – 0 – 0
	Febry 12	For Do.	6 – 6 – 0
	March 15	For Do.	12 – 0 – 0
	April 11	For Do.	16 – 0 – 0
	May 23	For Do.	25 – 0 – 0
	June 21	For Do.	25 – 0 – 0
	July 25	For Do.	20 – 0 – 0
	Aug 22	For Do.	20 – 0 – 0
	Oct. 31	For Do.	40 – 0 – 0
	Decemb 22	For Do.	6 – 0 – 0
			<hr/>
			£186 – 6 – 0
Balance Due to John Shinn 31 December 1737			4 – 17 – 3
			<hr/>
			£191 – 3 – 3

CR.

By Accot. of Bricks and Tyles made by him viz. -

210,690	Bricks made at Dilston to the 31 st December 1737 @ 7s	£73 – 14 – 9 ¾
63,324	Tyles made at D0. To 31 December 1737 at 23s per 1000	72 – 16 – 5 ¼
50,000	Bricks made at Haydon Bridge to Do. time at 7s	17 – 10 – 0
50,000	Bricks made at Newlands to Do. time at Do.	17 – 10 – 0

310,690 Bricks besides the Tyles

By Cash Disburst by him viz. -

For pairing the Ground and Levelling the Brick and Tyle

Yard at Dilston Park	£ 6 – 17 – 0
For Digging foundation for Conduits &c	1 – 1 – 0
For pairing the Ground at Haydon Bridge and	
Casting a Trench for bringing Water to the brick garth	0 – 17 – 0
For pairing the Ground &c and Casting a Trench	
For bringing the Water to the Brickgarth at Newlands	0 – 17 – 0
	<hr/> £ 9 – 12 – 0
	<hr/> £191 – 3 – 3

By Severall for Bricks and Tyles sold them viz. -

Bricks	Tyles		£
3000	4650	Sold Thomas Errington esq. viz Bricks at 10s & Tyles at 40s per 1000	10 – 16 – 0
1200		Sold Edwd Winships at Do.	12 – 0
600	700	Sold Mrs Vernell at Do.	1 – 14 – 0
	600	Sold Mrs Andrews at Do.	1 – 4 – 0
300		Sold John Jopling at Do.	3 – 0
150		Sold Thomas Barron at Do.	1 – 6
2450	1250	Sold Mr Abraham Bunting at Do.	3 – 14 – 6
	2650	Sold George Delaval esq. at Do.	5 – 6 – 0
	3900	Sold Captain Milbank at Do.	7 – 16 – 0
340		Sold George Tuck at Do.	3 – 4 ³ / ₄
600		Sold Mr Harbottle at Do.	6 – 0
700		Sold Mr Sopett at Do.	7 – 0
250		Sold Mr Joseph Bardis at Do.	2 – 6
	100	Sold William Urwin at Do.	4 – 0
	1200	Sold John Rewcastle at Do.	2 – 8 – 0
	22550	Sold Wm Ironsides &c & Jos. Labourn at Do.	45 – 2 – 0
	1300	Sold John Bickerdike at Do.	2 – 12 – 0
9590	38900	Sold in all from Dilston	82 – 11 – 10 ³ / ₄
200		Sold Edwd Ridley from Haydon Bridge	2 – 0
9790	38900		82 – 13 – 10 ³ / ₄
1100		Used in repairs at Coastley at 10s	11 – 0
110000	10924	Used in Building the Mill and Shades	76 – 16 – 11 ¹ / ₂
120890	49824		
90000	13500	Resting at Dilston Viz. the Bricks at 7s and the Tyles at 23	47 – 00 – 6
50000		Resting at Newlands at 7s	17 – 10 – 0
49800		Resting at Haydon Bridge at Do.	17 – 8 – 7
310699	63324		242 – 0 – 11 ¹ / ₄

CR

	Bricks	Tyles		£
For	210,690		Made at Dislton to the 31 December 1737 at 7s per 1000	73 – 14 – 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
For		63,324	Made at Do. to the 31 December 1737 at 23s per 1000	72 – 16 – 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
For	50,000		Made at Haydon Bridge to Do. at Do.	17 – 10 – 0
For	50,000		Made at Newlands to Do. at Do.	17 – 10 – 0
For	Cash paid John Shinn for levelling the Brick and Tyle Garths and for Casting Trenches for bringing water to them			9 – 12 – 0
	310,690	63,324	Total made	191 - 3 - 3
	Profitt by making bricks and Tyles this Year			50 – 17 – 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
				242 – 0 – 11 $\frac{1}{4}$

Ravensworth Castle 31 January 1737/8 This is a true Accot. of what Bricks and Tyles has been made, sold , used and was resting the 31 December 1737 Witness our hands – Errors excepted NW, HB

12 Feb 1738 Nicholas Walton to George Liddell

To George Liddell Esqr

Ravensworth Castle Febyry 12t.1737/8

Hon' Sir

Inclosed we send you Mr Thompsons Acco. of the Quantity of Common and Inclosed Lands surveyed for the Com[missione]rs of Greenwich Hospital, and his Debt and Credit Accot. with the Com[missione]rs by which there is a Balance of £58 – 4 – 8 due from the said Com[missione]rs. Inclosed you have also Mr Ellisons Draught of the Articles of Agreem't with Mr Thompson all which we give you the trouble of as he desires to wait upon you to inform you wherein he has suffered.

By the Agreem't, You will observe he undertakes to survey the whole of the estates (Scremerston Excepted) late belonging to James earl of Derwentwater in the Countys of Cumberland and Northumberland, and in Consideration of the extensive Comons which was to survey, he agreed to survey the Inclosed land at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per Acre.

When this article was Drawn we were abroad and on coming home, we found an Agreement was made with Mr Thompson, and he was orderd to begin at Alston Moore, which being Consented at that time by us to be about Forty thousand Acres, we recommended it to the Hospitall not to have it surveyd in regard that it would be a very great expense, upon which they ordered that it shoud not be surveyd till further order. Mr Thompson upon that began with Dilston and surveyd it, and all the Inclosed Lands which together amounts to 21614 Acres and 34 Perches and of commons 14157 Acres 3 Roods and 37 perches, by which small Quantity of Common Only being surveyd he says he is a Looser, for he says he woud not have undertaken the Survey of

the Ingrounds for less than 3d per acre had it not been out of a view of profit by the extensive Commons, which he says he always expected would be at least 40,000 Acres.

Now Sir if Mr Thompson out of a view of having 40,000 acres of common to survey accepted of 2 ½ d per acre on 21614 acres and 34 perches of Inground which otherwise he woud not have done under 3d per acre and when he comes to the survey he finds he has only to survey 14157 acres 3 roods and 37 perches of common, then according to that proportion he ought to be paid 2 ½ d per acre for 7650 acres of Inclosed Lands and 3d per acre for the remainder being 13964 acres and 34 perches so that instead of what he charges it woud stand thus

7650 acres of Inclosed Land at	2 1/2d p acre	£79 10 9
13964 acres and 34 perches at	3d	174 11 0
14157 acres 3 roods and 37 perches of common at	1 1/2d	88 9 8 1/2
Amounting in the whole to		£342 14 5 1/2
and by his accot. you will observe it is		313 12 8
Difference		£29 1 9 1/2

This £29 – 1 – 9 ½ putts Mr Thompson upon the same footing as if he had surveyd the Inclosed Lands only, at 3d per acre and seems to be according to the agreem't made with him and in case he is allowed that sum he will have no cause of Complaint, but be that as it will he will submit it to your Determination and be content with whatever you think him deserving of.

The Com[issioners] were acquainted that he hoped they woud make him an Allowance in Consideration of his not surveying Alston Moore Common, and they gave for answer that we were to consider what allowance was proper to make him and report our opinion when the maps were Finished and that we could send his acct but as we thought it better to have their thoughts upon it before we communicated ours to the Board we will defer sending the accot. till we know what your thoughts upon it are.

You will please to observe Mr Thompson is to allow us 10s per thousand for valuation of over 1000 acres which we have not charged in the accot.

We are Hond. Sr
NW, HB

12 Feb 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maule

Ravensworth Castle Feby 12th.1737/8

Dear Sir

As the Settling of our Accot. to the 31 Decem. last cannot be attended by either of us, it will necessarily follow that a greater trouble will fall upon you in Settling the same, as you will be Obligated to attend the Auditor in our stead, which will be a trouble that we cou'd not take the liberty to ask you to take upon you had we not in

former instances experienced your friendship and favour. – On that Accot. it is that we now desire you will take upon you the Settling the Accot. for us, & for your trouble therein shall be ready to make you any reasonable satisfaction we intend making you a present of Ten Guineas & besides to pay uyour Clerks for their trouble what ever you shall yr self think right. This we thought proper to Communicate to you before we send our Accot & beg you will favour us with your answr by return of the post or as soon as it is Convenient. – We will endeavour to make the Accot. out in such manner that we hope it will be settled without a great deal of trouble & the Vouchers shall be putt into Order so as to give as little as possible. – Pray our kind respects to Dr Cockburn & all other our friends at Greenwich &c & we are

Sir Your very Hble & Obliged Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS If you cannot as Clerk of the cheique take upon you to settle this Accot. if you think it proper may we not desire your Clerk Mr Willcock to transact the affair.

12 Feb 1738 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Shutt

To Mr Benja Shutt

Ravensworth Castle Febr'y 12th.1737/8

Mr Shutt

We had a letter from James Hunter Esqr, Audit[o]r of the Accot. for Greenwich Hospital last post Accquainting us that he has obtain'd our Quietus & Accot for the first year of our Receivership & that they are ready to be delivered to whom we shall appoint.

We desire you will therefore wait upon him & pay him Eighteen Guineas for the Fees is passing the Accot. thro' the severall Offices & take such a receipt as he thinks fit to give & on payment of the money he will deliver you the Quietus &c which pray forward to us as by some carefull person that comes by Land. Mr Isaacson would I fancie take the trouble of them if he is not come away you will put them up Carefully and seal 'em Mr Hunter lives at No.3 in Garden Court Middle Temple London. But one thing we desire you will take notice of when you pay the Money & that is whether you think him pleas'd with it or not & Communicate to us your thoughts thereon. You may draw upon either of us for the Money, at Sight.

Your favour in doing this job for us will greatly Oblige Sir Your very Hble Servt
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

12 Feb 1738 Nicholas Walton to James Hunter

[Note: James Hunter was auditor of the Greenwich Hospital accounts.]

To James Hunter Esq.

Ravensworth Castle Febry 12th.1737/8

Sir

We were favourd with yours of the 7th of Febry. Inst last post for which we return you our hearty thanks, as well as for the Abstract of our Accot. by which it appears there was a Balance due to us of £96.17.10 3/4 , being Eighteen Guineas Increased by the Charge of passing the said Accot.

This post we have wrote Mr benja[*min*] Shutt to waite upon you, & pay you the Fees, to whom we desire you will deliver the Quietus & Accot. in Order that he may forward it to us.

We are near ready with our Accot. for the last Year, which shall be sent Mr Corbett as soon as finish'd with the severall Vouchers & hope it will goe thro' the proper hands & Come into yours in due time for the next declaration of Accots.

We think our Selves much obliged to you, for your good Offices in Obtaining this Quietus &c & hope we shall always act wth that Justice to the Hospital as will merit the Continuance of your friendship & we do assure you it shall allways be acknowledged with Gratitude & we are

Sir Your most Obliged Hbl Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

17 Feb 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Rav. Castle 17 Febry .1737/8

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a [supplement to] our Accot. to the 31 Dec last sent you of the 21 jan last in which we had omitted Charging remittance at [½] P[er]C[ent] on £420.8.5 ½ sent the Treas[urer] the 6 Dec 1736 and we also omitted in the sd Accot. a payment to James Hunter Esq. for the Charge of passing our Accots thro the severall offices for the year 1736 so that the Balance ue from us the 31 Dec last was £398– 0– 2 ½.

We have also inclosed you our Cash Accot. for the last Month at the End of which is a balance of £131.12.3 ½ in our favour who are

Sr Yours &c NW & HB

3 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

[Note: A kitt was a small barrel in which pickled salmon was packed for transport.]

To Mr Jno. Maule

Ravensworth Castle March 3d.1737/8

Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th came to hand, when Mr Boag was from home, by which address it was not opened till last Tuesday Evening , when he came home, & on that Accot. could not be answered sooner than this day.

We are exceedingly obliged to you, for the Trouble you have taken in considering how farr it was proper for you to Engage in Settling our Accot. and it gives us great Pleasure to hear it will be an undertaking agreeable to you as well as Mr Hunter; and we doubt not your care in having the Accot. regularly Adjusted with Dispatch, for which we will always Sir make due acknowledgements.

When the Accot. is ready as it will be then, you shall be acquainted with it, and as soon as it is possible to make a Coppy of the Rentall we will send it under Cover to Collonell Liddell to save postage; it will be in Separate Sheets which you may Stitch together according to the Pages which will be numbered.

By the earliest opportunity you shall have a Kitt of Salmon sent from Berwick, where it is sooner in Season than it is here and better cured. Our Compliments attend you and all Friends & in pticular your whole Family and we are

Dr Sr, Yr most obliged Hble Servts

Nich. Walton & H.B.

10 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle March 10th 1737/8

Sir

Upon being at Keswick lately we find Mr Thomas Jefferson has Carryed off his Customary Estate in the Manour of Thornthwaite a quantity of Birch and Alder Trees which he formerly sold William Moles who has paid him the Money he contracted to pay for the sd Birch and Alder Trees and Mr Jefferson has given him an Indemnity for his so doing notwithstanding we apprehend he has no right to Cutt any wood without the Livence and Consent of the Lord of the Manour as we particularly represented to you in former letters. What we therefore desire is to know whether the directors think it proper to suffer this offence, or that they will be pleased to order such methods to be taken as the Law Directs to Compell the offender to doe Justice.

There is a mill at Keswick and a Dam Cross the River Greta for Conveying water to the Sd Mill, which by some late floods is broke down and wants repairing we have therefore given orders that it may be repaired with all speed to prevent making the breach wider and Consequently doing much greater Damage which we hope the Directors will Approve of.

It also appears to us that Anth. Scott the Tenant of Stablehill is in very mean circumstances and not able to pay the Rent of the farme, therefore we have admitted Joseph Wilson & Joshua Scott, Tenants of the Sd. farme to Enter upon the same at ladyday Next and we have admitted John Goave & John Wilson Tenants of heads &

Lords Lands for one year Instead of Edwd. Waterson who has declined it both which we hope will be approvd of by the Directors, at the present Rents.

There has been a Smelting house near Keswick at wch is Lying a Quantity of Copper & Lead Ore Slaggs which seem to be of very little value, but may be let so as to Raise profit to the Hospital. Mr Thomas Westgarth has proposed to take the same and pay a sixth in Lead or Copper of what shall be produced therefrom, which if the Directors have no Objection to we will let them on the best Termes we can.

Inclosed you have the Accot of Oare raised within the Man[or] of Alston moore from Mich last to Christmas last, as it was sent us by Mr Stephenson and you have also inclosed an Accot of the whole years produce of Ore within the Sd manor with the Dues thereof, and what they Amount to as they were sold Geo:Liddell Esqr & his Ptners.

The Tenants in all the parts of the Estate are So Uneasey for want of their Leases and repairing of their Housing that we are made intolerable uneasy about it, and they Absolutly refuse (some of 'em) to pay the advanced Rents till they have both. Mr Reed of Chipchase who is the farmer of Buteland and who is a Gentleman of the best Intrest in Elections in the County of Northumberland has wrote us that he cannot subsist with his under Tenants without [having] his Housing done against Next Mayday, that he has proposd to undertake the buildings himselfe in as Reasonable a way as any other person and that without his Housing is done so as to be ready for him against Mayday he will not pay the advance Rent. This we thought proper particulrly to lay before you and desire that wee may have a speedy orders as is possible for the doeing Mr Reeds housing as well as all the others where Necessary . We have a Rece[ip]t at Hexham on Monday & Tuesday the 20th & 21st Inst when Mr Reed is to be with us and it would be very well if we had full orders as to his buildings against that time, and if it could be done it wou'd be also well that we had directions in the Whole, as the time of the year is comming on to make preperations for the same.

In answer to yours about the Expençe of Fewell &c for making bricks and Tyles at Dilston there is no charge of Fewell or any other thing Necessary for making bricks or Tyles but what is paid by John Skinn the undertaker who covenants with us to make bricks at 7s per thousand and Tyles at 23s per Thousand, he to find all materials, Fewell &c, but this agreemt is only from One year to Another. Inclos'd is our Cash Acct for last Month on which Remaines a balance of £54:14:5 ¼ in our favour who are

Sr Your most Humble Srvt

Walton & Boag.

An Acct of Lead ore raised at Several Mines in Alston Moor betw Christsmas 1736 and Christmas 1737 and the Dues thereof also old dues resting at Carrs at Christmas 1736

	Bouse Oare			Dues		Cutting Oare			Dues		Total		
	B	H	P	B	Ston	B	H	P	B	Ston	B	H	P
Thorngill	31	3				19	1				51		
Lough Vein	6										6		
Nentsberry Hags	36										36		
Redgroves at Nenthead	2					54					56		
Brighilburn Greengill						72					72		
Longhole head West End	6	2	1					1			6	3	
Brown Gill	2	2				1					3	2	
Green Gill	8					2					10		
Thortergill		2										2	
Redgroves at Natress		2										2	
Parkgrove							2					2	
Fletcheress	8					6					14		
Carrs & Cowslitts	70					5					75		
Blagill	185	3				13					198	3	
Nenthead Field						1					1		
Fairhill West of Nent	9		1								9		1
Fairhill East of Nent		3										3	
	367	2		73	32	173	3	1	34	48	541	1	1
Peatslack hill	145			48	21	4			1	21	149		
Old dues lying at Carrs at Christmas 1736 Delivered Geo: Liddell Esq and ptners in 1737				5	50								
	512	2		127	39	177	3	1	36	5	690	1	1
Geo: Liddell Esq and ptners	[£	s	d]										
For 127 Bing & 39 stone of Bouse Ore at 46[s]	293	10											
For 36 Do and 5 stone of Cutting Ore at 41s	73	19	2										
For a Guinea and half agreed to be paid over and above	1	11	6										
	369		8										

Sent the Board 10th March 1737/8

12 Mar 1738 Hugh Boag to John Maule

To Mr John Maule

Ravensworth Castle 12th March 1737/8

Dear Sr

By this days Post is Inclosed for you, under 2 Covers , Directed for George Liddell Esq (to save Postage) a Copy of the Rentals of the Derwent[water] Estate [sent] the Board in December last, as Mr Walton & I promised you in our last.

I hope they will come safe to your hand you may either please to call for them, at his House in King Street Covent Garden or send some person for them.

Your Kitt of Salmond is ordered & I hope will soon be with you accompanied with one to our good friend the Doctor to whom pray our Compliments, & to Mrs Maule I am for Mr Walton & self Dr Sr Yo'r very Humb. Serv

Hugh Boag

The acct with the Acquittances we will be oblidge to send by the Carryers

19 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Lovegrove

To Mr Wm. Lovegrove

Ravensworth Castle March 19. 1737/8

Dear Sir

Yesterday we sent by the London Carryer our Vouchers to our Derwentwater Accot to the 31 December last in a Small Box Directed for George Liddell esqr. The Carryers name is Fryer Todd & he will be at the White Horse without Cripplegate on Saturday the 1 of next Month – Tho this letter is directed for the Col[one]l it is intended to be open by you & is Committed to your Care, & w[ha]t Expence Accrues upon it pray Charge upon us; It shall be thankfully repaid you, but we have further to desire you will Add to the severall bundles the Inclosed Accots as they are numberd, which will Compleat the whole Vouchers, and upon Mr Maul giving you notice, we desire you will Ask the Col[one]ls leave to go down to Greenwich to Call them over, & after they are so called we desire you'll ask Mr Maul as from yourself a Rece[ip]t acknowledging to have rece[ive]d the severall vouchers for all the payments charged as made by us from 14 Nov 1736 to 31 Decem last. This we have not thought proper to name to Mr Maule but thought it better to leave it to you to get done. The delivering up our Vouchers is a matter of great Consequence to us so that we doubt not but you will secure us by a proper Voucher. We hope you will putt it in our power to returne the favour we have from you and are Dr Sr

Yours &c Walton & Boag

PS Pray call upon Mr Shutt for a <...> for Eighteen Guineas per the Auditor for passing our last Accots wch you must deliver wth the rest.

19 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to John King

[Note: John King, a Keswick lawyer, was Court Keeper for the Hospital's manors of Keswick and Thornthwaite in Cumberland.]

To Mr Jno King

Ravensworth Castle 19 March . 1737/8

Sir

We reced. yours of the 13 Inst & are sorry that the Tennants are so obstinate & will not pay. You had positive orders to sue John Thwaite Anth Scott & Thomas Jackson with out any delay & Lanc Penny was to be threatened, & to have a fortnight spareance or more, & if he will pay you in a reasonable time we desire he may be forbore, but as for the rest Lett the process goe on against them till they pay their Arrears & costs, we have wrote to Mr Pearson about them.

We are to be at Hexham on Monday & Tuesday first Collecting the Rents but we are afraid this will not reach you so as we can see you at that place. We are Sir Yours
&c

Walton & Boag

PS I had a Letter from Lanc Penny in answer to his I have given 14 days or 3 weeks spareance from 19 inst but no further forbearance. HB

19 Mar 1738 Hugh Boag to Lancelot Penny

To Lanc Penny

Ravensworth Castle March 19. 1737/8

Mr Penny

I reced. yours of the 9 Inst & am sorry that you shoud delay paying your Arrear till you are sued I did indeed give Mr King orders to sue you if you did not pay in a Fortnights time or give assurance of your paying soon after, none of which I perceive you have done which occasions this expence to you.

Mr Walton & I have wrote to Mr King to forbear process against you provided you pay in a fortnights time or 3 weeks from the date of this but after that Expect no further forbearance If Mr King does anything irregular in his practice it will returne upon himselfe but I do not see he has in suing those he had an Order to sue tho' I wish he had spared you a fortnight longer.

As to you and the Towns petitioning against Mr King does not at all Effect us, not are we afraid of any Tennants petitioning while we are doing none of you any Injustice . I am for Mr Walton & Self

Your Hble Srt. Hugh Boag

19 Mar 1738 Hugh Boag to Joseph Pearson

To Mr Joseph Pearson in Keswick

Ravensworth Castle 19 March. 1737/8

Mr Pearson,

I have had a Letter from Lanc Penny Complaining of the hardships he has from King. You know that both you & lanc Penny desired only a Weeks spareance and he would pay and indeed of that Mr King writes us that he spared him a fortnight you yourselfe putt me upon sueing him because his circumstances are bad.

We perceive very well that you encourage the Tennants to withhold their Rents & despise our authority but we have wrote to Mr King to goe on with the process against those that does not pay him. Except lance Penny who we have given 14 days or 3 weeks spareance to, from this day & if he does not pay in that time to have no more favour shewn him , we are sorry & averse to be severe upon any poor man but at the same time we must doe our duty & act like faithfull servants to the Hospitall, but cannot help saying we have more trouble from your behaviour among the Tennants than from any other part of the estate. I am fro Mr Walton & Self

Sr Yours &c Hugh Boag

19 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton

To Mr Ben Shutt

Ravensworth Castle March 19. 1737/8

Dear Sir

We were favoured with yours of the 11 inst last post, wherein you are so kind as to acquaint us with your having recd. our Quietus from Mr Hunter, wee would be glad to have it as soon as you can send it by a safe hand, tho' unless each opportunity offer soon may lett it alone till the Col[one]l comes down, pray acquaint the Collonel that you have it & that we have desired you to shew it him if he Chuses it before you send it away.

You have been of some Expençe of postage & to be sure at other Expençe besides, so pray charge upon us & draw for the whole we maen for that as well as [what] you payd Mr Hunter payable at sight upon Either of us. We woud be glad to make you any returne for the favours you have done us, if we knew what woud be most acceptable, which pray make so free as to name to us & you'll add to the obligations we are already under & we are

Dr Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

19 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr John Maule

Ravensworth Castle March 19. 1737/8

Dear Sir

Inclosed herewith we send you the Generall Accot. of our Recets & Payments as Recets of the Rents Issues & profits of the Derw[entwater] Estate from the 14 Nov 1736 tto the 31 Dec last by which there then remaind a Balance of £398 – 0 - 2 ½ in favour of the Hospitall, agreeable to the Supplimentall Cash Accot. we sent the Board. And upon this general Accot. Is shewn the Rents & Arrears to Mart[inmas] 1737 as allso the Arrears Standing out in the respective Tennants hands to 31 Dec last for which they remain D[ebto]rs. You have allso a Pticular Accot Inclosed shewing how the severall Totalls for Each Estate are made up, in which you will Observe the Arr[ear]s due at mart[inma]s 1734 are Included, and some small ommissions in the Rentalls made up bu us. And you have likewise the Accot of Arrears due from the respective Tennants the 31 Dec last , which said two Accots we hope will make Clear to you the first & third Collumns in the Debt side of the Accot. the former of which amounting to £12468-3-8 ¾ & the latter amounting to £5360-19-6. We have Inclosed to Mr Corbett this day the Generall Accot. of which this sent you is an Exact Coppy, with a proper Affidavit annexed thereto, swore by us yesterday before Mr Airey who is a Comm[ission]er in the Exch[eque]r. This Accot. & Arrears we apprehend will in Course Come before you but as it will take up some time in passing the Board we tho[ugh]t it was proper to send you a Coppy to save time the postage of which shall be repayd you, After all examinations as to Keswick Arrears, we find the Tolls & Shop &c Rents differ from the Demesne Lands, that is there is half a years Rent more due from these Tennants than from the Tennants of the Demesne lands, & consequently at settling the last Accot. there was an omission in the Arrears of the Accot Settled the 14 Nov 1736, in order therefore to Clear that up to you, we have Inclosed sent you an Abstract or Rentall shewing these ommissions, with the Arrears & as they were there stated the growing Rents & Arrears sepearte as they stood the 31 Dec last, in Distinct Collumns. This we think is all the Explanation we Can give of the Debt Side of the Accot. & as to the Credit Side thereof we have made out Pticular Accot. to Shew how each Totall is made up & bundled them with the Vouchers belonging thereto & have sent the whole by the Carrier to Col. Liddell & unto Mr Lovegrove who will deliver you them as soon as you require them. They are all Numbered in Bundles, Conformable to the Accots & will be soon Called Over so that Mr Lovegrove will do this, with you or whom you shall Order.

We leave the whole to your good management & Care, and do not doubt but you will give it all reasonable dispatch, & hope that it may be done so as to come before the Chancellor of the Exch[eque]r at the next declaration of Accots which we reckon will b at the rising of this Session of Parliam[en]t. If any thing want further Explanation we will be ready to doe it as farr as we are able & hope to hear frequently from you in the mean time we are , Dear Sr

Yours &c Walton & Boag

19 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle March 19. 1737/8

Sir

Inclosed herewith we send you the Generall Accot. of our Rece[ip]ts & payments as Rece[ip]ts of Rents Issues & profits of the Der — wr Estate from the 14 Novr 1736 to the 31 Dec. last, by which there then remaind a Balance of £398-0-2 ½ in favour of the Hospitall agreeable to the Supplymental Cash Accot. we sent to the Board. And upon this general Accot. is Shewn the Rents to Mart[inma]s last, and Arrears to that time as also the Arrears Standing out in the respective Tennants hands the 31 Dec last, for which they remain D[ebto]rs. You have also Inclosed the Pticular Accot of Arrears Shewing what is due from each Tennant, which youwill Observe agrees in the Sum Totall of every estate with the Generall Accot. We were Yesterday swore to the Accot. before Mr Airey who is a Comm[ission]er in the Exche[que]r & there is a proper Affidavit annex'd to the Accot. so that we hope every thing is done by us that we are capable of doing , as necessary for passing the same, but if anything is further wanted we shall be ready to give the Directors any further Pticulars or satisfaction we are Capable of.

We are Informed there will be a passing of Accots by the Chanc[ello]r of the Exche[que]r at or abt the rising of the present Session of Parliam[ent] so that we desire you'll give the Accot. all the Dispatch at the Board which is Consistant with their dispatch of other busyness, as the having it passed by the Chancellor of the Exche[quer] once in every year would be a great satisfaction to us, & your assistance therein, will greatly oblige Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

31 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle March 31. 1738

Sir

We were favoured with yours, and in answer you may depend upon having an Honest and Experienced borer sent to make Tryalls for Coal in your Estate at Westchester when ever we have your orders for it, in the meantime if you can get any information, what Prospect here is of Coale, it will be of use & in any thing that we can give our advise in be pleased to command us.

By next Post we will draw upon you for the two p[ar]cells of Oates .

In order that no time should be lost in the examination of our Accot. by the Clerk of the Cheque, we sent him a Coppy of it, which he writes us he has shewn Mr Hunter, who has some objection to the method it is made up in, and he having proposed its being made up in another way we desire you'll postpone laying that we sent you before the board. We are also afraid the Directors should take it amiss that we should send a coppy to Mr Maul before it came before them, which if they should do, we beg you will apologize for us; as we had no other view we do assure you but to gain a little dispatch by it.

We are glad o hear you are like to get forward with your bill in Parliament, as the commissioners will have power given them, that will greatly conduce to the benefitt of the Hospitall & we are

Sr your most obligd Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

31 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr John Maule

Ravensworth Castle March 31. 1738

Dear Sir

We recd. yours of the 25 of March Inst by which we are sorry to find the Accot. we made out disapproved of by Mr Hunter, as we are afraid so much time will be taken up in the Alteration and sending it down to us, that it will not be got done before the first passing of Accots. – we have no Manner of Objection to any method Mr Hunter Proposes, as the receipts and payments will be the same in whatever way it is done, but we think the Paper we sent you shews the pticulars of the Collum of Rents and arrears, shews all thant can be shewn in the Accot. in any Shape; we have however no manner of objection to it being done in the Shape proposed or in any other, as we do not doubt but you will give it all the Dispatch that's possible. We wish the board may not take it amiss that the Accot. was shewn to Mr Hunter before it came bfore them, but we have wrote to Mr Corbett to desire he may apologise for us if there is occasion and not to lay the Accot. we sent before them, as it will be altered into another forme. Pray our kind respects to Dr Cockburn & to all Friends & beleive us to be , Dear Sir,

Your most oblidge Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

31 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle March 31. 1738

Sir

We Recd. yours with the Boards Minutes of the 22d March Inst which we duly observe.

In pursuance of the Boards order of the 3d of Aug. last, relating the most necessary repairs on the Derwentwater estate amounting by computation to the Sum of £1160 – 8 – 2 we made agreements with Proper workmen, for the executing thereof, an Abstract of which you have Inclosed which we hope the Board will approve of, and we will obey their comm[an]ds and transmit them from time to time, all agreement that we enter into for their confirmation, pursuant to their Minute of the 22d Inst.

The Several Persons to whom Fee Farm Rents have been paid out of the Derwentwater estate, which we have refused the Payment of till it was known whether they have been claimed or not, grow very uneasy for want of them. We some time ago desired that we might have an Accot. of what Fee farm Rents had been allowed as claimed, and the board was pleased at their meeting the 20 of July last, to order Mr Radley to procure an Accot. of the sd. Fee Farm rents, claimed & allowed from the [proper] Office, which be pleased Sir to transmit us with such orders therein as the board think proper. Inclosed you have Coppys of two Certificates, which have been produced to us for the Claim having been regularly made by Edward Noell Esqr. and Sir John Knight for Fee Farm Rent Payable out of Hartburn Rectory, Westwood Lands, Shaftoe Tyths, Whelpington Rectory and Wooly Lands, amounting to £37.13.4 per annum.

Inclosed you will receive also the pticulars of John Corbetts farme at Allerwash, which he holds over and will not quitt possession of; be pleased therefore to lay it before the Board for their Directions. Mr Anseley of Hexham, also holds over and will not quitt the possession of Dilston Mills, and the Freeholders in Tarret burn have begun to work the Colliery in Tarret turn more briskly than ever, and have actually discharged James Dodds the Hospitalls Tennant from work[ing] thereof, in all which we desire the board, will be pleased to give such orders as they think proper.

Mr Richardsons son of Penrith has been with us proposing to refer the Matter in Dispute about Clargill Cleugh Mine to two indifferent Gentlemen Arbitrators and has promised to send us his proposals, which shall be transmitted to the Board as soon as they come to our hands.

Broxfield Tyths was Confirmed to Henry Thompson at £3 per annum, but Thompson breaking before the commencement we let those Tyths to Matthew Brown for £4-10 for one year from Mayday last, and we now can have no more than four pounds per annum which is offered by Isaac Maxwell on a Lease for 20 or 21 years from Next Mayday, which we have agreed to accept of if the board have no objection & we are Sir

Your most Obedt. Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS

We have sent Mr Wood this day Bills & Bank notes amounting to £985-9-6 ½ on Acct. of Rents and Arrears recd. by us.

The 31 March 1738 A Coppy of this Abstract sent Wm Corbett Esqr.

An Abstract of Severall Contracts made for repairing Housing on the Derwentwater Estate pursuant to the Boards Order of the 3d of August 1737 Viz: -

Agreed with Mr John Bickerdike for Building the [...] Housing at Throckley and Newton Hall he to find all Materials and to be at all expence attending the same Except Leading the Materials viz _

At Throckley. A New Tenants house 30 foot long by 15 foot wide within, and 13 ½ foot high the side walls, the stable 22 foot long by 16 foot wide and 9 foot high, a Milkhouse 18 foot long by 6 foot wide, and 6 foot high, 2 new Byers each 20 foot long by 16 foot wide and 9 foot high. A Wall between Mr Rogers garth and a garth of the Hospitals. Repairing Throckley Mill house and kill &c and for building a new Barn at Newton hall 30 foot Long by 16 foot Wide and 11 foot high the side Walls. The whole is to be done in a substantial and workmanlike maner for £155

Agreed also with the said Mr John Bickerdike for repairing a Herds House and Byer on Throckley Common, he to find all Materials Except Leading for £16

Agreed with Mr Jos. Layburne and Mr John Jackson for puling down the Walls of the Dwelling house to the Lower Windows, building them up , and new roofing the same, with new joysting and flooring, repairing a little room and Stable, building a Milkhouse 16 foot by 11 foot, Building a Stable 22 by 16 foot and 9 foot high , and Thatching Severall Cottages – The whole to be done in a Substantiall Workmanlike manner at Needlesshall for (Exclusive of Leading) £135

Agreed with Mr John Bell and Wm Ironsides for building at Hartburngraing A Dwelling house 30 foot long by 15 foot wide and 13 ½ foot high with one floor, Two Dwelling houses each 24 foot long by 16 foot wide and 13 ½ foot high with each a floor, Two Stables each 22 foot long by 16 foot wide and 9 foot high, Four Byers each 20 foot by 16 foot wid and 9 foot high Three Barnes each 27 foot by 15 foot wide and 12 foot high Two Cottages each 20 foot by 16 foot wide and 9 foot high and repairing 2 Old Byers a Stable and Cottage &c for (Exclusive of Leading) £380

Agreed with John Rewcastle for Building a Barn at Land Ends 30 foot Long by 16 foot wide and 13 ½ foot high he to find all materials for (Leading Included) £27

Agreed with Thomas Bruce for Building a Stable 21 foot by 16 foot and 9 foot high. A Byer 21 foot by 16 foot and 9 foot high and repairing a house for a herd all in Meldon Park he to find all materials for (Leading Included) £50

Agreed with Mr Rob. Naisbett Mr John Walker Mr Samuel Pickering, and Mr Christopher Cowley, for Building 3 Cottage Houses at Glororum part of Spindleston 24 foot by 15 foot each, and 9 foot high at Scremerston a Dwelling house 30 foot long, by 15 foot wide and 13 ½ foot high, a Milk house on the North End inside 15 foot by 7 foot wide. A stable 21 foot long by 16 foot wide. 2 Byers 20 foot by 16 foot wide each. A barn 30 foot by 15 foot a Cottage 24 foot by 15 foot wide and repairing the Milkhouse

At Middleton Hall building an Additionall Room of 21 foot by 15 foot, and a New Barn 30 foot by 15 foot wide

At Outchester building a Milk house 15 foot wide by 16 foot long Ceilling it and Flagging it . The whole to be done in a Substantiall workmanlike manner they being at all expence Except Leading the Materials for

£270

£1033

The particular of the tenem[en]t or Farmhold now in the possession of John Corbett at Allerwash in the County of Northumberland

A Dwelling house and Byer under the same and a Barn as also two Garths adjacent to the said Barn, on the East and West sides thereof in the possession of the said John Corbett.

One other Dwelling House with a Byer under the same and a Garth Adjoining thereto and now in the Possession of Dorothy Moralee a subtenant.

One other Dwelling House with a Byer under the same and a garth Adjacent in the possession of Ann Robson a subtenant .

Another Dwelling House with a Byer under the same in the possession of Ann Corbett and Eliz. Henderson subtenants.

Lowrys Close now in Tillage, Bounding on Reynold Corbett on the West Wm Corbett on the North the Kings Street on the south and Wm Watson and Wm Corbett on the east.

The Well head Close in Meddow, Reynold Corbett on the West Reynold Corbett and Cath. Watson Widow on the North, Thomas Dodds on the East the Kings Street on the south.

The Wash Bank in pasture Catherine Watson on the East Reynold Corbett on the North the River Tyne of the South and the lands Called [Gooseholm] and [Gooseholm] Bank belonging to the sd John Corbett on the West.

The [Gooseholm] in Tillage the [Gooseholm] Bank in Meadow and the Tofts in Tillage, The lands lye in one field Undivided Bounding on the Wash Bank on the East Tyne on the South Cath. Watson on the west and Reynold Corbett on the North and East.

[Sillie] Top part Corn, part meadow, cath. Watson on the South and West, Reynold Corbett on the East and the high Leases in possession of sd. John Corbett on the North.

The Low high Leazes p[ar]t Corn and part Meadow Cath. Watson Reynold Corbett and John Corbett on the South, John Coates on the West Wm. Corbett on the East the High high Leazes belonging to the said John Corbett on the North.

The High, High Leazes (It is called so) in pasture John Corbett on the South, John Coates on the West , Allerwash Comon on the North and Wm Corbett on the East.

Allerwash is in the parish of Netherwarden.

31 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Westgarth

To Mr Thomas Westgarth

Ravensworth Castle March 31. 1738

Dear Sir

Since Mr Boag came from Keswick, we have laid before the Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospitall the offer you made to take the Waistes of Copper and Lead lying near Keswick, and they have impowered us to treat with you about the same. We are going to Alston to make a Pay, and will return to Hexham next Friday Evening, when we should be glad to see you at the Phenix at Mr Parkers, or if it be more convenient for you, on Saturday Morning the 8th of April next, wee will stay there till after Dinner.

Collonel Liddell has a Suit depending with one Watson, whether there may be any Lead Mines in an estate called Bilton Park, near Knarsbrough or not, and in order to form the best judgement thereof we have recommended you as one of the most judicious in that way, to take a view of the estate, along with Mr Watson, Mr Pantoon, Mr Emmerson & Mr John Stephenson, and according to the form of law you have a Summons by the bearer. The Collonel has applied to your principals, for their Leave to Permitt you to doe him this favour, and we expect you will be informed thereof from them in a Post or two, and do not doubt of your readiness to do him this favour, and we are

Dear Sir or Madam: Your most Hble Servts

Nicholas Walton

31 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to John King

To Mr John King

Ravensworth Castle March 31. 1738

Sr

We have represented to the Hospitall the case of Mr Jeferson of Cockermouth having sold and recd. for some Birch and Alder Trees cutt upon his arbitrary estate in the manner of Thornthwait and in answer thereto we are commanded to State a Case and lay it before Councel for an opinion whether the Tennants of that Estate have a right to cut down Timber at their will and Pleasure or not, and in case it is the opinion of Counsell that they have no right, then to be advised what methods to take to doe the Hospitall Justice. Now as the Court keeper of the Manner is the proper person to State this case, we desire you may do it on rect. of this, and meet us with it at Alston, on Thursday Evening the 6th of April next, but we desire you may in your way call upon Mr Simpson and take his joynt Thoughts with yours as to the manner of Stating the Case and have wrote to him this day to desire he will joyn with you in stating the case and we dare say he will most readily do it. He has a concern in and knows the Customs

of the Estates in Cumberland, so that he is the most proper Person to be advised with. At our meeting at Alston, we shall be prepared to Settle with you the Afaire of the Court keeping, which is the chief view of desiring you to meet us there, as the State of the case above mentioned might have been transmitted to us by post. Pray bring your deputation with you to Sr your most Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS. What money you have recd. of any of the Tennts. pray bring with you.

31 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Mr Thos Simpson

Ravensworth Castle March 31. 1738

Sr

We were favoured with yours of the 25 of March Inst which is now before us, in answer to which, as Furnace is dead & the Action against Carrick thereby abated, we approve of your taking Councils opinion, before you prosecute that affair any further, and desire you may do so accordingly.

The prudent Steps you have taken to procure a release from Carrick to William Lee we are greatly obliged to you for, as it intirely prevents any trouble we might otherwise have expected from Mr Hodgson of Tynehead. we desire you'll pursue such methods as Councill advises you to, that Furnaces execut[or]s may have justice done them & that the Hospitall may preserve the jurisdiction of their Court & we are

Sr Your most Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

P.S.

We formerly gave you the Trouble of inquiring what right the Tenants of the Arbitrary estates in the Manour of Thornthwaite had to cutt down and sell any wood, without the leave and consent of the lord of the Manour and we must again trouble you with Stating a case in Conjunction with Mr King to be laid before Counsell relating the right Tennants pretend to have in those estates. One Parson [jeferson] who has an Estate in the Mannour of Thornthwait, sold some time ago a p[ar]c[e]l of Birch and Alder Trees to one Miles of Keswick, which was Cutt upon his estate. We discharged him from taking them away, or paying any part of the money according to Contract, yet notwithstanding Mr jeferson has found Means to remove the trees of the Premises and receive the money of Miles. now what we want to have done is to have a Case stated, that we may have Councells opinion, whether the Tennants have a right to cut wood at their will and Pleasure, or not, and in Case they have no right then what methods are to be taken to compel the ofenders to doe and make Satisfaction to the Hospitall. We have ordered Mr King to wait upon you for this Purpose next Thursday and are as above
Your Very Humble Servts Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

31 Mar 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Wood

[Note: Recipient not stated here but confirmed as John Wood in a separate letter to Corbett of the same day]

Fra Chaloners Bill on Wm Herron dated 11 March 1737 at a Month	£40 9 6 1/2
Jefrey Everetts bill on Wm Everett dated 16 March 1737 at 24 days Date	30 0 0
Thos Vickermans bill on Captn. John Cook dated 26 Do. 1738 at 10 ds date	110 0 0
Thos Hills bill on Thomas White dated 23 Do. 1737/8 at 30 ds date	53 0 0
Thos Millers bill on Jas Hill Junr dated 28 Do. 1738 at 40 ds date	165 0 0
Geo Handasydes Do. on Peter Furnell dated 24 Do. 1737/8 @ one month	70 0 0
Do.s Do.on Sam Stauntin dated 25 Do. 1738 @ one month	16 0 0
Bank Note from J Hopkins No. 61 dated 8 March 1737/8 on demand	100 0 0
Do. from Do. No. 63 dated 8 Do. on demand	100 0 0
Do. from Do. No. 71 dated 8 Do. on demand	100 0 0
	£985 9 6 1/2

Ravensworth Castle March 31st 1738

Dear Sir or Madam: Above you have a Schedule of Seven Bills and three bankNotes, amounting to Nine Hundred Eighty and five Pounds, Nine Shillings and Sixpence halfe penny, Sent you Inclosed on Accot. of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate, and for the use of Greenwich Hospitall, for which we have made you Dr. this day & are

Sir Your most Hble Srvts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

6 Apr 1738 Nicholas Walton to Hugh Boag

[Note: Signed NW, so presumably from Nicholas Walton, updating his colleague who had missed the review of the Alston estate. 'G.L. Esqr' and 'the Colonel' refer to George Liddell .An Abstract of the Lead Mine account is appended. The J.S. who, with Nicholas Walton, witnessed the account is probably John Stephenson, the Alston Moor Master.]

To Mr Hugh Boag

Alston Moor 6 April. 1738

Dear Sr

As your Call to London was upon so short Notice, which prevented your having so particular an accot. of the State & Condition of the Lead Mines, in this Manner as you intended we take this first opportunity of acquainting you thereof in as particular a manner as the nature of the thing will allow of in this way.

At Thorngill there has been sev[era]ll Old Shafts opened in order to Discover the Condition of that Mine, which is found in so poor Condition in the Upper Cills that a low Levell has been thought necessary to Win the Low Cills, It has been some time at work is now Drove about 120 yards and will Effectually Win all the Low Cills of that Mine.

<Goring> Gill Levell is also pursuing in the proper manner but is not yet finished and Lough vein is Sinking into the Low Limestone, in order to make a judgement whether a Lower levell than the present one is necessary or not. The present levell has been opened , and severall Shafts and Sumps opened since G L Esqr and his partners began work.

Nentsberry Hags now raising a Small Quantity of Ore, a level having lately been Drove to loose some Deadwater and severall shafts has been sunk and opened too for the Convenience of working that mine.

At Blagill there has been severall Cross Cutts made as a preparation for getting ore, and it is now under consideration what other Methods may be most proper for the Effectual carrying on that Mine.

At Brownley hill there has been an old levell opened and a shaft has been also opened in order for getting ore.

There is a Levell carrying on to win Fair Hill and Redgroves at the Lowest levell that can be got, and from the same Levell, the Shaw, Peatstack hill Bright Burn & Dowgang will be all Effectually woan, it has been a great expence and will yet cost to winn all these mines £1000 or upwards there has been at Peatstack hill a New Shaft Sunk and sev[era]ll Sumps Sunk in order that the greatest Quantity of ore might be raised till the Low Levell be brought up to that mine.

There has been sev[era]ll shafts and a Levell opened at Carrs and Cowslitts in order for getting ore and the necessary steps are taking for working these mines.

There has been a Levell Drove at the East End of Longhole head and sevll. Shafts sunk, one whereof upon the vein, which is now Trying in order to get ore and a Sump is intended to be sunk into the low Cills to try these also.

A Levell is pursuing towards the west end of Longhole head and severall shafts has been opened thereon, this Levell has been great expence, has cost in some parts £3-10-0 per fathom and is now Driving at 57s/6d per Fathom.

A Levell is pursuing towards Browngill which will winn not only that mine but Thortergill and Browngill Moss it is about 600 yards in length and will cost abt. £500 there has been sevll. Shafts also opened to try the workings in Browngill Mine which Discovered an overcharge of water and consequently could not be wrought without the above mentioned Levell which will be an effectual Winning.

A Levell is also Carrying on to win Bents field or Taylor Syke and Thortergill foot which will be an effectual winn.

At <Fletcheress> sev[era]ll shafts and an Old Levell has been opened and a new one is intended to be begun for the more Effectual Winning of that mine.

At Redgroves at Nattress a Levell has been drove and sev[era]ll <stmple> sunk and the level is now proceeding to cutt the vein upon the Top of the Low Limestone, there is also a Cross Cutt making towards the sun string.

At Galligill sike has been a Top Levell Drove and a Low Levell is Driving for the more effectual winning that mine, and there has been sevl. Shafts Sunk and Opened.

There has been sevl. Shafts opened and a level opened also at Greengill and a Cross Cutt is now making in order to Cutt the Sun vein.

<Rookhill> mine has been at work since Christmas last a new shaft is sunk, and a Cross Cutt is made to the vein, where a sump is sinking in order to get into the low Limestone, and a shaft is sunk in order to trial at Cowperhole head to get ore.

These are all the mines at work or proceeding to by levels within this manor and upon the whole we must observe that the works are carried on with all the expedition tht is possible, That the severall winnings or Levels are proceeding in a very fair regular manner, That the great expence that has accrewed shows that no time has been lost in the putting in practice what was intended and we hope it will evidently appear how much the Comissioners have acted in and how much the Colonel has had the Interest of the Charity at hart.

Inclosed you have an abstract of the pay bill showing the Total Disburst to the 25th of March last Amounting in the whole to £4383-16-8 ¼ And we are Sr Yo[urs] &c NW.

An Accot. of Money expended for and upon the accot. of Led Mines in the Derwentwater estate let by the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital to Geo. Liddell Esq. and Partners from the 1st Feb 1736/7 to and with the 15 March 1738 as appears by accot. viz:

Expended by George Liddell Esqr.

In raising ore by Bing	£599 6 10	
In Dead Charges	2312 5 1 1/2	
In Building a smelting mill and Utensills thereof	325 8 9	
In Building a Refinery at Team	271 14 9 3/4	
Salarys and expenses	316 9 11 1/2	£3825 5 5 3/4

Expended by the Govern[or] & Comp. for Smelting &c

In Dead Charges Exclusive of raising ore by Bing	298 7 9
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Expended by Thomas Hayley esqr

In Dead Charges Exclusive of Raising ore by Bing	260 3 5 1/2
Total	£4383 16 8 1/2

Alstone Moor the 6 April 1738

We have Carefully examined the sevrll. Paybills of Geo. Liddell Esqr. from which the above abstract of his and his partners Disbursments are made, as also the accost. Of the Govern[or] and Company for Smelting down Lead and Thomas Hayley Esqr. and find the Disbursments on Accot. of Lead Mines let by the Comissioners of Greenwich Hospitall to the said geo. Liddell Esqr. Amount to Four Thousand three hundred and Eighty three pounds Sixteen shillings and eightpence farthing Witness our hands N.W, J.S

14 Apr 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Mann

To Mr Man, Clerk of the Peace at Durham Ravensworth Castle April 14th. 1738

Sr

I had a letter by last Post which came to my hand only last night, from Mr Andrew Scott a Tennant at Scremerston near Berwick but in the County of Durham, acquainting me that he and the rest of the Tennants of Scremerston have been lately presented for not mentaining some of the high road which they are liable to mentain and keep in repair, now as my Letter came so late I had not an opportunity of waiting upon you, so as to stop any proceedings against them at the Sessions and therefore I take the liberty now to acquaint you with it, and withal to desire you will putt a Stop to any further proceedings against Mr Scott and others, as they are all willing and ready to putt the road complaind of into good repair. This they offered to do but could not be heard by the Gentlemen who has given them all this trouble; whatever charge has accrued in that you shall be at in putting a Stop to these proceedings shall be thankfully repayed you by me and your favour therein will greatly oblige Sr, Your very Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton

14 Apr 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm. Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle April 14th. 1738

Sir

Inclosed I send you the Cash Accot. of Receipts and Payments for last Month on which there remains a Ballance of £1033 -14-7 ½ in favour of the Hospital. I have this Day Remitted Bills for £150 -0 -0 to Messrs Palloch and Snow in full of one Years Interest due to the Heirs of Doctor Chamberlin at Ladyday last. I have fixt the payment of £354 to Mr Constable the 27 Inst for one Years Interest on £5900 due also at Lady day last and as soon as I receive money to make up the remaining Balance what is due to

Lord Peters and Lay Catherine Radcliff O propose paying that Interest and Annuity, which I hope the Directors will Approveof.

It gave me great pleasure that Mt Boag performed his journey sooner than we expected and I hope to have the pleasure of hearing that the Accot. he was able to give an Answer to the Severall orders of the House of Commons were to the satisfaction of the Honble House & am Sr &c

N.W.

14 Apr 1738 Nicholas Walton to Palloch and Snow

To Messrs Palloch and Snow
– Goldsmiths wthout Temple Barr

Ravensworth Castle April 14th. 1738

Gent[le]me[n]

Your favour wou'd have been immediately answered with a remittance for the Interest due at Ladyday last to the heirs of Doctor Chamberlain but we then cou'd not get Bill, you have now herein Inclos'd as below two Bills and 3 prom[isor]y Notes amounting to One Hundred and Forty Eight Pounds Ten Shillings, which with the Allowance you are pleased to make, is in full of One Years Interest due as above, for which you will be pleased to return me a Proper rect. for Mr Moag & self I am

Gentn Yr most Hble & Obedt. Servt.

Nicholas Walton

Geo Pantouns Bill on Thos Hayley Esq. dated 7 Inst at one Month	£60 0 0
My own Bill on Mr Benja. Shutt dated 14 Inst at 28 days	6 10 0
Jno. Middlemarshe's Note to Chris Blackburn 31 March last at 40 days	35 0 0
Richard Tenche's Do. to Do. 31 Do. at 40 days	24 0 0
Burges Madox's Do. to Do. 31 Do. at 40 days	23 0 0
	£148 10 0

4 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

To Mr Pearson

Ravensworth Castle May 4th. 1738

Mr Pearson

Last post brought me yours of the 26th Ultio, in answer to which the Farms late in the possession of Mr Wren must continue in the possession of his Successors for this Year, as they have not Legal Notice given them before the last Term nay I think you very much to blame in the Least to Countenance the under Tennant to hope for the

Contrary. They shall be relieved from any Usage as soon as we see it necessary and can with Justice do it, but they cannot expect it now.

I am sorry to see so much warmth expressed by you out of a Disrespect to Mr King he may have little Encouragement at Brampton, but that I neither know anything of or do I think it lies before either you or me. So far as his conduct has to doe with the Hospitalls affairs I think he has not misbehaved & I must observe he once had many of your friendly offices & stood very far in your good opinion, And as I hope has given you no cause for an Alteration so I wd. Recommend it to you to treat him accordingly. Our Bill is past the house Commons & Read twice in the house of Lords, & as the parliamt. Will rise in 14 days you will soon hear that we shall have a Court at Keswick. Pray my Service to all friends & be assured that I am Your Hbl Servt.

Nich. Walton.

4 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Jefferys

Ravensworth Castle May the 4th. 1738

Sr

Last Post brought me yours of the 28 of April last in answer to which I am sorry for the Death of Mr Gibson. His widow I have incerted in our rental in his Stead but before she is put into the Lease I must have the Concurrence of her Partners under their hands. I desire they will therefore Signify it to me by a Line & what you desire shall be done by

Sr Your most Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton

4 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to Andrew Scott

To Mr Scott

Ravensworth Castle May 4th. 1738

Mr Scott

The Clerk of the Peace for the County of Durham has stop'd all proceedings against you and the Tennants of Scremerston & I will take care to pay him what Charge has Accrued upon it, but as he injoyns me so I must you and the rest of the Tennants to get the Road imediately repaired if it is not done already. The Sooner you do it the better and the more it will oblige

Your most Humble Servt

Nich. Walton

5 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq.

Ravensworth Castle May the 5th. 1738

Sir

I hope before this reach your hand , the Derwentwater Bill will have pass'd the two Houses of Parliament, otherwise I should not have given you the trouble of the Inclosed Agreements; which I have made for Building & repairing Housing, which is in the greatest necessity. You will observe the agreements are Conditionall & not binding unless they are approved by the Board.

You will Observe that all the Tennants refuse to Lead the Materials for this Reason, that as they are new Tennants they are not in any respect liable. Mr Reed of Chipchase for Buteland injoyed that Farm a very Small time before his present terme commenced. John Ridley of Westwood the same, Wm Dixon of Aydon Shields is a new Tennant, Thomas Humble the same George Dixon & Robert Johnson the same, & it is for that reason that they all alledge they ought not to Lead Materials. If what I have here said be not so Intelligable as I intend it, Mr Boag will explain it, & I beg Sir as the Season advances that the Board will give their Orders so as no time may be lost, for there is many more places that must be repaired and built this Summer.

If the Board have power to Cutt down Wood for Repairs their Orders should be as speedy as possible, as the Bark will otherwise be lost & I am Sir Yours &c
N. Walton

6 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to Robert Anderson

To Mr Robt. Anderson at Scremerston

Ravensworth Castle May the 6. 1738

Mr Robt. Anderson

I am not a little Concern'd that any Dispute shoud happen amongst any of the Tenants in the Derwentwater Estate, which I perceive now is the Misfortune between you and Andrew Scott, to whom I apprehend you have given Warning to remove out of the House he is at present in at Whittsontide next I woud willingly in any Affair of this kind interpose, in Order to prevent all blood and Disputes amongst you and therefore I recommend it to you not to give Mr Scott any Disturbance till we can make a provision for him. I hope It will be no Inconvenience to you to Continue in your present house till one can be got up for Mr Scott as I do assure you it shall be sett about with all convenient speed. I hope you will oblige me in this and am

Yrs &c N.W.

12 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The 'Application of the Earl of Derwentwaters's Estate' Bill received its third reading in the Lords on May 11th. Hugh Boag attended the house and gave evidence about the management of the estate.]

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Ravensworth Castle May the 12. 1738

Sr

Some time agoe the Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospitall were pleased to Order an Action to be brought against one Carrick for taking away by force a cow which had been Levyd and taken away from him by the Bayliff of Alston Manor and sold by him to one Furnace from whom the cow was taken by Carrick.

Carricks pretence for taking away the cow, was that she was taken without the manor, and therefore Mr Simpson thought it proper to use means to procure a Release from him to Wm Lee the Bayliff and then to proceed against him for takeing away the cow which he accordingly did, during which Transaction Furnace Dyd, and Mr Simpson being unwilling to Proceed in the name of his Exe[cu]tors without having Councils Opinion, we Agreed that he should take an Opinion upon it, and During that time Carrick has brought Actions Against the persons in Company with the Bayliff when he Levyd. I had a Ltter the 5th Instant from Mr Simpson on this Affair which I send you Inclosed with a Copy of the Opinion he took, and as the Establishing of the Court seems intirely to Depend upon our success in making an Example of this offender, I gave Mr Simpson for answer that the Defend[an]t should be justifyd which I hope the Board will approve off.

As Mr Boag can inform you, the Winter Floods has Done a good Deal of Damage amongst the Wears at Fourstones and the Damage is greatly increased by a very great Flood we had last week. I have had it viewed by John Bell who is a very juditious man, and he acquaints me it will cost at least £60 to repair it I have also seen it my self and think it will scarce be done for that sum. However there is a Necessity for the Breach being made good, the sooner the Board are pleased to give their direction the better, for it will Daily grow worse.

I am like to be tore in peices by the Derwentwater Ten[an]ts for want of their Housing being put forward to repair, and least the season should be left for cutting down wood for those repairs, so as the Bark should be lost I beg leave to put you in mind of it, That the Directors may Consider it, and while Mr Boag is in Town, give such Orders as they think necessary and convenient relating thereto. The Bark in 10 or 14 days time will be lost as the sap will be gone in that time, so that unless I have your orders by Sunday the 21st it will be of no service.

Inclosed I send you my Cash accot. for last month on which remains a Balance in my hand amounting to £1000 – 9 – 11 ½ in Favour of the Hospitall, which sum I reserve in my hand to pay Lord Peters and Lady Cath. Radcliffe in full to Lady Day last which I hope the Board will approve off.

I was in hopes before this time to have heard that the Derwentwater Bill had passed the House of Lords but I perceive it has been prevented by Spanish Deprada[tions] being in that house. I hope that this post will bring me agreeable News on that head, and am

Sr &c N.W.

12 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to Hugh Boag

To Mr Boag

Ravensworth Castle May the 12. 1738

Sr

I reced. Yours of the 8 May Instant with a letter of Attorney from Mr Goodison Impowering me to Receive the Rents of some Housing in Newcastle, in which pray acquaint him that I will Do him all the service I can.

I have wrote to Mr Corbett this day a Copy of which I send you herewith so that I need say no more relating that affair: I Did not know that Mr Corbett was Marryd, for which reason I did not congratulate him upon the Birth of two Little ones, supposing it might give some offence.

Mr Pearson will certainly send you a copy of Fishers Lease.

I am sorry you doe not think of being at home soon, as I am that you are under some apprehensions of our Bill Miscarrying, Surely it cannot be as the Ministry has a farr greater Majority in the Lords than Commons. You shall be Informed of everything I write to the Board while you stay, so that you will [Back and] gett settled all you can.

It concerns me much that you think the coale trade is likely to suffer, but I hope and rather am apt to think the contrary. This Enquiry in Parliament will most likely be of service.

The three Tun of Lead is come Down and will be shipt in a few Days by

Yrs &c N.W.

PS The Post is just come and I am greatly concernd to hear the Derwentwater Bill meets with so great opposition but hope the next Post will bring better news. I realy pitty you, but you must keep your spirits up & not be disheartened.

I have sent I mean shall send Rich. Tomorrow morning with the Bill to Mr Ancrum, but I wish we may be safe as the Bill should have been noted & protested for Non Payment . Pray tell Mr Wood of it & that I am afraid it will fall upon him as the neglect is at his Door. I will take care to do all I can about it.

21 May 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Ravensworth Castle May 21st. 1738

Sr

It is now the time of the year for setting the dues of Lead Ore w.thin the Mannor of Alston moore raised and to be raised from Christmas last to Xmas next, or which I thought proper to acquaint you, before they are advertised to be sold as usual, in which you will please to give me proper directions.

Mr Airey delivered me his bill of Law charges to the 7 February last wch I wou'd have sent you before now, but that you were so much engaged wth the Derwentwater Bill wch being I hope now over I give you the trouble of it, that it may be laid before the Board for their approbation. At wch time if the Board think fit they may give direction what gratuity Counsellor Gray shou'd have for his trouble and advise relating the Hospitalls affairs. Mr Boag is now upon the Spott on wch Accot. I thought it proper to mention it as he can Informe the board what trouble Mr Gray has had.

I have agreed with Mr Westgarth for the waists of Copper and Lead at Keswick, at One Sixth Duty to be delivered in Copper or Lead Ore, clean and well dressed after the best manner fitt for Smelting, with a Liberty of four years to performe the work in. This agreement is made subject to the Boards approbations so that you will please to lay it bfore them for their confirmation.

Inclosed I send you Mr Stephenson Mooremasters accost. Of Ore raised in Alston moore to Ladyday. & am Sir Your most Obed. Servt.

Nich. Walton

2 Jun 1738 Nicholas Walton to Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle June 2nd. 1738

Sent Mr Hugh Boag the following Bills and Notes viz:

Edwd Shalletts Promisory Note to Wm Hart dated 26 April 1738 @40 days	£85 0 0
Edwd Smiths Do. to Robt Noble dated 27 Do. at 40 days	100 0 0
Richd Atherlys Bill on James Harding dated 4 May 1738 at 30 days	27 5 6
Walter Kirbys do. on Eliz. Martin dated 10 Do. at 60 days	70 0 0
Robt. Hudspeths Do. on Tho. Young dated 18 Do. at 40 days	100 0 0
Wm Johnsons Do. on Benj. Grieve dated 18 Do. at 40 days	86 4 6
Thos. Hills Do. on Tho. White dated 19 Do. at 30 days	36 10 3
Jane Watsons Do. on Robt. Dillon dated 24 Do. at 2 months	105 0 10
Geo. Handasydes Do. on John Simpson dated 6 Do. at 1 Mo.	50 0 0
	£660 1 1

N. Waltons bill on Mr Benj. Shutt dated 2nd June 1738 at 28 days	200 0 0
	£860 1 1

Ravensworth Castle June 8. 1738 Sent more as follows

Bailey & Allens bill on Thos. Allen dated 30 May 1738 at 60 days	£100 0 0
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Arch. Hamiltons Do. on Knox & Craghead dated 10 June 1738

NS at two Usance 114 0 0

Nich. Waltons bill on Ben Shutt dated 9 June 14 18 11

£228 18 1

£1089 0 0

Returns 11 0 0

£1100 0 0

11 Jun 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm. Corbett Esqr.

Ravensworth Castle June 11. 1738

Sir

Mr Boag sent me the Boards Minutes of the 31 May last & the 3rd of June Inst which Duly observe, & in answer to which I have acquainted Mr Stevenson, Moor master with the Boards Commands realting his quarterly reports of the Lead Mines of which Care shall be taken that he duly observes. I have putt in an advertizement into the Newcastle papers for the sale of the Lead Ore dues , for the Letting the waists of Copper & Lead Ore near Keswick, & for the sale of Bricks and Tyles at Dilston, a Coppy of which you have Inclosed. Counseller Gray is not at Home, nor has not been, for some time which prevents me communicating to you his Expectations & a Pticular of the Services he did the latter I could have sent you here with, but I have deferred it till I sound him to guess at his Expectations when both shall come together. Mr Boag writes me that he has wrote to the under Sheriff to know what he has done in the affair relating Mr Elstob to whose answer I beg leave to refer You.

In answer to what is Contained in the Boards Minutes of the 3 June Inst, there is no proceedings by Ejectment or otherwise against the Tennants of high Green Coliery as Mr Airey has acquainted Mr Radley to whose Letter I beg leave to referr – James Dodds is the Tennant of that Colliery at present but he acquaints me that Severall Freeholders are & have been some time working on that Common to his great prejudice & unless the Hospitall proceed against them they will undoubtedly take possession of that Royalty.

Mr Dobson the Farmer of Midfod Tyths has brought me a petition to the Honble the Com[missioner]s of Greenwich Hospitall representing that he thinks it a hardship to pay out of those Tyths a Stipend due to the Vicar of Midford which petition I here Inclose you & with all begg leave to acquaint you that I believe it certainly true that he did not know of that Incumbrances when he made his proposal & was Confirmed Tennant & I allso must own it was not then known to me. I believe his Farm is too dear & on that Accot. he may merit the allowance he claims, but that I humbly begg leave only to offer as my opinion as the Directors themselves are the only proper judges.

I have made a good deal of progress towards making severall agreem[en]ts for repairing the most Necessitous housing & next Friday I hope to send you the whole so as to be at your Board on Wednesday Sennt. To which time it would be very convenient for Mr Boag to stay as I would have the Board sencible of what is intended to be done, & I am Sir

Yours &c Nich. Walton

11 Jun 1738 Nicholas Walton to Hugh Boag

Mr Boag

Ravensworth Castle June 11. 1738

I recd. yours of the 6 of June Inst by which I am glad you gott the Bills I sent you for £860-1-1 safe. I hope those I sent you since will come safe allso to Make the full paymt. Of the Interest & Anuity.

I am glad you found the Recet. but you have I doubt not reced. since wch I sent. I am also glad you have gott quitt of the Vouchers & Accots. & that it is in so great a forwardness.

I think it woud greatly Conduce to dispatch that the 1st draught of every Lease shou'd be made in the Country wch will be equally advantagious to Mr Radley.

I never aimed at repairing all the housing but there is so much in Equall & absolute necessity that a great sum must, unavoidably be laid out lett the money come from where it will but I hope the estate will produce all, that will be laid out & More.

You will be very kind if you gott Isaac Thompsons affairs Settled I am sure he will acknowledge it with as any man I know.

I Long to See the Coll[onel]'s Lease Executed & one Land Lease to make the Country quiet since the passing the bill they are much quieted but the news of Charles Radcliff soon hoping to obtain his Majestys pardon will make all the Country Madd I am going to Langley Baroney this Week & wish I may gett home with a Sound Skin.

As I have wrote to Mr Corbett to Day that it will be proper for you to Stay till the agreements I have made Come, you will have time to determine about a Viewer meeting you in Cheshire. It will be a Considerable Expence & for that reason I think it proper to acquaint Mr Corbett & on receiving your answer to this a proper person shall be sent you.

What Money you want you may draw for or take of Mr Shutt. I have Sett Mrs Lambs affair right but I wonder Sr H L refused her money. Inclosed you have a Copy of my letter to Mr Corbett & of Mr Dobsons petition, sent him this day by

Yours &c Nich. Walton

16 Jun 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle June 16. 1738

Sir

I wrote you the 11 Inst. to which I beg leave to referr that I intended sending you this post an Accot. of the severall Bargains I have made for Building & repairing Housing in the Derwentwater Estate, which I accordingly herein send you, & hope Mr Boag will Stay another Board day in order to Clear up anything the Board may want to be Informed in relating the Severall Contracts I have made Subject to their Approbation.

The Tennants in Generall think it hard to be at any Expençe of Leading materials & as you will observe (by the Remarks I have made to the Severall Agreements) many of them absolutely refuse & say they cannot bear it considering the Advance of their Farms. I have agreed with the Tennants of Newlands and Whittonstall Manour, who have Consented to bear one quarter part, which I rather think a hardship upon them, but as the Expençe in the whole will run very high I have done all I can to keep it Down. The prices agreed to by the Tennants of Whittonstall & Newlands I send you inclosed.

Whitechappell Housing Stands upon the Banks of the River Tyne on a very high precipice of Sliding Clay & Gravell which in very great flood occasions a shrink in the Bank as it has done in the late floods which not only Waists the Lands of the Hospitall, but inDangers the Dwelling House & Outhousing I have therefore Inclosed sent you an Estimate of the Charge of Fencing off the water so as to preserve not only the Housing but the Land adjoyning it which (as it is a very necessary peice of Work) I hope the Directors will Order to be done as Soon as they think Convenient: the Season is now good.

The Inclosed Agreements amount to £1409-10-0 & I am Sir Your most Obed. Servt

Nich. Walton

6 Jul 1738 Hugh Boag to John Airey

To Jno. Airey Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 6. 1738

Sir

The inclosed I had from Mr Radley before I left London Desiring I wou'd Deliver it to you.

The Board Complained of <soe> high Charges in it & Mr Radley had it delivered him & he made these remarks & Deductions that is in it, I said as much as I could of the distance the places are from Newcastle that you went and sent to and the times of the year which made Severall of the Charges appear reasonable when so Explained. Mr

Radley no doubt has informed you of this Affair & that he notwithstanding what I did has made a Deduction of £5-9-0. We Charge you with the £10-10 pd you on Acct of Moore against Woods . I am

Yours &c Hugh Boag

PS Please to returne me Mr Radley's Letter by the bearer.

7 Jul 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Ravensworth Castle July 7th. 1738

Sr

I wrote you the 16th of Jun last, and therewith sent you severall Contracts I had made for building and repairing Housing on the Derwentwater Estate amounting in the whole to £1409.10.0 which I was in hopes the Board wou'd have Confirmed, so as the workmen might not lose time or the proper Season of the Year for that sort work.

The reason of my now troubling you on that affair is, that the Season advances fast & the Hay & Corn Harvest coming on, will greatly Interfere with the Tennants in Leading materialls, for which reason I desire you will give all possible dispatch, as the Delay will not only be attended with the above Inconveniences, but will be a very great one to the Undertakers who have provided a Number of Workmen to expedite the Work.

Mr Boag is from Home but desires his best service to you & I am Sir Your most humble Servt. Nich. Walton

16 Jul 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 16th . 1738

Sir

We reced. the Boards Minutes of the 5 Inst & shall observe them.

Since we have had the Boards Orders to sell the Lead Ore Dues raised & to be raised on Alston moor from Cristmas 1737 to Christmas 1738 we have had the following Offers, after having advertized the sale of them 3 Weeks in the Newcastle Newspapers.

Mr Joseph Emmerson has offerd on the behalf of Collonel Liddell & Ptners 46s per Bing for the Bouse Ore & 41s per Bing for the Cutting Ore & one Guinea & half over which is the same price they gave last year for the Dues of the said Manour.

Mr Ambrose Appleby offerd on behalf of the Duke of Cleveland & Mr Vane 45s per Bing for the Bouse Ore & 40s per Bing for the Cutting Ore.

Mr Abraham Watson Offerd on behalf of the Quakers Company 45s per Bing for Bouse Ore & 40s per Bing for the Cutting Ore.

The above is all the Offers we had made us & we have sold them to Mr Emmerson Collonel Liddell's Agent as he was the best bidder Subject to the Boards Approbation.

Collonel Liddell at the desire of the Board made the Agreement with Isaac Thompson for Surveying the Derwentwater estate but he is now gone to the Lead Mines so that we cannot Clear up that Matter till he returns. We are Sir

Your very Hble Srvts Walton & Boag

PS Inclosed is our Cash Accot. for the Month of June by wch it appears there then was a ballance in our hands of £64-15-10

16 Jul 1738 Hugh Boag to William Radley

To Mr William Radley Attorney at Law

Ravensworth Castle 16 July 1738

Sir

I have has a Letter from Mr Ricd. Greive since I came home desiring to know if the Board had come to a resolution about giving him Directions to take Adminsitration to the late Mr Anderson by which he thinks he could secure his Arrears to the Hospitall which is £53-16-10.

He has Stopd Administration being granted to another person till we receive the Boards Orders about it & I beg that you will acquaint them with it I believe you promised that you would write to Mr Greive & give him Directions before I left London, its hard if there is no Law for the Recovery of his Debts.

I am for Mr Walton & Self, Sir Your very Hble Servt
Hugh Boag

31 Jul 1738 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Whitefield

To Mr Tho. Whitefield

Ravensworth Castle July 31. 1738

Dear Sir

Yesterday Evening I had the Favour of yours of the 29th Inst. with a Copy of Mr Richardsons Letter dated the 20 Inst. The Contents of which I have Communicated to Mr Boag my partner and in Answer we are glad to se[e] Mr Richardson is Sensible of his fault and that he is ready to make you any Satisfaction for the Loss you have Sustained.

You are very kind in saying you will do nothing in this affair but what we shall approve of and you may be very well assured of our doing everything on our power to

support yours and the Hospitalls Title. The Hospital has been Acquainted with the Affair, to which we have had no answer but we are Satisfyd they will highly Resent the Affront to you, as well as themselves, And as we have not their Resolutions upon it we cannot say they will Approve of making the matter up, However as Mr Richardson seems so desirous of having an end made of the Affair , Mr Boag and I will use our Interest with the Hospital to forgive this fault : the offence they have Comitted is against you particularly in the Law the Goods they waisted being yours, so that whatever Agree[m]t you make must be an Act of Your Own, and by doing it in the way it is proposed it will answer the purpose, that is Mr Richardson to pay you full damages for the Loss you sustained to pay all Charges and Acknowledge the fault by an Instrum[en]t under his hand, in which Instrumt. I sho'd be glad to have his Father joyn, but I Fancy that as he is of Age himself it woud be good in Law if he Relinquish Claim himself only whatever Instrumt. is Drawn let it be done by Mr Simpson of Penrith to whom pray send the Inclosed and youll oblige Dear Sir

Your hble servt. N.W.

PS

Mr Richardson must on your Releasing him give a discharge to the Constable least he shoud proceed for false Imprisonmt.

31 Jul 1738 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Mr Thomas Simpson

Ravensworth Castle July 31. 1738

Sir

When we were last at Alston Mt Richardsons Son, who Claims the Common near Cleargill in Alston Moore sent five Persons to Burn Mr Whitefields peats, which sd. 5 Persons came and were taken in the fact and brought before Lawyer Gilpin who bound them over to the next Sessions besides the punishment which these Fellows are Liable to, Mr Richarson has as we are Informd made himself lyable to an Action of Trespass which we are told will be an Effectuall way to Strengthen our Title as we shall gain Judgment , and this will be a short way and at an easy Expençe, but it must be done in Mr Whitefields Name whose peats it was that were burnt, in which we have promised to joyn as to any expence that shall have Accrewed or that may Accrew in anyt proper proceedings for Supporting our Title. Mr Whitefield has sent me a Copy of a Letter from Mr Richardsons Son desiring the matter may be made up, and I have given him for Answer, that as we do not know the Hospitalls pleasure in that Affair we Cannot tell whether they will be pleasd to have it made up or not, but as it is an Offence to him Particularly he may if he Chuses it make the Matter up provided Mt Richardson will do it to his liking and Acknowledge the fault in writings under his hand in which I sho'd be glad his father woud joyn as he is in Actuall Possession, but you will judge how farr that may be necessary as I have desired Mr Whitefield to

Apply to you to Draw the Instruments, in the doing of it of which you will have a
Regard to the Hospitall Title and you'll much oblige Mr Boag and Your most Humble
Servt

N.W.

11 Aug 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle August 11th. 1738

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We reced. yours of the 5th of the 5th of this Inst. With one Inclosed for Mr
Constable wch we have forwarded to him.

In answer to Mr Maules Letter of the 5 July last, relating the Survey of the
Derwentwater Estate we waited upon Collonel Liddell, & shewed him that part wch he
was desired to explain, which he promised us he woud write to you about this post, &
doubt not but he has done so, to wch we begg leave to referr.

As to what Mr Maule required of us to Explain, we have Inclosed sent you an
Accot. Coppyd from what we made up Mr Thompsons Accot. from, in which you will
observe we took a great deal of pains to distinguish the Commons, from the Ingrounds,
by the alterations we made from the field Book, which we hope will give satisfaction to
the Board.

Mr Richardson with whom the Hospitall has a dispute about a piece of Common
in Alston Moore in wch the vein called Clargill Cleugh lyes, sent up five persons to
Burn some Turbery wch was cast upon that piece of Common by one Mr Thos
Whitfield as Freeholder within the Manour, who were taken by Mr Whitfield &
Carried by him before a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, on
Monday the 17 July last, one of wch 5 persons made his Escape & the other four was
bound over to the next Sessions, Mr Richardson having Enterd into a recognizance for
their appearance. Since wch Mr Whitfield writes us, that he has had a letter from Mr
Richarson desiring he will not goe on with the prosecution & promising he will make
any satisfaction for the damage he has done, & give up any further Claim to the
Common in dispute. To this we have given answer that we do not know whether the
Direct[or]s will think fitt to accept of any acknowledgement other than giving up any
Claim to the Common in dispute by an Instrument under his hand wch if he agrees to
we hope it may putt an end to any further dispute in that Affair. We were at Alston
when the Criminalls were taken & assisted in getting them punished & also agreed to
Joyn wth Mr Whitfield in the Expencethat should accrue on if prosecution wch we
hope the Direct[or]s will approve of. The Heirs of Dr Chamberlain impower Messrs
<Paltock> & Snow to receive their Int[erest], so that you may address a Lre to them at
the Golden Anchor without Temple Barr. Inclosed we send you our Cash Accot. for last
March on wch is a Balance of £97-15-8 in our favour & we are Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

PS. Inclosed we send you Mr Stephensons Quarterly Accot ending at Midsummer last of Ore raised, wth the Number of hands employed on Alston moore besides wch there is 4 hands Employed at Keswick .

An Accot. of the Number of hands Employ'd at the Sundry Lead Mines in Alston Moor. As also an Accot. of what Ore is Raised out in the sd. Lead Mines since Lady day 1737 to Midsummer 1738 Viz

[The quarterly account referred to can be found, with others, in the spreadsheet entitled 'TNA 66 106 Alston Moor dues tables' available to download from The National Archives page elsewhere in this website]

Cuthbert Constable Esqr.

At Burton Constable in Holderness Yorkshire by York Bagg

We wrote him and Inclosed it 11 Aug 1738 & desired he would send us an Answer or forward one to Mr Corbett .

Sir

I am Commanded by the Directors of Greenwich Hospitall to give you the Trouble of this, to desire you will please to Inform them, whether it be most agreeable to you to have your Debt of £5,900 on the Derwentwater Estate paid off, or Continued at a Lower Interest, if the latter be your Choice, you will be pleased to inform them which is the Lowest Interest you will accept of

I am Sir Your most humble Servt.

Willm. Corbett Secretary

Pay Office

5th August 1738

11 Aug 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Darnhall, in Cheshire, was acquired by the Corbett family soon after the dissolution of Vale Royal Abbey. Peter Corbett sold the estate before 1642, but the present William Corbett regained it in the 1730s and the family lived there until 1860 when it was sold – an estate of 1700 acres with a large mansion.[Tony Bostock, '19th Century Darnall'].]

Ravensworth Castle August 11. 1738

To William Corbett esq.

Sir

We were favour'd with yours of the 3d Inst & are glad to hear you are got well home & that your estate gave you so much pleasure as that you have no reason to be sorry you made the Purchase, & it is exceedingly kind that you are so good as determine not to advance your Ten[ant]'s Rents.

The Borer will send away from hence his Work Tools next Wednesday by the carrier & will sett out himself so as to be at Darnhall about the latter end of this Month, which will be about the time his Worktools will be there & shall have Directions to make Tryall for the Brass trough you mention.

We will Settle with Mr Thompson about your Survey &c & acquaint you therewith.

Mr Boag has Wrote to his Friend & given him full power to take the Lead Mine at one Tenth Duty & as soon as we have his ans[we]r you shall hear again from us on that head, we believe the Gent[leman]n Mr Boag has wrote to will expect a share but that will we believe only be a small one. We are Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

An Acco.t Shewing how the acct with Mr Isaac Thompson for Surveying the Derwentwater Estate was made up Viz

Inclosed Land at 2 ½ p acre	A	R	P	A	R	P	A	R	P
Dilston according to the Field Book				1383	1	27			
Corbridge a/c to ditto – the Hosp.ls lands	249	1	36						
Ditto belonging other freeholders in which The Hospl had a share which could not be Known without surveying the whole	606	3		856		36			
Thornbrough according to the Field Book				767		8			
Newton Hall according to ditto				363	3	5			
Whittles according to ditto				253	1	38			
Throckley according to ditto				493	2	17			
Newlands & Whittonstall according to ditto				2100	2	8			
Hexhamshire according to ditto				983	1	29			
Coastley & appurt.s according to ditto				1521	3	20			
Wark & Elrington according to ditto				1216	2	33			
Langley Barony according to ditto	4517		22						
Omitted in the said field book	6		34						
	4523	1	16						
Out of which deduct land reckoned as inclosed which ought to be called Common	41	3	24	4451	1	32			
Meldon & appurt.s according to Field Book	3354	3	19						
Out of which deduct 12 perches over in Field Book in Alnwick House & Closes 12									
Land reckoned inclosed wch is Common 394	394		12	2941	2	37			
Spindleston & Outchester according to F Bk				1931	3	33			
Alston Demesne Lands according to ditto	1162	2	14						
Out of which deduct land reckoned as inclosed which ought to be called Common	982	1	12	18	1	2			
Keswick according to Field Book the Hosp lnds	975		37.5						
Whitemoss belonging other freeholders in which the hospital has a share wch could not be known without surveying the whole	120		28.5	1095	1	26			
Middleton Half according to Field Book				1043	1	3	21614		34
Commons at 1 ½ p acre									
Throckley according to Field Book				634	2	2			
Newlands & Whittonstall according to ditto				1870	3	4			
Wark & Elrington according to ditto				900	2	7			
Langley Barony according to ditto	8319	1	26						
To which add what was deducted out of Inngrounds	41	3	24						
Short cast in Field Book			2	8361	1	19			
Meldon & appurt.s according to Field Book	550	2							
To which add Needleshall Common deducted out of Inngrounds	394			944	2				
Alston Moore deduction out of the demesne & inclosed lands				982	1	12			
Keswick Lake according to Field Book				464			14157	3	37
Total of Comon & Inngrounds							35772		31

18 Aug 1738 Hugh Boag to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle 18th Aug. 1738

To Mr James Wood

Sir

I have sent you a Kitt of Salmond from Berwick on Board the Endeavour Captain Stapan Master a Whitby Vessell. I wish it may prove good.

I am Sorry it was not Earlier in the Season but as I was circumstanced and some time I spent before a ship was ready to sail from that Port I could not send it sooner. Pray my Humble Service to your Sister Wood & all the Young Ladies that danc'd so well the last night I was at your House. I return you many thanks for all favours I had when with you & pray my Hble Service to the Honest Doctor & good Mr Maul & Wife I am for Mr Walton & Self

Sr Your Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

My Wife gives her Service to You & family.

27 Aug 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

[Note: This refers to Isaac Thompson's account for surveying the northern estates.]

Ravensworth Castle Aug 27. 1738

To Mr John Maule

Dear Sir

I was favoured with yours of the 19th Inst (Mr Boag being from home) for which I give you many thanks. The Quarterly Contingent Accot. shall come from hence as soon as Mr Boag & I are together that we can write a Joynt Letter therewith to the Board.

The undivided Lands in Corbridge amounting to 667 acres is all Inclosed & Improved Land, having been in various sort of Tillage time out of Mind, & therefore should be reckoned Inngrounds. All the Land in Corbridge lies either interspersed in Ridges, or what is no way divided, but all has been improv'd many years. There is besides Moor or Waist belonging to Corbridge in which all the Freeholders have a right & the Duke of Somersett is Lord, and it was that Moor or Waist as well as the Inclosed land of Corbridge lying in Common or Ptnership wch we recommended to be divided. But you must observe that no Moore or Waist belonging to Corbridge was Surveyed. I hope this will Clear it up to you & that you will make your report so soon as you conveniently can, that Mr Thompson may be paid.

I shall be very glad to hear of a Declaration of Accot. & do not doubt your readiness to forward the finishing our Affair, we are very happy in so kind a friend in it. I am very Glad to hear of the resolutions of the Board on which I Sincerely Congratulate you. I am also glad to hear Sir Charles Wager is upon the Recovery. I wish him Health as I doe you & all Friends & I am

Dear Sir your very much obliged Hble Servt

Nich. Walton

29 Aug 1738 Nicholas Walton

[Note: Not addressed, but possibly to the Hospital's London attorney William Radley. The previous letter to which Walton refers is not in the Letter Book.]

Ravensworth Castle August 29th. 1738

Sir

I wrote you last Saturday Evening and therein desired you wou'd stop any proceedings against Mr Blackett for the Arrear of sams Island, as it was some time agoe pay'd to our Baliff Mr Bunting, who regularly accounted for it, as it has been by me to the Directors of Greenwich Hospital in an Accot. which we have settled with them to the 31 December last. The reason why I give you this trouble is that I've reced. a Coppy of your last letter to Mr Ellis wherein you say no Satisfaction will doe to you but the payment of the Arrear wch I again assure you has been payd by Mr Ellis & has been also regularly accounted for to the Directors of the Hospital. And as I apprehend it is the Interest of the Hospital not to proceed where there is actually no Debt due I beg you will Stop proceed[ing]s Accordingly which will Oblige

Sir Your most Hble Servt

Nich. Walton

29 Aug 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle August 29th. 1738

To Wm. Corbett Esqr

Sir

Mr Boag having been abroad for about a Week. I have deferred answering your last Letter, and he is yet abroad tho' expected him home yesterday Evening & by that means I cannot describe to you the Place at Darnhall where the Borer is to begin; he was with me last night & tells me he knows the place very well & as he has his full directions what to doe, will now loose no time, he has had a job to doe which kept him longer than he expected but being now entirely at your service he intends being at Darnhall next Monday Evening.

He will want a Roll & Rope & about a dozen fir Deales, which are to be furnished at your Expence, I desire you will therefore order some peson there to furnish him with what he wants he will take care to be as frugall as he can. I have given him Directions if he meets with anything Worth acquainting you with to write to you himselfe & to send me a Weekly accot. of the severall Soils and Metals he goes thro', by which we shall judge of the Prospect. I heartily wish it may succeed.

Mr Boag having been abroad above a Week I cannot tell what is done further about the Lead Mine, but I expect it is taken for us at a Tenth Duty. It lyes about 60 or 70 miles North from hence. Most certain it will be proper to have an Article of Partnership in order to regulate the Expence & to prevent any misunderstanding, which may happen, but I hope we never shall have any in that or any other Affair, however as an Article is absolutely necessary you shall have a Draught of a Ptnership Article sent you as soon as it can be done.

I am Sir, Yours &c
N.W.

5 Sep 1738 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle Sep. 5th. 1738

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Sir

I Reced. Yours relating the Waists at Keswick , wch I would have answered much sooner but that these Waists were let to another person some time before on much better Terms than the Gentleman you mentioned offered.

I propose being at Keswick some time next Week I think on Tuesday night & propose receiving the Rents at My Landlord Grave's on Wednesday the 13th Inst. ag[ain]st which time unless you have orders to the contrary next post pray order all the Ten[ant]s to be ready with their Rents.

I desire you will have all your Disbursm[en]ts ready made up, with proper Vouchers to each Article. If you can give Mr King Notice I should be glad to see him at Keswick. I shall stay Wednesday & Thursday & am Yours &c

Nich. Walton

10 Sep 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Contains a copy of C. Richardson's bond – see W&B's letter to William Corbett of August 11]

Ravensworth Castle Sep. 10th. 1738

To William Corbett Esq.

Sir

We recd. yours with the Boards Minutes of the 26 August last and Mr Aireys bill of law charges amounting to Forty one pounds fourteen shill. And nine pence which shall be payd pursuant to the Boards commands.

We have waited upon Lawyer Gray to know what his Expectations are for the trouble he has had in the Hospitalls Affaires, but he is unwilling to name any thing, but desires the Directors may order whatever they think proper. He was Consulted in & drew the Bill to be brought into Parliament, overagain after he had perused that which we had drawn by Mr Radley & he also Corrected the Land Leases, & drew George Liddell Esqrs Lead Mine Lease in its first shape, & he has been Consulted by us on Severall Affaires besides relating the Hospitall. The Board were pleased to order the Business Mr Gray did with regard to the Bill, the Land Lease, & Lead Mine Lease themselves in which he had a food Deal of trouble & Spent a good deal of his time but the other Consultations have been trifling tho' of great use for our Government. We think he may deserve twenty Guineas for the trouble he has had, but humbly submit it to the Consideration of the Board.

Inclosed is our Contingent payment for three Months ending 30 June last, amounting to £23.3.10 which we hope the Board will approve off. Inclosed is our Cash Accot. also for last Month, on which remains a balance of £58-15-1 in the Hospitalls favour. And inclosed is allso a Coppy of a Bond Enterd into by C Ricardson & a Note to pay the damages he did by burning Mr Whitfields peats.

You will Observe, he Enters into a Bond under the Penalty of £80, quitting Claim to the disputable part of the Common in Alston Moore & setts forth the Boundary as it ought to be, but notwithstanding that as his father is in poss[ession] of the Estate under which he claimed the Bond he has given will we apprehend be of no use in strengthening the Hospitalls Title. We have Consulted Mr Grey on this Affair & he advises that the Hospitall may proceed in filing a Bill to perpetuate the Testimony to their boundary for that he is of opinion that Mr Ricardson will in his answer acknowledge the boundary in the manner it is described by his son which if he does will answer all the ends we propose by perpetuat[ing] the Evidence.

We are Sir Yours &c NW & Boag

Know all Men by these presents that I Christopher Richardson of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Gentleman am freely and firmly bound unto Thomas Whitefield of Clargill in the County of Cumberland Gentleman & Thomas Walton of the same place, Yeoman in Eighty Pounds of good & lawfull Money of Great Britain, to be paid unto the said Thos. Whitfield & Thos. Walton or to their certain Attorney, their Exe[cuto]rs & Adm[inistrato]rs as Also <.....> such payment well & truly to be made, I oblige myself <.....> Heirs Exec[uto]rs & Adm[inistrato]rs firmly by these presents, Sealed wth my seal dated the Twenty first day of August in the twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain

France & Ireland, King Defender of the faith and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Eight.

The Condition of the above written Obligation is such that if the above bounden Christopher Richardson, his Heirs of Assigns, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever by his means Consent privy or procurement do or shall at any time or times for ever here after hinder Molest, trouble, disturb or cause or procure to ge hindered, molested troubled or disturbed the above named Thomas Whitfield and Thomas Walton, their Heirs Execrs. Admrs. Tennants, Servants and Assigns in their either or any of their full peaceable and quiet Enjoyment and advantage of their either or any of their Severall right or rights, Title and privilidges of Common & Common of Pasture Drift Heath Turbary Peat Mosses and Digging of Peats Ling Coales Limestones Slates and Free and other Stones and all and singular other benefits and advantages whatsoever heretofore used & Enjoy'd in and upon a Certain Heath Common or Waist Ground scituate and being on the East & South East sides of Aleburn by the name or Names of Washpoule mease Slates Cleugh Mease Thach Cleugh hill Force Tongue and so to Long Cleugh head in the Manour of Alston Moore in the County of Cumberland That then and in such case the above Written Obligation shall be and remain in full force Effect & Vertue.

Sealed and Delivered being first duty stamp'd in the presence of us
Cuthbert <Lee> John Goss

August 21. 1738 I promise to pay unto Thomas Whitfield Esquire and Thomas Walton The Sume of Forty Shillings upon demand in Satisfaction of the damage receiv'd from me in burning their or the one of their Peats on the Seventeenth day of July last past Winess my hand

C. Ricardson [sic]

Witness hereof Thos. Lambert Cuthbert <Lile>

11 Sep 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Pye

Ravensworth Castle Sep. 11th. 1738

Mr Jno. Pye

Sir

Mr Francis Anderson late of Alnwick dyed considerably in debt to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital for Rent of a part of the Derwentwater estate, which being due to the Crown we apprehend is a Debt of as high a nature as any he cou'd dye in & Consequently we Suppose, no Objection will be made to our taking Adminsitration as Principal Cred[it]ors.

We are both obliged to be abroad for about 10 days, & least any person should make application for administration in that time we give you the trouble of this, desire

you will be so kind as putt a stop thereto till our returne, & in the meantime beg the favour of you, to give us a line to meet us here at our returne wch will be about the 18th Inst advising when we may wait upon you to take the sd. Administration which will greatly Oblige

Sir Your most Hble Servts

Nich. Walton

Hugh Boag

26 Sep 1738 Nicholas Walton to Cuthbert Constable

[Note: Contains a copy of the Greenwich Hospital Board's Minutes of September 21st, 1783, sent to Cuthbert Constable by William Corbett, with a copy of Corbett's covering letter. See note in W&B's letter to Corbett of August 11th 1738.]

Sir

The Inclosed came to my hand last post with orders to send them to you by a Carefull hand. I therefore send the Bearer by whom you will please to Acknowledge the Receipt of them from me, and be pleased either to give Mr Corbetts Letter an Answer by him or by post.

I am Sr Your most Hble servt

Nicholas Walton

September 26. 1738

A Copy of the Boards Minutes Sent Cuthbt. Constable Esqr

At a Generall Court for Greenwich Hospittall held at the Admi[ral]ty Office the 21 Sept 1738

Present

The Right Honble Sr Charles Wager Knight

Honble Lord Vere Beauclerk, Honble Sr Thomas Frankland

Mr Haddock

Mr Bell

Sr Charles Hardy

Sr Jacob Acworth

Mr Baxter

Mr Hunter

Mr Pearse

Doctor Cockburn

Mr Allix

Mr Fawler

Mr Corbett
Mr <Seawall>
Capt Vanbrugh

Resolved that the Secretary do give notice this day in the stance of the Com[missioner]s to the Respective Mortgagees and Incumbrancees upon the Derwentwater estate, that if they are willing to accept of 4 per Cent per Annum Interest from Ladyday next and to receive their principall money or any part thereof not less than £1000 in a paymnt at any time without insisting on the usual notice, the Com[missioner]s are willing to agree with them on these Terms – but if they are not satisfy'd with that Interest and upon these terms which are the Conditions offered by the Bank of England he is then to give them warning that the Commissione]rs will pay them off at Lady day next Ensuing, or at any time before that they shall Desire, and that no Interest shall be paid or Continued after that time.

By Command of the Comm[issioner]s
A true Copy Wm Corbett

Copy of Wm Corbett Esqrs Letter To Cuth. Constable Esqr

Sir

By order of the Com[missioner]s of Greenwich Hospitall this day assembled at a General Court Inclosed I send you a Copy of the Resolution they are come unto, in relation to the Mortgages and Incumbrances on the Derwentwater Estate and in obedience thereto, I am to acquaint you that if you are willing to accept of £4 per cent per annum interest on £5,900 owing to you from the Derwentwater estate from Ladyday next, and to receive your principal money or any part thereof not less than £1000 in a payment, at any time without insisting on the usual notice, The Commissioners are willing to agree with you on these Terms, but if you should not be satisfyd with that interest and upon these terms, which are the conditions offered by the Bank of England I am to give you Notice, as I hereby doe, that the said Com.ers will pay off your Debt and Interest at ladyday next ensuing, or at any time before if you shall desire it, and that no interest will be paid or continued after that time. I pray the favour of your answer in writing and am

Sr Yr most hble servt
Wm Corbett

29 Sep 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle September. 29. 1738

Wm. Corbett Esq

Sir,

I Reced. yours of the 21st Inst Inclosing me the Board Minutes at Salters Hall the 20th & those of a General Court at Greenwich the 21st Inst, & also your letter to Cuthbert Constable Esqr Inclosing the Minute relating paying off the Incumbrances on the Derwentwater Estate, which I sent by a Special messenger to Mr Constable, who will I expect returne this evening.

I was at Keswick the 15 inst & 16th receiving the half years Rent of the Demesne Lands due at Last Penticost, but found Phineas Mark the Farmer of the Tolls had been broke and gone off a week before. There was due from him last Mayday £7-10-0 & will be due next Mart[inmas] the like, and 20 shillings for Rent of a shop, parts of which will be lost. I have taken care to secure all I can, & I hope the Loss will not be great.

I find the Tennants within the mannor of Derwentwater Castleridge & Thornthwait Expect a call will be made upon them for the Rents and fines due from the Customary & Arbitrary estates, but before expect a Court will be held, to Admitt them Tennants to the King, which to be sure is necessary before the fines are payd. We presume a fine was due and now is due on the Death of James late Earl of Derwentwater & there is allso Fines due on the death of the Tennants and on severall Aleanations, but in the first a dispute is raised by the Tennants who say there can be no fine due as the Earl did not die a natural death. This I think is an idle objection & to be sure will not doe in Law however it wou'd not be amiss if the Directors think proper to take an opinion from the Attorney Generall upon it, & afterwards they will be pleased to give us the necessary directions for holding the Courts & receiving the Rents and fines.

I am Sir Yrs &c

Nich. Walton

To Mr Nicholas Walton

Sir

Yrs with the two Inclosed I recd. for Mr Constable this night in Bed half an hour after Eleven.

Gerd. Shelton

Burton Constable Sep the 27th. 1738

Witness Richd. Morrison

6 Oct 1738 Nicholas Walton to Richard Greive

Ravensworth Castle Octo. 6. 1738

To Mr Richard Greive at Alnwick

Sir

We were at Durham this week & took the administration to Mr Fran[cis] Anderson. The letters of Administration are in our hands which we apprehend are not necessary to be sent you, but if it is necessary for you to have them pray lett us know and they shall be sent you. The Accot. between Mr Anderson and us you have by you, the Ballance whereof is £53.16.10 wch we hope there's no doubt of securing, in order for which we desire you will take the necessary steps for us as Administrators not only to Secure our Debt but that we may give a just accot. of the Effects to the other Cred[itor]s and in all things that is necessary wth regard to this Administration please to at for us & youll therein much oblige

Sir Yrs &c

Nich. Walton & HB

8 Oct 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Octo. 8. 1738

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

We acquainted you that we had sent your Letter & the Boards Minute to Mr Constable by a special messenger, who returned with Mr Constables answer acknowledging the recet. thereof, in which Letter he acquaints us that he had wrote to you his answer in relation to that Affair, with which we thought proper to acquaint you.

The Tennants are quite out of patience for want of their Leases & most of 'em think they will never have any, it is realy a great inconvenience to us in the management & a great Loss to the Tennants who are unwilling to goe on with their Improvements till they are on what they call a certainty by having their Leases. We would be glad to see them putt forw[ar]d & are Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

8 Oct 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Octo. 8. 1738

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

Yours of the 26 & 29 Ulto. Came to hand in course & John Rawlings Accot of Boreing at Darnhall of the 27 In like manner.

The latter part of the Boreing where the metals are found to be harder are more encouraging than the former, yett there is one thing which is very uncommon & that is their not meeting with any water in the severall Stratas they have gone thro' the Consequence of which will be we are afraid that when the Come to water, it will be a Salt Spring. It is true a Bed of Coall may not withstanding be below it, but if a Salt Spring is met with , it is discouraging nevertheless we have this day received our directions to the Borer to goe onto the length of 80 yards or 40 Fathoms. We have Conformable to that direction sent him more Bore rodts to finish this Work.

We observe what you say in relation to a Horse for your own riding & will contridict the first orders you gave about it.

Mr Boag has wrote a second Letter about the Lead Mine, but has had no answer when he has you shall be imediately acquainted with it by

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

8 Oct 1738 Nicholas Walton to Mr Rawling

Ravensworth Castle Octo. 8th. 1738

Mr Rawling

Yours of the 27 September last came to hand in course, which we would have answered sooner, but that there was no reason to Contradict the former Error you had in relation to the boreing at Darnhall, you must therefore pursue the former order you had that is to bore to the Length of 40 Fathom whether you meet wth a Salt Spring or not, it is Surprizing you have meet with no Water in boreing 26 Fathom.

As to the method proposed by Mr Paynter for finding the Brazen Trough, we can say nothing more to it than this, that it is our opinion it is the cheapest way to Bore for it & most certain is the most likely to find it for a Drift may be too high or too low & cannot be done we think at a Low Expencc. You may therefore let Mr Corbetts Steward know that we are of opinion it shoud be done in the way we propose & unless you find it necessary we would avoid the Expencc of the Drift you propose for Getting of the Water at the Wood work as it may be done by a small Open Cast.

We wish you Success & are Your Hble Ser[vants]
Walton & Boag

PS

The Bore rodts were sent away by your Bro[ther] last Wednesday – If the great Cheese I markd at Mr John Paynters be not either stolen, strayd, or conveyed pray forward it in some way.

Pray give my service to Mr Pickmoore & his Wife.

17 Oct 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Rav. Castle Octo. 17th 1738

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed is an accot. of Agreem[en]ts made with Sev[eral] workmen for further Repaires on the Derwentwater Estate amounting to £860 – which we hope the Board will confirm, the greatest part whereof we hope will be got done this year.

Inclosed is our cash accot. for last month by which you will please to observe their [sic] is a ballance in our favour of £113.3.4.

We reced. the Boards Minutes of the 11th Inst and observe the contents we are

Sr Your very Hble Servts

HB & NW

13 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to Ralph Readhead

Rav. Castle Nov 13. 1738

Mr Readhead

On the other side is an accot. of what Fee Farm Rents are due from the Sev[era]l Gentlemen at Longframlington Michaelmass 1738 which we Desire youll Receive for us, and for which we have Inclosed you Receipts which you will deliver them upon the paym[en]t and not before.

Please to observe they are Due to the Com[missione]rs of Greenwich Hospital, and if Roger and John Wardell does not pay punctually let us know immediately, for we intend to bring Exchequer Writts against them directly. The fourpences for the Acquittances you may take to your self for your Trouble, and if you have any further Claim upon us for that trouble, we will Satisfye you. We desire you will send the money by our Carrier, or any other sure hand, and are

Yr. hble Servts

N:W H:B

Due from Sevll persons for Fee Farm Rents for Lands in Longframlington as follows viz.

Roger Wardell

For an Arrear due Mart. 1734 in the late Receivers time £ - 10 - 0

For 1 years Rent due Mich. 1736 - 10 - 0

For 1 years Rent due Mich. 1737	- 10 - 0	
For 1 years Rent due Mich. 1738	- 10 - 0	
4 Acquittances	- 1 - 4	£2 - 1 - 4
John Wardell		
For an Arrear due Mart. 1734 in the late Receivers time	£ - 10 - 0	
For 1 year due Mich. 1738	- 10 - 0	
2 Acquittances	- 0 - 8	£1 - 0 - 8
John Fenwick Esqr.		
For 1 year due Mich. 1738	- 10 - 0	
1 Acquittance	- 0 - 4	£0 - 10 - 4
Wm. Wilson		
For 1 year due Mich. 1738	- 10 - 0	
1 Acquittance	- 0 - 4	£0 - 10 - 4
		£4 - 2 - 8

14 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to Rutherford Gibson Redpath

Rav. Castle Novemb 14th. 1738

To Messrs Rutherford Gibson & Redpath at Scremerston

Gentlemen

We have Considered the Affaire ab[ou]t Scremerston Colliery & that the best & Surest way to Extinguish the Fire is to open a Stapple upon Berwick Levell where there is Close Drift & Dam it up with wood & drown both Collierys for some time. We hope that the Mayor of Berwick will not be against this as Berwick Colliery is on fire also.

We desire you will lose no time in getting this done as you said you can worke none till the fire is Extinguished your Compliance with this will Ingage us to Recommend you as Sufferers to the Com[missione]rs. We are Gentlemen Your most Hmble Servts

Nich. Walton

Hugh Boag

14 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to Abraham Bunting

Rav. Castle 14th Nov.1738

To Mr A Bunting at Hexham

Mr Bunting

We recd. Yrs of the 1st Inst as to Jno.Bell. Did he not say when at Newcastle when Howdon & others Turn'd Tⁿ[an]t that he would not nor did not Expect any satisfaction but that of Entring next Mayday without Disturbance & by yours Claims £15.

As to Wm. Elliott wh. we were at the Courts he Complained he had none of the Worke & then desired that he might have the Repair of his own & then he was told <that> he might but that it could not be done before next year, to wch he Replyed that he would take it as it was Computed & as he wanted worke would be doing it & seek no money till next year. Pray Discharge him from pretending to lett Houses at his pleasure or Medling this winter.

Inclosed is a List of Several fee farm & other small Debts Amounting to £45:9:4 which we Desire you will Collect & bring to Newcastle on a Thursday when you will find both or one of us . we are

Yr Humble Servts

N Walton H Boag

16 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to Mr Jeffers

Ravensworth Castle 16 Novemb. 1738

To Mr Jeffers, Attorney at Law in Berwick

Sir

Mr Ancrum our tenant at Scremerston writes us that Mrs Orde (for whom we perceive you are Concerned) has serv'd a Citation upon him for the Nonpaym[en]t of Tyth Woole.

We apprehend the Dispute to be whether Mr Ancrum is Obliged to pay that Tyth as it has been the Custom time out of mind, or that he shall pay a Rate fix'd by Mrs Ord upon every Tenth fleece of wool wch was due for sheep sold before the shearing time. Mr Ancrum is ready to pay what we apprehend is right & we do assure you nothing else shall be done by us that may create a dispute, yet as the rights of the Hospital is Concern'd in it we must defend, but we hope you will prevent it by an amicable accomodation.

We are unwilling to stir up any ill Blood , that may occasion any dispute with Mrs Ord, but we cannot but observe an irregularity in her drawing Tyth hay in Scremerston this year, which may probably occasion one, And we are

Sir, Yr. most Humble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

16 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 16. 1738

To Mr Wm Corbett

Sir

We received yours with the Boards Minutes of the 28th of October last and also those of the 1st of November Inst. and Mr Aynesleys bill of Law charges which shall be paid at our first oportunity and the severall orders of the Board shall be duely Executed.

Inclosed we send you our Accot. for last Month on which remained a Balance of Five Hundred & Seventy Two pounds fifteen shillings & ninepence three farthings in favour of the Hospital. We have recd. severall sums since the End of last Month which enables us to send this day to Mr Wood the Deputy Treasurer Bills for One Thousand pounds for the use of the Hospital.

Inclosed is Mr Stephenson Moore Masters Accot. of Ore raisd in Alston moore in the Quarter ending at Michaelmas last wth the number of Mines at Work & proceeding to by levels, and allso the number of hands Imployd. You have also Inclosed his Accot. of Mines not at Work at Michaelmas last.

Scremerston Colliery has formerly been wrought so near the surface that by some accident the seam of Coale has been on fire many years, wch of late years by the opening of a number of pitts, & admitting of Aire, has Increased, & is at present to that degree as to lay the workmen off work and unless some expedient is found the Collierys will inevitably be destroyed. We have given direction to stop the present Levell wch conveys the water from the colliery, by which means we hope the cavitys may be all filld with water and the fire may be extinguishd, but if that is not effectuall, a new Winning must be begun immediately. The Undertakers or present Tennants have been and are great sufferers wch Induces us to recommend them to the favour of the Hospital & we are

Sr your most Obed. Hble Servts
NiW HB

[The quarterly account referred to can be found, with others, in the spreadsheet entitled 'TNA 66 106 Alston Moor dues tables' available to download from The National Archives page elsewhere in this website]

16 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 16. 1738

To Mr James Wood, [Deptford]

Jas Colliers prom[isor]y Note to Mr Silvester Esqr dated 11 July last	£100 0 0
A French bill on Peter Flower dated 11 Oct [inst] for	300 0 0
Jane Watsons bill on Messrs Neal & Co. dated 5 Oct <O Sa Co.ds>	207 8 0
Do's on Messrs Robt Dillon dated 18 Do. 40 days	113 5 4
Samuell Arthurs Do. on Samuel Phillips dated 3 Nov at 15 days	15 0 0
Do's Do. on Edwd Halsey dated 4 Do. at 20 days	75 0 0
Do's Do. on Wm Fisher dated 4 Do. at 20 days	71 5 0
Geo Blacks Do. on Robt Willson dated 7 Do. at 28 days	20 0 0
Nich Waltons Do. on Benja Skutt dated 16 Do. at 28 days	98 1 8
	£1000 0 0

Dr Sir

Above is a List of prom[isor]y Notes & Bills amounting to One Thousand pounds on Accot of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate, for which we have made you Dt this day. Pray present our best Services to all friends & we hope you will accept of the same from , Dr Sir

Your most Hble Servts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

16 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to Cuthbert Constable

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 16. 1738

Sir

The Inclosed came to us some time agoe when we were going upon a Collection of the Derwentwater Rents and being then in hurry it was mislaid and neglected . We therefore send you it Inclosed & beg you will give an immediate answer to Mr Corbett with regard to the Securities as Copies of emwill be wanted. We hope you will pardon this omission in us who are, Sir

Your most Obed. Hble Serts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

A Coppy of Wm Corbett Esqrs Lre to Cutht. Constable Esqr. The Original sent Mr Constable 16 Nov. 1738

Sir

I have communicated your Letter of the 29th of September last to the Board of Dirctors of Greenwich Hospitall, who have order'd me to acquaint you, that agreeable

to your desire your Debt of £5900, on the Derwentwater Estate, will be pay'd off at Lady day next with the Interst that will then be due thereon. The Directors desire you will please to order the Securities you have for the said Debt to be laid before His Majes[ty's] Attorney or Sollicitor Generall, or Lett the Comm[issioners] have Coppys of them who will pay the Charges attending the same, in order to prepare proper Assignments thereof.

I am Sir Your most Hble Sert.
Will Corbett

19 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle Novemb. 19th: 1738

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Dear Sir

I Reced yours of the 24th October last with your Rece[ipt]s which were wanting when I was at Keswick & John Pearson's Rece[ip]ts which I had omitted signing the latter I have returned herein Inclosed to you signed by me.

I am glad to hear you have let the Tolls so well to be sure what Charges you are at upon that Accot as I hope they will be moderate must be allowed you when we come to Keswick. You may let the Smith make a Beam for the Farmer of the Tolls if he can doe it for 8 or 9 shillings; but let it be as good as can be made for the money.

I am Yours &c
NW

24 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 24 1738

To Mr John Maule at Greenwich

Dear Sr

We have not sent our last Quarterly Contingent Accot. expecting you would have desired Mr Willock to have sent it us first as you did for the last Quarter, which is the reason we have not yet sent it. Please therefore to give us a sketch of it.

We hope you now & then put the auditor in mind of our Accot. it's a long time since it was settled and its now within a little time of this years accot. comming to his hands, which accot. we must depend upon good Mr Maule & Mr Willock to settle for us for us [sic] for which we will be very gratefull we are

Dear Sir Your Hble Serts. NW, HB

24 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 24. 1738

To Mr Wm Radley, Attorney at Law

Sir

We Reced. yours of the 18 Inst & in answer thereto we find Mr Wood made application to us before he gave answer to the Citation at the Court of Durham, & we also find we gave him reason to hope the Hospitall would Support him in it, nay we find a Petition was laid before the board by Mr Wood before we were appointed Receivers.

Upon Mr Woods application to us we laid the Affair before the Board & acquainted them from time to time with the proceedings as farr as we knew, and after they had made many Enquirys into the same; approved of the Countenance we had given Mr Wood. After Mr Airey was deputed Court keeper, he was advised with upon it, who advised it would be proper to remove the Suit into the Ecclesiastical Court of York, in case Mr Wood was defeated at Durham, which happening to be our case, the same was laid before the Board, who directed that the Suit should be removed according as Mr Airey advised. These Facts will appear from our Letters and the Boards Minutes, from which we apprehend , and always understood it was intended that the Hospitall should bear the whole Expencc of this Suit, for had it not been from the Intention of Supporting the Hospitals right, Mr Wood most certainly would have Compounded it. We are Surprized a prohibition has not been obtained, as Dr Brathwait of York who knew the practice well is positive in his opinion, that it might have been obtained Easily.

Mr Elstobs Estate lyes near Malton in Yorkshire, but we cannot be informed of the name of it, or exactly where it lyes, but we suppose the Sherrif will have no difficulty in finding of it; if it is necessary we will readily make further Enquiry.

Our Speaking or Writing to Milburne Fothers relating the disturbance given to James Dodds the Tennant of Highgreen Colliery, will be of no Consequence, for we have repeatedly done it, & have actually turn'd them of Work by force, yet they have begun again, & will not regard any thing of that kind; therefore it is highly necessary for you to write to them in as Sharp Terms as you can. It should be a joynt Letter Directed to Wm Milburne at Highgreen in Ridsdale Northumberland & you may send it to us if you please as we shall take Care to forw'd it.

We should be glad to hear something of the Tennants Leases, as the want of the, makes the Tennants & us very uneasie & we are

Dr Sir Your most Obed. Sers.

Walton & Boag

28 Nov 1738 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 28. 1738

To Mr Wood at Greenwich

Dr Sir

I had the favours of yours with Mr Samuel Arthurs bill on Sam Philips dated 3 Nov Inst for fifteen pounds Inclosed & Yesterday I sent a Messenger on Purpose to Mr Arthur; who tells me he has had a Letter from Mr Phillips & that he has wrote to him again about the paymt.of the bill from which he apprehends it will Certainly be payd. I have therefore herein returned you it, & hope you will have no other trouble with it than sending for the Money again. He also writes me he has taken care that his other Draughts will be payd punctually. Mr Boag is from home, but is I dare say much at your service & you may be assured I am the same to you & yours, & beg to be Esteemed. Please Pray my kind service to Mr Maule Mr Horn & all friends w[he]n you've an opportunity of se[ei]ng 'em. Dr Sr

Your most Obed. Hble Sert.

Nich Walton

1 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Dec. 1. 1738

To Mr Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

We were favoured with yours of the 21 Novr. Inst with the Boards Minutes of that date whereby we Observe the Colonels & Doctor Lowthers Lease of the Lead mines was that day Executed, which we are very glad to hear and hope the Leases of the tenants will soon follow.

Inclosed we send you our Quarterly Accot. of Contingent payments Ending last Michaelmas which we desire you will be pleased to lay before the Board for their Concurrence who we hope will approve thereof and are

Sr Your most Obedt. Hble Srvts.

NW & HB

Mem. The Contingt accot sent inclosed in this amounted to £28.2.0 ending Mich. 1738

1 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle Dec. 1. 1738

To Mr James Wood

Sir

Mr Arthur was with us yesterday acquainting us that his bill on Wm Fisher dated the 4th Ult and payable at 20 days will not be paid, for which reason have above drawn on Mr Shutt for Seventy One pound five shillings the value thereof payable to you at ten days dat, which will be paid punctually, pray returne us Arthurs bill for £71-5- and acknowledge the above in Lieu thereof. Our complements attend your family and all friends at Greenwich &c and we are

Dr Sr Your most Hble Serts NW & HB

Dr Sir

Ten dayes after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his order Seventy One pounds five shillings value recd. and place it to Sr Henry Liddell Bart. Accot. as advised by Sr Your very Hble Sert. N Walton

To Mr Benj. Shutt at Mr Spurett's upholsterer in Bedford Court Covent Garden London

3 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to George Liddell

Ravensworth Castle Dec 3rd 1738

To George Liddell Esq

Hond. Sir

In answer to yours of the 26th Inst we yesterday waited upon Mr Airey and acquainted him with what you wrote, relating the severall ways proposed for dispatching the Tenants Leases on the Derwentwater Estate for as he is not only a judge of any Inconveniences that might Attend some of the Methods proposed, but in expectation of having a Share of the profits we thought it very proper to have his advise.

It is quite equall to us where they are drawn, provided they are done equally advantageous to the Hospital, with equall expedition & at the same expence but we are apprehensive none of these points will be so well executed at London as here, nay the Draughts must inevitably all be done here, if they are allowed to be Ingrossed in London, And that will loose a great deal of time. As to the printing of them, we are all of opinion it cannot be done as there is various circumstances in the severall farmes which will differ so as no blanks can be left to answer them.

The proffits which may arise from the Tenants leases Mr Airey and we have agreed upon and as Mr Corbetts Clerk Mr Horne expects and must have a share the whole as we have fixed it, provided Mr Radley & Mr Horne agrees thereto will be in 5 shares vizt Mr Airey, Mr Radley, & Mr Horne each one & we to have two shares, We dare venture to say there will be no comparison between the Expence of Drawing in London & the Country, & it is scarce to be disputed, but the Country will be much the

Cheaper, & as we will take care to have 'em done in the Cheapest way, we hope Mr Radley will come into it & allow them to be done here.

We hope at the last Boards meeting this affair would not be fixed & that you will have an opportunity of carrying it in our favour as it will be an Advantage to everybody except Mr Radley in whose place if you carry it Mr Airey then will stand. And it will besides be a great satisfaction to us to have an opportunity of seeing them despatched with as much expedition as the nature of the thing will allow of.

We were very glad to hear you got well with all your Company to London & that you had so fine weather and roads. We doubt Sr Henry will have the Reverse as you have had so much wett to the southward. We hope the George is now in good way of proceeding on her voyage as the winds have been West & No. West since yesterday morning & we are,

Hon Sir Your Obed. Servts

N Walton H Boag

Ravensworth Castle Dec. 3d . 1738

A Copy of the Attorney & Solicitor generals Opinion about the Derwentwater
Leadmine Lease 26 Oct 1738

We have perused this draught and the Acts of Parliament proposal, Sign
Manuels and Resolutions of the gen Court referd to our consideration, And we are of
Oppinion that the Draught is conformable to the Directions of the Act of Parliamt. in all
the particulars thereby required and the covenants therein incerted are proper so farr
as falls within the reach of our judgement, And we likewise think it is agreeable to the
proposal, AnExcept that no Notice is taken in the Draught of that part of the proposal
which relates to the Lessees purchasing the Duty Ore but we have not incerted any
Clause for that purpose as not knowing whether it will be for the Intrest of the
Hospital, or upon what Terms it is to be effected. But whether the Dues herein reserved
are the best that can reasonably be gotten or whether so extensive a Lease is most for
the Intrest of the Estate, or whether there are all the covenants from the Lessees that the
Nature of these leases requires in the Severall Countrys where the Mines Lie (as they
are matter no way within our knowledge) we cannot take upon us to Determine, and
therefore can give no opinion whether in these respects it is advisable for the
Commiss[i]oners to Grant this Lease or Not.

D. Ryder J. Strange

Here follows the Q[ue]r[ie]s made by the Director to the Att[orne]y & Sol[icitor]
General's opinion on the foregoing side.

The Directors of Greenwich Hospital having the Opinion of Mr Att. And Mr
Solicitor Generals upon the Lease &c, And being desirous to lay the same before a

General Court to be held on the 16th in such manner as may give Intire Satisfaction to the Court will take it as a favour to be Inform'd whether the Doubts Expressed in the sd. Opinion proceed from any Difficulty Mr Att. & Mr Sollistor General may have of Approving what is proposed to be done by the Genl. Court as in any degree contrary to their judgement or merely from a Caution of not giving an Opinion in Matters which are of such a nature as it is Impossable to suppose they they can be versed in, and Unreasonable to expect any posative opinion upon.

Answer

The Doubts Expressed in our Opinion did not proceed from any Difficulty we had from Approving what is proposed to be done by the Genl. Court as in any Degree contrary to our judgements. But the Question put to us by the Resolution of the 29 Sept last being whether [underscored: 'upon consideration of the whole'] the Lease proposed was advisable for the Commiss[ioner]s to grant, We thought it proper upon so Complicated a question to Distinguish between what fell within the Compass of our profession and not, And the Doubts now Inquired after arose from our Caution in not giving an opinion in matters which from their nature we could not possibly be supposed to be versed in, or give any positive opinion upon.

D: Ryder J: Strange

3rd Nov 1738

3 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Dec. 3. 1738

To Wm Corbett Esq.

Sir

Inclosed herein we send you our Cash Accot. for last Month, on which reminds a Balance of Seventy pounds Nineteen shillings & sixpence halfpenny in favour of the Hospitall.

As the Collonels Lead Mine Lease is now out of the way we should be glad to have the pleasure of seeing the Tennants Leases putt forward as the great number of them will take up a good deale of time & we are, Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

3 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle Dec. 3. 1738

To Mr Horne

Dr Sir

Inclosed herein we send you a Copsy of our Letter to Mr Radley of this date, in which you being equally concerned, we desire you will consider it jointly with him & lett us know your thoughts thereon, & as you see occasion we hope you'll make use of your friends at the Board in what appears of the mutuall benefit.

We have now prepared a Draught of the Lead Mine Lease to send our friend in Scotland for the usual, a Copsy whereof shall be sent Mr Corbett by next postor the post afterwards. If we gett it accomplished in the way it is intended & the mine be worth anything the Low Duty will make us all great. Besides you will not observe so strict covenants and [Cott] & his ptners are subt [enants ?] to us in Alston Moore. It is made as advantageous to us as is possible.

Out joynt Complements attend Mr Corbett & his family, who pray acquaint with the progress the intended Lead Mine Lease is making into No. Britain. It goes away on Tuesday next. And we drsire you will present our services to all friends & to your family in particular & we are Dr Sr

Yours &c W & Boag.

3 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle Dec.3. 1738

To Mr Wm Radley

Dear Sir

As the Collonels Lead Mine Lease is now Executed, we hope will open a way for the poor Tennants Leases soon to follow. They have been in great agonie about them and many never expect to see one in this part of the world. However as we hope they will soon be convinced to the contrary, we think proper to order for their dispatch, to lay before you the following proposal, whereby we hope, the greatest dispatch will be made, & the greatest profits accrue to us all.

We have been informed it has been proposed, to have all these Leases print'd, & to leave blanks for the Pcells, and different covenants, a thing which we can no way think practicable, for it is impossible to doe it unless all circumstances of Farmes were alike, which cannot be supposed to be the case in an Estate so very Extensive as the Derwentwater Estate is, for it is well known that even in Estates, even joyning one upon another the customs differ greatly. These are the Reasons we have to give against their being printed, & hope they are such as will joyn your sentiments in order to lay aside that scheme.

This therefore being the case it remaines to consider in what way they can be best drawn, and engross'd, at the Easiest Expence & with the most Expedition, Now in order to this we think in the first place all the Draughts must be made here or at least the most of them, which must be transmitted to you, if they are Engrossed in London, which will take up a great deal of time, & give a great deal of trouble, and as you will we think haveno profit in the Engrossing of them, it seemsin all respects most

convenient to have 'em done here as they will be done at the following Expences. Drawing 5s engrossing 2 parts 8/4d & Parchment & Duty 5s, in all 18/4d a pair, nay we hope something may be saved in the Drawing as in some places Farmes will be equally circumstanced & no alteration but in the Pcells.

We do not propose this Sir as a thing any way to interfere with your Interest, but as a thing of mutual benefit to us all who expect to have shares in the Profitts, & that the business may be dispatch'd with all the Expedition the Nature of the thing will allow. If we are mistaken in any thing, or that you think Mr Aireys prices too high, pray lett us know your sentiments, as we will be govern'd by you in anything which seems mutually advantageous.

We have had in the letting of the Estate an intolerable deal of trouble & very great Expence, which the Hospitall have never made us any allowance for, which is a reason why we may expect more than a quarter part of the profits by these leases. It was originally intended to be between You, Mr Horne & us, but Mr Airey who is concerned in the Affair expecting a share will make it to us all of less Vallue, We hope for the reasons above we may be thought by you & Mr Horne not unreasonable in proposing the division of the Profitt to be into five parts, that is You, Mr Horne, Mr Airey and we two each one fifth, for besides the great trouble we have had, we shall yett have a great deal & be putt to Considerable Expence.

It is a Custom in this Country that the Landlord & Tennant bear the Expence of Leases equally & the prices of 'em are general two Guineas a pair, but whether that should be a standard for us or not we cannot tell, you will therefore consider it with Mr Horne & let us know your joynt thoughts. It should also be represented to the Hospitall that one half of the expence will be upon them, so as they may give Consent thereto, & prevent any misunderstanding about it hereafter.

We will be glad to hear from you as soon as it is convenient in answer to this. Mr Airey joyns with us in complements to you & all friends at Greenwich & we are

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

8 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Dec.8. 1738

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed we send you a Draught of the Intended Lease of the Lead Mine in Scotland, which was proposed to you to be concerned in wth Mr Horne and us. It is sent to the Gent[leman] who ha shad the Transacon of the Affair. The Lease is drawn in as favourable a manner as possible as we think for us as Lessees, but if any thing is of your opinion otherwise pray lett us know by returne of the post that we may acquaint the Gentn. therewith.

We have desired the Lease may be Ingross'd in Scotland & have appointed to meet the Gentr. (who is a member of Parliament) at Carlisle with the Lessor, in order that it may be Executed by him & us there, & he will bring the Counterpart to London for you & Mr Horne to Execute there. In the Draught of the Lease you will observe the Due is 1/10th but as we doubt we cannot have it under a Ninth we have left in in [sic] the power of our friend to make it so if he cannot otherwise.

Your Oates shall be sent by the first ship, we are sorry you have wanted them & are,
Sir Your most Hble Serts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

PS Tho' we are Joynt Lessees in the Articles of Partnership, your share shall be what ever you chuse.

9 Dec 1738 William Radley to Matthew Milburn

[Note: Dated in the Greenwich Hospital Receivers' letter book December 16th, 1738, but Radley's signature dated December 9th.]

To Mr Matthew Milburn at High Green in Wark Manour
The original sent the 16th Dec 1738

Mr Milbourn

The Comm[issioner]s of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich having had several Complaints of several Trespasses & Violences by you & your Accomplices Committed and of great damage thereby done to the Colliery called Tarret Burn of highgreen & Blackburn in the parish of Simonburn in Northumberland, now in the possession of & worked by James Dodds of Smiddiwell Rigg & of several persons being threatned obstructed & Ill Intreated who have fetched Coales from th pitts there, in order to prevent Mr Dodds disposing of his Coales or having any benefits from the same; which in the Consequence is a great Setriment to the Comm[issioner]s of the Hospital who are Intitled to the profits of these collierys by act of Parliament and have Ordered me to Acquaint you that they will Direct you to be severely prosecuted for the Injuriys and wrongs by you already done, if you doe not Immediately after this Notice forbear to Commit any others and permit Mr Dodds to worke the said Collierys quietly & without any Interrupcon for the Future.

If any Detriments is done to you by keeping you out of any Rights or Interests you legally have or Claim in these collierys it would be more agreeable to Represent it in a proper manner to the Comm[issioner]s of the Hospital who would consider it with as much Equality and Justice as is possible, and if it should appear you had any Legall Rights or Colour of Rights therein would I dare answer for them adjust the Difference in an amiable way or put it in [....] to be tryed at law or otherwise as Councill shall advise. But the Methods you practise (as the Commrs are Informed and by good proof

I do not doubt will appear to be too true) are Certainly very unjustifiable the Law abhorring [force] and hope you from the many ill consequences that attend it will dislike and forbear doing any violences hereafter and if you have any Claim in Law you will prosecute it in such a manner, as it may be determined by the Law of the Land, & cease doing any unwarrantable acts of force or wrong for the future.

Your most Hble Servant

Wm Radley

Decembr 9th 1738 Greenwich

A True Copy / Witness A Morrison

12 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Wharton

[Note: Wharton was a lawyer engaged for Walter Blackett in the 1750s]

Ravenworth Castle Decembr.12. 1738

To Mr Wharton Attorney at Law in Newcastle

Sir

The Arrear of Rent due from Mr Blackett at Martinmas 1734 was return'd to the Comm[issioners] of Greenwich Hospitall by the late Rec[eive]rs amongst severall other arrears, a Schedule whereof was sent to us, in order that we might receive them, & pursuant to the order we had, Mr Blacketts arrear was demanded by us, of Mr Ellis who pay'd it by our direction to Mr Bunting our Bailiff & he accounted for it to us the 31 December 1737, on which day it was brought to Accot. by us with the Commrs. Of the Hospitall, being part of £9 ---d then recd in the following words

1737 Decembr 31 To Walter Balckett Esq reced of him from Mr Ellis in full for Rent of sams Island due at Mayday 1737 £9

You will please to observe that the Suit for the recovery of this arrear was commenced while Mr Grieve was Sherriff, & on his applycation to us we acquainted him it was pay's, & then proceedings was stop'd or at least in all this time we heard no more of it. If this trouble we have had in it be occasioned by any Fee not being pay'd I hope Mr Richmond will give directions to see them discharged, as to be sure any expence that has accrued has been by no neglect of ours.

We have wrote this day to the Sec[retary] of the Hospitall to satisfy Mr Denton or any person that apply to him of this money being pay'd which I hope will be sufficient on our part & prevent any further trouble to Mr Blackett or to Sir Your Most Hble Sert

Nich Walton

12 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Dec.12th 1738

To Wm Corbett Esqr London

Sir

We recd yours last post wth the Boards Minutes of the 6th of Decemb Inst wch we Duly Observe & in such pticulars as answers are required we will give our answer as farr as we can next post we hope you will excuse it this post as we cannot doe it for want of time.

Mr Wharton the Undersherrif for the County of Northumberland writes us he has orders to levy upon the Goods of Mr Blackett for <an> arrear of the Rent for Sams Island due at Martinmas 1734, wch you will observe is in the List of Arrears you sent us & was recd by us and brought to acct. the 31st December 1737 being part of £9 recd that day in full of <.> of Sams Island due Mayday 1737. We have spoke to Mr Blacketts agents here about it, who will order Mr Denton or some person to wait upon you in order to be satisfied if we have accounted regularly for it, in wch you will please to give him satisfaction. & youll much oblige, Sir

Your most Hble & Obedt Servts

N Walton H: Boag

15 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to George Liddell

[Note: This appears to be unfinished, and it is followed by a blank page.]

Ravensworth Castle Decemr 15th: 1738

To George Liddell Esqr

Honrd Sir,

We reced Yours of the 6th Inst and are sorry to find you have so much Trouble about the Survey of the Derwentwater Estate, with regard to the Gratification for Isaac Thompson, as he had not the Benefitt by Surveying the Commons.

We have gone thro' all that has been said about it to us and the Letters we have wrote to the Board & cannot find we had any Direction to make the Agreement with Mr Thompson, nor does it appear that ever an Agreement was made by the Directors for Surveying the Inngrounds only. We have also got of Mr Ellison what letters he had from you relating the Survey & his answer to you setting forth the conversation he had with Mr Thompson upon the Treaty & as follows you have a Transcript of the whole as farr as is material wth our Remarks thereon,

1735 Nov 19th

Mr Corbett acquaints us that the Directors are [underscored: 'willing to agree'] with Mr Isaac Thompson to Survey the Estate Inngrounds and Commons together to Map the Same in a Folio Book with vellum leaves, a farme or Small estate in a Sheet or Leafe, the said Maps to contain the Buildings, Rivers, Brooks, Roads, Pitts, Quarries & other Remarkables & to have a Field Book with the value and quantity and a Duplicate of the whole to be made in Quarto for two pence per acre, the Charge of the Books to be defray'd by the Hospital.

You will observe Sir by this Minute the Directors are [underscored: 'willing to agree'] which we understand it means no more than a power for you to agree on these terms, so that as no Agreement appears to hve been made in pursuance of it, the repeating it the 3 December invests you with a power to agree for the Inngrounds at 2 ½ d per acre.

1735 Dec 4th

In yours to Mr Ellison you say 'I shall have the Court of Directors Orders to agree with Mr Thompson at 2 ½ d per acre for Inngrounds maps &c in case we doe not survey the commons & if we doe then 1 ½ d per acre for them, or to be in the option of the commissioners to have the whole done at 2 pence, both Inlands & Commons, if they think it better so that it shall be in their option which to take.

1735/6 Janry 6th

Thomas Corbett Esqr. writes to N.Walton & adds a Postscript, & says 'You will doe well to quicken Mr Thompson in the Survey of the Estates, which is very much wanted to be done as soon as possible. The Agreement with him is that he is to survey all the Inngrounds of the Estate (Except Scremerston which he has done already, and to Map the same in a Folio Book with Vellum Leaves, a Farm, or Small Estate in a sheet or Leafe the said Maps to Contain the Buildings Rivers Brooks Pitts quarries & other Remarkable things, and to have a Field Book with the Vallue & Quantity; & a Duplicate of the whole to be made in Quarto at 2½ d per acre, the Charge of the Books to be defrayed by the Hospital.

You will be pleased to observe Sir that here is an order to quicken Mr Thompson in the Survey, but no order to make any agreement with him, nay on the contrary he says an agreement was made, wch was not in fact so as will appear, by your letter of this date to Mr Robert Ellison, which we quote as follows.

1735/6 Janry 6th

You say 'Mr Corbett writes to their Receivers at Keswick & orders them to agree with Isaac Thompson, for Surveying th Estate & writ to them to send you that order. But as it may loose time & as I question whether it may be so fully expressed I therefore send you inclosed, Mr Corbetts Letter to me in Novrlast, & a Minute of his Conference

and mine upon it on what Terms he was willing to doe it if the Commissioners agreed to it which they doe only Incert that he shall putt the Valuation to the several parcells or sorts of land in each Farm or Estate, wch he did not then agree to as you see by my Minute, he alledging he was not a Judge of the value of Land in such distant parts of the Country. But I think he might considering the Quantity afford to pay a Judicious man for doing it; or pay a Certain Sum & we appoint the Valuers. Pray will you treat with him & observe that you do not run into an Error and mistake one another. In the Minute it is said that he will map the Inngrounds at 2½ d & the Commons if Desired at 1 ½ d so that it wou'd seem prima Facie that he was to have 2½ d for all that he surveyed except Common, but that was not my meaning nor his as I think I can demonstrate. He Surveyed Scremmerston for which he had 2d per Acre wch estate was 1100 Acres of Inngrounds & 1800 Acres of Outgrounds which he calls Moore, I take it in most of the estates, there are Inngrounds , Outgrounds & Moors – If he Surveys the Inngrounds & Outgrounds if not clearly Express'd he will have 2½ d per Acre for both wch I do not think wou'd be right, for where open Grounds are only Rounded with the Chain it shou'd only be 1½ d I think, but pray talk to him on that Subject & lett me know.'

Now Sir by this Letter of yours and the Words Scored under it is palin no agreement was then made by the Directors or You, but that Mr Ellison was to Transact it with Mr Thompson & acquaint you with his proceedings thereon, wch it will afterwards appear he did & acquainted you with it accordingly.

1735/6 Janry 8th

You say in your Letter to Mr Robert Ellison 'That Mr Thompson will undertake to Survey the whole of the Derwentwater Estates & to Map in a Book of Folio Vellum & in another of Quarto Vellum or Thick paper, & to make a Field Book to each Book containing Buildings Rivers &c at 2½ d per Acre, & also the Commons if desired at 1½ d per Acre. The whole to be exactly Surveyed and Map'd after the best manner. There is also one thing to be explain'd. He said what he offered to doe it for, was cheaper than he had ever done for any one whereas he Surveyed Scremmerston which was only 948 Acres & 1900 of Moore, & he had for the whole 2d per Acre. The 1900 I think is out pasture or Moore, if therefore he were to have Surveyed it again by the aforesaid Minutes at 2½ d and 1½ d then I agree it wou'd be cheaper but by the above Minute

15 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to Mr Rutherford

Ravensworth Castle 15 December 1738

Mr Rutherford

We desire that you will enquire of some of the oldest and most judicious men in and about Scremmerston at what time and by what means or accident Scremmerston

Colliery was first sett on Fire and how long it is since and lett us know by the return of the post or as soon as you can. Pray be very particular.

If your men should want work for some time the Colliery must be Saved from Burning if possible, so we hope you have used the means we approve of for that purpose w are Sir your Hble Servts

NW. H:B.

15 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle 15 Decemr 1738

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

We Reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 6th Instant which we duely observe, but Scremerston Colliery lying at so great a distance cannot this post acquaint you with the occasion of her being sett on Fire: we have wrote to be informed of it, and as soon as we can will lett you know.

We do not find by any Copy of Letter or other Memorandum that we acquainted Mr Thompson with the postscript of the secretarys Letter dated the 6th January 1735 But we believe we did. We never understood that postscript carryd the sense of Surveying the Ingrounds only; - for tho' he is said to Survey the Ingrounds at 2½ d per Acre he never offerd to do them under 3d per Acre and therefore we understood it and still do understand it to imply no more than the price Intended to be given him for Inground when surveyd with Commons jointly and that the Stress of this Minute was to Inforce the Survey of the Ingrounds first, so as the proper use might be made of it.

At the time the above Minute as made it is certain no Agreement was made with Mr Thompson, for it appears plain there was not from a Letter of Mr Robert Ellisons of the 16th Janry following to Geo:Liddell Esqr who had given Mr Ellison direction to make the Agreement and Draw an Article in pursuance of it. That part of the Letter which relates to the agreement we have from the Copy here Transcribed for the satisfaction of the Board as follows. In obedience to your Commands of the 8th Inst I have here transmitted the Draught of an Article with Isaac Thompson for the Survey of the Derwentwater Estate which I wish may be Drawn in such form as to meet with your Approbation. At the beginning of it I would have inserted that he shou'd undertake to survey the whole or any such part of the estates as he shou'd from time to time be Directed , But to this he objected as he might thereby be obliged to do all the troublesome part of it only and that his offer to you at the severall prices of 2½ d & 1½ d per acre was in consideration of having what was beneficiall as what was not and as I presume the Hospital will think proper to have a general Survey of the whole, I struck at the words he Desired me further to observe to you Sir, that for the more exact Computation of the Quantity he intends to survey by a scale of four chains to an inch which must be afterwards contracted to bring into the folio Book and a second time for

the Quarto book which will cost him a great deal of pains and was it not for Advantage of surveying the whole Estate he could not possibly undertake it at so low a rate.

This we Believe was the agreement with Mr Thompson and no Doubt Colonel Liddell acquainted the Directors with it tho' probably it might not be at any Boards meeting which occasions it not being Minuted. We are satisfied Mr Thompson always understood it so and we do assure you it was always so understood by Sir &c

N.W. H.B

25 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to Ralph Wood

Ravensworth Castle Decemr 25th 1738

To Mr Ra. Wood at Rivergreen near Morpeth

Mr Wood

We Desire & shall be glad if you will gett us your Bill of Costs, Inc[urre]d in the Cause Moore against Wood, we hope that you will lose no time in this because it may be in our power now to Assist you in it.

Which part of the Costs you doe not know it will , we hope be worth your while to Stir about & gett them, so as they may all be putt together. Mr Everinghams Charge should be included.

We wait impatiently for the Remaining part of your Rent and hope you will come & pay it before the Old Year End, that it may not be Returned as an Arrear for another year which if it does may occasion your Receiving less favour from the Board than otherwise you may doe. We are

Sr Your Hmb.Servts

N Walton H Boag

29 Dec 1738 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Decemr 19 1738

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Mr John Wake a Common brewer in Newcastle and of of [sic] good Repute has proposed to us to take Dilston House on Lease for 21 Years at £10 per Ann where he proposes setting up a Common Brewery & would by the two Coppers and other brewing [Implements] which are now a Dead Stock upon the Hospitals hands. He has given us an offer to be P[ar]tners with him in the undertaking which we have agreed to Accept of provided the Hospital have no Objection as we hope they will not in a thing that no way interferes in their Intrest.

The present Tenant is James Thompson a Tenant at will at the yearly Rent of Six pounds with the allowance of 30 fother of Coales for Airing the Rooms, wch allowance of Coales we expect to have for that purpose. We presume it will be Necessary to advertise six Months according to the Act of Parliament so that any other person may have an opportunity of offering what Rent they please and as soon as it is so advertised a proposal shall be made by us in conjunction with Mr Wake and whatever any other person may offer for it we will give or More than any body.

We hope the Directors will give their Concurance in this & we begg you will lay it befor them at their first Meeting, so as no time may be lost in putting in an advertisement and youle greatly oblige

Sr Your Most Hble Servts
NW & HB

16 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle Janry 16 1738/9

To Mr Rich Horne

Dear Sr

We recd your kind favour of the 11th Jnry with the Boards minutes of the 10th Also We are extreemly oblided to you for your kind intimation and caution relating what Happned about Dilson [sic] House and we intend to Observe it during the time we shall have the Honour of being concernd for the Derwentwater Estate.

Neither the Gentleman who proposed nor we intended to use the Hall as a brewery, only to use the Brewhouse and old barne so, which are outhousing only. We are to yourselfe & family

Dr Sr Your most Hble Svts
N Walton H Boag

21 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Janry 21 : 1738/9

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed we send you our cash accot ending the 31 December last when there remaind a balance of £292.19.8½ in favour of the Hospital, and as we are prepairing the Gen[eral] Abstract for the whole year we hope to be able to send it soon as usuall, in order that it may be settled accordingly.

We reced the Boards Minutes of the 10th January Instant which we duely observe and beg leave to acquaint the Board, that it never was Intended to make use of

any p[ar]t of Dilston Hall Except the Brewhouse and Old Barn as a common Brewery, but as it is their pleasure to have it otherwise it shall be our Care and Endeavour to Lett the House on Better terms or continue the present Tenant at the present rent.

Inclosed we send you Mr Stephenson Moor Master Accot. of Ore raised in the Derwentwater Estate from Michaelmas to Christmas last, showing the Number of hands imployed, the Mines at work and those yet lying unwrought; as also an Abstract of the whole years quantities showing the Amount of the Dues payable at lady day next, from George Liddell Esqr and Partners Amounting in the whole to £ [left blank].

You have likewise Inclosed a Copy of a Letter we have had from Mr Rutherford and partners relating Berwick Colliery by which you will please to observe that Colliery has been on fire about 50 years; and we are apprehensive before she is on a good footing a new Levell must be Drove, therefore the sooner the Lease of the same is granted the more it will be of advantage to the Hospital an we are Sir &c

Nicho Walton Hugh Boag

[accompanied by the usual quarterly moormaster's accounts, and duty ore account for 1738, transcribed in spreadsheet form elsewhere]

21 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravs. Castle Janry 21 . 1738/9

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

We reced yours of the 30 Decembr. last when we were going abroad, and since we came home, have been so Engaged that we realy could not answer sooner, we likewise reced yours of the 13th janry instant in due course, and are much obliged to you as we are to Mr Horne for the Hint you give us in relation to Dilston Hall, we have never yet been concernd in the most Minute Article under the Hospital nor you may be assured we never will, and indeed we are very easy and no way disappointed in this.

This Day pursuant to your Direction we have drawn upon you for the undermentioned particulars, paid upon your accot. for Oates and Bareing, and as Oates are now lower than they have been in our marketts for some time if the George comes in so as we can have the advantage of next Saturdays Markett day , we will fill your sacks and returne them by her. in April is the very worst time for Buying so that if you have roome to lay them your best way is to lay in a stock now.

1738 July 15 Pd Mr Geo:Black for oates sent by the Prince Fredrick £10 6 9 1/2

Dec.22 Pd Mr Jno. Rawling for bareing at Darnhall his Expen. 33 1 8

30 Pd Mr Geo:Black for oates sent by the Geor of NCastle 7 11 9

in all £51 10 2 1/2

for which have drawn a Bill dated this day payable to Mr Benja Shutt 10 days after date.

Mr George Claughton who mett Mr Boag at Darnhall has not yett been been paid anything for his trouble, Expences and loss of time on that journey, but we have ordered him to make his demand, which after he has done we will lett you know before he is paid, that you may give such directions as you think proper therein.

Mr Thompson will we expect write to you this post in relation to the Survey of Darnhall Estate if he did not doe so the last.

We are very glad to hear the little Horse you gott at the Collonells proves to your liking and doe not doubt but he will Continue to perform many 30 miles days works in your hands.

The Gentleman in Scotland has not been so kind as to answer Mr Boags letter in which was Inclosed the Draught of the Lead Mine Lease, which makes us suspect he does not act fairly by us, and we are doubtfull may convert that which was intended for ours to his own use. When we have any notice abt it you shall be acquainted therewith. And we are Sr Yours &c

Nicho Walton Hugh Boag

21 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

[Note: James Wood, Deputy Treasurer at Greenwich]

Ravs. Castle Janry 21 . 1738/9

To Mr James Wood

Sir

Your Letter of the 29 of December last came to hand in course with Mr Saml. Arthurs Bill on Samuel Phillips inclosed for £15, in lieu of which as above you have a Bill for the value on demand wch we are sory you had not before, but when your letter came to hand it chanced that we were going abroad and so it slipt our memory which we hope you will excuse.

This day Mr Boag writes to Colonel Liddell to desire him to pay you the money back which he recd at the Board, and to take up his receipt as you desire which no Doubt but he will doe on Receipt of Mr Boags letter, and we are with kind Respects to your self and Family and to all our good Friends at Greenwich &c

Dear Sr Yours &c

N.W. H.B.

21 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Hunter

[Note: James Hunter, Auditor of the Greenwich Hospital accounts]

Ravs. Castle Janry 21 . 1738/9

To James Hunter Esqr

Sir

We hope before this time our last Accot. is passed and should be glad to hear that it was. We have desired Mr Benj. Shutt to wait on you and pay you the £18.18 due upon the passing that Accot. and we have taken the liberty to charge it in our last Months accot. of Csh Ending 31 December 1738 tho' you was not then really paid so as it might fall within the Accot. for last year.

We are Sir Yr &c N.W. , H.B.

21 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravens. Castle Janry 21 . 1738/9

To Mr Maule

Dear Sir

We were favoured with yours of the 11th Janry Inst in due course and are sorry to hear our Quietus is not yett obtained, but as you are so kind as repeat your good offices in that affair, we Doubt not but you will get it for us in the time Mr Hunter mentions. when it is Compleat if you would be so good as acquaint Mr Benja. Skut in Kings Street St Anns London by giving him two Lines he will wait upon you or Mr Hunter for it and pay Mr Hunter his Fees.

This day our Cash Accot. is sent Mr Corbett by which it will now be soon in your hands, but as it will be giving you a great deal of Trouble, we think it will be better to make the Abstract here according to the last years plan, which after you have Examined if any Alterations are necessary you will we Doubt not make them and return it to us to fair draw and sign and make a proper Affidavit to it. A new Rental is also making ready which will be sent you as soon as Finnished in the mean time you will be very kind in sending us the Quarterly Contingent Payments which pray be so good as order your Clerk to draw out or any thing else that you se necessary.

Inclosed we send you a Bill on Mr Benja. Skut for ten Guineas which we desire you will accept of in Consideration of the trouble and Expence which will attend you in the setting the accot. ending the 31st December last. As Colonel Liddell has now gott his Lead Mine Lease we hope you will hear from him in a few days if you have not already .

We will gett you a piece of black lead and send it as soon as we can and are to yourself your family and all Friends

Your most obedt. Hble Servts

Nicho. Walton Hugh Boag

21 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Willock

[Note: James Willock appears to be Mr Maule's chief clerk at Greenwich]

Ravensworth Castle Janry 21 . 1738/9

To Mr James Willock

Dr Sir

We had the favour of yours of the 13th Inst in due course and we had one from Mr Maule the post before to which we have given answer this day.

A Rental is now prepairing and will be sent you as soon as it is finished, and as you advise it will be proper to leave out Grindon Slate Quarry, Tho' we do Expect the arrear will be all paid. We have wrote to Mr Maule that we are prepairing the Abstract of our Accot. which will be Examined and altered as he sees proper and then that it may be sent us down to draw over fair, sign and sware to which he will naturally bring it before you to receive your good offices in rectifying any Mistakes which we may have made thro' inadvertance and we have desired Mr Maule will give you leave to draw out the contingent Accot. to 31st December last and any other thing which is necessary in which we doe not doubt your readiness.

Mrs Twizle was Tenant of Hartburn Grainge till Mayday 1737 and has paid up all Rent due at the time for Hartburngrange but stands in arrear £25 for Whittles and Lee Houses due then in Expectation of having an Allowance made by the Hospital in Consideration of an Expence which her Husband was at in Dividing the Comon belonging to the Estate she is now in partnership with Liddell and Gallowley and Arthur who have all paid their Rent for Hartburngrange to May last.

A state of Keswick Arrears shall come with the Abstracted yearly accot.

Herewith you will receive a Bill on Mr Benja. Skut for five Guineas which pray accept of in Consideration of the trouble with which you will be attended in drawing one and putting our accot. forward Ending 31st December last in which we are well assured of all the good offices which are desired by Dr Sir Yr most Hble Servts

Nicho: Walton

Hugh Boag

21 Jan 1739 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Skutt

[Note: Sir Henry Liddell, 4th Bt. of Ravensworth Castle was created Baron Ravensworth in 1747. He was Whig MP for Morpeth at the time of this letter, and a founder member of the 'Grand Alliance' cartel of colliery owner with his uncle Colonel George Liddell of Eslington. Nicholas Walton had been Sir Henry's agent at Ravensworth Castle before his appointment as Greenwich Hospital Receiver.]

Ravensworth Castle Janry 21 . 1738/9

To Mr Benja Shutt

Dr Sir

I have this day drawn upon you three Bills undermentioned for the value of which have accounted to Sir hen: Liddell Bart. Here therefore Charge them to his accot. viz

One bill dated this day payable to Mr James Wood for £15 at 10 days date	£15
One bill dated this day payable to Mr John Maule for 10 Guineas on Demand	£10.10
One Bill dated this day payable to Mr James Willock for 5 Guineas on demand	£5. 5
	£30.15.0

Our Quietus for the accot. settled when Mr Boag was last in London is now we expect ready, therefore we desire you will wait upon Mr Hunter, and pay him Eighteen Guineas the expence of passing it and that sum what you last year laid out for Mr Boag and me pray Charge in your accot. with Sir Hen: Liddell bart. as it shall be accounted for here on Receipt of yours acquainting me that you have so charged it.

Most of the Bluestone Mills in London are as we are informed altered that is the Blue Stones which formerly were in use are taken off and instead thereof French Stones laid upon their Mills: now as we have at present occasion for a pair of Blue Stones we desire you will Enquire if a pair casten good ones are to be had four foot 6 inches Diameter at a reasonable rate, but if not pray buy us a pair of new Blew Stones of that size which we reckon will cost about £15 a pair as <the> price here is £16. You may probably be assisted in the Choice of em by a professed Miller both as to now or old and particularly in the price and goodness of the old casten ones. These stones we desire may be sent by the George next voyage.

Yrs &c

Nicho. Walton

27 Jan 1739 Hugh Boag to John Maule

Rav. Castle Janry 27th . 1738/9

To Mr Jno Maule

Sir

We reced. yours of the 20 inst but yesterday and are sorry our Cash Accot. for Decer. Last was not sooner sent as it is so wanted, we did what we could to gather in all the Money profits within the old year which helped to Delay it.

We sent it from this place the 21 Inst. as also the Quarters accot of Ore raised Ending the 31 Decer. 1738 and an Abstract of the whole year; and we reckon they would be wth Mr Corbett the 24 Inst. We also of that same day wrote you & Mr

Willock, which we hope you recd. [Your] we hope would be an answer to your last before this. I am for Mr Walton & selfe

Sr Your most Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

PS My Hble service to all friends at Greenwich, & I hope you will not forget good MrS Maule, but I hope we shall have no more parliamtry enquireys.

11 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Feby 11. 1738/9

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

We Reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 31 January last, wch shall be duly Observed; The Colliery at Scremmerston has been this week View'd by Mr Boag and an Experienced Viewer sent from this place, but not having had time to Consider it fully we cannot send you a report thereof before next Post, when you will receive it with a Computation of the Expençe of the new Levell.

Mr Armorer has about twelve Acres of Land lying in Ridges amongst the Inclosed Lands at Scremmerston, and is Entitled to Six Stints or CowGates besides, in the Inclosed Lands likewise; by which he has a right to a Share in the undivided Common in proportion to his Inclosed lands. Now the Tennants of Scremmerston, having taken that Estate on Lease for Twenty One Years, have agreed amongst themselves to divide & Improve the Moore without first agreeing with Mr Armorer to Sett of his Share, wch has Caused the Complaint. They have now agreed to Sett him off his share, and have on Each Side Chose a person to determine what that Share shall be, which will putt an end to this dispute. You will please to Observe the Directors are no way Concerned in this Division, being a thing the Tennants have only agreed upon for their mutuall benefit; which nevertheless the Hospitall will be greatly benefitted by at the end of the present Terme.

Inclosed we Send you our Quarterly Contingent payments ending the 31 December last, which you will please to Lay before the Board for their approbation & you'll greatly Oblige Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

[Table of payments mentioned is not included in the volume]

11 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

[Note: Joseph Pearson was the Hospital's bailiff in Keswick. The new newspaper was the Newcastle Journal, first published the following year by William Cuthbert and the printer Isaac Thompson.]

Ravensworth Castle Feby 11 . 1738/9

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Mr Person [sic]

Yours of the 18 January last came in Course to this place but in the hurry of business was omitted answering.

As to Phineas Mark Goods, they must to be sure be sold to the best advantage in which you can want no directions as you had a direction to doe everything which appears most for the Hospitalls advantage, wch you must pursue.

The lands late in the Poss[ess]ion of Gawen Moen Presume was Legally given up, wch if they were, you must take Care to Lett them on the best Terms you can for one year to a good Tennant, but if they were not Legally given up, the present Tennant must stand to them one year, but you will doe in it as you Judge most for the benefitt & advantage of the Hospitall.

When your Letter came to this place Captain Airey was in our River, to whom I apply'd about your Box of Linnen, & he promised me he would take Care to Enquire about it, as probably it might be delivered amongst Sir Henry Liddells goods. I expect the capn. Again in a few days, & hope to give you an Acct that it is safely delivered. It was not Left at Newcastle therefore the mistake has happened in the delivery at London.

You will receive Inclosed some proposals for Pointing a News paper at Newcastle wch I desire you will deliver amongst your friends & recommend it to their Encouragement, it will be the most Compleat thing of its kind and as Mr Thompson has the Conduct of it, I make no doubt but you will upon his Acct as well as mine doe him all the service in your powers wch will greatly Oblige

Your most Hble Sert.

Nicho. Walton

11 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to Christopher Dobson

Ravensworth Castle Feby 11 . 1738/9

To Mr Chris. Dobson

Sir

We reced yours of the 30 january last & are in as much Concern as you can Imagine, in the disappointment we mett with, by not meeting you at Hartside Fell, in order to Settle the differences between you & us relating the Boundary of Hartside

Colliery, but you may be assured of our attending you as soon as the Weather will permit which we hope may be in March next, in our way to Keswick, therefore in the meantime we desire you will not suffer your workmen to proceed, as that may probably only Exasperate & prevent the dispute being settled in an amicable way.

Whether it may appear in your favour or not we cannot pretend to say, but if it does we dare venture to say the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital will no way Interfere with you in the Enjoyment of what appears they have no Claim to, neither will they suffer any person whatever to encroach upon what the Derwentwater Family always Enjoyd, in whose places they now stand.

This dispute is Certainly not worth Contending about & you may be assured it shall be Considered with an Impartial Eye, and every thing shall be done by us Consistant with our Duty to the Comm[issioners] to prevent any dispute in Law by

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

13 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Febry 13th . 1738/9

To Wm Corbett Esqr, London

Sirs

In Obedience to the Boards order of the 31st Janry last we have viewed Scremerston Colly again & in order that we might be safe in the view, and give the Board the utmost satisfaction we possibly can, have Employed Mr James Burns an Able Viewer, to view along with us the said Colliery & give his Opinion & a sketch & a Computation of bringing up the said Levell.

The Breadth that will be Winn by this Levell is abt. 90 yards and if something unforeseen does not happen in the Execution of this worke, this Levell may be brought up for £530 – as the Ten[ant]s have not above 12 Months worke before all the Coale they can get by this winning is wrought out & it will Require by the Computation 52 Weeks or a Year to bring the Levell up, something should be Determined upon soon for the present tents. are for Petitioning the Board for an Allow[an]ce or an abatement in Rent till she is winn we are

Sr Your Humble Servts

N:Walton H:Boag

15 Feb 1739 Hugh Boag to Abraham Bunting

Ravensworth Castle Feby 15th . 1738/9

To Mr A Bunting at Hexham

Mr Bunting

We have Considerd the affaire Relating the Copper at Dilston wch Mr Midford offers to buy & have also Considered abt. its value & upon the whole we come to a Resolution to take no less of him than 1s3d per pound & we hope that it will be Cheaper to him at that price than any new one he can buy any where.

We have Inclosed the Note of the things Mr Busby gave to us for wch Houshold Goods he had delivered him. And we dsire that Mr Busby may have his Linnen & <Cornefines> wch is said all to be in one Chist. But <mind> what follows he is to Enter into a Bond to us to keep & save us harmless from the <Executors> of the Late Mrs Radcliff, which Bond let Mr Downs Draw & Inumerate every thing formerly Delivered Mr Busby & what you Deliver him now we are sorry to putt Mr Busby to this Trouble & Expencc but we realy cannot Avoid it, & poor man he wants the Linnen much therefor doe this as soon as you can. Give him up his note when he signs the Bond.

We have sent you the List of the Deales that was found & was Left in Dilston hall at the time the Inventory was taken and if you doe not find so many remaining, goe & gett a War[ran]t upon Matt Thompson for Wm. Bickerdike absolutely says that Matt: Thompson brought them the Deales, & we believe he has Stole them. We hope he will be bound over to the Sessions, Secure the Clock Cases & all the Materials you find in the room, Sure never men were used as we are by these brothers we are

Yr Humbl. Servts

Hugh Boag

PS Secure all the goods that is made where they cannot give a good acct. how they came by the Stuff.

In the floor over the Cellars were 65 deales

In the upper story were 79 do.

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23 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle . 23d Feby. 1738/9

To Wm. Corbett Esqr, London

Sir

Inclosed is the acct of Bricks & Tyles made & sold at Dilston &c for the Last Year Endg the 31st Decemb.:1738 by wch it appears there is a Gain to the Hospital of

£102.4.2d. Inclosed is also John Skins accot. for making Bricks & Tyles for the Last Year Ending at the same time by wch there is a Ballance due to him for the Years worke of £13.6.8 ½ both which we hope the Board will approve of.

We find in looking over our last Quarters Contin[gent] Accot. sent the Board we have omitted a paym.t or an Allow.ce of £15.16.6 made Thomas Laidler & Wm. Forster the 30th Decemb last for Damage of Ground they sustained by Gerrard Readheads Leaving no Fallow & Eating up the pasture ground after Mayday that Year that the Said Readheads Goods were sold fo an Arrear of Rent he owed the Hospital fo part of Whittle Farm. We were Oblidged to Referr the said Damage to two men one Chose by the Tenants & the other Chose by us on the Hospitals accot. and this is the sum they awarded the Tenants and indeed we think it was little enough for the Hardships they had at Entring. we desire youle please to lay it before the Board for their approbation we are

Sr Your very Humb. Servts

N Walton H Boag

[The Brick & Tile accounts referred to here are available to download in the spreadsheet 'TNA ADM 66 106 Miscellaneous accounts']

23 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Willock

Ravensworth Castle 23d. Febr'y . 1738/9

To Mr James Willock at Greenwich

Dear Sr

We recd yours of the 13th Inst. for wch we thank you & observe what you mention abt. Laidler & Forster Allow.ce of £15.16.6 being left out of the Contingent acct. wch we are sorry for but we have wrote this day & laid it before the Board for their Confirmation.

We thought that the <wr> had been sett right at or before signing the Rentals, we hope that Mr Hunter will take no Advantage of this mistake, but if he should you know it is but a Trifle, but for the present we shall let it stand against Hewitt as you advise and who we are afraid will never pay any of his Arrear, he is very Poor. However Sr. we are greatly Oblidged to you for your Care and the Pains you take & we hope you will Continue it & we shall be ready always to acknowledge the Favour with Gratitude.

As to Mr Watsons answer we have almost forgot the things mentioned before, but we observe by Rec.ts that he has Rec.d the 18s Return'd in Arrear for Gibsons lands at Corbridge & the 1/6d for Throckly they are Trifles & they look rather like forgettfullness than any designe however he should bring them to accot. to Clear the List of arrearsof them. Pray our Complmts to Mr Maule & accept the same yourselfe from

Dr Sr Your Humb. Servts
N:Walton H:Boag

PS The Rental will come Next Post

23 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

[Note: The law charges account referred to was copied into this volume a few pages earlier, but given here in conjunction with the covering letter. The basis for this case, concerning the right of Moor to claim payment in lieu of tithes from Wood, is described in Wood's petition to the Hospital 20 November, 1735. Wood had been tenant to the Hospital at East Thornton in Hartburn parish and was supported by the Hospital through the legal proceedings. The initial problem resulted from the actions of the previous receivers, Watson & Hutchinson, and their corrupt bailiff Ralph Readhead. Wood lost his case in the Durham ecclesiastical court and an appeal was heard in York. The sender is not named but assumed here to have been Nicholas Walton.]

Ravensworth Castle Feby 23d 1738/9

To Mr Willim Radley at Greenwich

Sir

According as you Desired we send you Inclosed Mr Woods Bill for Law Charges in the cause Wood against Moor wch we hope you will lay before the Board, and we hope Also that they will Allow him what it Realy Cost him as he was Desired to Defend the Suit.

We are sorry that we could not gett it sooner to send you we gave early Notice to him to gett us the Bills but as you may seeby it either Mr Warringham or he has wore it in their pockett till it is almost Tore to pieces & we have done what we can to preserve it, being Resolved you should have the Original, whether it is Taxed we know not, but if it is not we hope you will.

We should be much Joyed to see your Leases appear in this part, both the Hospitals estate & we Suffer for want of them. pray make our Complem.ts acceptable to all f[rien]ds at Greenwich we are Sir Your very Hmble Servts.

N:Walton H:Boag

Copy of Mr [Maughan's] Bill in this Cause
Moor agst. Wood for [Tyths]
A Bill of all the expences both at Durham and York

For the Principall Sum adjudged due for Tyths £	26	1	8
Moors costs at Durham taxed to	9	9	0

Monition for Payment thereof	12	9			
Moors Costs at York taxed to	15	0	0		
Charge of a Monition for payment thereof	18	10			
			52	2	3
Woods Bill at Durham, Michaelms & Hill Terms 1735					
For Appearing for the Defendt	3	4			
Proxey under Seal and Duty	4	6			
Copy of Hartburn Terrier sent Messrs Walton and Boag & Proctors & extracting the same	10	4			
Attending and Informing upon the Admission of Moors Lible and when the same was admitted	3	4			
Making a Fair Copy thereof for the Defendt	2	0			
Drawing and Ingrossing Woods personal answers to the said Libel and Duty	6	6			
Attending and making a tender of 2/6d beinga modus for hay & 1/3d for 6 communicants in full satisfacion for all Tythes &c	3	4			
The sum tendered	3	9			
Term Fees	6	8			
Easter & Trin Terms 1736					
For Attending & Informing on the fullness of Woods Answer & when the same was Declared to be insuff[icien]t and a fuller answer decreed	3	4			
Dr & Ingr the said Fuller Answer & Duty	6	6			
Attending & informing on the Admission of the said fuller answer and when the same was declared to be sufft.	3	4			
Drawing a Brief of the proceedings and Informing on the Merits of the Cause	6	8			
Divers times Dr & Ingr. a state of the whole cause	6	8			
Term Fees	6	8			
Michaelms Term 1736					
For attending when Sentence was given for Moor and for Protesting agst. The Sentence and Appealing to York	3	4			
Term Fee	3	4			
Woods Bill at Durham The Cause being at York					
For a Copy of the Act upon the Appeal & duty	8	0			
Making Copys of the Inhibition & Monition for the Judge and Registrar	5	0			
Proctors pursuing the Transmission of the proceedings and Diverse times soliciting to have the same disp[....]	6	8			
A Copy of the act of appeal upon a 10s stamp sent to York and Proctors extracting the same	17	0			

Pd the Register at Durham for a Transmission of all the proceedings in this cause as [pfert]	2	6	0			
Copy of Moors Lease		7	0			
Copy of the Sentence at Durham sent to Mr Radley		8	2			
Due to the proctor at Durham according to the Custom of the Court of Durham for his Extraordinary Trouble whilst this cause depended at York being 7 terms at the rate of 6/8d per term	2	6	8			
Postage of Diverse Letters in this cause	1	0	0			
	12	8	1			
Reced. to be Deducted	5	10	0			
		Remains		6	18	1
Wood Bill at York [Vacancy] after Michael. 1736						
For forming Alligation and Petition at the Acts of Court and Copy		2	8			
Advocates Fee signing Instrument & Inhibition		10	0			
Appearance and Fee		7	10			
Inhibition Monition and Act		15	10			
Extracting the same		5	0			
Coppy thereof and Duty		8	0			
Service upon the Judge and Register		10	4			
Service upon the Party		10	4			
Hillary Term 1736						
For Certificate and Calls		4	2			
Libel		7	5			
Advocates Fee thereon		10	0			
Composition with the Register		6	8			
Proctors Term Fee		5	0			
Postage of Letters		1	6			
Easter Term 1737						
For Advocate and Proctors Term Fees		15	0			
Postage of Letters			6			
Trinity Term 1737						
For Postage of the Act or Inf[ormation] of Appeal		1	0			
Copy thereof		1	0			
Postage of the Grant of the Rectory & Tyths of Hartburn		4	4			
Doctor Brathwaits Opinion thereupon		10	6			
Copy thereof		1	0			
Attending him		3	4			
Term Fees		15	0			
Postage of Letters			9			

Michaelms Term 1737

For Drawing an Alligation in Articles		6	6
Copy thereof		2	0
Copy of the Exhibit being long		13	4
Attending Cause		3	4
Citation to Answer and Service thereof		12	7
Certificate and Call		1	6
Copy of Moors answer & copy sent my client		2	9
Term Fees		15	0
Collated Copys of Proceeding sent Mr Radley	1	3	6
Proctors Fee		5	0
Drawing Affid[avit] and Duty		3	6
Two Oaths		3	0
Postage of Letters		1	6

Hillary Term 1737

For Abstracting the proceedings long		13	4
Copy thereof for Council		6	8
Attending him		3	4
Term Fees		15	0
Postage of Letters		1	6

Easter Term 1738

For Postage of Bargain and Sale Longneine Barr.		11	4
And others to Radcliffe			
Attending Council therewith		3	4
Information Fees		15	0
Sentence		5	4
Term Fees		15	0
Postage of Letters		1	0

Trinity Term

For Term Fees		15	0
Two Copys of Dr Andrews Opinion long		5	0
Affid. And Duty		3	6
Oath		2	0
Drawing a protocol of Appeal and Duty		11	8
Postage of Letters		1	0

Michael. Term

For appearance after Sentence and Alledging the Cause to be Appealed		7	10
Postage of Letters		1	0

Hill. Term

For Proctors Fee		5	0
Pd. Dr Brathwait for his Extraordinary trouble in the cause by Mr Radleys order	3	3	0
This Bill		0	4
	23	6	7
To the Proctor at York as p. Rect. to be	5	0	0

Deducted

	18	6	7
The Original Inclosed to Mr Wm Radley the 23 rd February 1738/9	77	6	11

24 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to Matthew Brown

Ravensworth Castle Febr 24 . 1738/9

To Mr Matthew Brown

Your behaviour in relation to high Stublock Colliery, now in dispute between us & Mr Blackett, has been such as deserved a Particular Resentment, and as you continue your behaviour in encouraging the Incroachers upon the Derwentwater Liberty, You cannot expect other than a Resentment from us.

You are therefore hereby acquainted that as You agreed with us Verbally for Langley Castle Farme, or Your Share of it, You are to Expect nothing more, which will end at Mayday 1740 against which time, You are to provide your Selfe with a Farm, as that which you now Enjoy, will be lett to another Person, as well as the Limekill, unless You immediately desist from getting of Coales of any other person whatever, except the Tennants who Farme under the Commiss^{rs} of Greenwich Hospital.

& we are Your Hble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

25 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to Shaftoe Downs

[Note: see also the letter to Brown referred to, of the 24th Feb.]

Ravensworth Castle Febr 25th 1738/9

To Mr Shaftoe Downs in Hexham

Dr Sirs

We reced. Yours with your Abstract of the Assignment of the Lease of high Stublock Colliery, as also yours with the Coppy of the said Assignment, in which we Observe your care, for which all proper acknowledgements shall be made, & in the mean time you have our sincere and hearty thanks.

We were yesterday with Mr Richmond, & Shewed him your Coppy & Willys Information, the former of which we left with him & allowed him to Abstract Willys Information, in Order that a friendly End may be made, which we have hopes of, as Mr Richmond seems inclinable to drop pretensions to the Colliery. It may not be amiss for you to caution Willy to say nothing to any of Mr Blacketts people, if they should ask him any Questions; and pray make what further discovery you can.

This day, we have wrote a Letter to Matthew Brown, which You have Inclosed, you may peruse it, and then Seal it, & give to Mr Bunting to be delivered him; You may

be assured of our doing every Just thing to Support your Interest, in this Affair, as farr as we have it in our power & We are Sir , Yours &c

Nicho. Walton Hugh Boag

25 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Febry 25th . 1738/9

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed we Send you our Cash Accot. for last Month on which remains a Ballance of £44.19.8 ½ in favour of the Hospitall; and Inclosed is likewise a Rentall of the Derwentwater estate, as lett at Mayday last; which will be followed very Soon with our Generall Accot. for one year ending at Christmas last. As this Reantall is necessary to be as Soon may be in the Hands of Mr Maule, we desire You will please to forward the early delivery of it to him.

We are Sorry to acquaint you that a Dispute is likely to arise between the Hospital and Mr Blackett, who Claims high Stublick Colliery now Included in the Agreement with Mr Downes, who farms what is called Gregshield Colliery late in the possession of John Bacon of Staward esqr. We have rid the Boundary & taken the Examination of Severall Witness in relation to the Dispute, & have likewise procured a Assignment of a Lease of this Colliery, from the Derwentwater family; by which we shall be able to prove, the quiet & peaceable injoyment of high Stublock Colliery upwards of 40 Years. This we have acquainted Mr Blacketts Agent with, & we have hopes he will give up their Claim, & referr the dispute to two Indifferent persons in which we desire the Board will be pleased to give us their Instructions.

We observe the Boards order to Mr Radley, relating the Tennants Leases which he acquainted us with the last Post, & which we will most readily comply with but as we apprehend the Method Mr Radley proposes , will be attended with some Inconveniencies , & very material ones; we begg leave to lay such Inconveniencies before the Board for their Consideration.

The Printed Blank Leases we apprehend will not Suit the management of all farms, and consequently we do not know, which to Send up the Particulars of: therefore it seems necessary that one of these Blanks should be sent us, that we may Judge which of the Farmes will be comprehended within the Form & Covenants.

In the next place it is apprehended Severall of the Tennants will not comply with the Covenants, without a good deal of persuasion & actually having the Leases to Shew them before they are filled up, in which Case, those which refuse to Sign, their Intended Leases will be lost, and besides it will give us double the Trouble, & in the Way it is putt by Mr Radley be in no respect a Convenience to the Hospital. If the Board are pleased to Send us Six Blanks down with the power to fill them up, they will See the Dispatch, as they will be returned immediately after the Concurrence of the

Tennant, & in Case any Inconvenience is found, then they may be done in any other way. We presume it will be only necessary to Send you one part to be Signed by the Commissioners, as the other part to be Signed by the Tennant, will be necessary to remain in our Hands, to have recourse to from time to time in case of any breach of Covenant by the Tennant. & we are

Sr Yours &c

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

PS We reced. the Boards Minutes of the 17th Inst which we duely Observe.

25 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle 25th Febr. 1738/9

To Mr John Maule

Dear Sir,

We have this day Sent you (Inclosed to Mr Corbett to save Postage) A Rentall of the Derwentwater Estate from Mayday 1738 to Mayday 1739 and we have desired him to forward it to You, which no doubt he will. We have taken all the pains we could to be exact in it, but if any Mistake should appear to you (tho we hope not) we do not doubt your good offices of Setting it Right.

We would be glad to hear of our Quietus being come from Mr Hunter, and in the mean time, if You and Mr Willock will be so good as form the Accot. for last year & shew and have the Auditors approbation, and Send us it, we will very much Acknowledge the favour. we are with our best respects to Dear Sir Yours &c Nichos. Walton, Hugh Boag

25 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle 25th Febr. 1738/9

To Mr William Radley

Sir

We were last Post favoured with Yours of the 20th Inst and observe the Contents, in answer to which we have wote the Secretary this day that we apprehend Severall Inconveniencies will attend the Transacting the Busyness of the Tennants Leases in the Way You have putt it.

You know it is fixd how the profitts arising from these Leases is to be divided, & to be sure it behoves us all to keep the Extra Expence as low as we can; now in the Way you have putt it we apprehend the Expence will be double, for it cannot be, we hope, expected we are to doe all the Drudgery for Nothing. The Sending You up what you

will want, must be allowed to be much more Trouble than the Transcribing what we are at the trouble of drawing ready for you, & we can do the whole at near equal Trouble with what you require. However as we hope no person will have an Objection to pay us in the first place out of the whole for the Trouble we are at, it may be in any Way the Board are please to direct it. & we are

Sir Yours &c

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

PS When you write please to direct for us at Ravensworth Castle near Durham. Leave out Northumberland

25 Feb 1739 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle 25th Feby. 1738/9

To Mr Richard Horn

Dear Sir

We reced. your kind favour of the 17th Inst. for which we return you Thanks. We also have reced. one from Mr Radley to much the same Purport, about Sending up of the Pticulars of the Parcels &c for the leases filling up. and we have wrote him this day, that we think it is creating Double works, first for us to write them out & send them to him to put in when they might be put in at first, with the Same Labour, & we wonder much that Mr Radley should desire it, as it is agreed in what way the Profits arising from them should be divided, and the more Work there is, the less will be to divide.

You'l See we have wrote to Mr Corbett about it, & it will be before the Board & we really cannot help thinking the readiest Way to have them done is, to send them down to us to fill up. We are Dear Sir

Yours &c

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

8 Mar 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle March 8th. 1738/9

to Wm. Corbett Esqr London

Sir

We reced. the Boards Minutes of the 28th Feby last & shall Duly observe the Contents.

This week we have had two offers for Dilston Hall & Gardens viz. one from Mr Stokoe of Hexham of £8 a Year & the other from one Mr Smith who lives in the

Neighbourhood of £7 a Year Each of them reserving the Usual Allowance of 30 Fother of Coales for airing the Rooms. They each propose to take for <9> Years from Mayday Next and be at Liberty to Determine or leave at the End of the first 3 or 6 Years. James Thompson the present Tenant pays only £6 a Yr and has 30 fothers of Coales Allowed for Airing the Rooms, and if he is Removed the Hospital will have a Barn to build him upon the Farm in his possession wch will Cost about £30 – Also some Repaires Necessary to be made in Dividing a house between him & another Tenant upon the same farme wch will cost abt. £10 wch will be more Expence to the Hospital then [sic – than] they will receive advantage in the Years at £2 A Year the advance Rent, therefore we think it is not the Interest of the Hospital to Remove the present Tenant Unless some offer a better Rent than £8 A Yr but this we Humbly Submitt to the Boards Consideration we are

Sr Yo.r very Humb. Servts.

N. Walton H. Boag

8 Mar 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle March 8th. 1738/9

To Mr William Radley at Greenwich

Sir

We reced. Yours of the 1st march Inst & shall be willing & ready to doe any thing that will Tend to Dispatch and the benefit of these that are to be sharers in the profitts , but as we have now wrote the Board we will Deferr Sending you any parcells till we have the Result thereof, and as soon as we have it which we hope will not be long will give them all the Dispatch possible; we are wth Due Respects to all friends about Greenwich

Sr Your Humb. Servts

Hugh Boag Nichos. Walton

13 Mar 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravens Castle March 13th. 1738/9

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

We recd. the Lease and have Examined it, and do not find but the Covenants are right, and we hope will do every well; but we begg leave to remark the following things viz.

We think it will be hard for the Tenants to Apply to the Com[issioner]s for every little matter; such as taking up and laying down Grounds to Grass, and also for liberty

to Sell a little Hay or Straw off the Premises, unless the Board give us a Discretionary Power to grant, or not to Grant such things from time to time as it shall see Reasonable.

That Coven[ant] where the Tenant is obliged to Grind at Woodhall Mill, if they have none within the Manour , where the Premises lye will only Suit and Answer for those Tenants in the Barony of Langley, for it would be hard to cause a Tenant Carry his Corn 15 or 16 Mile to woodhall Mill, nay 20 or 30 Miles, if the usuall Mill within his Premises should be out of repair, or if there is no Mill upon them.

The 43 Rood of Hedge mentioned to be Scoured every Year will only be for this one Lease of Jos:Piggs for the Coven[an]t is each Tenant at least is to Scour Pound and & Rood that is for every pound Rent a Rood of Hedge, so their Roods will Differ as their Rents doe.

No Covenant for the Tenants Peaceable Enjoyment, we are of Opinion they will expect it, we mean only so farr as the Com[issioner]s can doe it.

We should be glad the Leases were forwarded and filled up; nothing that is necessary for the forwarding that work shall be wanting, if we did but know what we should doe to forward them.

We Begg you will be pleased to Move the Board, that we may have a Copy of Mr Thompsons Survey sent us down, for we have not an Exact Copy of it here.

James Thompson the Present Tenant of Dilston hall and Gardens, having heard that Sev.l others had offered for the Hall and Gardens, came Yesterday to us and offer'd £10 A Year for them which is £4 Advance and we think it a good Rent, and recomend it to the Board to Accept of it, during their pleasure. We are

Sir Yr very Hble Servts

Nicho: Walton Hugh Boag

13 Mar 1739 Nicholas Walton to Cuthbert Constable

[Note: Cuthbert Constable, of Burton Constable Hall in East Yorkshire, inherited from Lady Mary Radcliffe the income from a mortgage for £5900 of Spindlestone and Outchester which she had acquired in a Radcliffe family settlement in 1692. This remained payable from the Derwentwater estate after its transfer to the Greenwich Hospital. The Hospital trustees were anxious to divest the estate of this and other Radcliffe encumbrances.]

Ravens Castle March 13th. 1738/9

To Cuthbt. Constable Esqr

Sir

We had yesterday a Message from Mr Weldon your agent desiring to know whether the Interest upon £5900 would be paid as usual or with the Principall money, We therefore thought it Proper to Acquaint you that we have no direction on it, so that it will be proper for you to write the Secretary Wm. Corbett Esqr will no Doubt order paymt Conformable to the Notice and we are

Sir, Your most obedt. Hble Servts
Nicho: Walton Hugh Boag

16 Mar 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle March 16. 1738/9

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Yesterday Mr Constables Agent sent to us to know whether we woud pay the Interest on £5900 as usual, or not till the Principall was paid, which according to the Notice is to be the 25th Instant. This we thought proper to Acquaint you with, and that we have this day wrote to Mr Constable that he is to Apply to you, who will no Doubt order payment pursuant to the notice.

Inclosed is the Cash accot. for last Month as usual, on which there is a ballance of £17:4:5 in favour of the Hospital. Mr Johnson the Hospitals Bayliff is upon the Road for London having had a Sumons, as an Evidence for the Consumers of Coales, and we Expect one of us will in a few days have directions likewise, with which please to acquaint the Board, and you'll oblige, Sir

Your most Hble Servts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

30 Mar 1739 Hugh Boag to Richard Horne

Ravs Castle 30 March 1739

To Mr Richd. Horne

Dear Sir

I recd. Your favour of the 22nd Inst. and I hope you will along with Mr Walton who is now in Town waite on Mr Heron and know where the Affair of the Lead Mine sticks.

Mr Walton was sett out from this place before I reced. yours and who before this I hope has Seen you, as also Mr Corbett to whom my Humble Service and all Friends with you <there>

Dear Sir &c Hugh Boag

PS Please to Observe the Board has not Allowd. of the Contingency of £15.16.6 pd. Tho. Laidler and Wm Forster as in ours of the 23rd Febry last we wrote abt.

30 Mar 1739 Hugh Boag to John Maule

Ravs Castle 30 March 1739

To Mr John Maule

Dear Sir

I recd Yours of the 24 Inst and for which I thank you. The Copy we want is of Mr Thompsons field Book where he gives an Accot. of the Survey, the Rental and we do not want any fine thing but a Plain Copy of it that is but True and Ledgible nothing Extraordinary. When I sett out last for London I Carry'd this with me and was Called at such a little Warning had not time to doe, and the reason why we moved the Board for a Copy is, we did not know now where it might lye.

Mr Walton Sett out from here for London the 20th Instant upon the Accot. of the Bill in Parliament about the Coale Affair and I hope before this you have seen him, I am with my Hble Service to Mrs Maul and Friends at Greenwich

Dear Sr &c Hugh Boag

PS I'll give you an Answer to your Desire abt. furnishing the Hospital with Coales in a post or two.

I am sorry the Method of forming the Accot is to be Altered Again, but we must Submit, but pray Mr Maule lett us know when it is fixed, and in what shape, I hope you'll shew Mr Walton all Greenwich Rarities.

30 Mar 1739 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

Ravs Castle March 30 : 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

I recd. the Boards Minutes of the 21 Inst and shall observe them.

Inclosed is Mr Tho Simpson (Court keeper for the manor of Alston) his Bill of law Charges for Law Business done for the Com[isisoner]s of Greenwich Hospital Amounting to £13:15:8 which please to lay before the Board for their Directions that it may be paid; the Cheif Charge in it was occasioned by one Carrick (Spirited by Mr Hodgshon) to take away by force a Cow from one Furnace which he had bought of the Bayliff of the Manor, that had been seized by an Execution granted by the Steward of Alston Court and by the said Bailiff sold at the Markett Cross to the said Furnace.

Mr Simpson has Managed so well that he has <preserve> the Authority of the Court and at this time has Carrick in Carlisle Goal for the said Offence and now we remain quiet and undisturbd in that Quarter.

Please to Move the Board for the Orders and Directions for Calling upon the Customary Tenants at Keswick for the Certain Yearly Rents, there has been none paid since the Estate came to the Hospital, nor fines neither - not withstanding of the Late Act of Parliament.

One John Corbett formerly mentioned a Tenant at Allerwash of about £19 – 0 a Year has held over against us ever since May[day] 1737 and pays no Rent, Please to Acquaint the Board about it, and beg that I may have Directions therein. He plainly says he will not remove, unless we drive him off by Force. I am

Sr Yrs &c Hugh Boag

PS I shall be upon the Collection of the Rects. for about a Fortnight.

31 Mar 1739 John Walton to Nicholas Walton

[Note: A copy. The original was forwarded to the Board (see the letter from Boag to Corbett of 15th April). John Walton was vicar of Corbridge from 1720 to 1741. In April 1738 he, the churchwardens and the four-and-twenty publicly announced that they had consented 'that two rows of common pews with three rows of seats or benches be erected by voluntary contributions against the west end of Corbridge church for the inhabitants of the said parish.']

Corbridge March 31. 1739 A Copy of the Revd. Mr John Waltons Letter sent to Messrs Walton & Boag who sent the Original whereof to the Board

A proposal being on foot for Erecting a large Gallery on the west side of Corbridge Church, I think it proper to Communicate it to you, that so the Commissioners of the Hospital may be Apprizd of it and be able to Judge whether their Joyning in the Design may be of Service to the House, and Estate now under their Direction and how farr they are to Engage in it.

The Derwentwater Family having not been of the Communion of the Church, no Care has been taken for making or keeping <Covenant> Seats for the family in the Parish Church, and but very little for the Farmers, till I prevaild on Mr Errington, or Mr Busby to repair an old Seat, and to take in an Additional vacancy for their own use: But still proper provision is awanting for the seat house and a better Family, when any happens to settle there.

Now if this Intended gallery be taken up entirely by other subscribers, there can be no proper place for such a Family afterwards wherefore I heartily wish that the Commissioners may be Apprizd of this opportunity, and prevaild upon to Contribute for the front seat (which will be about 12 Feet in length, made wider than the back Seats, and project a little before the rest in the Middle of the Church and of something better work. I am of opinion that about seven pounds or £7.10 – will make this provision, and if the Commis[sioners] Agree to it, the Contribution may be either in money, or

oakwood as you and they shall think proper. I wish you would give me a Call and View the place yourselves; I'm persuaded you'll judge with me that the proposal is for the Advantage of the Estate, & should not be overlookd. An Answer as soon as you can procure it, will oblige Messrs,

Your very hble Servt, J. Walton

1 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to John Pollock

[Note: Dr Hugh Chamberlain or Chamberlen, an eminent London paediatrician (d.1726), acquired the proceeds of a mortgage for £3000 from Lady Mary Tudor Petre, a daughter of Edward Radcliffe, 4th Bt, in 1722. The income from this remained payable from the Derwentwater estate after its transfer to the Greenwich Hospital. The Hospital trustees were anxious to divest the estate of this and other Radcliffe encumbrances.]

Ravensworth Castle 1st April. 1739

To Mr John Pallock, London Goldsmith without Temple barr. at the Golden Anchor

Sir

I recd. Yours of the 27th Ult & will take care to Remitt you the Years Interest due Ladyday last for the Heirs of Dr Chamberlain as Usual, but it will be at 14 days or 3 Weeks before I be able; but about Yr time. I hope punctually to Remitt it, I am for Mr Walton & self

Sr Your Humb. Servt

Hugh Boag

PS Mr Walton is now at London.

15 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to William Radley

Ravs Castle 15th April 1739

To Mr Wm Radley

Sr

I recd. yours of the 7th Instant and observe what you say & the answers you give to our Remarks upon the Printed Lease and what is Intended to be done at the next General Court Concerning a power to be given us about Selling a little Hay or straw. I observe also what you say about all the other Remarks and upon the whole I think that if Care be taken filling them up, they may be made nearly to <suite> most of the Farmers.

I wish heartily that as my Partner Mr Walton is now in Town some of them were filled up and got signed, I shall write to him of it this Day and I hope you will forward it.

You Promised to send me a Copy of the Attorney Generals Opinion about the <Fines> being due at the Death of the of the Late Lord, but since I hear you have sent Mr Airey one, pray if there was none Due at the Death of the Lord beheaded is there not one due on the Death of the Late Mr Radcliff.

We have never had any Orders to Demand the fines nor the Certain Customary Rents of Keswick &c tho' it is near about 12 Months since the Act was obtained which I wonder at. I am

Sr Yr hble Servt

Hugh Boag

15 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle 15th April 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr, Pay Office

Sir

Inclosed is our Cash Accot. for the Month of March last by which it appears there is Ballance in our hands of £4:19:7 ½ in favour of the Hospital. Inclosed is also Mr Stephensons Quarterly Accot. of Ore Raised, Number of men Employed at Aldston Moor &c Ending Ladyday last, Also an Accot. or List of the Number of Mines Unwrought.

Inclosed is further, a letter from the Rever'd Mr Jno. Walton Vicar of Corbridge Intimating the Intentions of Several of the parish for Erecting a Gallery in Corbridge Church, in wch the Vicar would have the Hospital have an Interest or the Front Seat for the use of any Family that may hereafter live at Dilston, the expence of which he Computes at abt. £7:10:0 which may be either in money or Oakwood, please to Communicate the Contents to the Board. I am

Sr. Your Humb. Servt

Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle 17th April 1739

To Wm. Corbett Esqr, Pay Office

Sir

In the Hurry of putting up the Letters last post I overlooked Vicar Waltons Letter & did not Inclose it tho I said in my last I Did, which I Begg pardon for. I have now Inclosed it. I am Sr Your Very

Humb. Servt
Hugh Boag

17 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to Nicholas Walton

Ravs Castle 17th April 1739

To Mr Nicho. Walton

Dear Sr

The Ore from Alston came on Saturday Night but I did not know We begun to Smelt this day, and if <Salter> does anything that is worth writing shall Communicate in the afternoon.

As you are upon the Spott push for a score of Leases being filld up and gott signed or so forwarded as to doe what you can in it before you leave the town.

- Joseph Todd of Newbrough and Parish of Nether Warden for Land Ends
- Joseph Pigg of West Brokenhaugh and Chaplery of Haydon and Parish of Mether Warden.
- Thomas Walker of the same for Altonside
- Nich. Glenwright of the same for Vauce and Loaning foot White Chapple John Bell of the same and Pt. Haltwhistle Parish
- John Bell and John Fairlam for Haydon Town Farm in the Chapplery of Haydon.
- Geo: Coates of the same Parish for Easter Brokenhaugh
- John Coates for Woodhall in Do. Parish in the Manor of Wark
- David Brown and Geo: Nicholson for Coastley in the Parish of Hexham. Should not they be Separate Leassers.
- Mr John Ridley of Parke End in the Parish of Simond Burn for Westwood in Hexham Parish. Included the Limekilns
- Robt. Martinson of Hexham parish for highwood
- Mark Cook for Dinnetley in the Parish of Warden and Chaplery of Haydon
- The Meldon People are great Farmes and should be among the first, its in the Parish of Midford and Chapplery of Meldon
- Needless Hall is in Hartburne Parish
- Mr Smart is in the Parish of Bamburgh
- Rowley Graham the same
- George <Murton> the same
- All these before mentioned are in the County of Northumberland .
- All Scremerston is in the County of Durham & Parish of Ancroft
- Peter Hughes, Humphrey Hughes and Wm Hughes for Middleton Hall in Warden Parish and County of Northumberland

Mr Pantoun I guess from Mr Emmersons Letter is for Selling his ore; Mr Ellison has wrote this day to Mr Emmerson about buying it. I am

Dr Sr Yr Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

PS I observe how your Examinants made out and hope those that followed would doe better. I thank you for the Advertizer Inclosed.

20 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to James Wood

[Note: Seven enclosed bills follow. James Wood, Deputy Treasurer for the Hospital.]

Ravs Castle 20. April 1739

To Mr Jams. Wood

Sir

Inclosed I send you seven Bills on accot. of the Derwentwater Estate Amounting to Twelve hundred pounds as follows viz.

Mr Benja. Greives dated 13 Inst payable to myself or order at 24 days on Mr John & Thomas Simpson &c for	£460
Mr Wm. Stows dated 11th Inst payable to Mr Saml <Ancrum> or order at 20 days on Mr Wm. Heron	£20
Do's Dated the 14th Instant payable to my self or order at 24 days on Mr Wm. Heron for	£100
Mr Geo: Handasides dated 11th Inst payable to Peter Hughes or order at a months date on Mr Sam. <Stanntaine>	£30
Mr Geo: Pantounes dated the 16th Inst payable to my self or order at a Months Date on Thomas Hayley Esqr. for	£50
Mr Francis Thibous dated the 17th Inst payable to my self or order at Twenty Eight days date on Mr Benj. Skutt	£500
Do's Dated the 20th Instant payable to my self or order at 28 days on Mr Benj. Skutt for	£40
	£1200

The above Bills are at as short a date as I can gett them and I hope they will all be punctually paid, please to Advise me of your receiving them safe. I am Sr

Yr Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

Exc. Per £20. Berwick 11th April 1739

Twenty days after date pay Mr Sam. <Ancrum> or Order Twenty Pounds value recd. with or without advise. To Mr Wm. Heron in Ten court Fenchurch Street , London

Wooler April 11th 1739 Sir One Month after Date pay Peter Hughes or his Order the sum of Thirty pounds for value recd. which place to accot. with or without advice from Yr Humble Servant Geo: Handasyde

To Mr Sam. Stanntaine at his House near the Black Boy in Burnsby Street in Southwark London

£460 Berwick 13th April 1739 No. 10. Twenty four Days after date pay this my Sole Bill of Exchange to the Order of mr Hugh Boag Four hundred and sixty pounds value recd. and place it to Accot. as per advice from Sirs Yr Hble Servt. Benjamin Greive To Messrs John & Thomas Simpson and Comp. Merchts in London

Exc. Per £100 Berwick 14th April 1739 Twenty four Days after Date pay Mr Hugh Boag or Order One hundred pounds Value recd. wth or without Advice Willm. Stow To Mr Wm. Heron in Fen Court Fenchurch Street London

Sir - £50 April 16. 1739 One Month after date pay to Mr Hugh Boag or Order the Sum of Fifty pounds for value recd. and plce it to the Accot. as per Advice from Sr. Your most Hble Servt. Geo: Pantoune To Thos. Hayley Esqr. in Bedford Row London

Sir Rav. Castle 17 April 1739 Twenty Eight Days after Date pay unto Mr Hugh or his order Two hundred pounds (Value recd.) and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Bart. and as advised by Sir Your most Hble Servt. Francis Thibou To Mr Benjamine Skutt in Kings Street, St Anns, London

Sir Rav. Castle 20 April 1739
Twenty Eight Days after Date pay unto Mr Hugh Boag or his order Forty Pounds (Value recd. and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Barts accot. as Advised by Sir Your most Hble Servt. Francis Thibou To Mr Benjamine Skutt in Kings Street, St Anns, London

20 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

Ravs Castle 20. April 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sr

I recd the Boards Minutes of the 14th Inst and Observe the Contents thereof.

I have recd this Month from Sev.l Ten[an]ts of the Derwentwater Estate about £2400 – and this day sent Mr James Wood Deputy Treasurer of the Hospital Bills for £1200 – for the use of the said Hospital, and shall send more as soon as I can gett Bills. I am

Sr, Your very Hble Servt
Hugh Boag

PS I hope you will forward the Tenants Leases as Mr Walton is in Town. I have this day Remitted £150 - A Years Int[erest] due to Doctor Chamberlains Heirs Ladyd[ay] last.

20 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to Nicholas Walton

[Note: Walton was in London. Henry Liddell, 1st Baron Ravensworth; Colonel George Liddell of Eslington.]

Ravs Castle 20. Apr. 1739

To Mr Nich. Walton

Dr Sir

I have Sent Mr Wood this Day Bills for £1200 – as you will see by the Copy of mine to the Board of this day. Inclosed Also a Copy of a Memorandum I have made of Mr Salters Progress in his Assaye, which are very poor, he can make no Lead, I think of any thing, we are Going to Try to Smelt in the Furnace this day our selves but am afraid the Experiment will be too late to lett you know this post.

I recd yours with the Boards Minutes of the 14th Instant.

This is a very busy time with me having 2 or 3 Countings to Attend next week and May Week in Disposing of Sir Henry and the Colonels Stock at Esslington Helm Park & Kibblesworth.

I have gott a Bill of Mr Thibou for £148 : 10 – Doctor Chamberlains Heirs Int[erest] due Ladyday last and I have Inclosed it to you, so that you'll Transact that matter your Self with Mr Pallock [Pollock] and so I have wrote him this day. I have yet about £1200 in Cash. I am in hast

Dr Sr Yrs &c H: Boag

PS I have kept back the £1:10 – for Remitting
The Colonel knows you have the Memorandum about Salter, so Proctor will Expect to see it.

Rav. Castle 20th April 1739 £148:10 –

Sr Twenty Eight Days after Date pay unto Messrs Walton and Boag or Order One Hundred and Forty Eight pounds, Ten Shillings Value recd and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Barts Accot as Advised by Sir Your most hble Servt Francis Thibou

To Mr Benj. Skutt in Kings Street, St Anns, London

20 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to John Pollock

Ravs Castle 20. April 1739

To Mr John Paltock

Sr

I have this Day sent a Bill to Mr Walton my Partner for the Interest due to the Heirs of Doctor Chamberlain due ladyday last, and I hope he will waite of you in a day or two and Transact that Matter with you in Person. I am

Sr Yr hble Servt

Hugh Boag

21 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to Abraham Bunting

Ravs Castle 21. April 1739

To Mr Bunting

I Desire you may give it out and Publish it in the Barony that whosoever takes any Coales of Mr Teasdale and Mr Westgarth shall not nor need not Expect any favour of the Hospital or us and I Desire you will give us a List of their Names. These two men are Robing the Hospital of their Coales. I have recd. the Horse and I think him a Dear Pennyworth and I am afraid the Gentleman will think he is both too old and little, but I shall be Silent now till I pay for him.

I wonder Mr Airey does not Send you proper Materials to goe upon.

You had a list of the Fee Farm and other Rents before, but you keep nothing, I have Sent another Inclosed and desire that what is in that List may be recd. against I come up which will be either the Latter End of the first week in May or the Week following, but as my Coming is Uncertain, If I cannot my Self I'll send Mr Waltons Man the first week in May for them and the Tanners, Brick and Tyles &c Money. I am Assured of that. I have gott Orders from the Board to use such Methods as to Compell John Corbett to goe off pray Preapre and Seize before Mayday.

Mr Bunting as we have Orders for using such Methods as to gett Quitt of John Corbett in what you doe be Advised by Mr Downs. That woman at Corbridge we will use in the same way to gett Quitt of her. The List Inclosed does Include all Bricks and Tyles that are owing for John Corbett owes at Mayday Next £38.

I have Sent Mr Downes a list besides Yours, and who of Yours does not pay by or in the May Week he shall have to Sue.

I am &c H:Boag

21 Apr 1739 Hugh Boag to Shaftoe Downs

[Note: . Shaftoe Downs was the Hospitals' attorney in Hexham. A memorial stone in Hexham Abbey (HEXAB1103) records his death in 1777 at the age of 79.]

Ravs Castle 21. April 1739

To Mr Shaftoe Downs

Dear Sir

I recd Yours Relating Matthew Brown. I Doe Remember when I Raggd him and told him that you would Sell your Coales as Cheap as any, but then I also doe Remember that I took it to be such as was fitt fa [sic] Lime Burned or you Sold others at 2 ½ d but I know nothing abt. Saying he might goe where he pleased, that is Notorious. As to Animating the Tenants we Joyntly wrote Mathew Brown and gave it under hand that if he did not desist Imediately from getting Coales there he sho'd Enjoy no Farm under the Hospital longer than Mayday 1740.

I have wrote this day to Mr Bunting and ordered him to Openly Publish it That those Tenants that doe not think fitt to obey us in desisting from getting Coales of them shall have no manner of favour of us on no Accot. As to Your petitioning I am Willing and Desire it in the Strongest Terms. I do think you should Sett on and work Coales where they work in order to keep Possession &c. I shall Encourage this as much as anything

I am Dear Sir Yrs &c

H. Boag

PS I Desire youll pls to get us in the Inclosed List of Debts

1 May 1739 Hugh Boag to Thomas Simpson

[Note: . The Attorney General's Opinion mentioned in Boag's letter is enclosed. Thomas Simpson was an attorney used by the Hospital in business connected with Langley Barony. Mr King was John King, a Keswick lawyer who was Court Keeper for the Hospital's manors of Keswick and Thornthwaite in Cumberland.]

Ravensworth Castle May 1st. 1739

To Mr Thos Simpson

Sir

Inclosed is the Attorney Generalls opinion about Keswick Fines &c, I mean a Copy of it, for your perusall, I have also sent a Copy of it to Mr King who I have desired may Waite of you to Consider the properest time for keeping a Court as we have noe Orders.

You & he will Consider whether it is proper to keep a Court Leet at the first, if it is proper, the Courts I presume will be within a Month of Easter and if you appoint it so lett it be as far back as you can & give me the earliest Notice & Ile attend.

The Att.General is of opinion that there is a fine due upon the Death of the Lord that was beheaded.

I am sorry to give you this trouble but I Cannot see how we can doe without. I am afraid Mr K- is farr from being fitt for the Affair but we must now try. I am Sir

Yours &c Hugh Boag

PS Mr Walton is not come down yett.

Copy of the Case relating to the holding the Court Leets of Alston Moor & Wark &c part of the Estates forfeited by the Attainders of James late Earl of Derwentwater & Charles Radcliffe, and of Mr Attorney General's Opinion thereon.

At the respective Court Leets, & Court Baron's, lately held for the Manor of Alston Moore in the County of Cumberland and the Manor of Wark in the County of Northumberland (part of the late Derwentwater Estate) Some Presentments were made by the Leet Jury and Homage of the Severall Courts against some of the Tennants of the said Man<ors for Surcharging the Commons with their Cattle & other defaults & Trespasses as in the annex'd Extract mentioned who were amerced for the same w.ch Amerciaments the Bailiffs of the said Manors have demanded but the Tennants so Amerced refuse to pay them, and Threaten to bring Actions against them if they Levy.

Some of the Amerciaments are inconsiderable in Value but it is represented by the Stewards of the said Courts that it will tend much to the Peace & Quiet of the Tenants of the said Manors to oblige the said Tenants so amerced to pay them; The Method generally used to Levy these Amerciaments has been by Distress; But the Bayliffs being now apprehensive if they do, The Tenants on whom they shall be so levyed will sue them at Law, and therefore are unwilling to distrain.

The Court Leets and Court Barons for the said Manors have always been holden on the same day and the same Jurors Sworn both for the Leet and the Homage, and the Jurys make their presentm<en>ts under the Style of the Courts (as below) without Distinguishing whether they relate to the Court Leet or Court Baron, and the Amerciaments which they Impose are affirmed in Court.

Sometimes the Lords of the said Manors have heretofore distrained and Sometimes brought Actions of Debt for the Recovery of them.

The Stile of the Court of Alston Moor is thus.
Manor of Alston Moor

The Court Leet View of Frankpledge & Court Baron of our Sovereign Lord the King of his said Manor of Alston Moor held at Lowbyer in& for the said Manor on

Wednesday the 26th day of October 1737 by Thomas Simpson Gent. Steward of the said Court.

Q[uary]

If it will not be better for the future to alter the Method of holding these Courts, and to Impanell two Several Jurys, one for the Leet and the other for the Homage, or if it be thought fit to continue the Jury in the manner as has been hitherto used (to make one Jury Serve both for the Leet and Homage) will it not be proper to direct such Jury to make their Presentments under the Style of the respective Courts they relate to.

I think it will be adviseable to hold the Courts distinct for the future and Impanel distinct Jurys for Such Courts who should make their Presentments under the Style of Such Court .

Q[uary]

Whether is it better to Distrain for the Amerciaments, or to bring Actions for them; if more proper to bring Actions, what kind of Actions, and in what Court will it be proper to bring them, the King being now Lord of the Manor.

The best Method of recovering the Amerciaments is by Distress which is of Common Right for the Amerciaments in the Court Leet, and by what is stated, there seems to be a Custom to Justifye it for those in the Court Baron.

D. Ryder 17 Mar 1738

Copys Sent to Mr Simpson & Mr King

May 1st 1739

Copy of the Case relating to the payment of Fines by the Customary Tenants of the Estates forfeited by the Attainders of James late Earl of Derwentwater & Charles Radcliffe, on the death of the said Earl James and of Mr Att. Generalls opinion thereon.

By an Act passd in the last Session of Parliament intituled an Act for Explaining and amending an Act of the Eighthyear of this present Majestys Reign Intituled an Act for the application of the Rents and profitts of the Estates forfeited by the Attainders of James late Earl of Derwentwater and Charles Radcliffe; the said Estates are Continued vested in his present Majesty his heirs & Success~~ors~~ & the Rents Issues & Profits thereof are appropriated for the use and benefit of the Royall Hospitall for Seamen at Greenwich according to the Directions of the said Act, Subject to such incumbrances as are Contained in the said Act.

And Whereas the said premises being by the said last mentioned Act, vested as aforesaid in his Majesty his heirs & succ[ess]ors in his politick Capacity which in Consideration of Law never dyes, It may Create a Doubt whether the Tenants of the said estates ought to do such Acts and Services and py such Fines & Sums of Money on the Death of his present Majesty (whom God long preserve for the benefit of his

people) or on the death of any future King or Queen of this Realm as by the nature & tenure of their Estates founded upon immemorial Usage and Custom or otherwise they ought to have done and performed and paid on the death of any Lord thereof, in Case Such Lord was a Subject. It is Enacted that upon the death of his present Majesty and also upon the death of every Successive King and Queen of this Realm all such Acts & Services shall be done & performed & all such Fines & Sums of Money shall be paid by the respective Tenants of the said Estates to every Successor of his Majesty, or in case any of the said Estates shall be sold to such other persons who shall be the Owner thereof as by the Ancient tenure thereof or by any Contract, Law Usage, or Custom ought to be done performed and paid by them in Case such King or Queen so dying was Considered as a private person only, & not in his or her politick Capacity, and for default of performance of such Acts & Services which ought so to be done and performed, and for default of payment of any such Fines and Sums of Money which ought so to be paid such forfeitures & Penalties shall accrue & become Due & it shall be Lawfull for his Majesty his heirs & successors and for all and every Person & Persons by him or them appointed, or who shall be then Owner of the said Estates or any of them to use & take all such Ways & means for Recovering & taking advantage of the said forfeitures & penalties as might be Lawfully used or taken by any Lord of the said Estates in Case such King or Queen so dying was Considered as a private person only & not in his or her Politick Capacity any Law Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding All which said Fines & Sums of Money Penalties & forfeitures which shall accrue and become due to his Majesty his heirs & successors during his & their Interest therein shall be applyed to & for the use & benefit of the Royall Hospitall for Seamen at Greenwich.

And Whereas in the manor of Derwentwater Castleridge & Thornthwait (part of the said Estates) some of the Tenants pay Customary fineable Rents; and on the death of every Lord thereof a Generall admitting Fine is also due, and one part of the said Fines are fourpenny fine Certain reserved & made payable by Indentures, and the other part thereof Arbitrary, and whether any fine can be due upon the Death of James late Earl of Derwentwater for the Admission of any of those Tenants to their Estates, some of them now make a doubt by reason the said James was attainted & Executed, and did not (as they say) dye a naturall death, and therefore Object against paying the same

Q[uey]

If any fine is due to his Majesty the present admitting Lord from these Tenants for their respective admissions to their estates on the death of the said James late Earl of Derwentwater, altho' he was attainted & Executed as aforesaid, and if so may not such fines & Sums of Money as by the Ancient Tenure of their Estates, or by any Contract Law Usage or Custom ought to be paid be Assessed and Levyed or such of them as refuse to pay the same on their respective admissions.

I am of Opinion that a Fine is due to the King on the Tenants admissions to their respective estates by reason of the Death of the late Earl of Derwentwater in the same

manner as if he had dyed a naturall death & the same may be assessed & Recovered from such of them as refuse by the same Methods as the Customs of the manors admitt of.

D. Ryder 12 Mar 1738

1 May 1739 Hugh Boag to James King

Ravensworth Castle May 1st. 1739

To Mr Jas King, atto. at Law

Sir

Inclosed is a Copy of the Att. Generals opinion as to Keswick fines for your perusall, and as we have now Orders to keep a Court I desire you will prepare & doe what is necessary for holding one, as I thought you might not be acquainted with the nature & Customs of this Court at first, I desire that you will Wait upon Mr Simpson (to whom I sent another Copy) & Consult with him of the proper time, & whether a Court Leet be necessary to be held the first time or not, & if it is Lett it be as farr from this time as you Can & give me proper Notice thereof & I'll attend – The people must have proper Notice of this Court. Your strict & Exact Observance of what is now at first setting out proper to be Observed will very much Oblige, Sir

Yours &c

Hugh Boag

PS Mr Walton is not yett returned from London

1 May 1739 Hugh Boag to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle 1st May 1739

To Mr Joseph Pearson in Keswk

Mr Pearson

I have recd the Attorney Generalls Opinion upon the fines with Order for keeping Courts. I have wrote this day & sent a Copy to Mr Simpson and Mr King from whom you will soon hear I hope.

The Atto. Generall is of opinion that there is a fine due upon the Death of the late beheaded Lord. I hope to see you soon pray my Service o Mr Grave. I am Yours &c
Hugh Boag

Mr Walton has not gott from London yett.

11 May 1739 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

[Note: The affidavits and map referred to were not copied from the originals into the copy letters volume]

Ravensworth Castle 11th May 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed is 4 Affidavits made by four Severall persons in relation to the Dispute likely to happen between Mr Blackett & the Hospital, about high Stublock Colliery, as also an Eye Map of the Colliery & Common in dispute for the Boards better Information. The Affidavits are Originals, and therefore Care should be taken of them as they will be wanted if there is a Tryal; Mr Blacketts Lessees are working now in the Ground in Dispute and will not take any Discharge .

I have seized by Distress the Goods of John Corbett of Allerwash, some of which I have sold; and for the remaining part, he has given Security for Payment of what he owed the Hospital to be paid 6 Months after, & he has also quitt possession, so that we are now quite Clear of him, & that Dispute is at an End.

I Seized also the Goods of Bridget Horsman of Corbridge, who held over against the Hospital on pretence that she had her House and Garth given her, by some of the Derwentwater Family, and she now Offers to Attorn Tennant to the Hospital, if they will be pleased to forgive her all the arrear to last Mayday which is £10.5s, and will pay annually 10s for the said House & Garth. I have postpon'd the Sale of her Goods till the Boards pleasure therein be known. The House & Garth was in the old Rentall £1.10s a year but at the general Leasing which Commenced Mayday 1737, it has been only in the Rentall at £1 a year there having only been that sum bidd for it upon the Advertizing.

This Woman is poore and I verily beleive , had the Estate continued in the Derwentwater family, they wou'd not have taken any Rent of her, she is a great Zealott in that Communion, please to lay her Case before the Board to know whether I shall accept on there behalf the 10s a year, and know also if they will please to abate her sd Arrear of £10.5s. This House & Garth was confirmed to Abra. Bunting for £1 a year from Mayday 1737. She is the last we have any Dispute with about holding over.

I have reced. no Minute about paying the Interest due Lady day last. I am Sr Yours
&c

Hugh Boag

13 May 1739 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle 13th May 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sr

Inclosed is a fyfth Affidavit about the rights the Hospitall have to high Stublock Colliery for the Boards further Information.

Yesternight ended the Commission about Ra. Redhead the late Bayliff. They have Examined 67 Witnesses on the Hospitalls Side ag[ains]t him, & he has not had one Witness Examined on his Side but Mr Aynesley. The Witnesses against him I believe have Come up to what they said upon the Enquiry, & many of them I believe have discover'd more. Mr Airey tells me he is for Submitting to the Boards Mercy – I hope the Leases are forwarding & Severall of 'em sign'd for the Ten[an]ts are very Clamerous for want of em. I am &c

Yours &c, Hugh Boag

13 May 1739 Hugh Boag to James King

Ravs. Castle 13th May 1739

To Mr Jno. King Attorney at law
at Brampton near Carlisle Cumberland
By B <Boldeye>

Mr King Sir

I reced. yours of the 7 Inst & I am very Glad you have advised with Mr Simpson & that you have putt the Courts to a long a day as the 30 May – I or Mr Walton will attend or perhaps both. I have given Mr Thompson the admittances to gett printed – 5 Dozen I intend.

Would it not be well for you to come down to Hexham to Mr Bunting, who will Carry you to a room in the Hall at Dilston where there are Severall old Court Rolls &c for a precedent. Mr Aynesley will deliver none, but if you Come to Hexham, as I think you Should pray call on him & demand them.

Which of us that goes will goe by Alston & Penrith & will Certainly be there the Night before. I mean at Hexham.

I am Sir Yours &c

Hugh Boag

18 May 1739 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Skutt

[Note: The payment referred to was to Robert James Petre, 8th Baron Petre, the husband of James Radcliffe's daughter Lady Mary Radcliffe. The bill on George Pantoune and Thomas Hayley mentioned was not copied into this volume.]

Ravensworth Castle May 18. 1739

To Mr Ben Skutt

Dear Sir,

Inclosed I send you three bills amounting to nine hundred and seventy Pounds upon Mr Boags & my Accot. & I desire you will pay them to Mr Mannock Strickland, with Twenty Pounds in Cash in full of one Years Interest on Twenty Thousand Pounds due to Lord Peters out of the Derwentwater estate at Ladyday last. You will please to charge the £20 in Sir Henry Liddells Accot. as paid on Mr Boags Accot. and mine. Inclosed you have a proper recet. for my Lord Peters to Sign for £1000 which is £10 more than the remittance & what I have desired you to pay in Cash amounts to, that difference being allow'd us for making the remittance. There is likewise £100 due to Lady Katherine Radcliff at Ladyday last wch you will be so good as acquaint Mr Strickland you have directions to pay whenever he produces a proper Testimoniall of her being alive at the time when the Annuity became due. When he produces this Testimoniall you will lett me know & then you shall have a remittance made to make the payment.

I am Sr Your most Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton

Bill to Pay Mr Mannock Strickland at his Chambers in Lincolns Inn,
Benja. Grieves bill on John & Thos Simpson dated 4 May 1739

at 24 days date	£500
Ditto on Ditto dated 16 Ditto at 28 days date	420
George Pantounes Ditto on Thomas Hayley Esqr dated 25 April	
1739 at one month	50
To pay in Cash	20
Remittance 1 percent	10
	£1000

£500 Berwick 4th May 1739 (No.13)

Twenty four Days after Date pay this my Sole Bill of Exchange to the order of Mr Hugh Boag Five hundred pounds value reced. and place it to Accot. as Advice from Sirs Yo.
Hble Servt Benjamin Greive

To Messrs Jno and Thomas Simpson and Comp. Merchts. London

£420 Berwick 16th May 1739 (No. 15)

Twenty Eight Days after Date pay this my Sole Bill of Exchange to the Order of Mr Hugh Boag Four hundred and Twenty pounds value recd. and place it to Accot. as per advice from Sir Yr Hble Servt Benjamin Grieve
To Messrs John and Thos Simpson and Compd. Merchts in London

18 May 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle May 18. 1739

To Mr Maule

Dr Sir

Yours of the 10th of May Inst is now before me in which I observe you have again Spoke to Mr Hunter in relation to the manner in which he proposes to have the Accot. for last year made out, & I find he is still desirous of having the Arrears Incerted upon the face of the Accot. – I must Confess I cannot see what end it will answer, or of what use it will be, as a list of Arrears woud Answer the same end Separate; however in any way that is thought proper we will readily Comply & do as Mr Hunter directs – Wee will have the April Cash Accot. ready next week when it shall be sent Mr Corbett, so that you will then have materiall to prepare it in the way you propose, but you will please to Observe to Mr Hunter that making up the Accot. to the last of April, will necessarily require the Mayday Rents to be brought in as being due the day following and besides of Consequence will make the Accot. for 1 ½ years instead of One year so that the Arrears will Still be the same as to number and equall in <bulk> to one Compleat Rentall of the Estate. I sho'd desire at this time that Mr Hunter wou'd agree to the Accot. being in the way it was made up the year 1737 for I see it plain unless it can be done in that way it cannot be prepared against the first declaration; pray use your Interest with Mr Hunter to have it done in that way.

I expected to have seen you again before I left London as the Colonell proposed coming down with me to Greenwich. I am heartily glad he remembered you before he left London. Mr & Mrs Boag present you & Mrs Maule their Service & I am, Dr Sir

Your most hble servt
Nich. Walton

18 May 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

[Note: Certificate of payment enclosed]

Ravensworth Castle May 18. 1739

To Mr James Wood

Dear Sir

I have Inclosed sent you a Certificate shewing what money was remitted you in the last year out of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate, but I find I cannot Certifie that the £1000 was not reced. by you till January as the Bills which make it up were all due before that time – Mr Maule must I apprehend be able to give you such a Certificate as you want to shew that the £1000 was not reced. till January. I am sorry I cannot doe it in the way you desired it, but hope that which I have Inclosed you, with what you may have from Mr Maule will answer the same end.

I gott well home to my family last Tuesday & Since that wee have drunk your good health & all our good friends at Greenwich to whom pray my kind Service. Mr Boag joyns in the same & I am

Dr Sir, Your most Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton

This is to Certifie whom it may Concern that there has been remitted to Mr James Wood Deputy Treasurer of the Royall Hospitall for Seamen at Greenwich the Sum of Two Thousand Five hundred and Twenty Seven pounds & Six pence, out of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater estate from the 31 December 1737 to the 31st of December 1738. Witness my hand at Ravensworth Castle the 18th May 1739 - - For Mr Hugh Boag & Self
Nich. Walton
Witness Fran. Thibou

25 May 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle May 25: 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sr

Inclosed we send you our Cash accot. for last Month, on which there Remains a Ballance of £1023. 7. - ¼ in favour of the Hospital. We have since remitted £1000 to pay Lord Peter's his Interest due at Lady day last.

The Court Baron is appointed to be held at Keswick the 30th of this Month for Admitting the Tenants, as Tenants to his Majesty, and we propose both to attend to receive the Arrears of Rents and Fines. At our Return we hope to find the Tenants Leases which were Signed at the last Generall Court and we will take care to get executed the Counterparts as soon as possible, and Furnish Mr Radley afterwards with Materials for filling up more and we are

Sr Yr &x Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

27 May 1739 Hugh Boag to Leck

Ravensworth Castle 27th May 1739

To Mr R<Leck> Attorney at Law, Morpeth

Sir

I have Examined James Stewatts Accot. & find it just as I gave it you & there was as follows viz.

From Mart[in]mas 1734 being the time we Comenced Rec. to Mayday 1736 the
time we left it was one year & a halfe at £4 A year £6
Deduct arrears <Jan.y> 19th 1735/6 as by <R.eceivers> 2
 Remaine £4

He Stands in the Late Rec[eive]rs List of Arrears with us also £4 which is the £8 I think I gave you in & is Truth According to the best of my knowledge , & I hope youll give no Quarter fa tho truth seems not be as in him

One Matt. Brown & Isaac Maxweld has had it since & has paid the Rent ever since Mayday 1736 to Mayday 1739 I am Sr in haste &c Yrs Sincerely

Hugh Boag

8 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Rav Castle June 8. 1739

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

We acquainted you the 25 May last that the Court Barron was to be holden at keswick the 30th of that Mo. for admitting the Customary Ten.ts at wch place we attended & found the Tennants much averse to the paymt. of a generall fine having fee'd a Councell to attend on their behalf wch made the busyness very troublesome. This we were appriz'd of & in order that we might be prepared to make a defence we took Mr Simpson with us from Penrith to assist & appear for the Hosp. as Council he being well acquainted with the Customs of the Manors of Castleridge D[erwentwater] & Thornthwaite & indeed he managed so well that we hope every thing was done for the benefit & advantage of the Hospitall. Mr Simpson we doe assure you took a great deal of pains & attended 5 days for wch we gave him £3.3- wch is realy less than he deserved however if the board do not think him deserving of more we hope they will approve of what we have done in that respect.

The Tenants with much adoe produced their Grand Ind[enture] after demand made by Mr King the Court keeper, not only at the Houses of those who kept it but in open Court, and after reading it in Court we insisted of a Coppy which they agreed to,

and it is now we Expect in Mr Simpsons hands Copying. By this Ind.re all the Generall fines Certain & others by Alienation become due Six Months after the Death of Lord or Tennant, so that in strictness we had a right to receive all those fines the day of Assesment, but the Tennants having built upon a Wrong opinion that no fine was due, Came unprovided & pleaded hard for time which we Consented to, & agreed to accept of payment the 11 October next for all those at Keswick & the 12th at Thornthwaite, which we hope the Board will approve off. The Arbitrary fines are due at the Will of the Lord; but it has been Customary to give six Months after the Assesment for the payment of them, which induced us to make all payable together the 11th & 12th of October next. The whole Arrears of Rent & fines will amount to near £1100, the particulars of which shall be sent you as soon as they Can be done.

As this Affair has been a very troublesome one, so it has been a Considerable Expençe, tho' we hope the Directors will not think it so, if they will be pleased to Consider that the attendance was five days, & that we were obliged to take more than Ordinary notice of the better Sort of People, Jury &c the whole Expençe amounts to £9 – 12 –d which we hope the Board will approve off.

Some time agoe Mr Francis Anderson of Alnwick Dyed indebted to the Hospitall £53.16.10 upon wch we wrote you that it would be proper for some person to take out administration in order to Secure the Debt, which being referr'd to Mr Radley, wee were advised not to administer, however being advised by Mr Greive Attorney at Law in Alnwick that we had no way of Securing the Hospitall, but by such Administracon we run the hazard of it in our own Names, & we have Since renounced the Administracon to the Duke of Somersetts Agents who has pay'd in the Debt with the Charges of Administracon . Mr Greive has had a great deal of trouble in transacting this Affair therefore we begg leave to recommend it to the Directors to give him two Guineas for his trouble.

& we ar Sir Yours &c
Walton & Boag

12 Jun 1739 Hugh Boag to William Cockburn

[Note: Dr William Cockburn was appointed physician to Greenwich hospital in November, 1731. He died in November, 1739, aged 70]

Rav Castle 12th June. 1739

To Doctor Cockburn

Sir

I have this day drawn on you for £9.9 – payable to Mr Benja. Skutt one Month after date for what I pd for the Gelding I sent you. I hope he proves well. I shall be sorry if he does not.

I am suspicious he does not please you as I have not heard from you, since you reced. him, however I hope to hear. I did as much as I could to get him for the £9.9.

Mr Walton got safe down abt a month since and desires his Sincere Compliments may be returned you for the favours done him. I am

Sr Yr very Hble Serv

Hugh Boag

A Copy of the bill drawn on Dr Cockborne for the Gelding Rav. Castle June 12th 1739
Sir One Month after date please to pay to Mr Benjamin Skutt or order Nine pounds
Nine shillings the Ball. ce in Accot with you and it will very much Oblidge
Sr Yor Hmble Servt Hugh Boag

June 12th 1739 got Cash of Mr Walton for it.

15 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle June 15th. 1739

To Wm Corbett esqr London

Sir

Inclosed herein I send you our Cash Accot. for last Month. in wch there is a Ball. in our hands amounting toe one hundred & Fifty Pounds three shillings and sixpence three farthings for wch we are accountable to the Hospital.

The Blank Leases & those signed by the General Court are not yet come to our hands, but we have wth Dificulty found out where they are the Carryer having left them at Durham instead of bringing the Box forwards to Newcastle; we Expect to have them at this place tomorrow morning.

Pray let Mr Radley know we have recd. his Letter & will send him all proper materials for filling up the Remainder of the Leases but we woulod see how these are Relished by the Te.nts before we fill up more & you may be Assured no time shall be lost in getting those Executed. I have this day had the Pleasure of Seeing Col. Liddell safe at home wth whom I have left Mr Boag & therefore I am for him

& Self Sr Your &c

Nich. Walton

PS We have made Agreemts subject to the Approbacon of the Board Amount<ing> to above £2000 wch. will be sent you by next post

16 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Watson

Ravensworth Castle June 16th. 1739

To Thos. Watson esqr at Greendon Rigg

Sir

We recd. yours this day dated 12th Inst. in favour of Mr R Anderson who we are very ready to Oblige in any thing where we reasonably can & know it in our power, not only at your Request but upon his own acct.

The Estate at Scremerston was Lett in London & according to the Agreement. everyone must Enjoy, unless it is by a private agreement. amongst the Tennants now as this Agreement. with the Tents. by Mr Anderson is amongst themselves we are afraid all we can doe is to recomend wt you Desire, & that you may Depend we will the very first Opportunity we have of seeing the tenants all together. We will not have a Rec.t of the Rents sooner than betwixt Mich[aelmas] and Martinmas & Consequently may not till then have an opportunity of Seing all the partys, but as a Letter from us will have less Weight than Speaking to the Tents. we advise nothing being done till we see them & We are

Sir Yor. most Obed. Humb. Servts

N: Walton H: Boag

PS If you think a letter from us to the Ten.ts. or if we can in any other way proceed to doe Mr Anderson Service we will most Readily Oblidge you with any thing we can.

19 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle June 19th. 1739

Dr Sir

We have recd. all the Leases which were Sign'd at the last General & the Counterparts filled up, but we observe the words relating to the Tennants grinding their Con at Woodhall Mills is not taken out of those which lye at great distance from it as was agreed upon.

Such of them as are so Circumstanced as to lye without the Barrony of Langley or Manour of Wark will never Sign a Lease with that Covenant, therefore it must be taken out before they Sign, & they insist also that it shall be also taken out of the part Signed by the Geneal Court. We therefore desire to know whether it is justifiable in us to eraise the Words out of these parts that are Signed & whether we may doe it without an order of Board, we are unwilling to lay it before them without first acquainting you with it, so that pray if it is necessary take their Directions, and lett us have yours, for our Government as soon as possibly you can & You'l Oblige , Sr, Yours &c

Walton & Boag

22 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Accompanies the agreements for building on the Derwentwater Estate]

Ravensworth Castle June 22d. 1739

To Wm. Corbett Esqr Pay Office

Sir

Inclosed herein we send you agreements we have made with Several Workmen, Amounting in the whole to two Thousand & Ninety two pounds three shillings & Eightpence for repairing Housing and new building Housing on the Derwentwater estate, which we hope the Board will Approve of. This work will be all Finished this Sum.r & is the Bulk of the Repairs to be yet done on the estate.

We have recd. the following proposals for purchasing the Dues of Lead Ore rais'd & to be raised from Christmas last to Mich. next Viz.

Mr Amb. Appleby for Bouse Ore 46s & for Cutting Ore 41s per Bing

Mr Abram. Watson for Bouse Ore 46. & for Cutting Ore 41 per Bing

G. Liddell Esqr & Ptner for Bouse Ore 47s6d & for Cutting Ore 42s6d per Bing & Geo. Liddell Esqr & Ptners being the best bidders we have agreed with them Subject to the Approbation of the Board, & hope they will Approve thereof. These Dues have been advertised six weeks in the Newcastle Journall .

We have reced. the 21 Leases & Counterparts & part of them are Signed by the Tenants. & we are Sr Yr most Obed. Servts.

N Walton H Boag

P.S. We have reced. from Mr Maul according to the Boards order a Copy of Mr Thompson's Survey of the Derwentwater Estate for wch he paid portage at London, they Refusing to take it in without pay.

An Accot. of Agreements made by Messrs Walton & Boag with Several Workmen for Building and Repairing Houses & Outhousing upon the Derwentwater Estates, Subject to the Approbation of the Board of Directors for his Majestys Royal Hospital ay Greenwich the 12th June 1739 as follows Viz

John Rewcastle & Jno. Hubbock

Jno. Bell of Haydon Town his Housing

For taking Down & Rebuild'g a House <21> foot by 15 foot , a Byer below it the same length & Breadth, Build'g a new Stable 21 foot by 15 foot , putting up Racks & mangers in it & a Loft above for a Granery . Build'g a Milkhouse 12 foot by 6 ½ foot, & also Repair'g & Point'g the Old Barn & other Housing in a workmanlike Manner Exclusive of Leading Materials for the sum of £55, -, -

John Fairlam of Haydon Town his Housing &c

For taking off the Old Roof & new Roof'g a House 21 foot by 15 foot Mend'g ,
Point'g & Plaister'g the Walls & Building Stone Staires. Repair'g the Byer below
the House &c. Also Repair'g the Old Barn & a Cottage , & Build'g a New Stable
20 by 16 foot with a Granery above it Exclusive of Leading for the sum of £50,-,-

Part of Allerwash new Housing for Thos. Dodds

For Building a Dwelling House with a floor above & <Cubd> the size 21 by 15
foot. A Stable joyning it 20 by 15 foot with <2> new Byers Each 20 by 15 foot. A
Milkhouse 7 ½ foot by 15 foot Exclusive of Leading for the sume of £120,-,-

Part of Allerwash Cath. Watsons Housing

For Building a House 18 foot by 15 foot. A Stable 13 foot by 15 foot, with a floor
above it for a Granery . A Milkhouse 12 foot by 7 ½ foot. A Barn 24 foot by 15
foot, & 2 1 Byers 20 foot by 16 foot. The whole to be done in a Substantial
workmanlike manner Exclusive of Leading for £80,-,-

Part of Allerwash Regnald Corbetts Housing

For Repairing a dwelling House & Altering & Repairing an Old barn & making
a Stable of it. Altering & Repair'g a Byer. Build'g a Milkhouse & Repair'g &
Pointing the Walls &c. Exclusive of Leading for the sume of £35,-,-

William Dodgson & Rich'd Featherston

High Lynwood Joseph & Mich' Maughan

For Building Two Stables each 20 foot by 16 foot. Repairing Thatching &
Pointing Two Barns & putting in a pair of new Couples in one of 'em. Repairing
& new flooring the Old Slate House &c The whole to be done Exclusive of
Leading Materials for £60,-,-

James Brimmer & Ralph Brown

Low Lipwood Jno. Dobinson Tenant

For new flooring, new roofing, Plaistering & Cubd. the Dwelling House 32 foot
Long by 14 foot wide & P[ar]titioning off a Milkhouse. Building a Stable 12 foot
Long by 16 foot Wide & a barn 21 foot by 16 foot & Pointing. The whole to be
done in a workmanlike manner exclusive of Leading for the sume of £50,-,-

Low Lipwood Robert Wear Tenant

For New Flooring, roofing, Plaistering , & Ceiling the present Dwelling House
(& Ptitioning from of the same a Milkhouse) 20 foot Long by 14 foot wide.
Building a Stable 13 foot Long by 16 foot wide at the End of the Dwelling House
with a Room above it & a Chimney so as it may be a Lodging room or Granery,
A Barn 21 foot by 16 foot wide at the End of the Stable & to point the whole to be
done in a wokmanlike manner Exclusive of Leading for £50,-,-

Part of Whittontal Jno. & Geo. Willey Tenants

For Building a Tenants House 30 foot Long by 15 foot wide & 14 foot High, with
a P<ar>tition in the Middle so if it may be fitt for one or two Ten'ts. 2 Byers each
20 foot by 16 foot, & 2 Stables each 15 foot by 16 foot wide, & 2 Milkhouses each

8 foot Long by 7 foot wide. The whole to be well & Substantially done Exclusive of Leading for the sume of £140,-,-

William Ironside & William Laybourn

Dilston New Town Housing. John Stokoe &c Tent's

For building 6 new milkhouses each 16 by 7 foot a new barn 27 by 15 foot, A byer 53 by 18 foot. A hird's house & Byer 36 foot by 15 foot. Thatching all the Housing, & Casting & Laying a Conduit across the Barn in Paul Browns possession. Exclusive of Leading for the sume of £130,-,-

East Brokenhaugh Housing Geo. Coates Tent's

For new flooring the Dwelling House 38 by 17 foot & raising the Joysts, Ceiling the upper part & Building a pair Stairs. Building a Milkhouse 16 foot by 7 ½ foot. Building a new Barn 30 by 16 foot. Building a Stable 20 by 16 foot & Lofting it for a Granery. And Pointing Thatching & mending the other Housing. The whole Exclusive of the Leading for the sume of £105, -, -

Thornbrough Mr Thos Reed Tenant

For Building a New House 33 foot by 16 foot, A Milkhouse 16 by 7 ½ Feet, A New Stable 21 by 16 feet, Altering a Byer & Stable & Repairing & Thatching the Remaining new Housing & Rebuilding a New <Gavell>. &c Th whole exclusive of the Leading for the Sume of £120, -, -

N.B. Should not Mr Reed Lead Gratis, shurely he should.

Aldston Miln Wm. Lee Tenant

For New Repairing the Miln & finding & Laying on a pair Blue Stones. Repairing the Dam &c Exclusive of Oakwood & Leading for the Sume of £50, -, -

Peter Moncaster

Tynehead Farm Josh. Archer Tenant

For Building a Stable or Byer 14 foot by 15 foot & Laying a Loft in the same Exclusive of Wood & Leading for the Sume of £14, -, -

John Bell & John Bickerdike

Wood Hall Jno. Coates's Housing

For Converting or Altering the west House into a Stable Breaking out a New Door & putting up a P[ar]tition & Stall'g &c it. Building a New Barn 27 foot by 16 foot, Flagging & Ceiling the Dwelling House & pointing & Thatching the whole. Also putting up 2 P[ar]titions in the said Dwelling House. the whole Exlusive of Leading for the Sume of £52 -10, -

Dinnetley Hous'g Mark Cook Tennant

For Altering the Dwelling House into a Low House Building a Barn 24 by 16 foot, Building a Stable 14 by 14 foot. Altering a Cottage into a Byer & pointing the Walls & Roofs &c. The whole Exclusive of Leading for the Sume of £65, -, -

Middle Deanraw John Parker Tenant

For new flooring the Dwelling House. Building a ne Barn 24 foot by 16, & Pointing & mending the walls & Roof, & Building a Milkhouse. The whole Exclusive of Leading for £36, - , -

Elrington Hous'g Mary Wright & Jno. Coates Tent's

For Building a New Milkhouse 18 foot by 7 foot & Pointing, Thatching, & mending the other Housing, also John Coates's. The whole Exclusive of Leading for £30, - , -

Harsondale Wm & Thos Robsons Housing

For new Roofing both the Dwelling Hous & Floor'g & Ceiling them. Also Building 2 Barns each 21 foot by 16, & pointing & Thatching the whole of the other Housing. The whole Exclusive of the Leading for the Sume of £85, - , -

Newton Hall Jno. Atkinson Tenant

For Building a New House 24 foot by 15 foot A Milkhouse 14 by 7 ½ foot & Repairing a Little Room & a Byer. The whole Exclusive of Leading for the Sume of £52, - , -

N.B. Agreed with the Ten't to Lead Materials for £5

Highwood Housing Rob. Martinson Tenant

For new Roof'g, Tyle'g & Ceil'g the Dwelling House 13 Yds Long, Build'g a New Barn 30 foot by 15 foot, <Alter> the present Barn into a Byer & Stabl'g & point the other Hosuing. The whole Exclusive of Leading for the Sume of £60, - , -

Hackford Housing Jno. Bell Tenant

For Build'g a new Barn & mend'g & pointing the other Hosuing Exclusive of Leading for the Sume of £26, - , -

Longhope Housing Dixon & Scott Tenants

For mending & Thatching the Dwelling House putting up a new Chimney & other Jobbs Exclusive of Leading £4, - , -

Altonside Housing Thos. Walker Tent'

For Repairing the Dwelling House Exclusive of Leading £7 – 13 – 8

Jno. Jackson & Richd. Featherston

Newlands a part, Richd. Andrewes Tenant

For Building a House 8 foot Long by 15 foot wide & 14 foot high. A Milkhouse 14 by 7 foot. A Stable 13 by 15 foot a floor over it for a Granery, a brn 24 by 16 foot & a Byer 20 foot Long by 16 foot. The whole to be done exclusive of Leading for the Sume of £90, - , -

Newlands a part, Jno. & Geo. Rennison Tenants

For Building a Dwelling House 18 foot by 15 foot, a Barn 24 by 16 foot, a Stable 20 by 16 foot & a floor over it for a Granery, and a Byer 20 by 16 foot. The whole Exclusive of Leading for the Sume of £90, - , -

William Elliott

Page Croft Hous'g Wm Elliott Ten't

For Repairing the Dwelling House & Raising the Byer, Building a pair new Hains & a Chimney, Ceiling & Plaistering the Said House, mending the Roof putting in Windows & P[ar]titions & new flooring it, Building a new Barn 24 by 16 foot, the whole Exclusive of Leading for the Sume of £35, - , -

N.B. Agreed wth the Ten't for Leading materials for the sume of £5

Robt. Naisbett Saml. Pickering & Christ. Cowley

North side of Scremmerston $\frac{1}{4}$ pt. Rob. Anderson tenant

For Bulding 7 Byers 20 foot by 16 foot Each, 4 Barns each 30 by 15 foot, Also 3 Stables 20 by 16 foot each & Repairing a dwelling House for Wm. & Saml.

Ancrum. The whole Exclusive of Leading for the sume of £255, - , -

Total £2092 - 3 - 8

22 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle June 22d. 1739

To Mr Jno. Maul, at Greenwich

Dear Sir

We reced Yours of the 16 Inst by last post & the Copy of the Survey along with it, and we will acquaint the Board of our Receiving it &c

We are sorry for the Loss of poor Mr Willock your Clerk & wish sincerely (if it had pleas'd God) he ha liv'd for he seem's to understand your Business well, we are glad you have gott one & hope by his Application &c he will Answer your purpose, & we hope he with your Directions will be the same to us yr Mr Willock was & we will always Gratifye him for what does for us.

We will send our Accot Assoon as its gott done Indeed we were in hopes that it was done from the promisses Mr Willock made if it should be done when Mr Walton was at London. We paid him for the Jobb at or about Xtmass, & Mr Walton made him a small present when at Greenwich but as to the whole, we shall not mind it, and Acquit him.

We Intend to make up the Accot. to 31sr Decembr last, & as Mr Auditor Hunter is Desirous to have the Arrears, there must be Several skins of parchment Annexed to the Accot. for you know what a Length the list of Arrears are, & there is no shortning them. & it would look bad to Settle the accot. to the latter end of April just a day before there was anothe halfe year Due but yet if the Auditor Insists on we will readily Oblidge him in it, tho as we mention before we raither would have it settled to Christmas <Morn.g> 31st Decembr 1738

If the Board would make an order that we should send them a Ship Load of Coales we would readily doe it & would send them in such a ship as would Ly to your Wharfs, & Deliver them, This if we were Ordered we will doe in the <Irongalisway>, &

it may Serve for a Tryall to them, & by which they will be able to Judge of the Savings. Ships will be something Higher in the freight now because of the press but perhaps it will be soon over, our best Respect Attend your good Family & the Doctor and all friends at Greenwich & are

Dear Sr Your very Humb. Servts
Walton & Boag

We have this day Acquainted the Board that we have recd the Copy of the Survey of the Estate & that you paid the postage at London w[he]r[e] you put it in.

29 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle June 29 1739

Mr Wm Radley

Sir

We Reced. yours of the 25d Inst. last post, by which we observe the Boards directions in regard to the Leases which have been omitted <....> in the Covenant relating to Wood Hall Mills before they were signed by the generall Court – The Tennants will have a great objection to the Commission[er]s part having that Covenant, alltho' if it is Eraised in their own before Execution wee cannot see they are Suferers or can be so. You have herewith the number of Leases & Names of Tennants who cannot be bound to that Covenant, and as you are pleased to lay the mistake at Mr Walton's door, he desires for his justification, that the severall papers which he drew out of the Pcells before the Leases were fill'd up, may be laid before the board; as he is sensible he made use of these words (not to be bound to grind at Woodhall Mill) in every one of 'em without the Barroney of Langley or Manour of Wark, exept Mr Reed for Buteland, who tho he is within the Manour of Wark, lyes at least 10 Miles from Woodhall Mill, & therfore of Consequence as Inconvenient as if he had lived without the Manour and we are

Sr Your most Hble Servts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

Ps Would not a memorandum made on the back of Each Lease of these of the inclosed Number that are Signed to this purport do as well as Erasing Viz That Whereas the within Named [blank space] is by mistake bound in the within Lease to grind his Corn at Woodhall Mill, it is intended that he shall grind it at [blank space] Mill under the same Covenants & penalty that is mentioned for Woodhall Mill.

We will send you in a weeks time an accot. of the parcells &c for filling up all the Rest of the Leases; that will answer printed

The Number of Leases and names of Tennants of these Leases & Sent to us, who cannot be bound to Grind at Woodhall Mill viz

- No. 1 Mr Thomas Reed for Thornbrough
2. John Jopling of Newton hall
3. Joseph Jopling of Do.
4. John Atkinson of Do.
5. Mr John Ridley for Westwood
6. Robt Martinson for Highwood
7. John Reed Esqr for Buteland, tho in the Manour of Wark its 10 Miles distant from Woodhall
8. William Pruddoe for the East half of Meldon out ground
- 9 Joseph Kepple for Needless hall
10. Mr George Morton for Outchester

30 Jun 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The enclosed document referred to is not present.]

Ravensworth Castle 30th June 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr, Broad Street, London

Sir

Inclosed is an Accot. of the proceedings at the Courts held for the Manners of Castlerigg Derwentwater & Thornthwaite Consisting of 12 sheets from page 1 to the 45. for the Boards perusall viz:

Castleriggs and Derwentwater Manour.

- From Page the 1st to the 3d & part of the 4th is the Call of the Court and for what Tenaments they Enjoy
- Part of the 4 & 5th pages is an Accot. of Keswick Burrow Rents.
- Part of the 5th Page is Keswick & <Jurees> Rents.
- Part of the 5th Page is an Accot. of Gawin Harris's Rent & Gressoms, being a Lease of a House & Garden for 1000 Years.
- From Page the 6th to the 12th is the Jurys Verdict & presentments for the abovesaid Manour.
- From Page 13th to the 15th is an Accot. of the Dropping or Descent <4s> fines certain for the Sd Manour.
- From Page the 16th to the 26th is an Accot. of the General Assessment of the <4s> fines Certain for the Sd manour.
- Page the 27th is an Accot. of the Arbitrary Dropping fines for D<erwentwater>.

- From Page the 28th to the 31st is an Accot. of the General Admitt^{ances} Arbitrary fines for D[erwentwater]. Manour.
- Part of the 31st Page is an Accot. of the Services Due for D<erwentwater>. Manr. for 7 Years to Martinmas 1738.

The Manour of Thornthwaite Viz

- Page 32 & 33 is the Call of the Court & the parcells each Enjoy.
- Do. 34 & 35 is the Jurys Verdict & presentments
- Do. 36 & 37 is the Arbitrary Dropping or Descent fines.
- From Page 37th to 45 is the General admitting Arbitrary Fines.

Inclosed is also an Abstract of the whole whereby youll see the Fines now Assessed, and the Rents & Services to Martinmas 1738 Amounts to in all £1100 – 4 – 6 and is to be paid 11th & 12th of October Next.

We have been as Exact & Carefull in Assessing the whole as we Possibly could and hope the Board will think so.

We are Sr Your very Humbl. Servts
Walton & Boag

Sent under three Covers the 12 sheets.

8 Jul 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle 8h July 1739

To Mr James Wood at Tower Hill, London

Dear Sir

We were Favoured wth yours of the 18th June last wch would have been answered in Course but that Mr Boag has been Ill for about 10 days, & N. Walton has had the Malencholly loss of a Brother, wch we hope will together be sufficient reason for an excuse.

The money Remitted by us stands as below, for wch you have a Certificate Inclosed Including the £1000 sent in November last, The £70 not being Return'd us till January it stands Charged upon you in our Books the 31st December last.

1737 Novembr 9th remitted	£1000
1737/8 Feby 13 remitted	541 11 0
1738 March 31 remitted	985 09 6 1/2
1738 Novemb.16 remitted	1000
	£3527 00 6 1/2

Out of wch Deduct £70 Bill
return'd for Non payment £3457 00 6 1/2

We Begg our Services to all Friends at Greenwich & are Dr Sir
Your most Humb. Servts
N. Walton H. Boag

This is to Certify whom it may Concerne that we have remitted to Mr James Wood
Deputy Treasurer of he Royal Hospital fo seamen at Greenwich the sum of Three
thousand four Hundred and Fifty Seven Pounds and sixpence halfpenny and no more,
out of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater estate between the first of July 1737 &
the 31st December 1738. Witness our hands at ravensthwaite Castle the 7th July 1739.
£3457 . - . 6 1/2

N. Walton H. Boag
Witness Thos Sunderland

9 Jul 1739 Hugh Boag to Ralph Archbold

[Note: Mr Grieve may be Richard Grieve, Under Sheriff for the County of
Northumberland]

Ravensthwaite Castle 9th July 1739

To Mr Ra Archbold in Alnwick

Sir

I reced. yours of the 2d Inst. & observations you say abt. getting a P<er>son for
Examining into the Affair of the Dukes Agents Complaints abt. the <Gooses Crook>,
tho I am of Opinion that I can find such a Pson in your Neighbourhood if should have
occcation for such one, & one that would doe it very honestly.

Mr Elder did Sugest to me w[he]n last at Newcastle that we had done wrong &
that the thing, tho of little Mom[en]t did show our good will, & it appeared to me by
their Representation to be but of little value, & to avoid a Misunderstanding wth the
Dukes People, agreed to Referr it to Mr Grieve to Examin into upon the Hospitals
Accot., but by yours I find its of more worth, & if it appears in any shape to be the
Hospitals Right, we will be as farr from giving it up as Mr Archbold would doe, tho if
it was my own property I would have Trusted Mr Grieve with it or Some Honest
Neighbour to have Examined into it, what they had to doe in Examin<in>g into the
Alligations on both sides was not to be Determinative as to the Hosptl; because they
were to Enter into no writing or Arbitration Bonds. I am sorry that I have been so
Remiss in my Duty to the Hosptl. as not to goe & see it, I doe Assure you Sr had I
thought it a thing worth going to see, or of so much Consequence as you Represent it I
would have gone, tho I have as little Idle time upon my hands either here or in your

Neighbourhood as most men have, but I live in hopes of seeing it my self in Pson & hearing what the Witnesses say on both sides I am

Sr Your very Humb. Servt

Hugh Boag

P.S. The Postscript to yours I doe not understand, so can give no answer to it.

13 Jul 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle July 13th 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

We have drawn out the parcells of Each farm for filling up Fifty four Leases of farmes on the Derwentwater Estate with the Rents Per Ann. time of Comencement, Terme of years, & all other pticulars which Mr Radley required: which we Send you Inclosed as also an abstract thereof. That part which Relate to the Tenants grinding at Woodhall Mill must be altered in all such as we have remarked and every Tenant must Covenant to Repair a Rood of Hedge for every pound Rent, you will be pleased to forward the Dispatch of these as we will follow with severall others till all is Completed.

As the Season Spends for building we have been obliged to Sett forward some of the Repaires without the Boards Confirmation and as there will be time too little to het those finished wth now are before Mr Maule we hope the Board will not only Approve of what we have done but forward the Confirmation of the whole and we are

Sr Your most Obedt. Servts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

17 Jul 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The Quarterly Contingent Payments account to 31 March 1739 is attached.]

Ravensworth Castle 17 July 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed is our cash Accot for the Month of June last on which there is a Ballance in our hands amounting to One Hundred & fifteen pounds four shillings & Tenpence in favour of the Hospital.

Inclosed is also our Quarterly Contingent Accot. for three Months Ending 31 March las for the Boards Approbation amounting to £58:2:1. We should have sent it

sooner but we have been so Hurried with the Keswick Courts, And the
Repr[esentatio]n upon the Estate, that it had Slip't our Memory but we hope the Board
will Excuse us we are

Sr Your very Hble & Obed. Servts

Walton & Boag

An accot. of Contingent Payments made on the accot. of Derwentwater Estate between
the 31 of Decemr 1738 and 31 March 1739

1738/9	Pd Mr Ambrose Hopper & Ptners in full for valuing the Woods			
Janry 30	upon the Derwentwater estate in 1737 as by Note	£40	-	-
Febry	Pd Mr James Hopper postmaster of Durham for postage of Lettes			
4th	from 31 Dec 1737 to 31 Dec 1738 as by Note	2	6	2
9th	Pd Mr Richd Greive under Sheriff for the County of			
	Northumbeland fo the year 1737 for Levey Money on £5:5 he			
	levied on the goods of james Wilkinson pt of an Arear of Rent for	-	5	-
	Scremerston Mill			
12	pd the Expençe of Riding Langley South Common boundry &			
	seeking Witnesses when the Dispute happened between Walter			
	Blackett Esqr & the hospital	1	-	7
24	pd John Atkinson for 2000 Quicksetts or Thornes he pd for &			
	planted in Newtonhall estate	-	12	-
28	pd Mr Fran. Thibou what he disburst for letters to this day on the			
	Derwentwater Accot.	-	8	7
March 8	pd Mr John White for advertizing the Dues of Lead ores to be			
	Sold for the year 1738. 5/6d and also for advertizing the			
	prohibition of peoples making a Road & breaking down of walls	-	11	-
	of old Meldon Park 5/6d			
14	Pd John Bickerdike what he pd on accot. of Repairing viz:			
	for Lead<in>g Deales and Laths at Aydon Shields £-:15:2			
	for Wherryage of Timber, Deales & Laths, from New<castle> to			
	Newburne and used at the following place Viz:			
	Aydon Shields &c £2: 0 :9			
	Newlands and highfield 2: 7 : 0			
	Whittonstall 1: 0: 6			
	Dilston 2: 5 : 6			
	Thornbrugh 0 : 13 : 6			
	Newtonhall 0 : 8 : 6			
	Whittle 0 : 4 : 6			
	Throckley 0 : 5 : 0			
		£9 : 18		
	: 3			
	for bankleave for the Timber, and Deales at Newburne, for			
	Dilston, Newtonhall, Thornbrugh, Whitle, and Throckley			
	0 : 5 : 6			

		10	18	1
				1
18	Pd Mr Richd Dobson what he disbursed for Repairing the East Window of Midford Chancell		11	4
	Pd Do. what he paid for Surveying & Dividing Midford Glebe land	1	8	6
		£58	2	1

July 17th 1739 a Copy of this Sent the Board for their Approbation & Signed Walton & Boag

20 Jul 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle 20 July 1739

To Mr Radley Attorney at Law

Sir

We sent to Mr Corbett the 13th Inst. the Pcells for 54 Leases wch we Expect are delivered you before this for your Speedy filling up so many Leases. we are preparing more wch shall be sent as soon as we can.

In those sent we desire that you will please to mind & make the following Alterations Viz: In the Leases for Middleton Hall , Peter <Stamp> & Wm. <hughes> Ten.ts. instead of Wooler Parish Incert Ilderton Parish. In the Lease for ½ of Harsondale Instead of Wm. Robson Incert Barbra the late Wm Robsons Widow he being Lately Dec.ed.

We hope you will forward them as much as you can & if any Particular or Dificulty Appears to you in the Pcells we have sent Pray comunicate it & we will Readily Explaine it if in our power. We have taken £1 : 1 : - of Each of these Tents. who we have delivered Leases to. We are

Sr Your very Humb.Servts

N. Walton H Boag

27 Jul 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Jno Maule at Greenwich

Ravensworth Castle July 27th 1739

Dear Sir

We were favoured wth yours of the 19th Inst. in due Course with our Quietus wch also came safe; & for your care of wch we are much Oblidged to you & return you herewith our hearty thanks.

As to the forming our Accot. for last year it may be any shape Mr Hunter pleases, but we would by no means have it end the 30th April last, it is now preparing the 31st December last & will be sent you in a few posts, when it seems you will be so good as doe in it what is proper but we hope for Dispatch sake you will prevail upon Mr Hunter to settle it in the Manner it was done for the year 1737 You will Receive herewith a Bill for Eighteen Guineas (in <lieu> of what you pd. Mr Hunter) on Mr Benja. Shutt payable on Demand.

We doe Assure you the Agreeemnt. we made for Repairing & Building housing was done with all the Exactness we were capable of, & will be found in the whole Lower than the General Estimate. Wm. Lee for Aldston Mill was omitted in the General estimate but is as Necessary Repair as any one in the Estate, the Mill at present being coming down in the present wheelhole & the Farm being too Dear. John Parker is the son of Matt Parker who is Dead, and Nicho. Andrew is one of the <letts> of Housing at Newlands Computed in the General Estimate at a larger Sume & is a Joynt Tent. wth. William Taylor.

We are Glad to hear the Court proceedings at Keswick are found right they cost us more Labour than can be Imagined. Mr Shutt will call upon Dr. Cowburn for the Money for the Horse so that he needs not give him self any Trouble abt. it. We have never heard whether the Horse pleases the Dr. or not pray tell him we would be glad to hear he does & also tell him Oates are Cheap & we are wth. kind respects to all Friends

Dr Sr Your most Oblidged Humb.Servts

N Walton H Boag

PS Please to tell Mr Radley we are preparing to give him an Answer to his last.

28 Jul 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Newelt

Ravensworth Castle 28 July 1739

To Mr Jno Newelt at Naward Castle near Carlisle

Sir

We reced. Yours of the 10th inst. but being since that time much from home could not answr. it sooner, so hopes youle Excuse us in point of times.

As to the right Mr Drydon pretends to have upon Grindon Common by Vertue of Mosshemell estate we doe not justly know, but we have always been Inform'd he had none, & we believe he has no Antient Title deeds that mention any. We have also been Informed by an Old Bayliff that formerly there used to be paid 10s a Year to the Derwentwater family for Mosshemell, & now he says only 6s/8d to the Hospital a Year, & perhaps it is this sume in his Conveyance deed, but 10s in the Antient ones but this we are not Certain of.

His goods was Impounded about two Yrs. since & he Repleved them; but after that proceeded no Further, Sr. Edwd. Blackett then proposed & agreed to joyn wth. the

Hospital in the Expence of Trying it & Mr. Jno. Airey of Newcastle was Employed in the Cause. This Year his goods was Impownded & either he or his Tenant thought fitt to pay poundage for the Tresspass to the Hospitals Bayliff.

This being about as much as we know of the Matter, we hope it will satisfy you, if it should not, we shall be ready to Inform you further from any other Information we may have or gett, as also any other thing that we can where you are Concerned & doe not Doubt your Readiness to doe the same to us. We are Sr Your Very Hmble Servts
NW, HB

31 Jul 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The name of the addressee is omitted, but from the context was probably William Corbett.]

Rav. Castle July 31st 1739

Sir

In pursuance of the boards Commands we advertiz'd the Winning of Scremerston Colliery to be Lett, & after Continuing it in the Newcastle papers Sev<eral> weeks we recd. the following proposals Viz:

Mr Amos Barnes propose to drive a fair & suficient levell from the Sea banks, to link Stapple Shafte find all timber, Carry in air & find Work Utensills, for Carrying on the said Work & Compleating the same ready for Coale Work for the Sum of

£530 – 0 – 0

NB He will find Security for his performance.

Mr Thomas Fetherston proposes to drive the said Levell as above for £500 – 0 – 0

NB He can give no Security for his peformance other than Leaving one halfe of the money which shall be come due to him, in the Rec[eivers] hands as it becomes due till the work is finished.

Mr Thomas Stokoe proposes to drive the said Levell as above for £495 – 0 – 0

NB He will find a Security for his performances.

Mr John Byerley proposes to dive the said Levell provided the same does not Exceed 420 yds for £430, & to be paid over & above the said £430, what it Exceeds the said 420 yds at the rate of £1 for every yd, or will abate of the said £430, hat ever it falls short of 420 yards at the said Rate of £1-6s for every yard that it shall so fall short

£430 – 0 – 0

NB He will find Security for his performances.

These are all the proposalls we have had, the last of which seems the most reasonable, tho as the length of the Levell is uncertain, we do not know but it may be as dear as any. We believe the Proposers may be all very Sufficient to undertake the

Works, but Mr Barnes & Mr Stokoe are most to be depended upon. We shall Wait the Boards directions in this Affair & pursue whatever is their pleasure to order therein in the best manner we Can.

The Tennants of Scremerston Colliery have given us notice that they Cannot Continue at the present Rent longer, & that unless they have a very great abatement they can't subsist, & of Consequence must be obliged to give the Colliery up, till the Levell is drove, & then they say they will perform all their Covenant. The men have acted very honestly & pd their Rent so farr very well & we believe might be persuaded to goe on till the levell is finished at the old Rent, or it may be Sixty or Seventy pounds per Ano & as we hope they will be good Tennants for the remaining part of the Term at £220 we begg leave to recommend it to the Directors to make them such abatement as they think fitt till the levell is drove.

We reced. the Boards Minute of the 25 July Inst which shall be duly observed, but we are Concern'd to find such a misrepresentation as has been made in regard to the Woods on the D[erwentwater]r estate. We hope it will appear to be so far from a Misrepresentation, that there has not been any Tim[ber]r Cutt for sale at all in all the Woods on the Estate, nor not one Tree for the Repaires, or other uses on the Estate, but what could not be avoided. There has been some Timber Cutt in the Man.r of Thornthwaite by the Ten.ts. who Claim a right to it by Custom, of wch the board has been acquainted, but Except that we do not know of any Tim[ber]r of any kind having been Cutt & carryed off the Estates at all. The Bayliffs have orders strictly to survey the Sev.l Woods & we are taking all other proper methods to Inform ourselves of any thing relating this Affair, wch may have happend in the Estate, & have not Come to our knowledge, in order that we may give the Board a thoro' Satisfaction therein & we hope to doe it in a few posts & are Sr Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS We have actually Cutt no Tim[ber]r of any kind in any pt of the estate, Except for rep[airing] a Ten.t's gate or style, or for laying a Barne floor, for a necessitous Ten.ts, & for building a sheep house at Keswick out of dead decayd Trees.

3 Aug 1739 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle Augt. 3. 1739

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Mr Pearson

We have information that in the Estates in your Neighbourhood belonging to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospitall, Severall Persons have of late, and now Continue, to Cutt down Timber & Carry off the same without having a right so to doe, in so much that the Neighbouring People think the offenders will soon Claim as good a right to it as the King himself. We know of no Such practices & hope there is no

grounds for such a Complaint, and in order to shew it forth, you are hereby require
Immediately to Survey all the Woods in the estates under your Inspection & report to us
whether you find any and what Timber to have been Cutt down as aforesaid, and by
whom, & to what Uses it has been Converted to, or to whom Sold, within twelve
Months last past, or rather from Mayday 1738 to this time. You will be as Expeditious
as you Cn & Lett your Report be Coppy'd very fair by your Son & doe you Sign it &
you'll Oblige

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

10 Aug 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Affidavits of wood valuers and estate bailiffs attached]

Ravensworth Castle August 10th 1739

To Wm. Corbett Esqr. at the Pay Office, Broad Street

Sir

Inclos'd herein we send you an Affidavit made by Mr Radleys Directions by the
Persons Concerned in Valueing the Several Woods on the D[erwentwat]er Estate wth an
Abstract of the Sds. valuation Annexed thereto, an accot. of the Several Mines in the
D[erwentwat]er Estates not at worke at Midsum.r last wch Reverts to the Hosp. & also
the accot. of the Mines at Worke under the Lease Granted to Geo. Liddell esqr. &
Ptners; by which it appears 41 Mines are at worke, & that there were then Employed 462
Persons in working & Carrying on the Sd. Mines besides Agents. You will likewise
receive herewith our Contingent Accot. to the 30th June last & the Bayliffs View of all
the D[erwentwat]er woods in the County of Northumberland.

Some time agoe the Directors were pleased to give Orders to us, to Consider
how and in wh<at> manner it would be proper to Dispose of the D[erwentwat]er
woods, so as to be most Advantageous to the Hosp. & in pursuance of such their
Command we have Considered the same & it is our Opinion the woods fitt for Cutting
will be best sold in P[ar]cells & in such Quantitys as can be disposed of in one year
which we think cannot Exceed £800 per Ann. particularly for about 2 or 3 Years in wch
time will be disposed off two Large Pcells Already Cutt & Cutting in this
Neighbourhood wch is the principal Markett for the Disposal of what the Comm.rs
have to sell in the County of Northumb. Dilston wood is the most proper to be sold at
the same time, being in a Differant part of the County, & when Dilston is finished it
will be proper to succeed in the sale wth Thornbrough Highwood Coastley & Langley
Barony in Several Divisions, & in such quantitys Annually as the markett will take off.
The method to be pursued in the sale of Timber we Apprehend may Differ from the
common practice, therefore we Begg leave to represent the Method practised here for
the Boards Consideration.

When a gentleman has a quantity of Wood to sell, wch happens from one to Ten Thousand Pounds, he either sells it together or in Pcells, in either of wch. Cases it is Considered in what time the Markett will take it off. A summe is Agreed for by the <Lump> & time are fixed for payment at a certain summe by the Year, an Allow[ance] of such a Num of Years being Allowed for Clearing the Ground as is found Necessary this is the Method practised in the sale of Woods & indeed no other is known in this Country.

We have thoroughly Examined the Abuses Complained off as Comitted in the D[erwentwat]er woods which are Entirely Groundless, so Farr as relates to those in the County of Northumberland a Certificate of wch under the Bayliffs hands you have Inclosed wch we hope will shew the malicious Treatment we meet with. An Enquiry is now making at Keswick into the Abuses Complain'd of, and Assoon as we are well Informed whether there be room for such Complaint or not you shall be Acquainted with it. & we are Sr Your most Obedt. Servts. M Walton, H Boag

[There follows a copy of the Alston Moormaster's accounts for the Midsummer quarter 1739]

In the Exchequer Concerning the estate of the late Earl of Derwentwater

Ambrose Hopper of <Fugar> house in the County of Durham yeoman Edward Oxley of Birks in the County of Northumberland yeoman William Ramsey of Collierley in the said County of Durham yeoman and Robert Johnson of Ebchester hill in the said County of Durham gent. severally make oath and say they are well skilld and Experienced in the knowledge of Wood and the Growth of Timber and have for many years been conversant therein. And all these Deponents severally say that in the year of our Lord 1737 they Carefully Surveyed the Severall Woods standing and growing in the Ancient Woodland called Thornbrough, Dilston high wood and Boat house Lane Coastley, and Langhope Langley Baroney and Lynburn in Langley Baroney in the County of Northumberland part of the Estates forfeited by the Attainder of James late Earl of Derwentwater and Charles Radcliff.

And these Deponents Robt. Johnson and Ambrose Hopper Severally say that they these Deponents in the same year Carefully Surveyed the severall woods standing and growing in the places in the said Accot. mentioned Called meldon and Hartburn Grange other part of the said Forfieted Estates in the said County of Northumberland. And the said Deponents Ambrose Hopper and Wm. Ramsey also further Severally say that they these Deponents in the same year also Carefully Surveyed the severall woods standing and growing at and about Keswick in the said schedule also mentiuned in the County of Cumberland being other part of the said forfeited estates And all these Deponents Ambrose Hopper Edward Oxley Wm Ramsey and Robert Johnson Severally say that to the best of their Respective Judgements upon a Strict View and Enquiry into the nature and Condition of the severall species of Timber and Trees in the said

Annexed Accot. Particularly mentioned then standing and growing in the said severall woods called Thornbrough Dilston highwood and Boathouse Lane Coastley Langhope Langley Barony and Lynburn in Langley Barony aforesaid that they find fitt for Cutting and felling therein thirty four thousand one hundred and sixty seven Oak Trees, One thousand four hundred and twenty five Ash Trees, One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine Elm Birch and other trees of the value of three thousand two hundred and four pounds sixteen shillings and six pence or thereabouts Exclusive of the bark, And the said Bark thereof to be of the Value of One thousand seven hundred and thirty seven pounds and sixpence. And these Deponents Robert Johnson and Ambrose Hopper severally say to the best of their respective judgements upon a Strict View and Enquiry into the Nature and Condition of the Trees at Meldon and Hartburn Grainge aforesaid in the said annexed Accot. Particularly mentioned then standing and Growing they find fit for Cutting there 20 Oak Trees 722 Ash trees and 266 Elm Birch and other Trees of the value of £105-4-6 or thereabouts Exclusive of the Bark and the Bark thereof to be of the value of one pound or thereabouts.

And these Deponents Ambrose Hopper and Wm Ramsey severally say to the best of their respective judgements upon a Strict View and Enquiry into the Nature and Condition of the Trees at and about Keswick in the said County of Cumberland in the said annexed schedule particularly mentioned then standing and growing they find fitt for Cutting there 6711 oak Trees 5117 Ash Trees and 2799 Elm Birch and other trees of the value of £3960-2-6 or thereabouts Exclusive of the Bark thereof and the Bark thereof to be of the value of £915-1-0 or thereabouts All which severall values of Wood Timber Trees and Bark hereinbefore and in the annexed accot. Particularly mentioned amount together in the whole as these Deponents Robt. Johnson Ambrose Hopper and Wm Ramsey doe compute to the sum of £9953-5-0. And all these Deponents further say that the said wood timber and trees or greatest part thereof to the best of their judgements are past their full Growth and will become worse by standing longer.

taken and Sworn at Newcastle upon Tyne this ninth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty nine before me

[Hopper, Ramsay and Johnson signed; Edward Oxley made a mark]
John Airey a Commissioner on this behalfe.

The Original sent the Board the 10th August 1739 the Abstract of the value of the woods annexed, is the same as that sent the 23rd Decmb 1737 (the under<...> and signing only excepted)

We the Bailiffs for the Estates belonging the Hospital of Greenwich in the County of Northumberland have taken an Exact Survey of the several woods thereunto belonging as follows. In the parish of Warden Harsondale Sillywray Plankey pasture the Common Tedcastle Lees Lightbirks Lund Ends Esphill Dean Raw Whitechapple Lipwood Millhills Haydon Altonside East Brokenheugh Allerwash, in the Parish of Hexham Langhope Hackford Coastley Westwood Highwood Peacock House

Rawgreen Aydon shield Upper mire House Staples, In the Parish of Slealey Wooley, in the parish of Corbridge Dilston park Thornbrough, In the Parish of Bywell Newton Shaw Whittonstall & Newlands, in the Parish of Ovingham Whittle, in the Parish of Hartburn Hartburngrainge, in the Chappelry of Meldon Meldon and Meldon park, & does not find any Wood Cutt or damage Done in the said Woods Excepting 3 trees of oak cutt at Tedcastle for Repairing Woodhall Mill, one Ash Tree Cutt at Allerwash where Cuth. Watsons House is Building & the sd. Tree was used for a Barnfloor at Allerwash an Oak Tree Cutt in Dilston park for the use of Dilston Mill & some Birch & Allarwood Cutt for Building the Hirds House at Dilston which is all that has been Cutt within this Twelve Months by past to our knowledge as Witness our hands this fourth day of August 1739

Robert Johnson Abraham Bunting

The Original sent the Board 10th Aug. 1739

12 Aug 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle August 12th 1739

To Mr Wm Radley at Greenwich

Sir

I recd yours 4th 5th Aug Inst wth a Copy of the Case relating the Intrusions into High Stublick Colliery, & the Attorney Generals opinion thereon upon wch Mr Boag and I have had a Consultation with Mr Airey, who is of Opinion as we are that it is most proper to file an Information on the Equity Side of the Court of Exchqr. for an Accot. of what Coales have been wrought, & for an Injunction to stay their working as the Attorney General Advises, for as the other way of proceeding will take up to Long a time the <Ten.t> will be thereby a great sufferer, & we are in hopes that a stop being putt to the working may put an End to the Dispute as it is not of very great Consequence to Mr Blackett.

You Desire to know in what manner Dilston, Whitley, Coastley, Throckley, & Newlands Mills stands, & whether the penalty of 40s on the Ten<an>t's default to grind at the Respective Mills in their Leases mentioned, may Continue in the Leases to be filld up as they are printed. In Answer to wch Dilston Mill is within the Manor of Corbridge, wch Manor belongs to the Duke of Somerset, Whitley & Coastley Mills are within the Manor of Hexham wch Manor belongs to Walter Blackett esqr., Throckley Mill is in the Manor of Throckley belonging to the Comm<ission>ers of Greenwich Hosp. & the Mill at Newlands is within the Manour of Newlands & Whittonstal belonging also to the Commrs of Greenwich Hosp. You will therefore observe that all these mills are a pt. of the D<erwentwat>er estates but the Manors in wch Dilston Whitley & Coastley Mills are doe not belong the D<erwentwat>er Estate you will judge how farr the words in the printed Leases relating the penalty are liable to Alteration as

the Circumstance is, but in all the Leases every Tent. must be Liable to a penalty of 40s in Case he or they doe not grind at the Respective Mills they Covenant to grind at.

If this is not Clear please to Lett us know wt further is wanted & it shall be sent you by Mr Boag or Your most Humbl. Servt

N Walton

12 Aug 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Aug 12th 1739

To William Corbett esq.

Sir

Mr Boag & I wrote you last post & Inclosed you several papers, which I hope will come safe, but the Conting[ent] Accot. of payments being a Long one could not be gott Copy'd in time, wch occasions my Troubling you with this wch incloses it, & our Cash accot. for last Month on wch there is a Ball.ce of Two Hundred & Eighty pounds on shilling & Elevenpence in favour of the Hosp. The Conting[en]t Accot. will appear to be a Large Sume, but it is youl please to observe made up principally by the Exp[ence] of Leading to the Repaires on the Estates in wch we would not possibly be more Frugal than we have been. The last Agreem.ts are now all going on wth the Outmost Expedition the Weather being seasonable & we hope will mostly be Finished this Season. I have wrote to Mr Radley this day in answer to his about High Stublick Colliery as also in relation to the Covenant in the D[erwentwate]r Leases as to Grinding at the Several Mills And I am Sir Yours &c

N Walton

An account of the Contingent payments made on and of the Derwentwater Estate between the 31 March and 30th June 1739 vizt:

			£	£	
April	Pd	Mr Jo. Pearson for a Load of Lime had for			
4		Repairing Keswick Moothall steps 8d & for			
		Postage of letters 8d		0	1 8
5	Pd	Edwd Nicholson for a Lock for Keswick			
		Moothall & a new Beam & Scales for		0	19 6
		Weighing things Sellable			
	Pd	Isaac Todd for putting in a New Principal in			
		Keswick Moothall		1	2 6
9	Pd	Thomas Bates Wm Green & Wm Laybourn for			
		Leading materials to Build & Repair Houses			
		& Outhousing in 1738 at Thornbrough viz:			
		8 18/40 th Tun of Wood at 7s & 3 1/3 <..> Deals	4	6	0

	at 10s per <..>			
	Wherryage of 5 18/40 th Tun of Wood at 2s & 3	19	10½	
	¼ of Deals at 3s per			
	Bankleave at Newburn for the same	2	10	
	4750 Tyles being 20 fothers, & 4000 Bricks	3	8	0
	being 14 fothers at 2s per <fother>			
	24 Fothers of Lime at 18d & 36 of Slates &	7	4	0
	Flaggs at 3s per fother			
	2 fothers of Small Coales for the Barnfloor	0	6	0
	67 Days Stones, Water, & Sand at 2/6d per	8	7	6
		24	14	2½
	Deduct Allow'd by This Bates towards the			
	Lead<in>g to a new Barn in his possession	10	6	
			24	3 8½
Pd	Mr Thos Read for 1600 Thorn Quicks wch he		8	0
	pd for & planted in Thornbrough Farm			
Pd	Joseph Todd for Leading Materials to Build	7	7	0
	Houses & Outhousing and Repairing in 1738			
	at Land End by Agreement			
Pd	Jno. Rewcastle for Leding Deales, Tyles &c for	2	10	0
	Repairing Whitechapple Housing in 1738 by			
	Agreement			
Pd	Wm. Watson for Leading Materials to Build &	16	0	0
	Repair Houses & Outhousing upon his Farm			
	at Allerwash in 1738 by Agreement			
Pd	Wm. Corbett for Ditto upon his Farm at Do. in	9	17	9
	1738 by Agreement			
April	Pd George Liddell what he Disburs'd for Glazing		3	6
10	Hartburn Chancel			
Pd	Nicho. Glenwright for Leading Mateials to	1	3	1
	Repair Housing in 1738 at Vauce &			
	Loningfoot by Agreement			
Pd	Joseph Pigg for Leading Materials to Build	12	0	0
	Houses & Outhousing in 1738 at			
	Westbrokenheughby Agreement			
Pd	Jno Robson for Leading Mateials to Repair	4	12	0
	Outhousing at Sillywray in 1738 by			
	Agreement			
Pd	Joseph Maughan for Ditto at Lipwood in 1738	1	16	9
	by Agreement			
Pd	Thos. Wright for Ditto at Millhills in 1738 by	6	0	0
	Agreement			
Pd	John Ridley for Leading Materials to Build a	23	7	0
	House & Outhousing at Westwood in 1738 by			
	Agreement			

Pd	Jno. Jopling fo 3000 Quicks wch he pd for & planted at Newton Hall				15	0
Pd	Mr William Twizle, Wm Laybourn & Jacob Hume for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Outhousing upon the West half of Harlburngrainge in 1738 Viz: 29 ½ days at 2s/6d & 24 ½ at 2s/2d per day. Stones, Lime, Morter, & Sand 53 days at 9d per Barrow <for> Stones, & 1220 Tyles at 2/6d per 100 12 <Sto> Load of Wood at 12s per & 3s for Toll for the same	5	18	8		
		3	10	3		
		7	7	0		
					16	15 11
Pd	Edward Richardson for <44> Days at 3s per Leading Stones, Lime, Morter, Sand, Timber & Slates to Build a New House & outhousing on the West half of Meldon Outgrounds by Agreement in 1738	14	2	0		
Pd	Jacob Hume for Leading 8 <Sto> Load of Wood & Deales at 10s per and 2s for Tolls for the same, had to the same Buildings	4	2	0		
					18	4 0
Pd	Mr Thos. Humbell, Hen. Oxley, Luke Hall, Geo. Wilkinson, Wm Green and James Brimmer for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Houses and Outhousing upon Thos. Humbell & Ptners Farm at Whittonstall in 1738 322 ½ foot of Timber at 4s per Tun, & 253 Deales at 1s per 419 Fothers of Stones at 3d & 19 of Lime at 2s/6d per 27 Do. of Slates & Flaggs at <12s> & 32 of Lime Morter at 2s per 5000 Tyles at 3s per 250, & 4910 Bricks at 3d per 100 <1 ½> Fothers of paving stones <...> & a fother of Small Coales <...> 28 ½ Days at 2s per Cartage of Materials further	2	1	3 ½		
		12	17	0		
		1	17	6		
		3	12	¾		
			5	0		
		2	17	0		
		24	3	¾		
	Deduct ¼ of which Hen. Oxley & Luke Hall Leads Gratis	6	0	6		

		18	1	6 ¾
Paid	Geo. Wilkinson & James Brimmer for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Houses & outhousing upon Whittonstall Hall farm in 1738 viz:			
	9 Fothers of Lime at 2/6d & 18 of Slates & Flaggs at 12d Per	2	0	6
	35 Do. of Stones at 6d & 155 at 2 ½d Per	2	4	4 ½
	12 Do. of Lime Morter at 2d & 4 of Sand at 4d per		3	4
	1200 Tyles at 3s per 250, & 2450 Bricks at 3d per 100	1	12	6 ¼
	11 ½ foot of Timber at 4s per Tun, & 123 Deals at <.>	1	1	4 ¾
	17 days at 2s per Cartage of Materials further	1	14	0
		9	1	6 ½
	Deduct ¼ of which Geo. Wilkinson Leads Gratis	2	5	4 ½
			6	6
				2
Paid	Wm.Green, Thomas Humbell & james Brimmer for Leading Mateials to Build a Barn on Lawsons farm at Whittonstal in 1738 viz:			
	56½ foot of Timber 5/7 ½ d & 42 Deales 3/6d		9	1 ½
	1000 Tyles 11/11¾ & 3 Fothers of Slates 3s		14	11¾
	155 Fothers of Stones at 5d & 4 at 2 ½ Per	3	5	5
	9 Do. of Lime Morter 1/6d & 13 ½ days carting Materials further 2s/-	1	8	6
		5	18	0 ¼
	Deduct ¼ of which Wm.Green Leads Gratis	1	9	6
			4	8
				6¼
Paid	Jno. Hedley Wm.Green & James Brimmer for Leading materials to Build & Repair Houses & Outhousing at Cooper House & Farle in 1738 viz:			
	228 foot of Timber £1:2:9½ & 140 Deales 11/8d	1	14	5 ½
	2750 Tyles 3s3 & 2750 Bricks at 4d per 100	2	2	2
	9/2d			
	50 Fothers of Stones at 5d & 157 at 3 ½d per	3	6	7 ½
	95 Do. of Sand & Morter at 3½d per & 72 Thraves of Ling at 1d per	1	13	8 ½
	14 Do. of Lime at 2/6d & 4 of Small Coales at 4s per fother	1	16	4 [sic]
	29 Days at 2s per Carting Materials further	2	18	0
			13	11
				3½
Paid	Geo. Long Jno. Ellison Deceased & Geo. Ellison Sen. for Leading Materials to Build			

and Repair Houses & Outhousing at Highfield in 1738 viz:			
18 Fothers of Lime at 2/6d per & Plaistering Hair & Laths 1/6d	2	6	6
137 foot of Timber at 4/4d per Tun & 17 Deales at 1d each	1	9	1
5650 Tyles & 3050 Bricks	3	15	5
142 Fothers of Stones at 6d & 290 at 2d Per	5	19	4
34 Do. of Slates & Flaggs at 15d & 4 at 6d Per	2	4	6
147 Do. of Lime mortar & Sand at 2d Per & 308 Thraves of Ling at 4d Per	2	10	2
16 Days Leading Small Coales Duffits & Old Thatch	2	0	0
	20	5	0
Deduct ¼ of which they Lead Gratis	5	1	3
		15	3 9
Paid Mr Robert Johnson Geo.Dixon & James Brimmer for Leading Materials in 1738 to Build & Repair Houses & Outhousing upon the Sd. Mr Johnsons and Geo. Dixons Farms at Newlands viz:			
843 Fothers of Stones at 3d & 230 of Sand at 4d Per	14	7	5
22 Do. of Lime at 3s & 38 of Slates & Flagg at 1/6d	6	0	0
5400 Tyles at 3s per 250 & 8400 Bricks at 2d per 100	3	15	5 ½
352 ½ foot of Timber at 4s per Tun, & 148 Deales at 1d Per	2	7	7
10 Fothers of Coales, <L...> & Duffitts		13	4
1 Fother of Plaistering Hair & Laths 2/6d & 1 day Carting Stones 2s		4	6
	27	8	3 ½
Deduct ¼ of which Mr Johnson & Geo. Dixon Leads Gratis	6	17	½
		20	11 3
Paid Cuth.Harrison for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Houses & outhousing upon his Farm at Newlands in 1738 viz:			
616 Fothers of Stones at 3d & 108 of Sand & Morter at 4d Per	9	10	0
13 Do. of Lime at 3s & 19 of Slates & Flaggs at 18d Per	3	7	6
3000 Bricks & 2800 Tyles £1:18:7, 20 foot of Timber & 206 Deales £1:17:11½	3	16	6 ½

	3 Fothers of Small Coales & one fother of Planks	6	0	
	4 Do. of Paving Stones 2/3d, Laths, Hair, Crooks, & Bands 3s	5	3	
		17	5	3 ½
	Deduct ¼ of which he Leads Gratis	4	6	3 ½
			12	19 0
Paid	Jno Reed Esqr Wm. Laybourn & Jacob Hume for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Houses & Outhousing at Buteland in 1738 viz:			
	10 38/40 Tun of Wood at 16s & 7 10½/40 at 14s Per Tun	14	13	0 ¾
	<....> Deales at 22s/8d & 1½ <....>	6	16	9 ¼
	a Fother of Ceiling Laths 18/6d & Toll at N<ewburn?> for the Sd Wood, Deales & <....>	17	10	
	Wherryage of the 7 10½/40 Tun of Wood & the 1½ <..> Deales	18	6	
	14700 Tyles at 30s & 4800 Bricks at 6s Per 1000	23	9	9 ¼
	65 Fother of Slates & Flaggs at 1s & 10 at 2s per	4	5	0
	24 Fothers of Coales fo Burning Lime	1	10	0
	80¼ Days at 2s/6d per Stones & Lime	10	1	3
	50 Days at 10d Barrowing old stones	2	1	8
	N.B. Jno. Reed Esqr Lead Stones to Build a Barn Gratis			
			64	13 10½
11 Paid	William Lowther an Allow<an>ce or Consideration for Hedging in his Farm at Wooley Mill green in 1736		5	0
Paid	Mr Geo: Potts for 90 days at 2s/6d per, Leading Materials to Build a House, Stable, & two Byers at Throckley in 1738		11	5 0
Paid	Jno. Rewcastle for Buildg a Limekiln at Fourstones by Agreemt £6			
Paid	Do. for Squaring Wood at Vauce to be used in Repaires	1	2	8
			7	2 8
Paid	Michael Thomas & David Brown for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Houses & Outhousing on Dilston Newtown Farm in 1738 Viz:			
	143 Fothers of Stones at 5d & 121 of Sand at 3d Per	4	9	10
	10 Do. of Lime at 18d & 9 at 4d Per	18	0	
	30 Do. of Limestones at 18d per & 3 of	2	8	2

Watthells & Stakes 3/2d			
12 Do. of Paving Stones at 3d & 8 of Coales at 15d Per	13	0	
3 Do. of Deales at 8d & 2 at 5d Per	2	10	
12 Do. of Flaggs & Slates at 5d & 2 at 3d Per	5	6	
9 Do. of Bricks & Tyles at 10d Per	7	6	
15 Do. of Gravill at 2d Per & a fother of Broom 1s	3	6	
471 Thraves of Ling at 2d Per & 2 days old Thatch & Rubbage 5s	4	3	6
			13 11 4
Paid Mr Abram Bunting his Disbursments for Necessary Repaires at Several places upon the estate Viz:			
for a New Gate at Dilston Bridgend	9	0	
for Coggs & Rounds Cutting for Dilston Mill	1	4	
for Ling Pulling & Thatching Housing with the same at Highwood	1	3	8
for Ditto at Coastley	14	8	
for a Lock to a Barn at East Brokenhaugh	1	6	
for 2 fothers of Lime had to bld Housing at Do.	3	0	
for 2 Mangers for a stable at Harsondale	4	0	
for 7000 Thorn Quicks had & planted at Allerwash	1	15	0
for 4000 Do. at Newton Hall	1	0	0
for 3400 Do. at Lane Ends	17	0	
for 3000 Do. at Westwood	15	0	
for 1000 Do. at West Brokenhaugh	5	0	
for 1000 Do. at Coastley	5	0	
for 500 at Fourstones	2	6	
			7 16 8
Paid Mr Abram Bunting his Disbursments further as follows viz:			
Pd Several men Assisting as Witnesses, Also Expences <...> Discharging Mr Blackitts Workmen from Sinking a pitt at High Stublick Colliery in Langley Barony South Common the 24 th Jan last	13	0	
Pd A <Treat> for Several Gents & Freeholders when Riding the Boundry of Langley Barony South Common occationed by the same colliery 20s. Several Witnesses 10s & other Horse Hyre 11s the 12 Febry last	2	1	0
Pd Postage of Letters from 31 st Decembr 1737 Ending 9 th Instant			0
	6		

					3	0	0
13	Paid	Mr Jno. Smart for 6 Fothers of Lime 18s. Mason Work 13/4d. Carp. Work 1/4d. Labourage 4/6d. Nails 6d & Timber 1s. had to Repair a <...> at Spindleston			1	18	8
	Paid	Do. what he Disbursd to Robt. Scott for Laying on a p<ai>r Milstones 10/6d. and putting in a Cill, Sleepers, & 2 Ridplanks 2s in Spindleston Mill			12	6	
May 8	Paid	Joseph Jopling his Disbursments for Repairing Houses upon his Farm				1	8
	Paid	Robert Wear for damage of Ground sustained by Cutting Working & Leading wood from of his Farm			12	0	
9	Paid	John Slater for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Houses & Outhousing upon his Farm at Whittle in 1738 Viz:					
		12 Fothers of Wood 36s & Bankleave at Newburn for the same 1s6d	1	17	6		
		14 Do. of Stones 7s/6d. 9 of sand 3s/9d. & 4 fothers of Slates 12s	1	3	3		
		9 Do. of Straw (the Value of the Straw Included)	1	5	0		
		7 Do. of Tyles 21s. 10 of Lime 20s/9d. & Watthells 3s	2	4	9		
		6 days Paving Stones & Duffitts		15	0		
			7	5	6		
		Deduct for 8 fothers of Lime 12s. & overchd. for Leading from Several places 6s		18	0		
						6	7 6
	paid	Thomas laidler for Leading materials o Build & Repair Houses & Outhousing upon his farm at Whittle in 1738 Viz:					
		6 Fothers of Lime 15s. & 2 days 7 fothers more 5s	1	0	0		
		10 days at 2/6d Per 59 fothers of Stones, & 2 days Paving Stones 5s	1	10	0		
		8 Fothers of Wood, 8 of Slates, & 11 of Tyles at 3s	4	1	0		
		16 days at 2/6d Per, Sand, Duffitts, &c	2	0	0		
		7 Fothers of Straw at 2/6d Per and one at 3s	1	0	6		
			9	11	6		
		Deduct an Overcharge upon the whole		9	6		
						9	2 0
17	paid	Mr Robert Johnson his Disbursmts for					

		Workmanship 19/6d. Leading 2s. and for Materials 8/8d for and towards the Repairing Newlands Mill	1	10	2
24	paid	Geo. Reynoldson 1/3 part of the Charge of the making & Mending a Road to the Quarry to gett stones for & towds Building &c Houses at Newlands		7	0
June 2	paid	Mr John King Steward of Keswick & Thornthwait Courts what he Disbursd for a Large Folio Book for keeping the Records of these Courts		12	4
	paid	Mr Joseph Pearson his Expences & getting people to Assist in the Valuing the Wood upon Castle Rigg &c the year 1737	2	4	6
3	paid	Mr Barron Parkers man on Swearing to the Accot. the year 1737		9	0
11	paid	Jno. Rewcastle for Workmanship 32d Hair & Lime 4/2d & for smiths work 3/6d Repairing the Tylekiln & Shades in Dilston park	1	19	8
	paid	Mr Abram Bunting what he Disburs'd for Meat Drink & Loss of time for 5 Witnesses that made Affidavit Relating Stubblick Colliery		13	6
	paid	Mr Abram Bunting his Disbursements for Supeneys &c for 72 Men as Evidences in the Cause Dudley <Rider> Esqr. Attorney General Against Ra. Readhead	10	7	0
	paid	Mr John Gibson for several Gentlemens Expences at his House in Hexham from 26 April to the 12 May last upon Commission in the Cause Dudley Rider esqr Attorney general against Ra. Readhead	20	17	11
	paid	Mr Abram Bunting his Disbursements Seizing &c and selling Bridgett Horsemans Goods as follows viz:			
		Constable & other Expences at Serving	4	4	
		Robt. Hallywell 8 days keeping possession before sold	10	8	
		Wm. Stobs for selling the Goods	5	0	
14	paid	Jno. Atkinson for Leading materials to Build & Repair Houses and Outhousing upon his Farm at Newton Hall in 1738 Viz:	1	0	0
		3 Tun of Wood 18s. 5 Deales & 5 Oak Planks 5s	1	3	0
		10 Fothers of Lime 10s. & 6 of Slates 15s	1	5	0
		6 Do. of Tyles 15s. & Plaistering Hair 2s	17	0	

	24 days at 2s/6d per Sand, Stones, & Morter	3	0	0
		<hr/>		
			6	5 0
	paid Wm. Forster for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Outhousing &c upon his Farm at Whittle in 1738 by agreement	<hr/>		
			4	19 9
15	paid Jno. Airey Esqr. what he paid the Commissioners in the Commission Dudley Rider Esqr. Attorney General Against Ra: Readhead, & for Ingrossing	<hr/>		
			30	9 5
		<hr/>		
			447	3 0 ½
	Total			

Copy Sent Mr Corbett the 12th & not the 10th August 1739

[Although copied into the volume between letters dated 20th and 27th July.]

20 Aug 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Aug 20th 1739

We wrote you the Ninth Inst and Inclosed you Mr Johnson and Mr Buntings report on the Complaint relating to the Cutting and Carrying off Timber belonging to the Derwentwater Estate, Since which Mr Pearson the Bayliff at Keswick Informs us that in the Demesne Woods of Keswick no Timber of any kind hath been cutt down Except some decayed Oakes for building a Sheephouse for the Tenant of Goosewell which we orderd and approved off, as being very properly Applied for the benefitt of the Estate when we were last at Keswick.

The Tenants within the Manour of Thornthwaite hold there Estates by Custom by wch they all claim a Right to the Timber which they or their predecessors have planted in the hedgerows, and we have been well Informed they have cutt down Timber in the hedgerows at their will and pleasure for their Necessary Rep^{ai}rs time out of mind, Others Say it was done by permission of the L^{or}ds Bayliff who had the Bark for his perquisite. But besides the Hedge Row Timber there is some Wood Land, which some of the Tennants Claim a right to, & as you were before informed, The Rev. Mr Jefferson did actually cut down & sell a Quantity of Birch & Alder by which he was we apprehend & is still liable to prosecution. That Severall of the other Tennants have also Cutt down Timber in the Hedge Rows, Since we have been Concerned is also Certain, but it is what we have apprehended they have a Right to, but in Case the Directors are pleased to order a Stop to be putt to it, whatever they direct shall be punctually observed. Parson Jefferson should really be prosecuted, for his not being so may have a very ill effect, in the Encouragement it may give others. But whether a Stop should be putt to the Tennants for cutting Hedgerow Trees may deserve to be very well

considered, as it will undoubtedly draw the Hospitall into an Expensive Law Suit about a thing of very little value. We have however repeated a Discharge to all the Tennants, which we often did before; but shall not take any other Steps till we receive the Boards further Commands.

We reced. Yours with the Boards Minutes of the 15th Aug Inst wch we duly observe and are Sir Yours &c N.W H:B

20 Aug 1739 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle 20th Aug 1739

Mr Pearson

We reced. Yours of the 8th Inst about the Woods and are glad you can say and affirm there is no Wood Cutt at Keswick except those dead trees you mention, & we saw that was for building the Hogghouse and we Earnestly desire that you will keep a Watchfull Single eye over those Woods and permitt no man upon any pretence to Cutt the Least Twig there without a Direct order for so doing.

We are Sorry to find you give us such a Confused Accot. of what the Tennants at Thornthwait have cutt out of their Hedge Rows, as if we could judge of the number of Trees, or value thereof by what Bark they have sold, however you say it is all for their own use. We desire that you will at the Receipt of this go in person and take a Witness with you, and discharge all Thornthwait Tennants from Cutting any, either in Hedge Rows or Elsewhere, without the Lords Licence, and Pticularly warn that Tennant that you mention has Crop'd severall Trees in Thornthwait Woods, & sold the bark, that he will be Sued, and pray you why do not you send us his Name that we may order him to be prosecuted, we again desire the Christian Name & the Surname of every one who have Cutt or Carryed any Wood or Bark off, that we may send it to Mr Simpson, that they may be imediately Sued. we wonder how you can Sitt Still , & Suffer them to Crop Young Oake Wood upon that estate without giving us Pticular Notice, none of them pretend any Right to any Oake Wood upon the Estate, Except for repairing Houses &c, and that is disputable, and is to be by the Lds Licence, we hope you'll exert Your Self and are

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS Is Mr Blackwell at London or at Home, has he been at London Since we were there.

3 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton

[Note: Loose leaf insert at this point. Recipient not named, but presumably to William Corbett or William Radley. A copy of the Articles of Agreement is attached.]

Ravensworth Castle Sept 3 : 1739

Sir

We have made an agreement with Mr Thomas Stokoe for winning Scremmerston Colliery and the Directors have ordered an Article to be Drawn, to be sent for their perusal and approbation which I desire you will order to be Done so as we may send it away next Frydays Post, which O hope you may be able to doe from what follows.

Mr Thomas Stokoe of Bryans Lepe in the Parish of Tanfield and County of Durham Agrees Effectually to Winn the Colliery Called Scremmerston (near Berwick upon Tweed) in the said County and for that purpose to Drive a fair and substantial Level or Drift from the Sea Banks at high water mark, The level to be Three foot Nine Inches High by twenty two Inches broad and to be drove with great Exactness water Level without either rising or falling, in a direct Line till it Cutts the Seam of Coale to the full rise of the Colliery; and in all places where the Level or Drift may happen to be in Clay or Quick Sands, the same to be Effectually Walled with a Circular or Oval Arch, and in Soft Stone to be walled sufficiently with a perpendicular Wall on each side so as the same may be within the Walls 22 Inches Diamiter. He is likewise to sink all necessary shaftes or levell Shafts, to Timber the same strong and substantially and to leave them in the same Condition, and as soon as the Colliery is Wonn he is to Turn an Arch of Stone at the Bottom of each Stapple to prevent any damage to the Level which may happen either from those stapples afterwards running together, or from any other accident. And he is likewise to Sink and Effectually Timber one Coale Pitt at the place where the Colliery is won so as the Colliery may be ready for Coale work when the Winning is Compleated. The whole to be Done after the best manner and from time to time subject to the Direction and Approbation of the Receivers; and to Employ in the said work Constantly as many persons as the Nature of the thing will Admitt of, so as the same may be done with the utmost expedition. Mr John <Barnard> of Whickham to be Bound in £500 Bond for his performance. In consideration whereof the Commissioners or Governors of Greenwich Hospitall Agree to pay to the said Mr Stokoe the Sum of £495 which is to be advanced him as follows vizt. as soon as he has Drove and Carry'd on 50 yds of the Levell he is to be paid £40 and so on £40 more at the End of every 50 yds till the whole is Finnished or till the £495 be all pay'd.

I am Sir your most Obed. Servt.

Nich. Walton

Articles of Agreement Indented had made concluded and fully agreed upon this sixteenth day of November in the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Thirty Nine Between Thomas Stokoe of Bryans Lepe in the County of

Durham Undertaker in Collierys of the one paret and Nicholas Walton of Farnacres in the County of Durham Gentleman and Hugh Boag of Ravensworth Castle in the said County Gentleman, Stewards and agents under the Commissioners or Governours of the Royall Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich for the Estate late belonging to James late Earl of Derwentwater and become Forfeited to his Majesty, for and on the behalf of the said Commissioners and Governours of the other part as followeth.

and first The said Thomas Stokoe Doth for himself his Executors Admin[istra]tors and Assigns and every of them Covenant Promise and Agree to and with the said Nicholas Walton and Hugh Boag theor Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns and to and with every of them by these presents in manner and form following (that is to say) That for the Considerations hereinafter mentioned and Expressed He the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns shall and will within the space of Two Weeks next after the day of the Date of these presents sett on to win a Certain Colliery Called Scremerston Colliery in the said County of Durham near unto the Town of Berwick upon Tweed part of the said Forfeited estate of the said late Earl and thence forward at his and their own Costs and Charges prosecute the said work without Delay untill the said Colliery shall be Effectually Won and made a Current going Colliery And for that End and purpose shall and will in the prosecution of the said Undertaking Drive a Fair and Substantial Levell or Drift from the sea Banks at the high water mark, the said Levell to be three foot Nine Inches in Height and twenty two Inches broad and to be Drove and Carried on with the Greatest Exactness a True water Levell without either Rising or Falling and in a Direct Line till the same Cutts the Seam of Coale to the face Rise of the said Coaleseam. And in all places where the said Levell or Drift shall happen to be in Clays or Quicksands shall and will Effectually Wall the same with a Circular or Ovall Arch, And when the same shall happen to be in soft stone shall and will sufficiently Wall the same with a Perpendicular Wall on each side so as the said Drift there may be within the Walls Twenty two Inches Diameter as aforesaid.

And Further That he the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns shall and will at his & their like Costs and Charges in the prosecution of the said Undertaking Sink all necessary Staples or Levell Pitts or Shafts and well and sufficiently Timber the same Strong and Substantially and leave the said Staples or levell Pitts or Shafts in the same Condition for the use and benefitt of the said Colliery And as soon as the said Colliery shall be well and Effectually Won Thay then he the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns at his and their own Expençe shall and will twin a Substantial Arch of Stone at the Bottom of each Staple so to be put down in the said levell to prevent any Damage to the said levell which may happen thereunto either from the same Staples afterwards running together or from any other accident whatsoever.

And Further That he the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns also shall and will at his and their Expençe and Charge Sink to the Coale and Effectually Timber one Coale Pitt at the place where the same Colliery shall be won so as the said Colliery may be ready for Coale work when the said Winning is Compleated and shall and will doe and perform all the said Matters and things after the best and most

Effectuall manner and that by under & subject to the Direction and Approbation of the said Nicholas Walton and Hugh Boag or such viewers and agents as they or their Successors or the said Comm^{ission}ers Governours of the said Royal Hospital or any or more of them shall for that purpose Appoint And in the carrying on of the said Work and for the more Expedition finishing the same he the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns shall and will Constantly Employ in the said work as many persons as the nature of the same works will Admitt of to the End that the same may be perfectly Finished and Done as soon as may be.

And the said Nicholas Walton and Hugh Boag for and on behalf of the said Governors and Commissioners of the said Royall Hospital Do hereby for themselves and their Ex.tors Adm. Covenant Promise and Agree to and with the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns That for and in Consideration of the said severall Matters and Things so by him the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns to be done and performed They the said Nicholas Walton and Hugh Boag their Ex.tors Adm. or Assigns shall and will well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. or Assigns the Sum of £495 lawfull British money in manner and form following (that is to say) the sum of £40 part thereof upon his and their having drove and Carried on in manner and according to the Conditions aforesaid 50 yards of the said Levell or Drift and the like Sum of £40 more at the finishing of every other 50 Yards of the said Drift in manner as aforesaid untill the whole Drift be finished According to the Covenants or agreements herebefore mentioned or untill the said Sum of £495 be fully paid and satisfyed – it being the Intent and true meaning of all the partys hereunto That the said Thomas Stokoe his Ex.tors Adm. and Assigns shall have for the performing all the matters and things by him agreed to be done and for the providing all Workmanship Materials Matters and things for that purpose the sum of £495 and no more anything in these presents to be Construed to the Contrary notwithstanding.

In Witness Whereof the said parties to these present Articles of Agreement indented interchangeably have sett their hands & Seals the day and Year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered being first duly stamp'd
Thomas Stokoe Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag
in the presence of us Francis Thibou Thos. Sunderland

7 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Sept 7: 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We recd. Yours with the Boards Minutes of the 29th Aug last and a Copy of the Minute relating Mr Jefferson Cutting down Timber in the [Manor] of Thornthwaite dated the 22 March 1737/8.

It is a very great Surprize to find this Order of the Board of the 22 March 1737/8 unexecuted and we are in great Concern to find we have neglected any of their Commands and more Particularly so, as we can give no other reason for it than the Hurry we were in nst that time, when the Bill was in Parliament - which put it out of our heads then, and prevented us from thinking of it (as we ought to have done) after the Hurry was over. We think our Selves greatly Blamable in it, but hope as it was done without the least designe that the board will pardon us. The Case is now stated and lyes before Councillor Grey for his Opinion which shall be sent you as soon as it comes from him to our hands.

The Tenants mentioned in ours of the 20 of August last, who Claim a right to the Timber in the Hedges, as also Mr Jefferson, who Cutt down and sold the Birch and Alder, are all within the manor of Thornthwait, and hold their Lands during the Joynt Lives of Lord and Tenant by Admittance at the Lords Court, paying Certain Yearly Rents, and Arbitrary Fines according to the Custom of the Manour and are not within the Indenture; The form of which Indenture Admittance is as follows.

Manor of Thornthwait

At this Court came Thomas Jefferson and took of our Sovereign Lord the King before John King Gentleman Steward of the said Court a messuage and Tenement with the Appurtenances lying at Lonning Foot within the said Manor of the Yearly Arbitrary Rent of ten shillings and tenpence halfpenny, and now in the hands of the said Lord to be Demised after the Death of James late earl of Derwentwater deceased the last Generall Admitting Lord of the said Manor To hold and to have the Premisses afores'd withy the Appurtenances During the Joynt Lives of the said Lord and Tenant at the Will of the Lord According to the Custom of the said Manor Yeilding & Paying therefore the said Yearly Rent and all other Fines Dues Dutys and Services at the Severall Days and times Accustomed and having Compounded for a Fine of GTwelve Pounds Ten shillings is thereupon admitted Tenant.

The Advertizment is Incerted in the Newcastle paper this Day Pursuant to your Order, and we have Inclosed you herein the Article Intended with Mr Stokoe for Winning Scremerston Colliery. It is made between him and us to save the Com[missione]rs and Directors trouble, but that you will be pleased to Alter as is thought Proper. Mr Barras's Bond is very good being a Gentleman worth £8000 at least and we are Sr

Yr most Obed.Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

7 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

Ravensworth Castle Sept 7: 1739

To Mr Simpson at Penreth

Sir

The Common Runn of Bussiness we apprehend has been about Par, or we should have heard something of the Copy of our Grand Indenture, which the Directors Impatiently want a Sight of; if therefore the Common run is over, Pray send it with all possible Expedition to us Carefully, as the Board think it was not necessary to Spend so much time in the Copying of it.

As the Court at Keswick is to be holden the 11th and the 12th at Thornthwait we propose holding Alston Court before and therefore desire you will Appoint it to be held the Ninth when we will meet you, so as to goe with you to Keswick the Tenth. We Represented to the Board how usefule you were in Settling the Fines and in return had their Order to make your Gratuity up to Five Guineas which shall be Done at Meeting. Our Complem[en]ts Attend Mrs Simpson and we are Sir

Your most Hble Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

11 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle 11. Sep 1739

To Mr John Maule at Greenwich

Dear Sir

This will bring you Safe we hope our Generall Accot. for last year made up in the same forme as it was the year 1737 with the addition only of one Collum Viz. No4 being the Total of the Arrears & Rents put together. The P[ar]ticulars of Each Article in the Inclosed on the Credit Side, is likewaies drawn out and will be sent you Next post with a P[ar]ticular Accot. of all the Arrears that are due at Christmas last from which they may be Incerted in the Accot. as Mr Hunter pleases.

As the Accot. must be Swore to here we desire you will be so good as to Settle the forme of it with Mr Hunter as earley as you can and let us know if any & what Alterations are Necessary to be made that we may make a proper affadavitt to send with the Accot. to the Board, & when that is done the Vouches shall be sent you in Bundles number'd According to the References in the Accot. We have been Exceeding hurried & that with poore Mr Willocks death has putt this affair a good deal behind which makes it the more Necessary for us to desire dispatch which wde nbegg you will be so good as take care of, which will add to all other Obligatiions. Our Compleam[en]ts attend you & your family and all friends at Greenwich & we are

Dear Sir Your most Obedt. Hble Serts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

11 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Sep 11 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

This Serves only to Inclose you our Cash Accot. forlast Month on which there is a Ballance of Five Hundred & Thirteen Pounds ten Shillings & Eight Pence halfe penny in favour of the Hospital & we are, Sir

Your most Obedt. Hble Serts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

16 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Sep 16. 1739

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

We reced. yours with the Boards Minutes of the 8 Inst which we duly Observe, in Answer to which the advertizement for letting the Lead Mines has been published two Weekes in the Newcastle Journall instead of the Newcastle Courrant the former being the More Universall paper & we thought it Needless to Incert in both. Mr Thompson who publishes the Newcastle Journal has orders to print off 1,000 Copys of the advertizement which shall be disposed of pursuant to order. In the London Gazette there is an Error in the printer in three of the Mines which we have Corected as follows, Instead of Low Birchry bank, read Low Birchy bank, Instead of Dowposit Syke read Dowpottsike & Instead of Slattey Med, read Slattey mea.

The Years Intrest being £1000 due to L[or]d Peters at Ladyday last & likewise the years Intrest due then to the Heirs of Doctor Chamberlain being £150. was paid by us pursuant to the Boards order of the 28 of Apl. last, But the Intrest due then to Mr Constable & the Annuity then due to Lady Catherine Radcliff is yett unpaid with which we thought proper to to [sic] acquaint you & are

Sr Your most Obedt. Hble Serts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS The reason whey Mr Constable & Lady Cath. Radcliff have not been pd. is the Agent of the former had no orders to receive it and the latter has not produced a Testimonial of her being alive.

16 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle Sep 16th. 1739

To Mr John Maule

Dear Sir

Inclosed under anolher Cover we Send you the P[ar]ticulars of the Paym[en]ts made by us on the Derwentwater estate Accot. Numbered from 1 to 10 as they Stand in the Accot. & likewise herein you have Inclosed the Succeding numbers to 14 Inclusive and the Accot of Arrears as they Stand in the s[ai]d Accot. which we doubt not but you will find right.

We earnestly begg you will gett this affair settled with the Auditor as to the method and give us as Early Notice of it as you can that we may Send the Accot. thro the Secretarys hand and make a proper affadavit to it: & when you want the Vouchers they shall be sent you. If these parcells are the Least Expence to you we desire you will Charge it upon us as it shall be paid with the utmost chearfullness, our Compliments attend your family & all friends we are

Dear Sr Your most Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

17 Sep 1739 George Grey to Nicholas Walton

A State of the case between the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital and the Tenants of Thornthwait

The Tenants of the Manor of Thornthwait in Com[itatus] Cumb[erland] formerly belonging to the Earl of Derwentwater and now under the Direction of the Govern[or]s of Greenwich Hospital Hold their Customary or Tenant right Estates there by the payment of reasonable Arbitrary Fines upon the Death of the Lord Called General Fines and upon the Death or Alienation of the Tenants called Dropping Fines. Their Admittances are to hold during the Joint Lives of Lord and Tenant at the Will of the Lord According to the Custom of the Manor and are in all respects what are called in that County Customary Tenants at the Will of the Lord.

By the Common Custom of Tenant right used within the said County the Lords are intituled to all Timber Trees and other Trees (Except Brushwood or underwood) growing upon the Lands of their Tenants Allowing the Tenants reasonable Houseboot, Plowboot and Hedgeboot and as the Freehold of these estates is in the Lord the Tenants do not Pretend to Sell their wood or have any other tight in it than to take reasonable Estovers without the assignment of the Lords Bayliff. [In LH margin:] Estovers

As the Lords of the Manor have time out of mind had a great deal of wood growing upon their own Demesnes and there has been but little upon the Lands of the Tenants, it cannot be proved that the Lords usually Cutt down and Disposed of any of the Tenants wood But where a tenant has been Building upon his Customary Estate and has not had wood Sufficient of his own the Lords Bayliff has Assigned him wood in the Lands of another Tenant.

It cannot be proved that the Tenants of this manor ever offered to Sell Underwood [*] or wood of any kind either growing in their Hedgerows or Elsewhere in their Customary Estates till about [small blank space] Years agoe [**] some of them Ingratiating themselves with the Bayliff did sell some of the wood out of their Hedgerowes and the Bayliff connived at it but had always the Bark or some other gratuity for his Connivance. And about two or three years since when severall of the Tenants Pretending that they were Absolutly intituled to the wood growing in their Hedgerows began to Cutt down and dispose of the same & then the Bayliffe of the Manor thereupon Informed ag[ain]st them and they were all Convicted before a Justice of the Peace and paid their Fines.

[* In LH margin:] Q[ue]ry] if since the Rebellion

[** In LH margin:] the time cannot be Fixed

Mr Jefferson a Customary Tenant of this Manor about [left blank] Years agoe sold a Great Number of Birch Trees and Eller Trees growing upon his Customary Estate but not in the Hedgerowes to one Miles for above Eight Pounds and some oak trees to other Persons for about three pounds, Jefferson pretending that the Birch Trees and Eller Trees are underwood and that he has therefore a Right to Cutt them down and sell them and has given Miles a Security to Indemnifye him for Carrying them off and Miles has now begun to Lead them away, the Oak trees were Carryed off some time agoe.

Q[ue]ry]

Whether as the Freehold of these Customary Estates i in the Lord, and the Tenants have nothing but a Particular Interest in them, All the Timber trees and other Trees of what kind soever growing upon the Customary Lands do not belong to the Lord of Common right, tho it cannot be proved that the Lords have need to Cutt wood there for their own use. And whether tho the Ten[an]ts have usually Cutt Brushwood and underwood in their Hedgerows without the Lords Licence for their Estovers they are thereby Intituled to Cutt and Sell such Brushwood or underwood And whether large Birch Trees and Eller Trees are Strictly underwood. [In LH margin:] Estovers

All Timber and other Trees growing on those Customary Estates do prima facie belong to the Lord, the Tenants being only intituled to their proper Bootes, And the Lord has a right to cutt the Timber Trees for his own use, tho there be no Instance of his doing it, for the Tenants cannot cut them, and if the Lord had not that Poswer they must [rot] on

the Land. As to underwood or Brushw[oo]d [we're] of opinion the Tenants cannot sell it without a full proof of a Custom for that Purpose, for if they could sell it they might destroy the whole and thereby alter the Nature of the Evidence By Converrrting Woodland into Arrable or Meadow which is Adjudged to be Waste; Birch and Eller are not commonly reputed Timber Trees unless in such places where oak, Ash and Elm are not to be gott.

2d Q[uary]

In case the Tenants should be able tol give 2 or 3 Instances of their Cutting and Selling wood and it should appear either that they Applied for the Bayliffs leave to Sell and gave him a Gratuity for his Consent or that the wood was sold and Carryed off privately will this Establish their Right to Cutt and Sell wood at their Pleasure. And can the usage and Customs observed in other Neighbouring Customary Manors as to the Lords right of cutting his Tenants wood be given in Evidence in this Case or any ways Influence it.

I Do not think it a reasonable Custom (in case it can be proved) for the Tenants to cutt and sell Timber Trees And their Claim to Cutt and Sell other Trees ought to be fully provd to Maintain their right, or in Case it can be proved, that Applicatioln for leave was made to the Steward, or that the wood was Carryed off privately, it will destroy their pretence. The Custom in other Neighbouring Manors is not Material in this Case

3d Q[ery]*

If upon the whole Circumstances of this Case Jefferson has rightfully Cutt down and Sold these Birch Trees oak Trees and Eller Trees and if not what Remedy have the Gov[ewrnor]s of Greenwich Hospitall and Against whom for Cutting Selling and Carrying away these trees.

The King being Lord of the Manor, All the Trees belong to his Majesty, and since the Tenants Claim to Cutt and Sell by Pretence of Custome, I thgink the most adviseable Method is by Information in the Exchequer which will settle the rights, and is better than bringing an action at Law.

Geo: Grey
Sept 17. 1739

21 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Mr Grey's opinion is transcribed separately, as sent to Walton & Boag 17th September]

Ravensworth Castle Sep 21. 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Inclosed herein I send you a State of the Case of the Tenants of Thornthwait, as it was Drawn up by the Court keeper, with Mr Greys Opinion thereon, which we gott from him only last Wednesday. ~ we are to be at Keswick to Receive the Rents and Fines the 11 & 12 October next, and to hold another Court there, and at Thornthwait. If therefore there is anything which Directors are pleased to think proper for us to doe with regard to the Timber, be pleased to favour us with their Commands, which will greatly Oblige Sr Mr Boag & Yr most Obedient Servt.

Nich. Walton

25 Sep 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: the draughts referred to are not copied into the volume]

Ravensworth Castle Septem 25th 1739

To Mr Corbett Esqr. At the Pay Office Broad Street

Sir

We recd the Board's minutes of the 19th inst wth the inclosed draughts of Mr Stokoes agreement for winning Scremerston Colliery wch we shall get ingrossed & executed.

We shall strictly observe & comply wth the Board's order of this date & shall be ready to shew and inform Mr Harries & Mr Simpson the Mine Adventurers Agents all the insights & Information we can concerning the Mines that are to Lett, assoon as they come here, and withal shall take proper Care not to say anything that may discourage them from being adventurous. We are

Sr Your very Humb. Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

6 Oct 1739 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle October 6. 1739To

Mr Joseph Pearson

Sir

I send this to acquaint you that one or both of us will be at Keswick on Wednesday Evening next. & that I hope you will be prepared with an Accot. of what Estates ought do [suit] to the Courts at Keswick that they may be added to the Call. I mean such Gentlemens Estates which lye without, and are not Tennants within the Mannours. The Tenants will I hope all be Ready with their Rents and Fines & the Land Rents I make no

Dolubt will be in like manner RTeady to be pay'd on Thursday morning before the Court is Sett.

I am Your most Hble Servt.

Nicholas Walton

6 Oct 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle October 6. 1739

To Mr Corbett Esqr.

Sir

I was att Alston receiving the Small Rents Due on Michaelmass Day last, when the Agents (Mr Harrie & Mr Simpson) belonging the Company of Mine Adventerours came there in order to View the mines Advertized to be lett.

They came there on Thursday Evening & the moormaster Attended them on Saturday to Such of the mines as they had time that Day to view & they were to view the rest the Monday following. I had a Good deal of Conversation with them About the future prospect of the mines. & in regard to the price of Labour materials &c. the latter of which they gave me in writing Amounting to 26 Queries which I answered in Writing Also A Coppy of which you have Inclosed. Mr Harrie Seems to be an Experienced Miner and from the Informacon I gave him with the help of the Moor Masters, I think they will engage in some of the mines; those, they seam fondest of are Ganggill, Cowper hole head Dowpott Syke, CornRiggs & Cashburn, but I apprehend they will Engage in more.

Collonell Liddell has now a tollerable prospect at Rampgill Mine, but the rest are but very Indifferent, tho he has expended a very great sum; & he has too much Reason to believe the open Miners [sic] have been too much Exhausted, & Consequently that he Cannot hope for that Success which he hoped for. He is therefore desirous of making Tryal of some new veins in hopes that they may turn better out and has desired to know in what way we would Lett. I therefore thought proper to acquaint you with it as to be sure all new discoveries must I apprehend be lett on Tack Note (without any advertizement) For in this Case the discoverer makes all things of the kind a Secret till the tack Note is granted & then he names his vein for Mr Boag & Self I am Sir your most Obed. Servt,

Nich. Walton

19 Oct 1739 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Oct 19th. 1739

To Wm. Corbett Esqr. at the Pay Office

Sir

Inclosed you have our Cash Accot. for Last month by which it appears there is a Ballance in favour of the Hospital of £183.9.4 ½

We are but just return'd from Keswick so cannot say any thing about it, till next Post only this that we have reced. almost all the Rents & Fines & will be able to send into the Treasurers hand Bills for about £1000 next Post. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Sr Your Very Humble Servt.

Hugh Boag

20 Oct 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Banknote No.133 dated 6 June. 1739 on demand	£20
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John Gasharths bill on Sam. Chambers dated 13 Oct 1739.	£31
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Thos. Gasharths Do on Lease & Clement dated 13 Do.	£30
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John Teasdales Do on the Lead Company dated 15 Do.	£700
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Ben. Grieves Do on Jno. & Thos.Simpson & Co. Dated 17 Do.	£300
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Nicho.Waltons Do on Ben.Skutt. dated 20 Do.	£19
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£1110

Ravensworth Castle October 20. 1739

To Mr James Wood Dep[u]ty Treasurer

Dear Sir

Above is a Schedule of five bills and one banknote amounting To Eleven Hundred pounds which we Send you inclosed on Accot. of The Rents & profitts of the Derw[entwater]r Estate, which we hope will Come Safe and desire you will Credit our Accot. for the Same and that you will by the posts return Acknowledge the Receipt thereof.

We have been at Keswick receiving the fines which is the Occasion of this Remittance and as we are going upon the Rents thro' the other parts of the Estate we hope to Send you in Ten Days One thousand Pounds more if not a larger Sum. Our Compliments attend you and all friends at Greenwich and we are with great Sincerity

Dear Sir Your Very Hmble Servt.

Nich. Walton

No. 133

I Promise to Pay To Thos. Bennett Esqr. or bearer on Demand The Sum of Twenty pounds. £20. D Entr. J.Clarke

London the 6 day of June 1739 For the Gov[ernor] & Comp[any] of the Bank of England
John Waite

[crossed with:] 'not to be paid within ten days from this date 1 June 1739'

Castlerigg October the 13th 1739 Sir One Mon th after date please to pay to Mr Jos. Pearson or Order Thirty one pounds value Recd. as by advice from Sr Yr Hble Servt John Gasharth
To Samuel Chambers Merch[an]t in London

St Johns October 13th 1739 Gentlemen One Month after date please to pay to Mr Jos. Pearson or Order Thirty pounds value Recd. as by advice from Sirs yr Hble Servt. Thos. Gasharth
To Messrs Lease & Clement in Bartholomew Close, London

£700. Aldstonmoor 15 October 1739 Thirty days after date please to pay to Messrs Walton & Boage, or their Order the Sum of Seven Hundred pounds value Recd. as per advice from your friend & Servt. John Teasdale
To the Gov[eno]r & Company for Smelting down Lead &c in London These

£300. Berwick 17th October 1739 Twenty Eight Days after date pay this my Sole Bill of Exp. to the Order of Messrs Hall & Button Three hundred pounds value Recd. and place it to Accot. as per advice from Sirs your Hbl. Sert. Benjamin Grieve
To Messrs John & Thos. Simpson & Comp[any] Merchts on Tower Hill London

Ravensworth Castle Oct. 20th 1739 Dear Sir Twenty Eight Days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his order Nineteen pounds value Recd. and place it to Sr Henry Liddell Bart to acct. as advised Sir your mostr Hble Servt. Nicho. Walton
To Mr Benjamin Skutt in Kingstreet St Annes London

20 Oct 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle Oct 20. 1739

To Mr John Maule

Sir

Some time agoe we Sent you a Draught of our last Years <General> Accot. as also the p[ar]ticulars thereof as they were Refer'd to in the Said Accot. which you never acknowledged the Receipt of and as we would be glad to hear of your having done Something towards the Settling of it we give you the trouble of this to desire you will let us know what progress is made in it & we Earnestly desire you will forward it all you can as another years accot. will be upon the <anvell> Imediatly .

We have been at Keswick receiving the fines in which we had all the Success we Cou'd Expect after a great opposition amongst the Tenants for notwithstanding their

Objections to the payment of a General fine all that was able paid to a man so that we hope that difficulty is got over To the Satisfaction of the Hospital.

We Desire our Compliments to Mrs Maul and to All friends at Greenwich & are very sincerely

Dr Sir your most obliged & most Hble. Sert.

Nicho. Walton

20 Oct 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: . The notes referred to in the letter concerning land tax and meal tithes are copied after the letter.]

Ravensworth Castle Oct 20. 1739

To Wm. Corbet Esqr.

Sir

Last Post we Sent you our Cash accot. for the Month of Sept last and thereby acquainted you had received the greatest part of the Rents & fines at Keswick & Thornthwaite & that we wou'd Send this post a Sum in bills to the Treasurer this day wch. is Accordingly done to Mr Wood his deputy in bills amounting to Eleven hundred pounds.

The Tennants woud have gladly laid hold of any agrement to have Clear'd themselves of the General Fine & made a Good Deal of Objection, but after the Ice was broke by some of the principle Ones. Every One to a man pay'd that was able & the rest are willing when they become so. we have not yet had time to make out an accot. of those that have not pay'd but we Intend it as soon as we Can when it Shall be sent you for the boards Direction. In the mean time we must begg leave to recomend one poor weddow to the Hospitals favour whose fine is £20. of which she has been only able to pay five her name is Francis Lancaster of Thornthwaite, who has a Small family & cannot propose to pay more than at the rate of £5 per ann. in which if the directors are pleased to Indulge it woud be a great Act of Charity.

At the Court of Thornthwaite the Steward took Notice in the Charge of the Trespass which had been Comitted by the Revd.Mr Jefferson in Cutting down some Alder wood, & acquainted him & the rest of the Tennants, how much the Hospital took it Amiss that any of them Shoud presume to Cutt wood without the Lords Licence which we hope will have some Effect upon 'em As the Parson (who has been the ringleader) was afterwards very Submissave & we believe in a few posts he will Acknowledge his fault to you & desire to be admitted to make Satisfaction.

If the directors Intend to Sell any of the Derwentwater Woods Next Spring they Shoud be now advertized lest people who are Inclinaire to buy shoud Stock themselves Elsewhere. we are of opinion that Dilston wood may be sold next Spring & about three of four Hundred pounds value at Keswick.

We have got the Coppy of the Grand Indentures to the Tenants of Keswick from Mr Simpson who Coppyed it & is ready to be sent as soon as we Receive your Commands. a Duplicate of it woud be useful to us & may be Coppyed here as reasonable or more so than in London, but as it is a verry long thing And will require a great deal of time, we will deferr meddling with it till the board are pleased to give us their directions. Mr Simpson will not Charge any thing for the Coppy he has made till the directors see it & then he Desires they will be pleased to Order him what they think proper.

Inclosed you will Receive the Court keeper of Kes[wick]s Minutes taken from an Indenture relating the meal Tythes of Keswick, which is demanded of us to be pay'd Out of the Skinnershill hill & Eskinbeck part of the Demene Lands at Keswick. & by which it appears The Summ Demanded is realy due - being only three Shillings & Sixpence per ann. & you will Likewise Receive the Coppy of an Old Receipt from the Derwentwater bailiff for ½ a years Rent of Thornthwait out of which has been Allowed a land tax which was Likewise demanded of us but as both are outgoings which we were not before Acquainted With & which we believe thge Directors may not have heard of We refuse the payment of them tho' from all the Accots. we have both are Due. we will waite the boards directions therein and are

Sir Yr most Obed. Hble Servts

Nich. Walton

A Coppy of Thos. Graves Receipt for an Allowance of land Tax
To the Thornthwaite Tenants NB Thos Grave was the Lords late bayliff
Thornthwaite old Rent. June 30th.1713 Received then from Thomas Pearson the Sum of five pounds two Shillings for half a years Rent due to the Earl of Derwentwater at Whitsuntide last past
I say rec[eive]d by me Thomas Grave
Allowed out of this sum for land tax 5s

By Ind[ent]ure bearing date 22d January 15th Charles made between John Maxfield of woodford raw in the County of Essex proprietor of the Rectory & parsonage of Crosthwaite of the one part and Christopher Laiths of dalehead, Cuthbert Rogers, Francis Radcliffe and others of the other part resiting that Whereas they the said Christopher Laiths & Cuth. Rodgers Francis Radcliffe & many Others in the said Indenture Named and all therefrom whome they Claimed owners and Occupiers of Lands within the Said parish had therefore time out of mind Paid unto the Said John Maxfield and all those from whome he Claimed Several Sum and Sums of money Called Meal Tythes Assessed by a known number of pecks of meal upon Every their Several lands & Tenaments in the Schedule to the S[ai]d Ind[ent]ure anexed mentioned which Said Tyth by reason of the Alteration of the price of Corn yearly was very uncertain For the Settling & Establishing of the Said money for Meal Tyth to be Constant & Settled for Ever and in Consideration of Such yearly payments as in the said Schedule is mentioned & for other Considerations

He the said John Maxfield did thereby Covenant that the said Christopher Laithes and all Others the Owners & Occupiers of any of the Lands in the said Schedule mentioned and their Heirs or Assigns should hold & Enjoy the said Tythes of Corn Graine & meal & Sums of Money for meal Tyth and all other Tythes due or to be Due to the Said John Maxfield his heirs or Assigns for or by reason of Any of the Lands or Tenements in the said Schedule on the 25th day of April in Every year in the South porch of the parish Church of Chrosthwaite, And for default to pay double the Rent & to be lyable to be Sued in the Ecclesiastical Court or Elsewhere And pay Costs and Damages.

Maxfield Covenants that he is lawfully Seized and that this Prescription shall not be altered and that he will pay to Our Sovereign Lord the King £14 per ann. in lieu of the Fee farm Rents.

NB. Skinnershill hill then in the hands of Cuthbert Rogers And now in the Lords hands is incerted in the said Schedule & Charged with the payment of 2/4d

Francis Radcliffe for his Tenement above Eskinbeck is likewise Charged with the payment of 1/2d

2 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle November 2d. 1739

To W Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We recd. yours of the 18th October last with the Boards Minutes of the 17 of the same which wou'd have been answ[e]rd Sooner had we not been abroad receiving the rents and arrears of Derw[entwater]r Estate & holding Courts at Newlands Haydon bridge & Wark which prevented us.

In Obedience to the boards Command, we send you Inclosed The form of a Tacknote, as they were formerly Granted by the Derwentwater Family. & as to the terms & Conditions of granting tacknotes, they are always Such as Subject the Adventurour to enter into a Leas Under Such Covenants as are Usual in Leadmine Leases. that is Such Covenants as are in Leases granted within the manour of Lordship wherein the Sd. Leadmines lye. so that as the directors have been well advised in the Settling the lease granted Geo. Liddell Esqr. we apprehend All Tacknotes must Subject every one to whom any shall be granted to Enter into a Lease under the Same Covenants.

When an Adventurer makes a discovery of a new vein or when he Judges any piece of ground likely to have a vein in it altho' no real vein is known of in that part where tryal is to be made, he applys to the Lord of the Man[o]r or his Agent for a Tacknote, & offers a Certain Duty, which if the Lord or his Agent Agrees to then he names the vein or piece of ground where he Intends to make Tryal, upon which a tacknote is granted in the Usual Forme to Containe 1200 yards in Length & 40 Yards on Each Side of the

veines provided the same does not Interfere with any Lease or former grant of any other Lead Mine.

We Observe that Mr Radley is Ordered to State a proper Case in Relation to the destresses that have been made for the Amercements in the Mannour of Wark and other Mannours in the Derwentwater Estate, & to lay the Same before the Attorney General for his oppinion, and as we apprehend those amercements having been Made will bring the right of the Hospital to be disputed, we took Several Affadavitts at the Court held at Wark in relation thereto & there is Several others which we have Order'd to be done which Will be material Evidences. The Grand Jury at Haydonbridge have likewise presented the Leasers under Mr Blackett for working in high Stublick Colliery within the Derwentwater Estate.

We Sent to Mr Wood Deputy Treasurer of his Majestys Royal Hospital the 20 [Ulto] Bills for £1100 - and this day we have sent him One Bill for £1000 more On Accot. of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate & we are

Sr Yr most Obed. Servts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

Coppy of a Tacknote sent herewith. See the Old Letter Book page 34

2 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle Nov 2d. 1739

To Mr James Wood

Sir

We had the favour of yours of the 25 Ulto. Acknowledging the Rec[eipt] of ours of the 20 preceeding. with bills for Eleven Hundred pounds & this day we have Inclosed you herein One bill drawn by Mr Ra. Fetherston upon Sr. Francis Child & Company dated this day for one Thousand pounds more On accot. of the Rents & proffits of the Derwentwater Estate. we hope these remittances Come Seasonably & are with our Compliments to all Friends at Greenwich

Dr Sr Your most Hbl. Servts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

Ra.Fetherston bill on Sr Francis Child & Comp. dated this Day being 2d Nov.1737 for £1000. No.27. Newcastle Nov.2d 1739 £1000

Sr. At Twenty Eight days date pay to Mr Nicholas Walton or Order the Sum of One thousand pounds for the value received and place the same to accot. as advised by Yr Humble Servt. Ralph Fetherston

To Sr Francis Child &Comp. near Temple Bar, London

2 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

Ravensworth Castle November 2d. 1739

To Jno. Airey Esqr.

Sir

Joseph Ramshaw has Orders to Send in to Ramshaw Grove what Grove wood we had occasion for, & I believe before Christmas (when the money will be paid) there will be £40 or more due him which shall be taken care of for you. There will be Likewise Something due to him for Carriage of Lead.

Mr Boag or I will Call tomorrow and pay your Years Sallary due in Last July therefore pray Order the Court Seale to be drawn out which have not been accounted for as I doubt our Expence at the Courts will frighten our principalls. We have pay'd Mr Bunting £3-6-8 for his Expences &c, Levying presentments which you must repay us & Charge it amongst the other Expences on that accot. pray be so good as order a Note to be made of what I'm in your debt, as if I do not Come myself I will desire Mr Boag to pay it. Iam

Sr Yr most Obd. Hble. Servt

Nich. Walton

2 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to Mannock Strickland

Ravensworth Castle November 2d. 1739

To Mr Mannock Strickland

Sir

We had the favour of yours of the 27 Ulto. last past in ans[we]r to which we begg Leave to Observe that at the time when the £1000 was paid you for Lord Peters Int[erest] you had not produced any Testimonial of Lady Cathrine Radcliffes being alive and that was the reason why it was not paid you alltogether which we apprehend was the Substance of that Lett[e]r which you've latly seen.

We have had Orders Some years agoe from the Board of Directors in Regard to the payment of this Annuity, which orders we must Strictly pursue & therefore it is not our fault that the Annuity is not yet paid. As by yours we apprehend the Certificate has not been Enter'd with Mr Hunter If her Ladyship refuses being at the Charge we desire you may apply to the Directors for their Orders that the money may be p[ai]d Without Entering the Certificate, or if not and that you are willing to take it in the usual way Mr Skutt will waite upon you & pay it having directions So to doe this post. It is no pleasure to us to give you any Trouble Nor a benifitt to put you to any unnecessary Expences but you must give us Leave to act Pursuant to our Com[miss]ion : and we are Sr Yr. Very Hble Serts.

N.W. H.B.

2 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Nov : 2 : 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We Recd your favour of the 26 Octo. last and shall acquaint you further about the lead mines when we have seen the Lease wch is not yet come to our hands.

The Oates in the Country are very ill got this year having a very wett harvest and good Old oates are at this place 14s per Quarter we having Deferred buying any till we have your further Commands for by the prices of Corn in the puplick papers they seem to be Cheaper at London we Expect that they will be Cheaper here between & Xmas.

The Collonell set out for London yesterday morning in good health and we hope he will be in Town abt. 10 days time we are Sr Yrs &c

Nichls. Walton Hugh Boag

2 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Rav. Castle Nov : 2 : 1739

To Mr Horne

Dr Sr

We received your kind favour of the 18 Oct last for which among other favours we retuen you thanks.

As the Lease is not come to our hands yet we cannot say any more about the Lead mines till we see it & we Expect to see it as soon as it comes out of Scotland we have wrote Mr Corbett Something to this purport this day

Oates are here (we mean old ones) at 14s per Quarter by Reason of the Excessive rains we have had this Harvest Which has Spoild most of the new oates and some other Graines here so we deferr buying any till further Comm<and>ed As it appears by the publick prints they are Cheaper at London of which pray Acquaint us & we will send you Some immediately. Give our Service to Mr <Nodes> and all friends at the pay office & we are Dr Sr Yrs &c

N.W H:B

2 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Rav. Castle 2d Nov 1739

To Mr Wm Radley

Sir

We have recd. both yours of the 22d & 27 Ult. & shall here answr Them as far as we can.

As to the Covenant Relating the Tenants Grinding at Woodhall mill you may let it go as it is printed if you Cannot alter it to answer with the minutes we have sent you for Each Lease where it is Expressly mentioned wch Mill each Tennt. shou'd be bound too; & where to none it is expressly they to be bound to no mill, but to grind their Corn where most Convenient unless the Comm[issione]rs shall think fitt to build one upon the premises where there is none at present.

If the p[ar]t the Comm[issione]rs Signs runs as it is printed we can alter the Counterparts when the Leases Comes down which the Tennts is to sign & Make amend[ment]s in the back of the Comm[issione]rs part as we have done with those we have had & are now signed, a Coppy of which you have here Inclosed.

As to Mr Thos Jeffersons affaire we Cannot answr it this post so distinctly as we hope we shall be able to doe after we have wrote to Mr Simpson. we hope you'll forward those Leases now in your hand for we have a Number more now almost ready to send we are

Sr Your Very Hble Servts
Nicholas Walton Hugh Boag

3 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

Ravensworth Castle Nov 3 : 1739

To Mr Thos. Simpson

Sr

We have received a Letter from Mr Radley who is Solic[itor] to the Hosp Acquainting us that he has orders to prosecute Mr Jefferson of Cockermouth for Cutting down and Selling Timber from the mannour of Thornthwaite & desiring to know his Christian name, place of abode & what quantity of each Species of Timber he Cutt down and sold & in what wood or part of the Mann'r the same Grew when it was begun to be Cutt down. We desire you will therefore on rec.t of this or as soon as you can fix a day goe soon to Keswick and Inform your self of all the above p.ticulars & such others as are necessary to give Mr Radley Instructions to start <fair>. Mr Jefferson is to be <watch'd> by Information in the Exchequer & not by Bill of Intrusion pray be as Expeditious as you can and Send the proper Instructions to Sir

Your very Hble Servt
Nich. Walton

PS. We believe Mr Jefferson Cutt down no sort of wood but Birch and Alder, which was sold to one Wm Miles a Clogger at Keswick, but Mr Pearson will Inform you. You will Take Care to see that There be proper Evidence to prove the fact of which you will likewise Inform us. Mr Jefferson promised to make submission and to offer Satisfaction to the board which we acquainted them with If therefore he wou'd do so speedily it might stop the proceedings against him.

3 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Rav. Castle November 3 : 1739

Sir

Last post we wrote you in Regard to the Covenant for grinding att Woodhall Mill and Intended to have Inclosed you a Copy of the memorandum which we have put upon the back of the Commission.rs part of such and we were obliged to altering Counterparts before they were signed; but we are afraid the memorandum was not Inclosed you. We have therefore on the other side sent you not only the mem.um but the Covenant as it stands in the Counterpart. If therefore you can from the pticulars we before sent you & these now make the alterations it will be very well, but if not we can alter the Counterpt & Cure the Commissioners part by a proper memorandum where there is no mill the Covenant must be differently altered so That it is our opinion they had better be all altered here & we are Sir Your most Hble Servts

Nichol. Walton

PS Pray dont lett the affair of high Stublick Colliery be neglected this Terme for the Tennant suffers greatly

10 Nov 1739 Thomas Simpson to Nicholas Walton

[Note: Attaches Instructions for Information for the proposed action The Attorney General against Thomas Jefferson]

Penrith Novr. 10th 1739

Sir

I happened to be abroad when your Letter reach'd Penrith but I went to Keswick yesterday as you desired and on the other side have sent such Instructions as I hope will be sufficient for an Information agst. Mr Jefferson. Mr Pearson will Swear that he has heard Mr Jefferson own his selling the Oak trees to Mr Bowers. Hester Kind who is Exec[u]trix of Wm Miles will prove the sale of the Birch Trees to her Testator & has promised to procede as the Bond Mr Jefferson gave to keep Myles indemnified for carrying 'em off &c. I c.d not yesterday meet wth any legal proof of Cutting the wood this Spring but Mr Pearson undertakes to find Sufficient Evidence to Support that fact. I am a Little apprehensive that Hester Hinds Evidence may be objected to but if it shou'd

Mr Pearson says that there are sev<era>ll other people who can prove the paymt. of the money by Miles , so that if we get the Bond there Cannot be any danger of Establishing that fact. I have only Mr Pearson's word as to the name of 'The Tenmt: & the Rent so please to consult yr. own Books as to these particulars. My Humble Service attends Mr Boag

I am Sir yr Hble Servt.

Thos Simpson

The Attorney Gen.ll agst Jefferson

Instructions for Information

Thos. Jefferson of Cokermouth in Com:Cumb:Clerk now is and for Sev.ll years last past has been Seised & possessed of a Tennant right on a Customary Tennancy called Lowgill holden of the King as parcel of his mannour of Thornthwaite in Cumb: by the payment of the yearly Customary Rent of £1:1:9 & other Dutys and Services.

Tho' all Tennant right estates are descendable from ancestor to Heir according to the Custom of the mannour yet the Lord still Continues seised of the freehold & Consequently intituled to the wood & the Customary Tennants According to the genn<era>l Custome of Tennantright can only have reasonable Houseboot Ploughboot Hedge boot & fire boot.

In the years 1735 & 1736 Mr Jefferson at Several different times between Michaelmas & Christmas cut off the Customary Tenement 240 birch trees which he sold to Wm Myles now deceased for £6:6 and gave Miles his Bond to keep him indemnify'd for carrying away the wood on paying him the purchase money. NB we have not yet seen the bond.

In or abt. May 1736 he Cut down two Oak trees & sold them to Mr Joseph Bowers. we have not yet discovered what those trees were sold for but can prove that they were worth at least 20s – at the same time he cut down another oak tree which was Converted to his own use.

In or abt. May 1739 He Cutt down five oaks more which were sold to Andrew Green but we do not as yet know the value being sold with some other wood which Grew on his freehold estate at Thornthwaite.

13 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Rav. Castle November 13 : 1739

To Mr Radley

Dear Sir

I was very glad to hear the 54 Leases are Signed at the last generall Court, as we have great Want of them, for there is Sev[era]ll Tenants Threaten and some have actually given up their Farmes for want of em. I desire you will therefore hasten them down that we may gett them Executed to prevent further damage. We have the particulars ready for a Number more which will be sent next Fridays post to Mr Corbett – pray forward the 54 that are signed with all speed and you will oblige Mr Boag & Sir

Yours &c Nich. Walton

16 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to Edward Carlisle

[Note: It appears from a later letter that Edward Carlisle was steward to the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle.]

Rav. Castle Novr 16 : 1739

To Mr Carlisle

Sir

Mr Winshop has demanded of us a small Rent of 16s6d as due out of the derwentwater Estate, which we have refused the payment of till we could be inform'd from you of what kind this rent is. We apprehend it to be a farmrent, & that it was not Claimed at the time of the forfeiture by which it became forfeited to the Crown as several other fee farm Rents did which we have been directed not to pay. What we desire is that you will inform us as particularly as you can whether this be a fee farm Rent or not, whither it was Claimed at the time of the forfeiture or not, & in Case it be not a feefarm that you will be so good as inform us what sort of a Rent it is & out of what particular lands it is payable after which if it appears to us to be due it shall be Immediately payed & for the future you shall have no trouble in the receiving of it from

Sr Yr Hble Servt

Nichols. Walton

16 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Novr 16 : 1739

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

We reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 7 Inst wch we duly Observe, & as soon as the Affidavittsare finished relating the Amerciments made in the manour of Wark, they shall be sent You.

Inclosed we send you Particulars for filling up Twenty five Leases more & begg you will forward them with all speed, as allso the 54 which are signed pray hasten down as the tenants are very uneasie & some are likely to give up their Farmes for want of 'em. You will likewise herewith receive Mr Simpsons Instructions for filing an information against Mr Jefferson for Cutting Wood in Thornthwaite wch Mr Radley wrote to us for. We have Lett to Joseph Kirkley a Slate Quarry in the Manour of Wark at 5s per ann., which lyes within that part of the Manour Claimed by Mr Algood, which we hope will be a Stop towards Establishing the Hospitalls rights therein. Mr Algood we hear Inclines not to try his his right with the Hospitall .

Joseph Armstrong of Netherholme has given up his Farme, Jas Thompson the like for Dilston hall, Joseph Mackelly the like for Grey Mare Colliery, Mary Wright of Elrington is dead, Wm & Arthur Storys Farme for Lorbottle Tythes is Expired, so that all these Farmes are now to be Lett, & for whcih we have the follow.g Proposals viz

Ra Stobbs proposes for Netherholme £5 per Ann & Geo Blackburn proposes for the same £5:5:- for 18 years; the old Rent is £5 so that we think Geo Blackburn shou'd be admitted tenant.

Wm & Arthur Storye proposes to give for Lorbottle Tyths £35 per Ann for 7n years & John Swan & Ptners proposes to five £36 per Ann for 7 years. The former are Substantiall Tenants and the latter are not so that we think unless John Swan & Ptners can find Security for the payment of the Rent , Wm & Arthur Story should be admitted Tenants. The old Rent is £35 per Ann.

Abraham Bunting proposes to give for Dilston hall £6 per Ann having an allowance of 30 Fothers of Coales Annually. The Rent for this year is £10 a year, for the two preceeding years was only £6 per Ann. We think it will Scarce Lett for more than £6 per Ann.

We have nothing offered for Grey Mare Colliery, therefore should be advertized.

Mary Wrightson offers the same Rent which his Mo<the>r payd for Elrington which we think is its full value & therefore the Young Man who also proposes to pay up the Arrear of Rent, shoud we think be admitted Tenant.

Throckley Mill is likewise given up, so that she must be advertized.

These things Sir we desire you will please to lay before the Board for their Directions . & we are S Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS Your Oates will be sent per first ship

23 Nov 1739 Hugh Boag to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle 23rd November 16 : 1739

To Mr William Radley at Greenwich

Sir

We recd yours of the 17th Inst & observe that you are right as to the names of the persons that are Mr Blacketts Lessees & who worke or has given Direction to worke in the Hospitals Liberty at High Stublick Colliery, They are or may be said to be Gentlemen, Viz Thus Abraham Teasdale of Hexhamshire in the County of Northumberland Gentleman, Thomas Westgarth of Allondale in the same County Gentleman.

As to their Business Mr Teasdale is a gentleman of a small Estate & Mr Westgarth is also one of a small estate & Agent for the Quaker Company in the Lead Mines in this County. As to the Quantity of Coal & the value thereof they have Dugg up & carryed away we cannot now tell but if its Necessary will Inform ourselves as near as we can & Inform you.

We begg again that you will forward the Leases for some we are afraid will take the advantage & goe off next mayday as they are under no more then a Verble Contract, some Threatens this if they can find a pennyworth they like better, If this should happen as its now Threatened some persons will be blam'd for not forwarding the Leases – This we only mention if it may Caution & Exeart Diligence in you

I am for Mr Walton & self Sr Your very Humb. Servt

Hugh Boag

23 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle 23 November 1739

To Mr Rich. Horne

We reced yours of the 17 Nov Inst and are surprised at the Impudence of Pigg after we have Repeatedly told him that John Atkinson has a writing under Sr Fran. Radcliff & the late Ld Derwentwaters hand shewing that they acknowledged hee had Leases but makes no particular Mention of their Comencem.t or Determination

Mr Walton of the 11 Dec 1736 when I was at London writes concerning them thus to me vizt.

'John Atkinson of Haydon Bridge is possessed of three Tenamts or farmholds of Land calld Broomhill Peelwell & Whittfields Tenamants. The Leases some Yrs agoe appear to be lost but there Appears an Instrument under the hand of Fr. Radcliff and the late earle acknowledging such Leases to have subsisted & that those Lands were on Lease for the same Terme of the barony of Langley. In our Rental you observe we reckon these Leases to be out in 1752 and Mr Atkinson Reckons them to have yet to Expire Viz Whittfields Tenam.t 34 years & Broomhill & Peelwell 44 years, the latter of

wch being the same of Rattenraw old Leases, some people say Mr Atkinson ought not to Injoy these lands at all on Lease which you may acquaint the board with & show them a Copy of the Instrument under the hand of the late earle whcih you have Inclosed. He says he made his Claim upon the Instrument at the Rebellion which was allowed off'

The Copy of this Instrument Mr Atkinson has I deliverd the Board 9 Feb 1736/7 as you will please to observe by the Minutes of that day. Mr Atkinson has been acquainted of that Minute but believes he cannot produce any thing further Unless he can procure the original Leases from the Derwentwater family wch by the writing he has they acknowledge they have in their possession. If you have not a Copy shall send you one.

We doe not Rem[embe]r Thos. Piggs offering any sum for Atkinsons farmes till this year but Rem[embe]r very well he always threatened that if it was to let he would bidd for it.

We verryilly believe John Atkinson has had Leases and for the Terme of some of those old ones in Langley Baroney but for what Terme we cannot tell it being left out in the writing he has of the time of their Commencement but this we submitt to the Board. I am for Mr Walton & Selfe

Dr Sr Your very Hble Servt
Hugh Boag

24 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Novr. 24 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Acct. for Last Month by wch There appears to have been in our hands at the end thereof £1066:2:11¼ but you will be please to observe we have since Remitted Mr Wood £1000 & out of what we have Recd. since & what we are in Expectation of receiving we hope to make a Remittance in a weeks Time of £700 more. We have Likewise Recd. the moor masters Accot. of mines not at work & the Accot. of Dues to Mich. last due from Geo: Liddle Esqr. & ptners. You will observe Sir that Six more Mines have reverted to the Hospital at Michaelmas last.

We are realy in very Great want of the Leases wch were Ordered to be executed at the Last general Court & therefore desire they may be forwarded with all Speed as Also That the Board will be pleased to give us orders to get Draughts made of the leases for Collierys Tyths &c that will not answer the printed form. We have made no Conting<ent> payments without order of Board in the Quarter ending at Michaelms. last Except four pence for which reason we omitt Sending any accot. Thereof till Christ.s next & are Sir

Your most Hbl. Servts
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS We have bought 15 quarters of Oates for you & Mr Horne vizt. 10 for you & 5 for Mr Horne at 12s per Quarter & we only waite for the George's coming in by whome they will be sent. The Ship is Expected Every Tyde. W & B

[This letter was accompanied by the usual quarterly return of the state of the Alston Moor mines for the quarter to Michaelmas]

30 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle November 30th 1739

To Mr James Wood

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you Mr Ralph Fetherstons bill on Sir Fra.Child for Seven hundred Pounds dated this day & payable 28 days after date wch is all that I believe we shall trouble to remitt you within this Year on Accot. of the Rents & profitts of the Derwentwater Estates. This bill will be due & pay'd within the Year, so that we can give you a Certificate wch will correspond with your Books.

My Compliments attend you and all Friends at Greenwich, Mr Boag is from Home & I am Dear Sir Yours &c N. Walton

No.37 Newcastle Novem. 30th 1739 . £700

Sirs at Twenty Eight days after date pay to Mr Nicholas Walton or order the Sum of Seven hundred Pounds, for the Value reced. & place the same to Accot. as advised by Your humble Servt. Ralph Fetherston To Sir Francis Child & Co. near Temple Barr London

30 Nov 1739 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle November 30th 1739

To Mr Maule

Dear Sir

We received the favour of your long expected Letter, acknowledging the Receipt of our generall Accot. and papers relating it for the last Year and are much obliged to you for the repeated assurances you give us of your good offices to forward the Settling it. Pray as it is so near the End of the Year, would it not be as well to make out, this

Year & the last together, I apprehend it would save Mr Hunter trouble, & be done as soon together as one of 'em separte, pray mention it to Mr Hunter & lett us know if he has any objection, & as soon as you can; be so good as Send us the new Method he proposes, to make up the Accot. in.

I have realy lost your last Letter or mislaid it, so that I can't come at it, which is the reason why it has not been sooner answered. the Postage of Letters You mention shall be allowed you, but I must desire in Your next that You'l mention, what it was. Mr Boag & I are heartily concern'd for the sudden Death of Mr Clark, we wish you, your Family and all Friends good health, and with great Sincerity I am ,

Sir, Yours &c

Nich. Walton

4 Dec 1739 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

[Note: The copy document mentioned is not present]

Ravensworth Castle Decem. 4th 1739

To Mr Richd. Horne

Dear Sir

I Reced. Yours in answer to Mr Boags of 23d Nov. last in relation to Thos. Piggs Memorials, touching the Farmes held by John Atkinson of Haydon Bridge, & Inclosed I send you an exact Copy of the Instrument which I sent Mr Boag 19 Decem. 1736 as it was then signed as a Copy by me, so that after it receives the Sanction of your indorsing it will lye as Snugg in it its proper place, as if it had been there ever since, & without damage to anybody. Atkinson has never shewn nor I dare say cannot give any other Testimony of his Right, yet notwithstanding I verily believe he has a just right to a Term, but what that term is seems to be the only difficulty to find out. We have always & do believe it Expires in 1752. You were exceedingly kind in sending us this Intimation wch is a fresh Instance of your Sincere Friendship. Our Lead Mine Lease is not yett come from Scotland, but as I shall be in Alstonmoor Lead mining in a little time I hope to have some tidings to give you of it at my returne. My Complim.t Attends Mrs Horne & Your Fireside & all Friends & I am for Mr Boag & Selfe Dr Sir
Yours &c N.W.

PS The George is come in, so that Your Oates & Mr Corbetts, will be tomorrow or next day putt on Board of him. pray acquaint Mr Corbett with it.

4 Dec 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle December 4th 1739

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We received Yours with the Bords Minutes of the 28th November last & Mr Jefferson's Submission, in which (as well as the others) we will observe the Boards Commands. I have not wrote to Mr jefferson this Post, Mr Boag being from home, s it will have more weight to write a Joynt Letter.

We have gott a Coppy made of the Grand Indenture between the Lord & Tennants at Keswick &c, Six Sheets of which you will receive herewith under two covers, & the rest shall come in the same manner every Post, till you have the whole. I am Sir

Yours &c

Nicho. Walton

7 Dec 1739 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Jefferson

Rav. Castle December 7th 1739

To the Rever.d Mr Thos. Jefferson at Cockermouth

Sir

We reced. a Letter from the Secretary of Greenwich Hospital dated the 28 Nov last whereby we are comanded to acquaint you that after the Submission you have made to the Commiss[ioners] of Greenwich Hospital they have thought fitt to drop the prosecution against you for Cutting down Birch, Alder and other Wood in case you Imediatly pay the value thereof and all Charges which they have been at on that Accot. But if you Refuse and doe not Imediatly pay the same, then they will order the prosecution to goe on as it was first intended. We desire your Answer as speedilly as you can after which if Charges that have accrued (wch we think cannot be much) together with the Value of the Wood shall be sent to you by

Sr Your most Hble Servys

N Walton H Boag

7 Dec 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Decr 7th 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

This day we have Incerted an Advertisment in the Newcastle Journal for letting the severall farmes given up at Martinmas Against Mayday Next & the same will be published by such other methods as will make the letting publick. We apprehend we cannot by any Advertisment now to be made for letting against mayday Next lett longer than one year, for as the sev<era>l farmes were only given up at Martinmas Six Months previous notice cannot be given of the time and place for they must be all lett soon or they will not be lett at all this Season as every one provides a farme for himselfe generally between Martinmas & Christmas in every year, they must therefore at present be lett for one year and be advertised again ab<ou>t ladyday Next to be lett on Lease for 21 years at the Mich. following pursuant to the Act of Parliament .

We have wrote to Mr Jefferson this post & as soon as we receive his answer it shall be sent you with our Remarks upon it, And if other letter as you direct .

Inclosed we send you a rentall of the Derwentwater Estate as it was lett at Mayday last & herewith you will Receive likeways six sheets of the Copy of the Grand Indenture from No.12 Exclusive to 24 Inclusive and we are

Sir Your most Obedt. Servts.

N. Walton H Boag

9 Dec 1739 Timothy Wrangham to Nicholas Walton

A Coppy of Mr Timothy Wranghams Letter to Messrs Walton & Boag the Originall sent the Board 11th December 1739

Gentlemen

I some time agoe Sent you our York Bill, and my own in the Cause between Wood & Moore, a Coppy of which You afterwards returned to me, nmost Sadly mangled & Clipt by some new Spirituall Prothonotary.

The Gentlemen at York are determind to Justifye their Bills and insist that I shall either Sue or be Sued for the whole Money.

As for my part I think I have as much reason as they can have to Insist upon my whole Bill, for I will readily make oath if required that Considering the Number of Letters I'vehad from York Especially for which I charged almost nothing, and the other expence I've been at in this Cause in Case my whole demand shou'd be paid toMorrow. I don't beleive that I should pockett so much neat Money as the deduction amounts to.

I treated in an amicable manner to have these bills paid till Ifound that treatys are useless things, and at last I was obliged to goe to an Open Rupture with Mr Wood.

I have now brought an Action against him in the Spirituall Court for the Recovery of these Fees, where I must endeavour to prove by Witnesses from York & at Durham that of the £8:5:6 (pretended to be deducted) the odd 5s/6d is not an overcharge.

I suppose Wood hath been advising with some person in our busyness who hath given him such Satisfaction as to the unreasonableness of these Deductions, that he'll make no Defence. I told him (as in Justice I ought to do) that if any Mischief shou'd befall him on Accot of this prosecution I wou'd (upon occasion) produce the best Evidence I Could for him of your having Engaged to defend and & indempnifye him in this affair.

One reason of my Writing new to you is, because probably you may Endeavour to Accomodate this matter, without further Expence. And another is that you Shall not hereafter say that any Design was Carryed on against Wood (without your knowledge) which may possibly Effect you in the End.

Yours &c

Timo: Wrangham

Durham 9th Decem. 1739

PS I'll Willingly pay the Charge of this last suit against Wood my self TW

11 Dec 1739 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Decemr 11. 1739

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Accot. for last Month, by which there is a Ballance of £52.7.5 in our favour, & Likewise under two Covers have sent you the remaining part of the Grand Indenture at Keswick from No.24 Exclusive to No.27 Inclusive in three sheets & the Coppys of three more Indentures which relate to it, all which will Hope Come Safe. Mr Simpson shoud be ordered payment for thes Coppys, which you will please to putt the Board in mind of.

Mr Wrangham who was Mr Woods Attorney in the Cause Moore & Wood about the Tyths of needless hall, has sued Mr Wood in the Ecclesiasticall Court at Durham for the deduction made out of his bill of £8:5:6 & that will we apprehend bring Wood upon our backs, as he had our repeated promises to stand by him. We send you Inclosed Mr Wranghams letter to us, & desire you will lay the same before the Board for their orders, it wou'd be hard upon us to be obliged to pay this deduction, which we will most Certainly be obliged to doe, if the Board does not allow of it, as the deduction has not been made by a regular Taxation and we are Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

19 Dec 1739 Nicholas Walton to Shaftoe Downs

Ravensworth Castle Decem 19th 1739

To Mr Downs

Sir

We reced. yours and Observe the Care you have taken to Secure the Arrears due from Green Dixon & Bell, the first of which proposes to give Robert Farbridges Security for the paymt. of his Arrear, wch we have consented to Accept, if you think the Security be good, but if not the Goods must be sold tomorrow pursuant to the Notice. He has promised to be with you this night or tomorrow morning to give you Farbridge's Security for the paymt. of £77.6.6 now in Arrear & due at Martⁱⁿmas last. Robt. Dixon we think will be able to pay us Thirty Pounds on New Years Eve & as we have a security from W. Dixon who you say is substantial we think there is no Occasion to Sell his Goods, but lett the Distress be renewed and Continued till an End be made of the Execution. If Green give Security the Distress must likewise be continued on his Goods for the same time as a Guard against the Plaintiff Bell is no Tenn.t so that it was wrong to Seize on his Goods; I fancy he will pay off all at the Rent day. Dixon & Green shou'd pay your Charges of making Distresses lett it be included in the Security.

I am Dear Sir Yrs &c Nich: Walton

27 Dec 1739 Thomas Jefferson to Nicholas Walton

[Note: This is the copy letter referred to in letter from Walton to Corbett of 8 Jan 1740]

Cockermouth 27 Dec. 1739

Worthy Sirs

Yours of the 7th Inst. I reced., wherein you acquaint me of a Letter from the Secretary of Greenwich Hospitle, whereby you were Directed to give me an Accot. that after the Submission I had made to the Comm[ission]ers of Greenwich Hosp. they have thought fitt to drop the prosecution upon the Accot. of my paying for the wood & all Charges; To these Particulars I desire you woulod Acquaint Mr Secretary that I submitt myself intirely to the Honourable Comm[ission]ers Pleasure abt. the Cutting down the Birch & Alder &c & tho' I don't think fitt to Contest any thing of this kind with them, yet as this might have been a Disputed Right proceeding from the Constant Usage & Custom of the Ten[an]ts, I hope my early submission, will Induce them to a Milder Treatment. As to the Charges of a prosecution, I cannot apprehend how there should be a prosecution & I not know of it, however if there be any such thing, there surely can't be much upon this accot. & its extreamly hard there should be any, since I submitted to them as early as I could; however, I pray Endeavour to Stop any proceedings of this kind, & I will pay them or their order, for what is done.

My Farmer at Thornthwaite acquaints me that there is a barn wants Repairing; I have spoke to Mr Pearson the Bayliff, for some oak Timber, for Rafts, Overings & Rigging Trees to Repair the same, & have some for this purpose, The wood is Cutt

Down but none of it as yet Remov'd from the premises, till your further order at the rent Court; I hope neither the Comm[ission]ers nor you will hinder The Tenants to cutt down such wood as is perfectly necessary for the Repaire of our Houses being what is usually granted upon due notice to all Tenants in England, so that this I hope will not be any way placed to my accot., since it is Designed for the use of the premisses; I shall not further dd to your trouble herein, than to desire your kind Intercession for me to the Secretary, & to send me an Accot. of Wood & Charges, if there beany as Speedily as you can; what favour you doe me herein shall be gratefully Acknowledged by

Worthy Sirs, Your most Obedt. & Humb. Servt
Tho. Jefferson

8 Jan 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Rav. Castle 8 January 1739/40

To Mr William Radley

Sir

We reced. yours of the 27 Ult on the 6 Jan at our Return from a West Country Journey, where we had been rec. some of the D[erwentwat]er Rents & settling several things with the Ten.ts upon the Estate.

We also reced. your former writt abt. a fortnight agoe, both which Intimated to us what is required abt. Numbring the Trees in the D[erwentwat]er woods that was valued in 1737 in order for Sale, & Assoon as we reced. the first, we sent for the Persons formerly Concern'd & ordered them to go & Inspect the several woods, & consider what the Exp<ence> would be, & in what time they woud Number Each Tree; & they Return'd with their Answer but yesterday, which was that it would take 3 months time to doe the worke with the same hands & that it will not cost less than about £80. Now if so, we apprehend that there will not be time for advertizing for sale, before the season of falling this year, besides there is now in this Country a very Deep snow, with a hard Frost, that its Impossible for any man to Travell into the Woods; or if he should gett to the Wood to stand to number Trees, & it is likely to Continue some time; Indeed we think Dilston wood which is the oldest & nearest the markett, as also Thornbrough Wood might be gott Numbred this year in time to advertize for sale, if the Weather should prove favourable & is we think as much nay more than this place will consume or take of in one Year for there is Considerable falls of wood in this Neighbourhood at present.

We reced the 54 Leases & Counterp.ts safe, & there is some of them Executed & the Remain.g pt will be executed in abt 10 days time, The Carryer took £2.2.6 for the Carriage of them, nay would not deliver them without the Money, was their any bargain made with him at the Delivery. There always should or Else they Impose. We shall waite your further Orders before we proceed to doe anything about the Numbring the Trees. & are wishing you the Compliments of the Season

Sr Your most Humb. Servts
N. Walton H Boag

8 Jan 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle January 8th 1739/40

To Wm Corbett Esqr. Pay Office

Sir

In Obedience to the order of the Board of the 28 Novr. last we wrote to the Rever^end Mr Thos. Jefferson of Cockermouth , & acquainted him that unless he would make Satisfaction for the wood he had cutt down, in the Manour of Thornthwaite, & pay the charges of the prosecution begun against him the s.d prosecution would be carried on; & we reced. the Enclosed of the 27 December last for answer from him at our Return the 6 Inst from a West Country journey, where we had been Rec^eivin^g pt of the D[erwentwater] Rents & settling with several Ten.ts at the Close of last Year.

We believe Mr Jefferson's submission, will putt an End to the other Tenants pretended Notion of their having a Right to Cutt wood upon the arbitrary estate. The value of the Birch & Alder Trees he sold of his Customary Arbitrary Estate to Wm. Miles of Keswick in the Year 1735 was £6:12:6. What the value of the oak or other wood cutt down since we have not yet been able to Certain but believe it was of no very great value but as he has submitted to pay the value as soon as it can be a Certained, we hope the Board will be favourable as to the Charges of prosecution.

There are several other Ten.ts within the manour that have Cutt down some wood within the same time, & we intend to call upon them also to pay the Hospital the value thereof, if the Board approve of it.

The Ten.ts of Thornthwaite Claim a Right to have wood for Repairing their Housing, & aldo hedge & plow Boot (as you may please to observe by Mr Jeffersons Letter inclosed) which has we believe been the Custom, & we think should not be Deny'd them, when they apply properly for it & w^hatever is granted them at any time for these uses, should be approv'd of & sett out by the Bayliff.

We reced. the 54 Leases & Counterpts. safe & we hope they will all be Executed in abt 10 days time. The Carryer that brought them would not De;iver them under £2:2:6 for their carriage, wch we pd. him & hope the Board will Approve of it, if no Bargain was made with him when they were Delivered him for a Lesser Sume & we are &c N.W., H.B.

A Coppy of Mr. Jeffersons Letter sent Messrs Walton & Boag. The Original sent Wm. Corbett Esqr. the 8 jan 1739/40

15 Jan 1740 Shaftoe Downs to Nicholas Walton

[Note: The letter referred to in letter from Walton to Corbett 18 Jan 1740. It is undated, but evidently received at Ravensworth between 8th and 18th Jan. A date of 15 Jan is used here.]

Gentlemen,

I have inclosed you a Bill of the Charge accrude in the cause Mr Bunting and really considering the Cause of action & the Circumstances of the proceedings the Expence could not be avoided As to Mr Bunting's ill usage & the necessity of commencing the prosecution you are Sensable of, you will perhaps think the Expences of this cause is high but if you will look into the bill & what I shall here mention touching the Coarse of this Contest perhaps you'll think it moderate in Trin[ity] <voc> 1738 process was Sued out in this Cause to which Def[endan]t by his Attorney Mr Ainsley appeared And in Mich. Term following a Declaration was filed & in Hil[ary term] After Def.t neglected to plead an Interlocutory Judgmt. was regularly obtained & a writ of Enquirey was issued and was Executed, but notwithstanding the assault was Sufficiently proved the Jury brought in no damages wch verdict the Sherif readily took.

The Sheriff finding the Court was to be moved agst. him for a misdemeanour herein offered to refer it to Counsell which being agreed to the agents on both sides attended Mr Counsellor Dennison, who gave his opinion for the pla[intiff] to take Notice of this writ of Enquirey, but to stay till the return thereof & then to take out a new writ Pursuant to those Gentlemens Oppinion a New writ was taken out & Exempted & the Jury found damages. In Trin. term last Mr Ainsley upon Affid<avi>ts moved the Court to have the whole proceedings quashed upon paymt. of Costs & to be let into plead. The Court upon a full hearing agree'd that the Judgm.t> Shou'd stand but that the 2nd writ of Enquiry shoud be quashed the Judges giving for a Reason that as there had been one writ of Enquirey already Executed in the Said cause the P[laintif] shoud have had the <leave> of the Court for the taking out of the second writ.

There you see Mr Dennisons oppinion was naught & led us aside. Last Mich.s Term I mov'd for a New writ & to quash our first writ which was readily granted & Executed & has put an end to this troublesome affair. The prot<hess> granted was only £11:6:8 which I have Recd. for the Def.t. I am Gents

Your most Hble Servt
Shaftoe Downs

18 Jan 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Jan 18th 1739/40

To Wm Corbett Esq.

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash accot. for Lst month in which remains a ballance of £434:8:10 ¼ in favour of the Hospitall.

We reced. yours wth the boards minutes of the 19 Dec last which we duly observe & since we reced. the same we have pursuant to the Boards order Lett the following farms viz:

- Lett Mr Thomas Westgarth Greymare Colliery for one yr from Mayday next at £39;
- Lett Geo: Blackburn Nether holmes for one year from Mayday next at 5s.5
- Lett Jas. Thompson Dilston Hall & Gardens for one yr from Mayday next at £6. &
- we hope soon to Lett Lorbottle Tyths & Throckly Mill for one year also.

Inclosed you will Reced. a form of an Advertizement for Letting on Leas the above mentioned farms wch Shou'd be Incerted in the London Gazett the week before Lady day next so as the day of Letting may be fixed to be upon Michms Day following.

In obedience to the Boards Commands we begg leave to acquaint them that we think Mr Simpson will deserve three Guinis for making the Coppy of the Grand Indenture to the Tennants of Keswick & the other Indentures relating thereto.

We send you Inclosed a Letter we have had from Mr Shaftoe Dwned attorney at Law in Hexham as also his bill of law Charges occasioned by an assault on Mr Bunting in the Execution of his Office which we thought proper to defend altho we never troubled the Board with it as we Intended first to see the Issue the assault arise from one Abraham Teasdale hindering us from making a Dam for Whittley mill in a place where we had an undoubted right which Mr Bunting by our Direction insisted upon & Executed the work accordingly which so Inraged Mr Teasdale that a Fray Ensued & upon that the action was Commenced & made its progress in the manner Mr Downs setts forth to which Letter we begg leave to referr. The Expence is a great one being a suit Commenced without the Boards order is what we have no right to Claime however as it was Supporting Mr Buntings Authority & the Right of the Hospital we hope the Board will allow of it & that they will be so good as order it to be paid to Mr Downs who is on every occasion a Ready Suport of the Hospitals Interest when ever it is in his power.

Yesterday 21 of the Last Leases were signed & the rest will be signed in a Small time So that the sooner the rest is dispatched the better & we are

Sir your most Obt. Servt.

Nich. Walton H Boag

A Coppy of Mr Shaftoe Downs Letter sent the Board 18 Janry 1739/40

A Copy of an Advertizement sent Wm Corbett Esqr January 18 1739/40

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich March 22d 1739

Whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the 8 Year of the Reign of his present Majesty for the application of the Rents and Proffits of the Estates forfeited by the

Attainder of James Earl of Derwentwater & Chas. Radcliffe it is inabled among other things that the Commissioners or Governours of his Majestys Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich are to give Six Months previous Notice in the London Gazette of the time & place when and where such Estates are intended to be Lett: Notice is therefore hereby given by us the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital that on Monday the 29 of September Next at Salters Hall in London will be Lett on Lease for 21 years: a Farme at Netherholmes in Hexhamshire, late in the possession of Joseph Armstrong, Dilston Hall and Gardens now in the possession of James Thompson: Grey Mare Colliery, within the Manour of Newlands now in the possession of Joseph McKelly: Throckley Mill in the Manour of Throckley near Newburne now in the possession of Rob. Weldon; And Lorbottle Tithes near Rothberry, now in the possession of Wm.Storey. All in the County of Northumberland, belonging to the Said Estates: And all persons are desired to give in their Proposals in writing directed to Wm Corbett Esqr at the Pay Office in Broad Street London, or to Messrs walton & Boag at Ravensworth Castle near Durham.

25 Jan 1740 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Rav. Castle January 25: 1739/40

Dear Sir

Inclosed we send you a Bill on Mr Benjamin Skutt dated this day and payable 28 days after date for Six hundred pounds on accot. of the Rents & proffits of the Derwentwater Estate for which we have made you D[ebt]or accordingly.

The Weather is here verry Severe – being the Sharpest frost that has been known but that is no news to you to be sure as it seems to be a general Callamity. Our Compliments attend all our good friends at Greenwich & we are Dr. Sr.

Yr very Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS please to acknowlidge this wth yr rect. of the Inclosed.

[The bill referred to is not appended.]

27 Jan 1740 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Rav. Castle January 27: 1739/40

To Mr Richd. Horne

Dear Sir

I Received yours last Post but I have not had an opportunity of acquainting Mr Boag with the Contents but tomorrow I shall. For my own part I am ready & willing to Engage with Mr Corbett & you in the undertaking, but as you will both be governed by our opinion of the prospect, I could wish to be better able to advise you before we do Engage I was at Alston the beginning of this month where I saw Mr Panton who had not then got the Lease but he told me he Expected it daily so that he may now probably have it. I cannot write to him Sooner then Tuesday next nor cannot have his answer before the Tuesday following when I will desire him to send me the Lease for our perusal, wth his Ans. to some Querys which will be necessary for our government. When these things come to hand you shall hear fully from us both. I have made some steps towards taking a mine Joyning upon Alston moor wch is a working one but badly managed, & I doubt not but she might be a profitable undertaking. This I intend (if it can be compassed) for Mr Corbett, you, Mr Boag & myself. The George is Loaden with Coales & I fancy sailed, but the River is so frozen that no Boats can pass, which has prevented us from sending your Oats, as we cou'd not gett them putt on board with Carrying them by land Carriage near Seaven miles. My Compliments attends Mr Corbett & his family & also yours who I wish may all Enjoy this & many happy years &

I am, Dr Sir, Yr very Sincere Hble Servt. Nicho. Walton.

29 Jan 1740 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle Jan 29th 1739/40

To Mr Pearson

We desire that you will gett Isaac Todd and any other man skilled in valuing wood that lives in your Nighbourhood and they with yourself goe to Thornthwaite and put a value upon what Wood has been cutt by any of he Tenants since we was concerned. We beg you will be very Exact as to the valuation, and sett down each Tenants name, and the sort & quantity Cutt from time to time and Also the bark with a distinct valuation to each. When this is fair and Intelligably writt over let the two men that valued & your selfe sign it. Mind and Recolect what has been done for you know it from time to time.

We desire that you will send us this Accot. as soon as you can for we want it.

The Board have consented that Thornthwaite Tenants shall have wood for Repairing their Houses and Also for plow & Hedge boot, but with this proviso that it be judged Necessary and when it is so thought Necessary, to be sett out by the Bayliff, and we Strictly charge you not to doe any thing to the prejduce of the Hospital in Setting out any wood for these Tenants; but doe it with judgement and discretion.

These that have no Wood upon their Estates can have none. They must buy.
we are Your Hble Servts NW & HB

29 Jan 1740 Hugh Boag to John Maule

Rav. Castle 29th Jan 1739/40

To Mr Maule at Greenwich

Dr Sr

I should very glad Nay Exceedingly so to hear from you about our accot. for the year 1738. Mr Hunter has had it now a long while to Approve off, And consider its yet to come here & be swore to and after all to pass the Board.

We have here most Sevear frosty Weather and I fancy its not very warme at Greenwich. I wish I could be (were it possable) but a day ot two at Greenwich to see Mrs Maule and other friends at that place, I reckon there is a cold wind comes off the Water & from the Isle of Doggs.

I shall not trouble you with more then I wish you & your family a happy New Year and Many & I am for Mr Walton & Selfe

Dr Sr Your Hble Servt Hugh Boag

Mem. this Letter not sent there being one from Mr Maule the post before abt. the accot.

29 Jan 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle Jan 29th 1739/40

To Mr John Maule

Dr Sir

We were favoured with yours last post & are sorry you have had so much trouble in relation to our accot. which has so long laid before Mr Hunter, but it realy is surprizing that nothing more is done in it, but the reason seams to be plaine.

As to Mr Woodhouses Expectations we can no way Judge how to Make him a Gratification, for we know of no trouble he has but that of drawing the Quietus which is paid for. as to the forming of the accot. it is only for Mr Hunter to say in what form he wou'd have it & then the accot. is drawn by you, upon whom the trouble falls, but however if Custom has made it a Rule to act in such a way in publick offices we must submit or Stand Still. We have its true a handsome allowance as the sum we receive is large, but when all our deductions are made it will scarce pay for a New Suit of Cloaths & pay the ordinary expence of collecting annually. Upon the whole be so good as present our Service to Mr Woodhouse & desire he will lett us know what his Expectations are that we may make him a return sutable to it, & in the mean time desire him to give the forme that we may have it here in order to make a proper affidavit thereto & send it to the Board. And this we begg of you may be soon, for we are preparing the last years accot. which will be ready in a Little time & as soon as it is done if we hear nothing from you in the mean times we must send both to the Board

in our own forme for it is fit we shou'd be discharged of the <Rect>. lett the auditors
form be what it will We cannot blame you for any delay for on the Contrary we are
Satisfied you have had Infinite trouble & with very great esteem we are to Mrs maul &
yrself

Your very Hble Servts Nich Walton, Hugh Boag

12 Feb 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Of the two accounts mentioned, only the annual contingent account is included.]

Ravensworth Castle 12 Feb 1739/40

To Wm Corbett Esqr
Pay Office

Sir

Inclosed is our Cash Accot. for last Month, by which please to observe their is a
Ballance in our hands of £215:9:10¼ in favour of the Hospital.

Inclosed is also our Contingent Accot. for 3 Months Ending the 31st December
1739 amounting to £127:18:4½ for the Boards approbation. The greatest part of this sum
has been paid for Leading Materials for Building & Repairing housing on the estate.

We reced. the Boards Minutes of the 6th Inst. and shall duly observe the
Contents we are Sir Your most Humb. Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

An Accot. of the Contingent payments made on accot. of the Derwentwater Estate
from the 30th of September Ending the 31st December 1739 Vizt.-

1739

	pd Wm. lee for an Aquitttance the 18 July last for the Fee Farm Rent payable out of Alston Moor manour to Dame Eleanor Cullan	£ 0 - 0 - 4
	NB there was no Conting. paymt from 30 June Ending 30 Sept and 1739 but only the above).	
Oct 11	pd Mr Edw. Carlisle for 2 Aquittances for the Fee Farm Rents payable to the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle out of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths	£ 0 - 0 - 8
13	pd Mr Joseph Pearson his Disbursments to several persons for Necessary Repaires in Keswick Demain Lands vizt: Jno. Hunter & Geo. Bow for Repairing Keswick Moothall Several persons for Repairing 8 Bridges near Castlerigg, Greetta, & at Thornthwaite Mill Jno. Rooking, James Howe &c for Repairing Keswick Kiln Several persons for repairing wears near Keswick Miln	£ 0 - 3 - 9 1 - 14 - 2 ½ 1 - 15 - 1

	in the waterace	1 - 3 - 4	
	Edwd Nicholson for 2 Crooks for hinds Gate	0 - 0 - 9	
	Danl. Thwaite for Repairing the Boat on Derwentwater Lake	0 - 7 - 11	£ 5 - 5 - 0 ½
	pd Mr Jno. Grave Mr Jno. King Steward, the <Receivers> & Sevl. Gentlemen Freeholders Exp<enses> at his House houlding a Court at Keswick 11 th Inst. Included in which is a Treat given the Jury		5 - 0 - 5
	pd Nich. Morrison what he pd. Mary Walker for D<iverse> Expences at her House holding a Court at Thornthwaite the 12 th Inst also a Treat given the Jury		2 - 0 - 6
20	pd Mr Wm. Peareth for 2 Aquittances for the Fee Farm Rent payable to Dame Eliz. Jekyll out of Spindleston Corn Tyth		0 - 0 - 8
22	pd Luke Hall for damages of Corn sustain'd by building a House upon his Farm at Whittonstall in 1738		0 - 10 - 6
	pd Jos. Mackilly his Disbursment for Repairing the House belonging to Grey Mare Colliery		0 - 5 - 8
	pd Jno. Bell his Disbursment for rebuilding a Chimney at Whitechapple		1 - 5 - 0
	pd Jno. Swinburn a <Yrs> Allow<ance> for Cleaning & keeping Dilston Clock due lamas last		0 - 10 - 0
23	pd Thos. Cook for Leading the Milstones & all Materials for Stewards Repair<in>g Woodhall Mill		3 - 17 - 6
	pd Wm. Green & Hen. Oxley for Leading Materials to Build a House & Outhouse upon Wm. Greens farm at Whittonstall in 1739 Vizt:		
	94 fothers of Stones at 6d & 78 at 5d per	3 - 19 - 6	
	2560 Bricks at 2s6d per 1000, 7 Fother of Tyles at 3s & 12 of Slates & Flaggs at 1s per	1 - 19 - 4 ½	
	10 fothers of Morter & 5 of sand at 2s & 14 of Lime at 2s6d p	1 - 17 - 6	
	22 Do. of Old Stones at 2 ½d per, 4s7d & 100, 12 foot Deales at 1d per 8s4d	12 - 11	
	127 foot of Timber at 4s per <u>Tun</u>	<u>12 - 9</u>	
		9 - 2 - 0 ½	
	<u>Deduct ¼ of which Wm Green Allows</u>	<u>2 - 5 - 6</u>	6 - 16 - 6 ½
	pd Matt. James & Jno. Thompson for Leading Materialls for Building and Repairing Houses & Outhousing upon Matt. & Jno. Thompsons Farm at Dilston in 1738 as followeth viz.		
	588 Foths of Stones at 9d, 196 at 4d & 86 of Sand & c at 3 ½ d per Fother		£28 - 9 - 11
	36 Do. of Lime at 18d, 22 at 4d & 86 of Sand & c at 3 ½ d per Fother	4 - 6 - 5	

	37 Do. of Timber & Deals at 7s6d, 16 of Timber at 4s & 21 of Flags at 1s per 15 – 3 – 10		
	Bankleave at Newburn for the Timber	3 – 10	
	17 Fothers of Paving Stones at 3 ½ d per	4 – 11 ½	
	8000 Tyles at 3s & 3600 Bricks at 2s6d per 100	<u>1 – 13 – 0</u>	
		£50 – 1 – 11 ½	
	<u>Deduct overcharged upon the whole</u>	<u>10 – 1 – 11 ½</u>	£40 – 0 – 0
	pd Jno Reid Esq. for leading wood & tyles for <repairs> & Building &c Houses &c at Buteland being an Omission in the Accot. pd him 10 Apr last		0 – 18 – 0
26	pd Jno Coale his Disbursements for workmanship & materials Building a Milkhouse upon his farm at Woodhall		3 – 7 – 4 ½
27	pd John Scott for the Room wherein Wark Court was held the 26 Inst & this day, there being none for that purpose belonging the Hospital at Wark		0 – 10 – 0
	pd Mr Robert Johnson the Expence of holding Newlands Court the 24 th Inst at geo. Reynoldsons House there which he Disburs'd		
	pd Wm Elliott Jno. Airey Esqr. Steward, The Rece<iver>s & several Gentlemen Freeholders expences Bayliffs &c at his House holding a Court		0 – 16 – 6
28	at Haydonbridge the 25 th Instant		
	pd Mr Jno. Scott for Dittos Expences &c holding Wark Court the 26 & 7 th Inst. at his House		3 – 10 – 0
	pd Mr Jno. Gibson Jno. Airey Esqr. steward, The Rece<iver>s & Bayliffs Expences at his House in Hexham on their way to & from Haydonbridge & Wark Courts the 24, 25, 27 & 28 th Instant		4 – 9 – 5
			2 – 11 – 9
29	pd Mr Richd. Ellis for an Acquittance for the Fee Farm Rent payable out of Coastley Corn Tyth to Walter Blackett Esqr.		0 – 0 – 4
30	pd Mr Abram Bunting his Disbursments Viz. for 494 Quicks planted in Wm. Waltons & 46 in Jo. Todds Farm £1 – 2 – 0 Edwd. Oxley & son 6 days cutting wood to be used in Rep<airs> 8 – 0 Gaw. Scott for making a Barn floor at Langley Castle 7 – 0 for 2 Warrants had of Mr Wastell at several times in order to Search for Stolen Goods 5 – 0		£ 2 – 2 – 0
Novem ber 6	pd Mr Rowland Graham his Disbursm'ts for Workmanship and Materials Repairing Houses & outhousing at Glororum		1 – 12 – 11
	pd Do. for Do. putting up a Stair Case in a Granery & point'g the Tyleroofs &c at Do.		0 – 19 – 11
8	pd Jonath: Reed for making up Lime Laying on the WaterTable & pointing some part of the Housing in Meldon parke		1 – 6 – 0
22	pd Mr Robert Douglas for 5 Acquittances for Several Fee Farm Rents		

	payable to the Almshouse at Bristol & Edwd. Noel Esqr. Heires	0 – 1 – 8
Decem ber 18	pd Geo. Wilkinson fo Leading Materials for & Towards Building Housing &c on Wm. Greens Farm at Whittonstal this Year	1 – 2 – 6
28	pd Gilb. Laybourn for 36 days Cartage of Materials for and towards Building & Repairing Houses & Outhousing upon the Eves<c>halfe of Meldon Outgrounds this Year	3 – 12 – 0
29	pd. Geo. Liddell for Leading Materials &c to Rebuild a Byer on Saml. Arthurs farm at Hartburn Grainge this Year viz: 13½ days at 2/6d & Leading stones, wood, straw flaggs & <watthells> £1:13:9 Wood & Straw Leading from Meldon - : 14:0 18 Thrave of Straw at 9d per for Thatch - : 13:6 <u>Carting Flaggs Cutting Watthells & Thatching &c</u> 1 : 0 : <u>0</u>	£4 – 1 – 3
31	pd Do. what he pd a Constable for Serving Justice Ainsleys War<rant> on Mungoe Croasor for Cutting an Esh Sipling in Hartburngrainge Banks	0 – 0 – 4
	pd. Mr Robert Johnson for his, Ambros Hopper, Wm. Ramsay, Edwd. Oxley & Abram. Buntings Exp<enses> at newcastle when making Affidavits on Accot. of the Valuing the Woods upon the Estate 8s & givin Edwd. Oxley for his Loss of time 2s6d	0 – 10 – 6
	pd Thomas Laidler his Disbursments for Repairing Whittle Mill Workmanship & Materials	0 – 13 – 9
	pd Wm Lee for an Acquittance for the Fee farm Rent payable to Dame Eleanor Cullan out of Aldston Moor Manour	0 – 0 – 4
	pd Geo. Willey Sen. & Geo. Willey jun. for Leading 32 fother of Stones at 6d per & a Fother of Tyles 8d to the Housing &c Built on Wm. Greens Farm at Whittonstal	0 – 19 – 0
	pd. Mr Robert Johnson his Disbursments on Accot. of Repairs viz: for repairing the Outter & Inner Wheels & Troughs of Newlands Mill 0:7:10 <u>for Building a Gable Chimney & Oven on <...> Farm at Newlands</u> 1:11:0	£1 – 18 – 10
	pd. Robert Bell for Leading 137 Thrave of Ling at 4d per <...> Riggoning Duffitts 2s6d (& for a barn Door Lock 16d) to <...> Outhousing at Aydonsshield	2 – 9 – 6
	pd Geo. Dixon 1/3 of the Expençe for making a Road into the Quarry at Newlands for Stones used in Repaires there	0 – 7 – 0
	pd. Jospeh Green for Damage of Ground Sustained by Weeding Woods upon his Farm at Raw Green	1 – 0 – 0
	pd. James <Brimminer> for Cartage of Materialls to Build & Repaire Houses & Outhousing at Whittonstall this Year viz; 44½ days to Sparts &c Farm & 24 ½ days to Lawsons Farm at 2s per	6 – 18 – 0

pd. Jno. Richardson his Disbursments this year to Durham post Boys &c for their care of the letters & Pacquetts to & from London on the Derwentwater Estate Accot.	0 – 10 – 0
pd. Richd. Morrison his Disbursments for Country Letters being for Postage & Carriage from 28 th Feb last ending this day 15/4d also for Searching for Surveys &c of the Manour of Wark 10/6d	1 – 5 – 10
pd. Jno. Hedley for Leading Materials for & towards Building & Repairing Houses & Outhousing at Whittonstall this Year	2 – 10 – 0
pd. Mr Robert Johnson for Rebuilding an Oat Kiln at Newlands Mill this Year which he Disburs'd to Several for Workmanship & Materials	12 – 0 – 0
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	Total £127-18-4 ½

A Copy Sent the Board 12 February 1739/40

18 Feb 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Feb 18 1739/40

To Wm Corbett esqr

Inclosed is an accot of Bricks & Tyles made in Dilston Park for the Hospital for last year Ending 31 Dec. 1739 by which please to observe the gain for that year is but £35:7:11½ which is ocasion'd by the wett season last year which has hinder'd all people from building or repairing in this Country very much, Also Observe the Stock resting is but valued at the same price they cost making.

Inclosed is also John Skins Accot. for making the Sd Bricks & Tyles for the last year Ending at the same time, by which their Appears that their is a ballance due to him of £10:6:2d which we hope the Board will approve off and direct to be paid.

The Valuation of the mateialls off Dilston hall and offices as also the plans of the House and Gardens According to the Boards Order will be sent you in a post or two.

We shall duely observe the Boards Minutes of the 16 last Month and are

Sir Your very Hble Servts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

18 Feb 1740 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle 24 February 1739/40

To Mr Jos. Pearson, Keswick

Mr Pearson

We reced. Yours of the 17 Inst & wonder much if Jno. Dixon & Wm. banks should offer to give up <Watsons> Park when they Absolutely took it for 21 Years, but as they have given it up & asks an Abatem^{en}t we cannot Agree to that; but we Desire it may be publickly Called a Week before Lett & doe you lett it to the best bidder without favour of Affection & then if they prove to be the best bidders they may have not otherwise.

If any other Farms happen to be given up doe the same with them. Ullock Closes & Willyhow parke we hope will Lett for the Rent Mr <Henry> Wrenn pd. for them, but if they are likely to fall short lett them be Publickly Lett.

We reced. yours abt. the Wood valued at Thornthwaite & so farr as you went its ell enough, by [sic; 'but'?] Why did you not include & gett a valuation under these P[er]sons hands <if> were Cutt down & sold since we were Concerned to the time of the valuation sent us & then the whole would have been Compleat, but now it is not pray gett that valued & signed that you wrote to us abt. the Latter End of last year.

We have reced Each a pott of Charr for which we thank you &
Your Humbl. Servts
N.Walton H. Boag

22 Feb 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Recipient not named, but probably William Corbett.]

Ravensworth Castle Feb 22d 1739/40

Sir,

The Board were pleased by this Minute of the 28 Novembr last to Order Us to Send them a pticular acct. of the Condition of the house of Dilston hall, the Number of Rooms & Offices, how much ground the house stands upon, wth the Gardens, & to Estimate what the Materials wou'd Sell for if pull'd down.

In Obedience therefore to their Command we Send you herewith Inclos'd & under another Cover, a Ground Plann of the House & Gardens distinguishing all the offices by which you will please to Observe the House and Gardens Stand upon Eight Acres three Roods & 28 Perches of Ground. And likewise you will receive a Ground Plan of the House & Offices only No.1, a plann of the first floor No.2, a plan of the 2d floor No.3, a plann of the 3d floor or garrets No.4, & a plan of the fronts or uprights No.5 as Also an Estimate of what the Materials wou'd Sell for if pul'd down amounting to £761:5:1d.

As to the Condition of the House we begg leave to Refer you to the plans which will shew the unfinished part, but we observe the great weight of the Slate Roof in the new Buidling to have caused a Shake in the Wall & from the Weakness of the Timber may very likely in time increase, but at present there does not appear much hazard. The Out Offices from No.25 to 36 are all in very bad repara & has for some years wanted a part of the Covering.

You will observe Sir that tho' the house is a Large one the materials only amount to £761:5:1 & it might probably happen that they would not sell for that Sum were the house pul'd down. We believe the Estimate is very Exactly done & by men of very good Judgement Yett there is no Judgement to be made what if materials might Suffer in pulling down & Consequently might fall short of the Valuation, altho' we hope from the pains that has been taken it is very near the truth, The expence of doing which we believe with drawing the Planns will amount to about £25 for the payment of wch we desire the Board will be pleased to give us their Order. & we are Sir Your most Hble Servts.

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

An estimate of what the materials in Dilston Hall and offices would sell for if pull'd down made by Mr John Bickerdike Carpenter & Joyner, Mr John Bell and Mr John Rewcastle Masons January 1739/40

[4 ½ page listing of materials valued not transcribed]

24 Feb 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle 24th Februry 1739/40

To Wm Corbett Esqr, Pay Office &c

Sir,

Inclosed is the uprights of Dilston Hall fronts No.5 which was forgott or overlook'd in putting up the other plans last post, & we hope it will come time enough before the rest be laid before the Board, we are very sorry it happen'd not to be sent with the rest.

We recd. the Boards minutes of the 16 Inst & will carefully observe them. we are
Sr Your very Humb. Servts

N. Walton . Boag

24 Feb 1740 Hugh Boag to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle 24 Februry 1739/40

To Mr R Horne at the Pay Office

Dear Sir

We reced. your kind Letter abt. what happened abt. Mr Downs's Bill & as it was a thing we could not possibly avoid we are Thankfull its allowed & Atribute this

Favour to yourself & other good friends at the Helme & Assures you we will Muddle no more in that way.

Mr Pantoun Mr Hayleys Agent has not answered severall Queries sent him by us but only writes he has not yet gott the Lease into his hands, so are sorry that something more cannot be said on the head. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Dr Sr Your very Humbl. Servt. Hugh Boag

25 Feb 1740 George Pantoune to Nicholas Walton

[Note: A copy of this letter was sent to Horne under cover by Walton & Boag on 11 March 1740.]

Harbert Law February 25th 1739

To Mr R. Horn, 11th March 1739/40 Original sent.

Dear Sir,

I reced. yours of the 12 Inst. with the £50 by Roben Dickinson for which I thank you, as I do if you will Hon.r my Bill for £50 more at Ladyday which I shall draw payable to John Friend or order.

I have Likewise reced. Yours of the 4th as per my last, Mr McDowells Lease is not yet come to hand, Howsoon it does I shall send it for your Perusall, The farm Dues is 1/9th p.t & I doubt not but the other Clauses in the the [sic] Lease will be agreeable & as to the Situation of the Country Mr Boag can give you a better accot. of it than I, it Lys within 2 miles of the West Sea; & till the Mines raises Ore Enough to Defray the Charge of Smelting (I mean Building Smelt Mills) you may sell it at a good price to the Smelters in Flintshire or you may Rent a Mill there within 100 Rood of the Navigation, & as near Coal, & so smelt it there yourself. Coal and Lime will be Der in Galloway, but Peat & Timber will be gott Cheap Enough & all the Build.g you will need for making a Tryall of the Mine (Smelt Mills Excepted) may be raised for about £10. As the Country is untryed I can't say much as to prospect only there is (as Mr Boag can Inform you) very Likely Veins appears to the day, of Sparr & Ridder, & I think Levells may be gott at a Moderate Expençe, but to Compute the Charge till we know what we have to Drive in, its what I cannot pretend to doe, one Vein I opened about 3 fathom Deep & the farther we sunk the more likely this appeared, as the workmen Informed me, but I never was down the water being up when I was there, but all the worke they had Drawn up was Ridder 7 sparr and answered the accot. the workmen gave of the vein, it being as wide as the Shaft. If we set on work in April when I goe over, this Summer will make a great Tryall and the Charge can't be much in that time.

Ropes & iron &c must be gott from Whitehaven or Liverpool & will come at a moderate price.

Inclosed I send a Rec.t for the Last £50 - please to give Roben his. I set out for London to Morrow if you have any Comands Direct for me at Forrests Coffey House Charing Cross or at Mr Hayleys in Bedford Row give my service to Mr Boag & I am

Dr Sir Your most Humb. Servt.
George Pantoune

To Mr Nicho's Walton

5 Mar 1740 John Bickerdike to Nicholas Walton

Cowclose March 5th 1739/40

Gentlemen

According to your Orders I have sent you as above the Charge of Planning Measuring & Valuing Dilston hall, which I hope youle think a reasonable one, as we were Employed in it almost all the Night as well as the day, while it was doing, and being Oblidged to have Horses & to lye from Home made it a Considerable Expence to us I am Your Humb. Servt.

Jno. Bickerdike.

To Messrs Walton & Boag.

A Copy of Mr Jno. Bickerdikes Acct & letter sent the Board 7th Mar 1739/40

Messrs Walton & Boag Dr. for worke done for the Com[missione]rs of Greenwich Hospital as follows at Dilston Hall Ending 15th February 1739/40 Vizt.

Measuring & Surveying the Gardens, Courts, & Outparts of the Building and Measuring the Apartments, Offices & Outhouses, for the Ground Plans and Drawing the 1st Copy thereof vizt.

Jno. Bell 12 days at 7/6d	£4 10 -	
Jno. Bickerdike 8 Do. at 7/6d	3 - -	
Jno. Rewcastle 8 Do. at 7/6d	3 - -	
Jno. Richardson 6 Do. at 2/6d	- 15 -	£11 5 -

Measuring all the floors p[ar]titions &c in all the Rooms & Apartments in the first, second & third floor, as also the Roofs & Drawing the first Draught thereof & of all the uprights vizt.

John Bell 6 days at 7/6d	£2 5 -	
Jno. Bickerdike 4 Do. at Do.	1 10 -	
Jno. Rewcastle 4 Do. at Do.	1 10 -	£ 5 5 -

Putting a valuation upon all the Materials vizt.

Jno. Bell 4 days at 7/6d	£1 10 -
Jno. Bickerdike 4 Do. at Do.	£1 10 -

Jno. Rewcastle 4 Do. at Do. £1 10 - £ 4 10 6

Drawing fair Copys of the Plans, and Assisting in forming the General Estimates Jno.
Bickerdike 9 1/2 days at 7/6d £ 3 11 3
 £24 11 3

7 Mar 1740 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

[Note: see letter from Bickerdike to Walton 5 March 1740]

Ravensworth Castle March 7th 1739/40

To Wm. Corbett Esqr

Sir

We received yours with the Boards Minutes of the 27 Feb last which we duly Observe & in pursuance of these Commands we send you Inclosed the pticular of the expence of making the Valuation of the Materials of Dilston hall and drawing the Planns &c amounting in the whole to Twenty four pounds Eleven Shillings and three pence.

This Expence we apprehend may appear to the Board as it did to us a great one but we Can assure you had we not assisted in the estimate and planning it would have been a much greater. It was a very tedious job & took a very great deal of time and labour which will we dare say appear to you on Examining the work and pticularly the valuation. The number of days which are Charged we know to be right; and the wages Considering the kind of work we do not think extraordinary, but whatever alteration therein the Board are pleased to make we will take Care to Observe their direction in

& we are Sir Yr obt. Hble. Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

11 Mar 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm. Corbett Esqr, Pay Office Ravensworth Castle March 11th 1739/40

Sir,

We Desire youle acquainted the Board that we have Sold the Corfe, or Hazell Rods, in West Wood, Highwood, Heckford, Longhope, Coastley, & Land Ends, to Wm. & Jno. Ryle for £21 – They to pay £10:10:- Thereof at lamas 1740 & the other £10:10:- at Lamas 1741 & to Cutt none after Ladyday 1741 We have also sold the Corf or Hazell Rodds in Langley Barony Land Ends Excepted to Jmes Thompson for £10:10:- one Moiety thereof to be paid Lamas 1740 & the other Lamas 1741 and he to Cutt none after Ladyday 1741.

N.B. These Corff or Hazell Rodds are what the Coal basketts are made off. We Advertized them 3 Weeks before they were sold & appinted a day & sold them Publickly at Hexham to the best Bidders as above we are Sr. Yor. very Humb. Servts
N: Walton H: Boag

11 Mar 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle 11 March 1739/40

Sr

We Reced. yours of the 6 Inst. & are doeing what we can to gett the Trees of Dilston & Thornbrough Numbred, in order to Send you, but the Weather in this pt. of the World has been so Desperate Cold the men are scarce able to Stand out of Doors one Quarter of a day.

We think this Season for Cutting will be lost as there is not or at Least will not be time to Advertize after they can be marked or numbred. The Wood should be fell'd the Latter End of April or in a Good Year Sooner, this we only Mention. We are Glad the Leases last sent are ready for Executing, we will, in a Little time send Draughts for the Severall Colliery & Mill Leases that could not be brought within the forms printed we are Sr Yor. very Humb. Servts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

11 Mar 1740 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

[Note: A copy of the letter from George Pantoune to Walton, is given elsewhere under date 25 Feb 1740. Walton & Boag were proposing a joint investment with William Corbett and Richard Horn in a new lead mine in Galloway, SW Scotland. 'Harbert Law' was possibly Harbut Law just south-west of Alston.]

Ravensworth Castle 11 March 1739/40

To Mr. Richd. Horn

Dear Sir

We reced. Yor. favour of 1st Inst. & are greatly Oblidged to you for it among many more.

Inclosed is Mr Geo: Panthoons own Letter to us whereby you will see that it is his & Mr Hayleys fault we have not yett seen the Lease we wish it were in our power to doe any but for your Mutual Advantage, its a thing we have all along been afraid off that you or Mr Corbett would be thinking, we were Dilatory in going into this undertaking, & Realy we are Dubious that it may not prove, tho we wish Sincearly it may. Mr Panthoon you Observe by his letter is Sett forward for London & we hope youle see him we are Dear Sr. Your Humb. Servts

Nichs. Walton Hugh Boag

18 Mar 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle 18th March 1739/40

Sir

Inclosed is our cash accot. for last month by which you will please to observe there is a Ballance in our hands in favour of the Hospital of £210.14.11 ¼ .

We have lett Throckley Mill for one year from Mayday 1740 to Wm. Trumble for £16. We have also lett Lorbottle Tyths for one year from May Day 1740 to Mich. Swan & Ptners for £37 which is all that has occurred relating the Derwentwater Estate since our last & we are Sir Yr Most Hble Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS This day is putt on Board of Captn. Airey 10 Quarters of Oates for you & 5 Quarters for Mr Horne,

18 Mar 1740 Nicholas Walton to Isaac Thompson

[Note: Isaac Thompson inaugurated the Newcastle Journal newspaper with William Cuthbert in 1740.]

Ravensworth Castle 18th March 1739/40

To Mr Isaac Thompson

Dear Sir

In your next Paper pray incert the following Advertizement three times, and at the End of the last of the three say – This will be no more Advertized. ...

To be Sold

The Dues of Lead Ore arising within the Manour of Alston Moore from Michaelmas last, to Michaelmas next. Whoever are desirous to purchase the same, may send their Proposals in Writing to Messrs Walton & Boag at Ravensworth Castle near Durham, or to Mr John Stephenson, Moor Master, at Nentsberry in Alston Moore.

Pray take care to Incert the advertizement, for letting the Severall Farmes, wch Mr Boag sent you, and you'll Oblige, Sir,

Your most Hble Sert.

Nich. Walton

24 Mar 1740 Hugh Boag to John King

Ravensworth Castle 24 March 1739/40

To Mr Jno. King at Brampton

Sir

We recd. Yours of the 20 Inst. & doe leave the Appointmt. of the Courts at Keswick to your self only give us as much Notice as you can Also lett them be no sooner than to begin on Thursday 10th of April next, if you begin them on Friday 11 April it will doe, but I think Thursday would doe better for the Court at Keswick & Friday for Thornthwaite & then we shall have the Saturday for Odd things, I Desire you will also write to Mr Pearson & tell him we Appoint the same days of the Courts for the Rent days.

I am for Mr Walton & self

Hugh Boag

PS Pray my service to Mrs King .

Be so good as to write a Line to Mr Walton to be left at Mr Jno. Gibsons at Hexham if you agree to the days I mention or what day, he will be there in his way from Aldston abt. Thursday noon or at farthest Friday noon. I Begg youll send to Hex'm Thursday morning

25 Mar 1740 Hugh Boag to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle 25 March 1739/40

To Mr Jos. Pearson at Keswick

Mr Pearson

I have Wrote a Letter to Mr King wherein I Desire the Keswick Court may begin on Thursday 10th of April next or on Friday 11th, which of the days are fix'd for Keswick the following day will be Thornthwaite Court day, but of this youll have Mr Kings presept, I Desire therefore youll Acquaint all the Tents. & others that we will be at Keswick on Thursday the 10 April next there to Receive the Rents & fines & arrears of [Fines] &c then Due.

I Desire youll Exert your self & gett all-things Ready & give proper Notice of this day, but if Mr King should not Appoint the days I have Mentioned mind & give Notice for the Days he Appoints for the Courts to receive the Rents & fines on. This I only Mention for fear he may Appoint some other day than the 10 or 11 April next. I am for Mr Walton & self

Your Very Humb. Servt.

Hugh Boag

1 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Contains enclosed the affidavit and tree valuation mentioned in the letter.]

Ravensworth Castle April 1 1740

To William Corbett Esq.

Sir

Some time ago Mr Radley gave us directions to gett the several Trees which had been valued as fitt for sale numbered, which during the continuance of the Severe Frost and Snow & for some time after the snow was gone was impracticable, we have since gott the Woods of Dilston & Thornbrough Number'd, which at most are as much as shou'd be advertized to be sold together; & inclosed herein we send you the joint Affidavit of Mr Hopper Ramshaw and Johnson of such there being numbered with an accot. annexed of such Wood as they and we think should be left for Ornament. There can none of that Wood be advertized & sold this Season, as the Spring is farr advanced, be pleased Sir to desire the Board to give us their Directions whether we are to go on to number all the rest now, or it may be done at such time as the Several P[ar]cells are directed to be sold. If it be required that the same persons Number or See them Numbered, which were concern'd in the valuation, it may be proiper not to postpone it, as in case of any of their Deaths it may be an Inconvenience.

Joseph Green of Raw Green has been Sued for a Debt due from him on Bond; but we were apprized of it & made a proper Seizure for the Hospital & sold his Goods by publick Sale last Wednesday, a Schedule of which you have Inclosed After all is deducted out of his Arrear there will at mayday next remain in Arrear £18.11.2d which his Crop of Corn we hope will answer. He has Sons who will undertake the Farm so that we apprhend no loss will arise to the Hospital & we are Sir

Yours &c

N.W. H.B.

In the Exchequer Concerning the Estates of the Late Earl of Derwentwater Ambrose Hopper of Fugar House in the County of Durham Yeom[an], Wm. Ramsay of Collierly in the Sd. County of Durham Yeom. & Robt. Johnson of Ebchester Hill in the sd. County of Durham Gent. severally maketh oath & say that within this Month last past they these Deponents viewed & Carefully Examined the Several Trees standing & growing in and upon Dilston Wood & Thornbrough Wood in the County of Northumberland being part & parcell of the Woods Surveyed and Valued by them these Deponents & Edwd. Oxley of the Birks in the County of Northumberland Yeom. in the Months of Aug. Sep. Octo. & Novemb. One thousand sevenhundred and thirty seven & mentioned in an Affidavit by them these Deponents & the sd. Edwd. Oxley made & sworn the nonth day of August now last past And these Deponents further

severally say that they have marked & caused to be marked the several trees standing & growing in and upon the said Woods of Dilston aforesaid in manner following to witt fourthousand & twenty four Oak Trees from Number 1 to Number 4024 both Included & Eight hundred and Nineteen Ash & Elm Trees from Number 1 to Number 819 both Inclusive and also one thousand four hundred & ninety five Birch & Alder Trees from Number 1 to Number 1495 as aforesaid & that they have also marked the several Trees Standing and Growing in and upon Thornbrough Wood aforesaid in manner as aforesaid to witt One Thousand fivehundred and sixty Oak Trees from Number 1 to Number 1560 both inclusive & one hundred & sixteen Ash & Elm Trees from Number 1 to Number 116 both Inclusive And these Deponents further Severally say that they these Deponents verily believe that the said Trees abovementioned are the very same Trees which were viewed by them these Deponents and the sd. Edwd. Oxley in the said months of August Sept. Oct. & November One thousand sevenhundred & thirty seven as aforesaid according to the best of these Deponents Remembrance And these Deponents farther severally say that in their judgement & opinion it would be proper & fitting not to Cutt Down the several trees in the schedule hereunder & of the number & value therein Expressed & mentioned but rather to lett the same stand as an ornament to the Capital Messuage of Dilston, the same growing near to the said House & the Hedge Rows thereabout.

Ambrose Hopper Wm. Ramsay Robert Johnson

Taken & sworn at Newcastle upon Tyne this thirty first day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty before me Jno. Airey a Commissioner of the Sd. Court

Number of Ash & Elm Trees which should for Ornament be Reserved at Dilston, Mark'd and Valued the 26th day of March 1740 as followeth Viz.

[163 trees listed to a total value of £88 2s6d, ranging from £2 10s to 1s]

4 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Contains enclosed the lead mining proposal mentioned in the letter.]

Ravensworth Castle April 4th 1740

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We reced. last Wednesday from Mr Abraham Watson agent to the Gov.r & Company for Smelting down Lead A proposal of that date which we send you Inclosed for taking on Lease or Tack three veines in Alstonmoor the first of which they have wrought for some time and now work it by vertue of a Lease they have of a moiety. The other Moiety which they now would take being what belongs to the Hospital and is called Wineybrow als windbrow. The other two viz Cleargillhead burn als Clargil Cleughhead & Cocklake being totally the property of the Hospital, for all which you will be pleased to observe Mr Watson offerd 1/6th Duty. This Sir is all the offers that have been made us.

Inclosed we send you the Moormasters accot. ending Christmas last, of what quantity of ore was raised at the severall mines in that quarter, & Also his accot. of what mines were then lying unwrought, The quarter ending at Ladyday will be sent you in a small time.

Mr Airey has sent us his Law bill including what he has employd Mr Downs in which we send you Inclosed, what we think relates properly to us you will be pleased to observe we have deducted out of the bills which we will pay ourselves & we are

Sr Your most obedt. Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

2 April 1740

A Copy of Mr Ab. Waltons proposal for some lead mines in Alston Moore sent the Board the 4 Apr 1740

Abraham Watson for the Govern. & Com. proposes to take in Note for one year or on Lease for 21 years Windbrow at 1/6th and the Eastside of Clargillhead burn at 1/6th and Cocklake at 1/6th.

Abram. Watson

[There follows a copy of the Alston Moormaster's accounts for the Michaelmas to Christmas quarter 1739]

4 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle April 4th 1740

To Mr John Maul

Dear Sr

We wrote you the 29th Jan last and therein Impowered you to gratifye Mr Woodhouse for any trouble he may have had in forming our accot. & since that have had no answer from you which we are really verry much concernd at. We are ready to send the accot. for last year, but would not willingly doe it till the preceeding one has had the boards Concurance and it woud indeed be proposterous to doe it, before we have had the former one before them which has never yet been done. Your advice and assistance in this therefore what we must Earnestly disire, whether it would not be most proper to joyn the two years accot. together or not for to lay them seperate before them we think does not look well and we are really at a loss what reason to give for the former not having long agoe been laid before them. We desire your answer thereto by return of the post, Your Annuall <allowance> wch we promised you due at Christmas last we send you Inclosed by bill on Mr Benj. Shutt pay<a>ble on demand wch youll please to acknowledge the Recet. of and at the same time if anything is Necessary to be done for your Clerks trouble be so good as name it & youle oblige , Dear Sir,

Your most obliged Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS Please to make a Tender of our Compliments to Mrs Maul your little family & all friends.

13 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The Petition referred to in the letter is appended, but not the cash account.]

Ravensworth Castle April 13th 1740

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We reced. yours wth the Boards Minutes of the 2d April Inst in Ans. to which we reced. no proposals from any Person for taking any of the Lead mines which were advertized to be lett except that made by Mr Abraham Watson the agent of the Gov.r.& Compa. for Smelting down Lead &c which we sent you. We observe duly the rest of the Boards Minutes wch shall be pursued according as they direct.

Inclosed herewith you will receive a Petition from the Tennants within the Bar[ony] of Langley, concerning the Boundery of Langley South Common in wch Mr Blackett is now and has been some time working high Stublick Colliery. It is realy very hard upon Mr Downs the present Ten.t of the Colliery under the Commiss.rs of the Hospitall, & shoud Mr Blackett prevail against us, it wou'd be a verry great hardship upon the rest of the Tennants of the Hospital. It is a great Inconvenience that we get so Slowly forward in these proceedings, for had the Injunction been obtain'd as we

advised we believe it might have put a Stop to & ended the dispute. Be pleased also Sir to put the Board in mind of the Ovingham estate.

We Inclosed herein send you out Cash accot. for last month on wch is a ball. of £199.4.11 ½ in favour of the Hospital. We are going upon the rece^{ip}t of the Rents the ensuing week thro' the whole estate so that we hope to be able to make you pretty large remittances. & are Sr Yr most Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

In a slip in this letter: Mr Corbetts Oates will be bought & sent by the George the next Voyage, but we have not yet reced. the sacks, the Ship not being come in.

To the honourable Commissioners or Governours of his Majestyes Royal Hospitall for Seamen at Greenwich The Humble Petition of the Tennants or farmers under the Hospital within the Manor or barony of Langley in the County of Northumberland

Humbly shew unto your Hon.s that your Petitioners at present Labour under great oppression, and wrong by the late unjust pretentions & claims of Walter Blackett Esqr. and his Lessees touching the boundary of the South Moor or Common belonging to the manor or Barony of Langley aforesaid. The said Walter Blackett Esqr. & his Lessees at present Claiming above one Thousand Acre of the best & puerest bround in the said Moor or Common and in order to Confirm their pretended right thereto the farmers or Lessees of Low Stublick Colliery have com'd on to Stublick edge alias High Stublick hill, and will not admitt of the least controul or hinderance and now are & for some time past have been Working of Coales there. The absolute right and property of the Hospital as your Petitioners verily believe and hope to make appear by many Credible wittnesses, and if not timely prevented such unjust proceedings will unavoidably touch your petitioners very sensably <with respect to> their farmes and their several stocks thereon.

May it therefore please your honours to grant your petitioners such redress in the premises as is agreeable to Comon Equity & Justice & if your petitioners may have & enjoy such right of Common & other priviledges as are appurtenant & of right belong to their several farmes within the manor or Barony of Langley aforesaid. And your petitioners as in Duty bound shall forever pray

John Atkinson, George Thompson, John Coats, Mall' Brown, Nich Glenwright (his mark), Jos. Maughan, John Wright, Joseph Todd, Robt. Wear, Mich. Maughan (his mark), John Parker, Edwd. Ridley, John Todd, Jos. Teasdale, John Coats, Thos. Robson, Jno. Dobinson (his mark), Edwd. Brown, Henry Wallis, Thos. Foster, John Bell, Henry Maughan, John Robson, John Parker, Cuth. Heaslop, Cuth. Robeson (his mark).

13 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to James Hunter

[Note: James Hunter, of the Navy Pay Office, audited the Hospital accounts]

Ravensworth Castle April 13th 1740

A copy of this Letter sent Mr. Maule
To Jas. Hunter Esqr.

Sir

We have reced. from Mr Maul the Form of an accot. in which shape he informs us you are pleased to direct ours to be made out for the year 1738 & to carry the Receivings forward to the 30th June 1739.

This Sir we have considered in the best manner we can, & cannot be of opinion if it will be right for us or Consistant with our Trust to carry on the receivings to so great a Length beyond wch the rents are Carried and it will in the Case sometimes Happen that a Rent due from a good payer at mayday may be reced. before the 30th June wch would make an Inconsistency not to be gott over but by leaving out such a sum as should be so reced. & by that means our receivings as they wou'd then stand in the face of the accot. wou'd disagree wth our cash accot. which we send Monthly to the Board which by no means must be, and besides Sir as it appears to us it wou'd look mighty Odd that at a time when we Settle the accot. there shou'd be rents realy due & not return'd in Arrear. Upon the whole therefore we desire you will allow the accot. to Stand in the Shape it was made up by us with this addition that all the arrears be p'ticularly putt down in the manner you have directed on the face of the Acct. after the Disbursments are Ended. We will take care Sir to draw the Arrears at all times into as narrow a Compas as we can & to do every thing in that shape wch is most agreeable to you, & we hope you will Comply with this our request & excuse the freedom of giving you our Sentim^{ts} upon it. We have wrote to Mr Maul & desired him to wait upon you for your Approbation after wch we expect he will give us a Line that we may proceed to make a proper Affidavit and send it a well as the last years acct. to the Board for we are ashamed they shou'd be so long of Settling & are Sir

Yrs &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

13 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

[Note: John Maule was Chief Clerk in the office of the Treasurer to the Hospital]

To Mr Maul

Ravensworth Castle April 13th 1740

Dr Sir

We reced. the favour of yours of the 28 March & likewise that of the 8th of April Inst. for both which we heartily thank you. The former brought us the form of an Acct. in which Shape you desire ours for 1738 to be made out ; but on duely Considering it we can by no means think the method a proper one, & accordingly have wrote our Sentim^{ts} upon it to Mr Hunter this day: a Copy of which we send you Inclosed, &

begg the favour you will wait upon him & lett us hear from you as early as you can that we may gett the <live> Accts. dispatched for the next declaration.

We begg you may not think we took anything amiss from you in regard to Mr Woodhouse, for it is certain you could have no other design in it, but to serve us. we did not think Mr Woodhouse used us well if by his means the Accot. was kept back, but as we would rather do what is not quite reasonable to be expected from us, than be behind in any Acknowledgements which is due from us, we agreed that you should give Mr Woodhouse what You thought necessary, & we again desire you will doe so, as soon as it is convenient , & whatever you soe disburse shall be thankfully repay'd you. We have wrote to Mr Woodhouse, but not knowing how to direct to him you have it Inclosed, which pray Seal and forward to him after you have perused it. And at Your first Opportunity pray shew Mr Woodhouse the Coppy of ours to Mr Hunter & you'll much Oblige

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS Please to make our Compliments to Mrs Maule your Family & all Friends.

13 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to Francis Woodhouse

[Note: Enclosed with the letter to John Maule of the same date. Mr Woodhouse was a Clerk in the office of the Auditor, James Hunter.]

Ravensworth Castle April 13th 1740

To Mr Woodhouse, Inclosed in Mr Maul's Letter

Sir

Our Accot. for the year 1738 has been lying before Mr Hunter near Twelve Months in order to have fix'd a Method to Settle it in; & lately we have reced a Forme which we cannot by any means think a proper one, as the Rents and money reced. are carried to different times, at so great a distance, we have therefore wrote to Mr Hunter this day desiring he will allow the accot. to be in the Shape we putt it, with the Addition of the Arrears putt down Pticularly on the face of the Accot. for there wou'd many very great Inconsistances arise, by carrying the Rents only to March & the Receivings forward to June following. Our accot. which we have made up in Books ready to produce on any Occasion are made up to Xmas, so that upon that and many other accots. we desire You will do your good Offices to forward the Settling of 'em to that time and in Shape abovementioned. You have had a good deal of trouble in this Affair, & as You will have more, we have desired Mr Maule to make you a Suitable Gratuity, wch we hope You will accept of, our Compliments attend all Friends and we are Sir Yours &c

Nicho' Walton Hugh Boag

PS Mr Maule will Shew you, if Mr Hunter does not, what we have wrote him on this Subject.

27 Apr 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle April 27th 1740

To Mr Radley

Sir

We reced. yours when we were abroad, & gott home last Tuesday Night late so that we could not answer it sooner than this day.

The Lease to Reynold Corbett commences at Mayday 1737, so that if by the Instruction we sent you it is made to Commence at Mayday 1739, it is a mistake in the Coppying; & an omission in not adding the addition of Widdow, to AnnTwizle so that youll please to make Corbetts Commence at Mayday 1737, & Incert in Mrs Twizles Lease Ann Twizle of Hartburngrainge Widdow.

The 1st of this Month we sent Mr Corbett an affidavitt made of the woods of Dilston & Thornbrough being mark'd & numberd & an accot. of Such Trees as we think proper shoud stand as ornam[en]ts but as the Season was so farr spent we advise not to advertize the Sale of any wood this year, to which Letter & affidavitt &c we referr & are Sir Yr most Hble Serts.

Nicho' Walton Hugh Boag

4 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: G.L.Esq is Colonel George Liddell, the lessee of the Hospital's Alston Moor lead mines.]

Ravensworth Castle May 4th 1740

To William Corbett Esq.

Sir

We reced. Yours with the Boards Minutes of the 23d April last which we duly observe, and beg leave to return you the following Answer.

In regard to the Number and Value of each Tree, in Dilston & Thornbrough Woods, we must observe that a new valuation must putt upon all those Trees, as they now stand Numbered, which will Cost about £16 , & we apprehend doing the rest in the same manner, thro' the Estate may cost abt. £64 more, valuing only, besides the Marking, wch in the whole we formerly acquainted you, we Computed would cost abt. £80, so that to mark and put Pticular Valuations to the whole, we reckon will Cost about £160. Where large Woods lye together, it is very proper to divide into Lotts of the

different kinds of Timber, & to Sell those Lotts Separate, but we do not think it necessary at Dilston or Thornbrough as the Quantitys there will Sell together, better than in any other shape. There is no Expence attending Selling Timber in the manner Customary in this Country, it is generally advertized to be Sold a Considerable time before the Sale, Pticularizing the Number of each sort of Timber & the distance from the nearest & most conven.t places for consumption, & the persons who buys it, agrees to be at all expences of Cutting down & converting to Uses; & to pay a Certain Sum for a number of each sort of Trees, at such certain Payments as are agreed upon; And a limitted number of Years is granted for Cutting and Disposing thereof; which always is computed according to a greater or Lesser Quantity sold & according to the Quantity which the Marketts will take of Annually. In the present case we cannot omit offering our sentim<en>ts & hope the Board will not take amiss, that we are of Opinion, a Second Valuation will be of no real use. You have already a valuation of the whole distinguishing the severall Lotts and the Bark Separate, by which the Value is as well known as it will be, if it is done Twenty Shapes, which we apprehend is all that can be usefull or necessary, but this we only offer as our opinion & humbly submitt it to the Boards Consideration.

We observe that the Board approve the measures we have taken for Securing the Arrear due from Joseph Green of Raw Green, as also that his Sons should continue Tennants, provided that no Loss arises to the Hospital. In Answer to which we beg leave to Observe, that we have taken the best method we could think of, to Secure the Arrear & to prevent any Loss arising to the Hospital, and by appearance they are Secure, yet notwithstanding that, some unforeseen Losses may happen, & should it prove so, we think it would be hard, we should be subjected to it, as we apprehend, we are by the Boards Minutes; We therefore humbly desire that Minute may be laid before the Board to be Altered by Strik<ing> out the Words, Scor'd under, if they approve of it, or that they will be pleased to Signifye their displeasure with their directions for our Conduct in that Affair.

We find that Mr Stephenson has reported ½ of Windy brow to be possessed & wrought by G.L Esq. & Ptners, which it has not, but since his undertaking it has been always wrought by the Govern.r & Company in Dead Work under a Lease from the Proprietor of a Moiety. Now as that Proprietor and the Hospital are tennants in Common , the Govern' & Comp. will be liable to Accot. for Profitts when any arises to G.L.Esq. & Ptners & they to the Hospitall, for the Dues thereof, so that G.L Esq. & Ptnrs Claim the ½ as Tenn[ant]s in Common, & for that reason it was not reckon'd forfeited, or Advertized to be Lett. This we intended but omitted to remark to the Board, when we sent Mr Watson's proposal, as we did, that Cocklake was not in the Number Advertized, being a thing Supposed of little or no value, & never demised to G.L.Esq. & Ptners amongst the enumerated mines. We have wrote to Mr Watson to know, what is the utmost he will give as Dues to the Hospital.

We have made no Contingent payments, without order of Board for the three Months ending 31 March last & are Sir, Yours &c

Nicho' Walton Hugh Boag

4 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle May 4th 1740

To William Radley

Sir

We reced. Your favour of the 20 April last & are sorry that any mistakes should have happened in the Instructions for the Leases now ready for Signing. Thos. Humbell & Ptners R[en]ts for Whittonstall is £57 <Prem duct> £37

As to the Value of the Coals wrought at Stubblick Coll[iery] we cannot tell how to ascertain the Values of them but shall Endeavour to gett it as near as we can & as soon.

The Number in the Second Column is the Trees mark in those valued to Stand at Dilston, but there is none intended to be left at Thornbrough. The first Column only signifies this viz. No.1 or one tree marked 25 is valued £10 &c we are

Sr Yo'r very Humb. Servts

N.W H.B

PS The Values of the Coals wrought by Mr Blacketts ten.ts amounts to abt. £50 out of Stubblick Colliery and we hope this will serve.

6 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to Abraham Watson

Ravensworth Castle May 6. 1740

To Mr Abra. Watson at Whitfield Hall

Mr Watson

We have reced. a letter from our Board ordering us to know of you the outmost you will give for these mines you proposed for, which we Transmitted the Board. Windey Brea is in the Colonels Lease and has been wrought by your Company. No Doubt but you may have a Lease of it from the Colonel &c.

Please lett us know if you will take any other upon the Moore and at what due for we hear their is a new proposer for most part of them. we are

Sr Your Hble Servts

Nicho' Walton Hugh Boag

PS We desire youle not fail to write us an answer of the outmost you will give and if you are disireous of taking any more or shall be glad to see you upon this head.

6 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The enclosed account follows.]

Ravensworth Castle 6 May 1740

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Inclosed is an acct. & a Computation of the value of the Wood Cutt by the Thornthwaite Ten[an]ts from off their Arbitrary Estates, as near as we (upon the strictest Enquiring) can gett it amounting in the whole to £34:12:6, to which we have added 16s to Mr Simpsons Law Charges for drawing Instructions for an Information against Mr Jefferson, please to Inform us what Law Charges the Board will please to Charge Mr Jefferson with that was occasioned at London; so as we may be able to make up the whole Expence he is to pay. He pleads hard and hopes still that the Board will favour him as he has so Quietly given up and indeed it is a point gain'd where there might have been a Teadious Law Suit please to observe what he says in the <uses> of the Wood.

We have made a demand upon all the Rest of the Ten.ts that have Cutt any, they Refuse to pay & we have Imployed Mr Simpson Attorney at Law to Write a Sevear Letter to Each of them, to threaten them to pay but not to <...> any, & what Effect these Letter will have we cannot tell, but we shall Acquaint the Board of it as soon as we know.

Inclosed is also a valuation of Damage done Robt. Dixon farmer of Peacock House farm by a flood of Devils Water in the year 1734. We have viewed the place which is now mostly Covered with Stones & Rubbage left upon the Land. He is very poor, & has Certainly suffered by that flood but whether to the Value of £15 we cannot now be so certain, being so Long Since as 1734 & before our time, but he hopes the Board will Consider & allow him the £15 he has often spoke to us about it, but we always Refused troubling the Board with it till he gott the value of the Damage under the hands of some substancetiall neighbours we are

Sr Your very Hble Servts

N. Walton H. Boag

A Computation of the value of Wood Cutt & Disposed of by the arbitrary Ten<an>ts of Thornthwaite from their Arbitrary Estates there to the 18 April 1740.

The Reverd' Mr Thos. Jefferson viz.

Cutt 5 Oak Trees from of Logill Tenemt. the Wood & Bark valued by Isaac Todd & John Wilson to	£5 – 8 – 0
Cutt 2 Trees & Sold them for the use of a Furnace at Clifton	3 – 0 – 0
Cutt 1 Oak Tree valued by Mr Pearson	15 – 0
For ab t. 200 Birch & Alder Trees sold Wm. Miles of Keswick in the year 1735	6 – 19 – 6

NB Mr Jefferson now pretends that he will use the most pt. of the 5 trees valued £5:8:0 in Repairing his Tenement & that he did but sell

the 2 trees to Clifton Furnace for £2:2:0 and lastly hopes the
Com^{missioner}s will not Desire him to Refund the £6:12:6
as he calls it only Underwood £15 – 15 – 6

Thomas Graves Mr Jeffersons Tenant viz.

Crop'd a good many Trees at Thornthwaite & peeld them & sold the Bark for £1
Crop'd other two Trees & sold the Bark for 3 – 0
£1 – 3 – 0
Geo: Birkett sold to Andr. Green Wood off Becksidess Tenement, value abt..... 10 – 0 – 0
John Fleming took away Cropings of Wood & Bark valued 5 – 0
Hugh Tolson sold of Birch & Alderwood from of Beckstones Tenement value abt 4 – 0 – 0

Frances Lancaster viz.

Cutt down 6 or 7 small trees from Hallgarth Tenement valued at £1:1:0 and the
Bark at 7s 1 – 8 – 0
Cutt down soe many Hedge Row Oak Trees as she sold the Bark for £1 & the
Trees value £1:1:0 2 – 1 – 0
£3 – 9 – 0
Total £34 – 12 – 6

To which Add

Mr Thomas Simpsons Bill of Law Charges on the Reverd' Mr Thos. Jeffersons Acct. 16 – 4

£35 – 8 – 10

A Copy sent the Board 6 May 1740

Wid.w Frances Lancaster in one of Pearsons Letters is charged for Felling 7 oak trees
value £1, exclusive of the Bark wch we are apt to believe is the same with the first
article she is charged with.

9 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle May 9th 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

Sir

Having just now reced. the Inclosed Letter from John Lowther esq. we observe
that he proposes on behalf of himself and Partners to take the Lead Mines which have
been advertised to be lett on Terms which are better than any proposal which has yet
been made that we know of. These Gentlemen have been very fair Adventurers &
Continue to Work briskly, altho' we are certain they are a very great Sum in disburse,
& as such we believe none will be more likely to work those now to lett, than they for
the benefit of the Hospital. we are

Sir Your most Obed. Servts

Nicho' Walton Hugh Boag

A Coppy of Dr Lowthers letter to Messrs W & B of original sent the Board the day of its date.

Newcastle May 9th 1740

Messrs Walton & Boag

Sirs

I have this day made the following proposal by Letter to Mr Corbett, and think it proper to do the same likewise to you viz. that my Partners and Self will take a Tack Note for one year of all the open mines in Alston moor, which have reverted to the Hospitall, and have been Advertized to Let, and to pay one Seventh Duty, for the Veins call'd Dodberry Dykehead, Clargill Cleugh head, and Clargill Meadows, and one Ninth Duty for all the rest, The Form of the Tack Note being to be made as usual, with a Liberty for my Partners & Self to demand a Lease under the Same Covenant in the present Lease to us, Except that of Expended as Certain Sum.

I desire you will lay the above proposal before the Board and am Your humble Servt. &c

John Lowther

11 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

[Note: Broad Street was the address of the Navy Office in London]

Ravensw'th Castle May 11 1740

To Mr James Wood

Dear Sir

Herein I send you three Bills amounting Twelve hundred & Twenty pounds which I have made you D[e]b[t]o[r] for this day made of Rents & Proffitts of the Derwentwater Estate.

Geo Pantouns bill on Thos. Hayley Esq. dated 23 Apr last at 28 d[ays]	£200
Edwd. Browns Do on Wm. Stephenson dated 14 Do at 28ds	£20
Ra. Fetherstons Do on Saml Child Esq & Co dated 9 May Inst at 30ds	£1000
	£1220

Please to acknowledge the rect. hereof by return of the post and to tender my Complim.ts to all friends at Greenw'ch & Broad Street which will greatly oblige

Dear Sir or Madam: Yr most Hble Servt.

Nicho' Walton

Newtonmoor April 23rd 1740 £200

Sir Twenty eight days after date pray pay Messrs Walton & Boag Two Hundred Pounds value recd. and place it to acct. as advised by Sir Your most Hble Sert. George Pantoun

To Thomas Hayley Esqr. in Bedford Row, London

Hexham 24th April 1740

Sir Twenty eight days after date pay to Messrs Walton & Boag or Bearer Twenty Pounds for value recd. and place it to acco. as by order from Yr Hble Sert. Edwd Brown To Mr Willm. Stephenson, Glover opposite to Exeter Exchange in the Strand, London

No. 102 Newcastle May 9th 1740 £1000

Sir Thirty days after date pay to Mr Nicho' Walton or Order the sum of One Thousand pounds for the value reced. and place the same to accot. as advised by Sir Yr Humble Sert. Ralph Fetherston

To Samuel Child Esqr. & Co. near Temple Barr, London

13 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to James Hunter

Ravensworth Castle May 13th 1740

To James Hunter Esqr. Auditor of Greenwich Hospital Accots.
at No.3 Garden Court Middle Temple London

Sir

We had the Honour of receiving your kind favour which wou'd have been sooner answered had we not been engaged in business that we cou'd not Neglect, and we have now only to acknowledge the recet. of it to Returne you thanks & to acquaint you that the Accot. shall be prepared in the manour you have directed as soon as may be for the year 1738 & that for 1739 as soon as the time is Expired to which you bring down the Receivings vizt. the 30th June 1740. We have nothing further to give you Trouble of at this time except that we begg you will order the Accot. to be dispatched as they come to your hand, which will lay us under great obligations who are

Sr. Your most oblig'd & obed. Servts

N. Walton H. Boag

13 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle May 13th 1740

To Mr J. Maule at Greenwich

Dr Sr.

Since we reced. your last kind favour we have had the pleasure of one from Mr Hunter & Another from Mr Woodhouse, who both seem to think no Inconvenience can Arise to us by bringing forward the Receivings to the 30 June in Each year, Altho the Rents are only carried to the Martinmas preceeding. We have therefore wrote to each a Letter this day acquainting them that we will prepare the Accot. in the Manner Mr Hunter has directed for the year 1738 & that for the year 1739 as soon as the time Expires to which the receivings are brought down viz to the 30 June 1740. We will send that for 1738 in a few posts to you & beg youle loose no time in having Mr Hunters inspection upon that so it may be sent back to us to make affadavitts and put it in its proper Channell of being pass'd at the next declaration. What we observe you have given to Mr Woodhouse we Intirely approve of and will take care to returne you it with what other Expences accrue by postage & in Transacting this affaire, which we doubt not but youle give all possable dispatch and youll greatly oblige

Dear Sr. your very Hble Serts

N. Walton H. Boag

13 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to Francis Woodhouse

Ravensworth Castle May 13th 1740

To Mr Woodhouse at the auditors office

Sir

We had your favour in Course ofand one likewise from Mr Hunter on the same subject which we have answered this post, and we begg to returne you our hearty thanks.

In a few posts the accot. for 1738 will be transmitted to Mr Maule who we have desired will imeadiatly wait upon Mr Hunter with it so that it will then we apprehend come under your Inspection in wch we begg you will use all possable dispatch so that we may have it return'd to make the affadavitt and Transmit it and the accot. to the Board, that it may be passed at the Next declaration. Your favour herein will be always gratefully acknowledged by, Dear Sr, Your most Hble Servts

N.Walton & H Boag

13 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle May 13th 1740

To Wm.Corbett Esqr at the Pay Office in Broad Street London

Sir

We have in hand our Cash accot. for the last month but cannot gett it ready to send you sooner than next post when it comes you will Observe by it that we have not reced so large a Sum of the Tenants as usuall in other years at this time which we attribute to the sevear Winter, We however sent last post to Mr Wood billd for £1220.

The Lead ore dues within the Derwentwater Estate have been advertized in the usuall Manner to be sold for the purchase whereof no offers have been made Except from Geo: Liddell Esqr & Ptners who are willing to give the same price they did last year which was 47s/6d for Bouse and 42/6d for Cutting ore. We have therefore Confirm'd those dues to them subject to the approbation of the Board, They are the Dues arising between 1739 & Mich. 1740.

We are Sr Your Most Obedt. Serts.

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

Mem<orandu>m Inclosed in this Letter in a loose paper thus vizt.

Sr There is Sent by the George who sailed last Saturday 14 quarters & 3 bushells of oates for you in 30 sacks please to Return the sacks & at her returne will send you the Remain[ing] pt.

16 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle May 16th 1740

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Inclosed we send you our cash accot. for last Month by which you will be pleased to Observe there is a Ballance of £1585.13.9 ¾ in favour of the Hospital, but we have since the end of that month remitted bills to Mr Wood for £1220 as we mentioned in our last & are

Sr Your most Hble Servts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

16 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

[Note: Sir Charles Wager was First Lord of the Admiralty 1733 -42. On his retirement he was given the sinecure of Treasurer to the Navy, but died about 6 months later.]

Ravensworth Castle May 16th 1740

To Mr William Radley

Sir

We reced. your favour of the 8th^y Inst. but is sorry that the Leases were not Signed on the day of the Gen[eral] Court. as Sir Charles Wager is gone abroad and it may be some time before he returns, however we hope you will get them signed as soon as you can.

Mr Blackett is not yet come into this Country nor do we know when he will; he sometimes stays a month or two in Yorkshire at his fathers, but his House is in Newcastle upon Tyne. He has also a house in Northumberland.

We think the properest person to send the processes to Serve will be Mr Airey as he is Employ'd in the Hospitals affairs of that kind.

We do not know where Mr Blacketts House is in Town or whither he is a Lodger there or not we are

Sr Your very Hble Servts

N Walton H Boag

25 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle May 25. 1740

To Mr Richd. Horne

Dear Sir

We reced. yours of the 15th inst in due Course which woud have been answered sooner, but that we have not been together since we reced. it before this day, so we take the first opportunity of Joyntly answering it.

As to the observations which have been made by the board on the valuation of the woods in the Derwentwater estate, we are at a Loss to know whether you Intend we Shou'd Clear it up to them, by Letter to Mr Corbett or that we shoud to you. but as it is no way taken notice of in the Minutes, we Incline to think it Improper to mention it to the Board till they require it.

We can Explain the affair no otherwise than by acquainting you as the board that the trees in many places where they are Valued so low, are such as either are decayed of Dwarfes which render them of so small Value, & it may be no hard matter to peck out some Thousands of that kind, many of which are of a much Less value than you mention. If this be a proper thing to mention to the Board we desire you will, or that Mr Corbett will be so kind as doe it if he thinks proper, & withal to acquaint them that rather than there Shoud be any Jellousie of us it woud be verry Agreeable to us that the Board woud order a valuation by Indifferent Persons to be made in the most pticular manner, for tho' the necessary care has been taken by us in the late Valuation, & tho we apprehend they are very exactly done, yett we cannot pretend to say they are Computed at the Exact Value and Consequently that they may on a Second be found too high or too low.

We are much obliged to you for all your kind favours & will be more so if you will draw a Minute from the Board requiring an Explanation of the above Affair provided you think it not proper to Explain it to them your self. & we are Dr Sir

Yr most Hble & Obligated Serts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

25 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

Ravensworth Castle May 25 1740

To Mr Thomas Simpson

Sir

We reced. yours of the 15th May Inst with Mr Birketts Letter Inclosed, & observe that John Grave & John Fleming have paid you £1-8s -0 & that Frances Lancaster promise payment. She is a power Widdow & being we hope truly Sinsible of her Transgression, we agree to Give her time provided she give you her prom<isor>y note payable at a reasonable distance of time. Mr Birkett verry unjustly says that he had a Liberty from either of us, & to Shew you the Contrary you have a Coppy of a Letter to him on that head, you will therefore on rect. hereof write him that we Expect Imediate payment for the wood he is Charged with. Mr Pearson hade general directions given to Sett the Tennants out wood as it had been Customary as farr as he knew it, & the Ten.ts right & we dont apprehend he has exceeded that order so that Mr Birkett Must be greatly mistaken in his much matter & many particulars.

It is not at all surprizing Alston moor was so disagreeable to you when you last attended the Courts for it is now become the Common run thro this Island. Penrith only being Excepted. You are happy in your Station & we no better here at this time (or very little) than we were at Christmas day.

We are Sr Yr &c N. Walton , H. Boag

25 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

[Note: Encloses an affidavit sworn by Robert Middleton concerning High Stublick Colliery]

Ravensworth Castle May 25 1740

To Mr Radley

Sir

The Inclosed came lately to us from Mr Downes, which (as it relates to high Stublick Colliery) we send you Inclosed & beg you will hasten the Injunction as it is greatly wanted now in the season when there is the greatest demand for Coales. And

we believe the Injunction to stay the workings of Mr Blacketts Lessees would putt an end to the dispute, & we are

Sir Yr verry Hble Serts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

In the Exchequer

Robert Middleton of Whinnitly in the County of Northumberland Yeoman Viewer or agent to the present lessees or farmers under the Hospital of Greg Shield otherwise high Stublick Colliery maketh oath that since the time of the present lessees under Mr Blacketts entering upon High Stublick aforesaid and working Coales there they have at a moderate Computation wrought & Sold Coales there to the amount or value of Eighty pounds, & upwards wch said Coales the Deponent verily believes to be the property of the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital or their lessee, and Saith that by the said Mr Blacketts Lessees paying no Rent (as this deponent hath heard and verily believes) for the Coale they work at high Stublick aforesaid as also the Low Pitt they have thereby brought the price of Coale to there, which together with the great hinderances of the vend of Coale they have occasioned to the present Lessees of the Hospital this Deponent in his Judgement verily believes the loss and damage occasioned by their whole proceedings to the present lessee of high Stublick otherwise Greg shield Colliery will amount to the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds and upwards and this deponent further Saith that the Said Mr Blacketts lessees meeting with no interruption of Disturbance in such their proceedings as aforesaid, the Tennants of the Neighbouring villages that have a right of Common within the mannor of Hexham have of late drove their cattle not only upon high Stublick Liberty but even to the furthest part of Gregshield pretending now right of Common thro' the whole to the manifest prejudice & injury of the Tennants belonging to the Hospital within the Barrony of Langley.

Taken and Sworn at Hexham in the County of Northumberland the Thirteenth Day of May in the Year of our Lord 1740 before me Shaftoe Downes a Com[issione]r in the Sd. Court.

25 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

[Note: Joseph Pearson, the Hospital's bailiff for Keswick and Thornthwaite]

Ravensworth Castle May 25 1740

To Mr Jos. Pearson

Mr Pearson,

We reced. yours of the 10 Inst. about Lanc[elo]t Penny and doe desire you to Stop all the Peats till the holes are filled up, and discharge, Nay hinder him from practising for the future any such Abuses, and not only him but all other Tennants from doing any damage to the ground. Tell him he will be Severely punished for what he has done.

We observe Wm. Stanger has sold his house at Thornthwaite and will pay his fines, but as to abating him any thing we cannot we doubt and are

Yr Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

30 May 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Rav. Castle May 30th 1740

To Mr William Radley at Greenwich

Sir

We reced. your favour of the 24th Inst. with the acct. of the cost of the prosecution against Mr Jefferson Amounting to £3-3-0 which we will take care of & Demand of him. We are Glad the Leases are signed by pt. of the Com<missioner>s & hope Sr. C. Wager by this, is gott safe back, so that in a little time he & the other mentioned will also sign them.

We are doing nothing about Numbring the Wood, we not knowing how to proceed, for the Boards Minutes of the 14 may has ordered the Expençe of new Valuing & Numbing the Trees to be laid before the General Court for their Directions therein & untill we have their order we apprehend we cannot proceed. We Wish (if they have any suspicion or thinks they are not so Exactly valued as they desire) if they would order them to be valued over again by Different hands & at the same time they may be numbred if they are not all Different people, some new ones may be joyned to the Old ones when we were ordered to gett a valuation of the Woods we did not Apprehend that we were to cause the Valuers put the value to each little tree apart, as we always Thought they were to be sold to the best Bidder.

The men that was Imp[loyed] in Valuing the woods were usuall valuers of Wood, & are Reputed Skilfull Honest men, but they may have faild in their

Judge<me>nt, but we doe Assure you we know no other but that they are Justly done according to their knowledge we are

Sir Your most Humb. Servts.

N. Walton H. Boag

8 Jun 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle June 8 1740

William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Inclosed is Severall agreements made with Several Workmen for building & Repairing Housing on the Derwentwater Estate amounting to £494 which please to lay before the Board for their Confirmation.

Inclosed is also our Cash Accot. for last Month by which please to Observe there is a ballance due from us in favour of the Hospital of £773:16:2¾ .

The Commissioners are Threatned to be presented for Hartburn Chancell being in bad repair, the Expence of Repairing which (Exclusive of New casting & some additional Lead) by Computation amounts to about £45. This Chancell has always been repaired by the Derwentwater family as they Enjoy'd the great Tyths. Please lay this before the Board for their directions therein. we are

Sir Yr most Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

An Accot. of Agreements made by Messrs Walton and Boag with Severall workmen for Building and Repairing Houses and Outhouses upon the Derwentwater Estate subject to the Approbation of the Board of Directors for his Majesties Royall Hospitall at Greenwich Ending June 7th 1740 viz:

John Rewcastle and John Hubbuck

Langley Castle Housing. Edward Brown, Geo. Thompson and Matt. Brown Tenants

For Edward Browns share of the Farm – Building a Chimney and a Gable End, Putting in a new Door, flagging the House and Milkhouse, Plaistering the same, new Deal Flooring the House, Putting up a new Staircase and partition, pointing the Walls and Roofs, Thatching and Pointing the Byer 60 foot by 21 foot, putting up a Gavell between the Byer and Stable, Building new Barn 24 foot by 16 foot the whole to be done in a workmanlike manner and find all the Materials
Exclusive of Leading £60

For Building a new house for Matthew Brown 18 foot long and 15 foot wide and 14 foot high. A Milkhouse 12 foot long by 7 foot broad a Stable 13 foot Long by

15 foot wide and a floor of Deal over it for a Granery, A Barne 24 foot long by 16 foot wide and 11 foot high, a Byer 20 foot long by 16 foot Broad, the whole to be peformed in a Workmanlike manner he finding all Except Leading for £90

For Pulling Down the Housing in George Thompsons Possession Building a new house 18 foot long by 15 foot wide and 14 foot high, A Milkhouse 12 foot by 7 foot broad, A Stable 13 foot by 15 foot and a floor of Deal over it for a Granery, a Barne 24 foot long by 16 foot wide and 11 foot high Thatching and Pointing a Byer. The whole to be Done in a Substantiall workmanlike manner and find Materialls Exclusive of Leading £78

Woodhall low Mill Thomas Cook Tenant

For Building up the water Gavell End and mending part of the side walls and Covering in part of the Roof of Woodhall Low Mill Exclusive of Leading the sum of £5:10:0

Coastley Mill

For purchasing one Gray Stone Leading and laying it on, making a new Inner and Outer Wheel, Nails, Screw bolts, Repairing the Mill, Iron hoopes and Gudgeons, new water Troughs, New Sluce, new Casestocks Coggs and Rounds, new Brayers and a Windlass with Ropes to take up the Stones, Repairing the Dam Pointing and Mending the walls, helping the Thatching of the House and Putting up a new Gavell between the Mill and house. the whole to be done well (he to have wood out of Coastley hope for the Wheels) Exclusive of Leading for £25

William Ironsides and Partners

Throckley Mill Wm. Turnbell Tenant

For finding a new Gray Milston and leading them, finding wood for Bucketts, wood for Casestocks, a gang of new Coggs and Rounds, Ropes for taking up the Stones, Laying the Mill irons, Nailes, Gudgeons, Deals and Workmanship for the whole Leading Included £15:10:0

Newlands Mill Rob. <Johnson> and Geo. Dixon Tenants

For Building a House 21 foot long by 15 foot Broad and 9 foot High the side walls A New Stable 16 foot by 13 foot and 8 foot high, Taking the Slates off one side of the Mill house and laying them on, finding Lime Laths and Nales and what Slates are wanting, finding wood for a new Cogg Wheel and <Armes>, a sett of new Bucketts, new Windows, Brayer, Head stock and Doggs a pair new Heads Coggs and Rounds, new Troughs, new Ropes, Screw bolts, nails and workmanship, Repairing the Two Dams the whole Exclusive of Leading to be well done for £70

John Bell and John Bickerdike

Newton Hall pt. Joseph Jopling tenant

For new Roofing Thatching and Repairing the Dwelling house and Flagging it, for Altering a Partition and Putting up a StairCase, Building a Milkhouse 15 foot by 7 foot, Building a new barne 27 foot long and 16 foot Broad, Dividing and Thatching a Byer, and Thatching a Stable, the whole to be done in a workman like manner Exclusive of Leading for £65

Wooley Farm Martin Swinburn Tenant

For Building a New Stable 20 foot by 16 foot, Repairing the House, Thatching the Byers a New Milkhouse and repairing the whole Exclusive of Leading for £30

Whittle, John Slater Tenant

For Building a new Cottage that fell down and new roofing and Tyleing the Dwelling house Exclusive of Leading for £20

Turfe house Geo. Green Tent.

For Building a new Barne 15 foot long by 15 foot wide & to find everything Exclusive of Leading for £10

<Half the> Staples Robt. Grundy Tent.

For Repairing a Stable Gavell End & Lofting the Dwelling house, Rebuilding and Repairing a Byer and Stable finding Materialls Exclusive of Leading for £15

[Total:] £494

Memorandum. a Copy of the above was sent Wm Corbett Esqr. the 8th June Instant.

8 Jun 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Rav. Castle June 8 1740

To Mr Wm. Radley

Sir

We reced. your favour of the 5 Inst. and are glad the 25 Leases are now on the Road to us. we are preparing more which will be sent you in a post or two.

We Observe what you say about Numbring or Marking the Wood, & will persue your directions, only in this we are in doubt when you say we may cause the Numberers to Value at the same time which if we doe there Cannot so many be Employed, nay none but those fitt to Value and by a Computation sent the Board the New Valuing will amount to about £80 Exclusive of Numbering. now pray Informe us by Return of the Post what we are to doe therein. We indeed think the new Valuing will ans.r to purpose but Increase the Expence, but if you order it shall persue your

directions. In the Boards Minutes of the 24 May they order the trees to be Numbered but say nothing of New Valuing .

We are Sir Yr Hble Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

10 Jun 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Rav. Castle June 10. 1740

To Mr Maule

Dear Sir

Herewith you will receive our accot. for the year 1738 with the receivings bro.t down to the 30 June 1739 in the manner Mr Hunter directed which we desire you will forwar in its examination, in order that Mr Hunter may approve it & that when it is so approved you will transmitt it to us for making proper Affadavits thereto the Accot. for the year 1739 is likewise preparing in he same manner.

You will Observe (notwithstanding you Imagined little o no Arrears wd. be Standing out) that no less than £1969:3:1 was Standing in arrear, but we must Confess they are greatly Shortened by bring foward the receivings.

Our Compliments Attend Mrs Maul & your fireside & all friends at Greenwich & we are Dr. Sir

Yr verry Sincere Hbl Serts.

Nich. Walton H. Boag

14 Jun 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle June 14. 1740

Sr

Above is Your Accot. of Oates which I hope youll find right. I have this Day taken the liberty to Draw upon you for the Amount thereof being £33:9:8 $\frac{3}{4}$ Payable 30 Days after Date to Mr Benjamin Skutt, and I Doubt not but youll give Due Honour, we Expect Your Sacks by he George next voyage when the Remainder of the Oates shall be sent. Mr Boag joyns with me in Complements to your Self and Family and am Sr

Your most Obliged Hble Servt. Nich. Walton

William Corbett Esqr. to Messrs Walton and Boag Dr.

1739 Aug 8 paid for 10 Quartrs of Oates at 8s8d £4 6 8

Cartage Labourage Lading Sacks &c 4 0 $\frac{3}{4}$

£4 10 8 $\frac{3}{4}$

Nov. 27 Paid for 15 Quarters of Oates at 12s £9

Deduct 3 Quarters Mr Horne had	1 16 0	
	£7 4 0	
Charges on Putting 12 Quarters on Board	3 7	
		£7 7 7
April 28 Paid for 29 Quarters and 7 Bushells of Oates at Sev.l Prices		
21 bushells	at 18d	
12 Do.	at 19d	
63 Do.	at 20	
16 Do.	at 20 1/4	
48 Do.	at 20 1/2	
55 Do.	at 21	
24 Do.	at 21 3/4	
239 Bushells or 29Q:7B at 13/5 3/4 Per Quarter	£20 4 9	
Paid a Man for Attending the Markett Loss of time & Exp.	3 6	
Paid for Putting 14Q:3B on Board	4 1	
To be paid for the Remainder to come by the George next voyage	4 1	
		£20 16 5
		£32 14 8 3/4
May 1st Paid for Charge Sacks		15 0
		£33 9 8 3/4

29 Jun 1740 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle 29 June 1740

To Mr James Wood

Sir

Inclosd is a Bill on Mr Edward Chishall fo £100 dated 21 Inst. and payable 30 days date which please to Receive on Accot. of the Rents & profits of the Derwentwater Estate & place the same to our Credit I am for Mr Walton & Selfe

Sir Your very Humb. Servt. Hugh Boag

P.S. Please make our Complim.s to all friends at Greenwich, also Acknowledge the Rec.t of the Bill.

Sir Thirty dayes after date, pay to Mr Hugh Boag or order one Hundred Pounds, Value Reced., place to accot. per advice from Yr Humb.Servt. Jno. Weatherburn
To Mr Edwd. Chishall Merch.t In Gold Square London

29 Jun 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle 29 June 1740

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Inclosed we send you the quarterly accot. for the Lead mines, Ending Ladyday last, as also a List of these Mines then unwrought. Inclosed is also Instructions for filling up Eleven Leases for the Cumberland Estate both which please to Lay before the Board .

Sir Your Very Humble Servts Walton & Boag

P.S. We have this day sent Mr Wood a Bill for £100 wch is all the Bills we can gett at this time tho we have about £600 in our hands.

4 Jul 1740 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle July 4.1740

To Mr James Wood

Sir

Above is my Bill on Mr Benjamin Skutt for six hundred pounds on Accot of the Rents and profitts of the Derwentwater estate and for the Use of Greenwich Hospitall for which I have made you Dr. this day. Please to Acknowledge the recet. thereof & accept my Compliments to yourself and all friends at Greenwich and Youll Oblige, Dear Sir, Your most Hble. Sert.

Nich. Walton

Ravensworth Castle July 4th 1740

Dear Sir Thirty days after date pray pay Mr james Wood or his Order Six hundred pounds (Value reced.) and place to Sir Henry Liddell Barts Accot as advised by, Sir, Your very Hble Servt. Nicho. Walton

To Mr Benjamin Skutt in King Street, St Anns, London.

4 Jul 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: For an explanation of the Tack Note proposed by Cousen & Race, see Walton to Corbett, July 15, 1740.]

Ravensworth Castle July 4th .1740

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Herewith I send you your Cash Accot. for last Month, by which you will be pleased to Observe there is a Balance of £689.9.9 ¼ in favour of the Hospitall, we have since remitted Mr Wood a Bill for £600. I have likewise Inclosed you our Quarterly Contingent Accot. Ending the 30 June last, which be pleased also to Lay before the Board.

Collonel Liddell has given Directions for Building a Lead Mill at Keswick and his Agents have apply'd to us for a Liberty to Cutt down a Tree or two for a Wheel Axeltree, which they are afraid they cannot be Supply'd with, in any place in that Neighbourhood, but in the Derwentwater Woods. I have been this day allso applyed to by one of the Ptners, who desires me to acquaint you that they are willing to pay the full Value of the Wood, and that Collonel Liddell will take it very kindly from the Board to have a grant of it. They desire as Speedy an answer as you can being going on with the Building an will want the Wood as soon as possible.

I Reced. the 1st of this Month a Proposall from Mattw. Cousen & Robt. Race of Teasdale head, to take a Tack Note for one year, having a right to a Lease for 21 Years of one Moiety of a Branch on String of the Vein Called Clargillh.d, and Pay one fifth Duty, Subject to all usuall Covenants in Leases of Lead Mines in Alston Moore; wch please to Lay before the Board.

I am Sir Yours &c Nich. Walton

[2 page table of quarterly contingent accounts adding to £193 6/11 not transcribed.
Available on ff.339-340 in manuscript]

11 Jul 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle July 11.1740

To Mr Maule

Dear Sir

We Reced. Yours in due Course dated the 5th July Inst. which gave us great pleasure to find the accot. as sent you ending the 30 June 1739 has been approved of, & in Regard to those Articles which Mr Hunter desires to have Explained we give you the following Explanations, sett oposite to your Querys.

[Query:] Corbridge Estate the reason of your Charging your Selves with £1 for distraining Mrs Horsmans Goods, & whether the sum is not included in the £3-5 Standing out against her in the Supers.

[Answer:] Corbridge estate. The Reason why we Charge ourselves with the £1 for destraining Mrs Horsmans Goods, is that she is lyable to pay the Charge with the Arrear of Rent into which it is Included as appears by what follows

Arrear due Mart[inma]s 1737	£4 5 0
One Years R[en]t to Martms. 1738	£1
Destraining her goods pd 11 June 1739	£1
	£6 5 0
Cash reced. in pt. 11 June 1739 being	
the Amount of her household goods	£3 0 0
In Arrears 30 June 1739	£3 5 0

[Q:] Thomas Errington Esqr. 2 ¼ Yrs R<ent> Short Charged to Mayd<ay> 1737 in Aldston Manor. Qry why you do not Charge your Selevs with the Rent to Mart.s 1738 as the other Rents are & if not reced. the Ten[an]t to be sett in Super

[A:] Thomas Errington Esqr. was omitted in the Arrears return'd to us & not discovered by us till about Mayday 1737, so that we for that Reason charge our Selves with 2 ¼ Yrs Rent from Martinmas 1734to Mayday 1737 as a Short Charge & from Mayday 1737 it is charged in the Rentalls to Martinmas 1738 which makes his whole Arrears to Martinmas 1735 £2 Agreeable to the return made thereof by us, as you will observe by the Accot. we sent you.

[Q:] The £2 Deducted out of the Ballance for Broxfield Tyth which appears to the Auditor o be a Charge instead of a Deduction And in what estate does it lye, want Explanation

[A:] The £2 deducted out of the ballance was done with a designe to make the ballance Correspond with our Cash accot. Sent o the Board, that Sum having beed reced.for a years Rent of Broxfield Tyths due at Mayday 1739, whereas the Rents in the Accots. Sent you are only Carryd to Martinmas 1738. So that if i be no way necessary to make the ballanced agree it ought not to be any way taken Notice of as it will come into Next Years Accot. Broxfield Tyth is Included in the Rentall in Meldon and Appurtenances.

[Q:] Castlerigg Derwentwater & Thornthwaite the Number of the Tenants that are Indebted the Sum of £162.12.6 Customary Rents & what part of that sum has been Reced. Since this accot. which is now so pending

[A:] It woud be endless to numerate all the Tenants which Stand in arrears & make up the Sum of £162.1.6 as you may please to observe by the Rental There has been reced.

Since that time to the 30 June 1740 £157.19.9d of that Sum and then remained due from 13 Tenants only £4.12.9d

We have now Ready our Accot. made out to the 30 June 1740 so as to Send you it Imediatly; so that we woud be glad to Receive that from you as Soon as possable & likewise we desire you will Lett is know whether we need to send that accot. Ending 30 June 1740 to you before we make the Affadavitts. It is made Exactly agreeable to that you have & will be Altered in any Article to Correspond with that we receive approved of by the Aud.or from you. And pray are we to Send them to the Board or to you. please to take Mr Hunters Directions in this.

Pray present our kind Services to all friends at Greenwich & believe Dr Sir Your much Obliged Hble Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

15 Jul 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The 'sketch of a lease' mentioned in the letter was not copied in the Letter Book]

Ravensworth Castle July 15th: 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr.

Sir

I Reced. the favour of Mr Horn's Letter of the 10th Inst in wch he Says You desire to know if Clargill head be the same of Clargill cleugh head. That You apprehend the proposall is Irregular, as Supposing half a Mine much less half of a String or Branch from a Mine cannot be wought without prejudice in Letting the other halfe.

In answer to which, Clargill head is the Same Vein of Clargill Cleugh head, & the proposal made by Matthew Cousen & Robt. Race is for a String or Branch from it. In Lead Mines it is very Comon, that Branches sepearate themselves from what is called the Principall Veins, & You will please to observe, that every Lease consists of 1200 Yds in Length & 40 Yds on each Side of the Vein; so that a Lessee having a Grant of any Mine, has a right to Work all Branches only so far as they continue within the Bounds of 40 Yards on each Side of the Vein granted him. Now in the present Case the String proposed for is at some distance from the Principall Vein of Clargillcleugh head, and lyes in a part of the Moore of wch the Hospital & one Mr Hopper are Joint Lords so that a Moiety is all we have to Lett, & is of the very same Tenure with Windy Brow. In order further to explain what we mean by a Branch from a Vein, I have Inclosed You a Sketch of a Lease Length on Clargill Cleugh head Vein, with the Breadths described, & the Branch proposed for. The Proposers are Common Workmen, who cannot be Supposed to Lay out much in Tryalls yett nevertheless it maybe very proper to Grant a Tack Note to them, as I do not apprehend any of the other Proposers will give so high a Duty, nor

do I think it will be Any Inconvenience in letting the Rest. Coll. Liddell is so much recovered that I expect he is in his Coach today & I am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton

15 Jul 1740 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle July 15th: 1740

To Mr Horne

Dr Sir

I Reced. the favour of Yours of the 10th July Inst. & observe that Mr Corbett desires to know if Clargill head be the same of Clargill cleugh head. That he apprehended the Proposall is Irregular & supposes that halfe a Mine, much less the half of a String or Branch, from a Mine cannot be wought without prejudice in Letting the other halfe.

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Pray my kind Service to Mrs Horne & Your little family & to all other Friends. It would be well if you and Mr Radley would consider the Expençe which will be chargeable upon You and us for the Leases, & lett us know what each pair will amount to, that a dividend may be made of what Money is in our hands. There are Severall yett unsigned, but I should wish to accot. to you for what we have reced. I have wrote to Mr Corbett the Substance of what is above to you, in relation to the Proposal

& I am Dear Sir, for Mr Boag & Selfe, Your most obliged Hble Servant

Nich. Walton

18 Jul 1740 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

[Note: The valuation, being very similar to that attached to the letter of 6 May 1740 from Walton & Boag to Corbett has not been repeated here. The only difference is in the addition of Simpson's law charges of 16s and of £3 3s in law charges at London by Mr Radley, taking the total to £38 11s 10d.]

Ravensworth Castle July 18th: 1740

To Mr Thos. Simpson at Penrith

Sir

Inclosed we Send you a List of the Thornthwaite Tenants Named who has Cutt Wood there, and the Value thereof as it was Valued by Mr Pearson & Isaac Todd &c. There is also what Law Charges there ha been Occasioned by the Tenants Cutting the Sd. Wood added.

We Desire that you will Write to Each of them that you have not Received the Money off, & Demand the Sums in the List, & those that will not pay take their Answers which we shall Return the Board.

We did try the Board & Solicited for Mr Jefferson that his <sume> ought to be Mittigated but they took no further notice than this that we must Demand the whole. This we should have wrote you some time since, but being Hurried forgott it, so that we hope you will make your Demand soon

we are Sir Your very Humble Servts

N. Walton H. Boag

29 Jul 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle July 29: 1740

To Mr Jno. Maule

Sir

Wee reced your favour of the 19 Inst. and are getting the Accot. ready to be Sent to the Board next post, and it will be time enough to be at the Board on Wednesday Sennight.

The Tenn Shillings you mention Short Charged on Hewett for Broxfield Tyths we Charged our Selves with it, (tho' to our Loss) as it was putt into the Rentall for 1737 as you will see by our Charging our Selves with it in this Accot, to be Sent you, and we Accounted for it the 31 December 1739, as you will see by the Cash, we will Send you the Vouchers when you are ready for them, and in the mean time we hope you will give it Dispatch. we are Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

8 Aug 1740 Hugh Boag to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle Aug 8th: 1740

To Mr Wm. Radley

Sir

We reced. your Favour of the 29 Ult. with Mr Aireys other Bill of Law Charges amounting to £11.14.7. We have P.d Mr Airey all his Bills of Law Charges since According as the Board directed us having made the Deductions ordered.

We have Almost gott the Marking of the Woods Finished in the Co. of Northumberland, We Expect they will be finished this Week, after which they will proceed to Keswick in Cumberland to mark those, no time shall be lost in the Executing that Worke. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Sr. Your Humb. Servt.

Hugh Boag

8 Aug 1740 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle 8 Aug 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr, Pay Office

Sir

Wee have sent you Inclosed our General Accot. for the Derwentwater Estate from the 31st December 1737 to the 30th June 1739 (the time the Auditor desired it might be made up to) which we desire you will please to Lay before the Board for their Approbation. We could have sent it sooner but we Delayed swearing to it till the Judges came this Circuit as may Observe by the Inclosed wch we were swore to the 5th Inst. before baron Reynolds at Newcastle. We have ready & was swore to the Accot. from the 30 June 1739 to the 30 June 1740 which we shall send As soon as this is Approved.

Inclosed is also our cash Accot. for last month by wch please to Observe there is a Ballance in our favour of £104:8:9 ½ which we desire you will lay before the Board . I am for Mr Walton & selfe

Sr Your most Hble Servt.

Hugh Boag

8 Aug 1740 Hugh Boag to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle 8 August 1740

To Mr Jno. Maule at Greenwich

Dear Sir

We have sent our Accot. to the Board this day from 31st December 1737 to 30th June 1739 & hope youle forward it & let us know when youle want the vouchers & we will Carefully Send you them. We Swore to the Accot. before baron Reynolds now one of the Judges at Newcastle as also we have taken the opportunity to Swear to that Accot. from 30th June 1739 to 30 June 1740. its made up as the other & we have Charged the Auditors Fees in each tho not paid but we shall order them to be pd. Immediately I am for Mr Walton & Self

Dr Sr Your very Humb. Servt.

Hugh Boag

P.S. My Humb. Service to good Mrs Maule & the Rest of your family.

12 Aug 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Augst 12th 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr.

Sir

In our last saturdays Newcastle Journal & Newcastle Curr.t was Incerted the Inclosed Invitation to the Gentlemen, Clergy & Freeholders of the County of Northumberland, whereby we Observe an Opposition is intended to the present Members. We therefore beg leave to desire You will acquaint the Board therewith; That we apprehend the Derwentwater Estate will command a very Considerable Interest, if it is taken Care of in time, & that the Sooner we know their pleasure, the more able will we be to make that Interest Secure. We have already ordered the Bayliffs to be with us to Morrow, in order to consider with us, who we may reasonably Expect, & then we propose imediately to Send them to all Such to prevent their Engaging, before we have the Boards Commands.

Inclosed you will receive a further Agreement for building & repairing Housing on that part of Newton Hall Farmed by John Jopling amount to £75. This Agreement would have been Sent with those the Board last approved of, but that we could not agree with the Tennant upon the Method of doing it then.

We are Sir Your most Obed. Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

To the Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Northumberland.

A general Meeting is desired to be held at the House of Mr Francis Rumney, at the Queen's Head, in Morpeth, on Thursday the 28th Inst. at 11 O'Clock; to consider of two proper persons to represent this County in the ensuing Parliament.

August 11th, 1740

Then agreed with Mr John Bell & Ptnrs, for Building & Repairing the following Houses on the Derwentwater Estate Subject to the approbation of the Board viz.

Newton Hall John Jopling Tennant

For Repairing, new Flooring, mending the Roof, new Thatch, putting up two Partitions, and a new Stair Case in the House enjoyed by Thomas Jopling, Under Tennant, 37 foot by 15 foot, Building a new Stable 17 by 15 foot, repairing, new Flooring and Thatching another House, in the middle of the Street, for the Quarter John Jopling enjoys, new Thatching the Eastmost Long house in the Street, and new Building a Stable in Shaw Field 21 by 15 foot. The whole to be well done, Exclusive of Leading, for Seventy five Pounds.

22 Aug 1740 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Jefferson

Ravensworth Castle Augst 22 1740

To The Revd. Mr Jefferson

Sir

We reced. yours of 31 July last which would have been answered sooner but that we have had an uncommon hurry of business upon us. It is a good deal of Concern to us if you or any Tennant should have reason to Complain of any Grievances, but we hope it is not really the Case as you represent it, for we know of no exorbitant demands we have made. Those demands are stated on undeniable facts so far as Relate the woods Cutt down and sold, & the Law charges, which you only have been the occasion of, we hope are not Exorbitant. We observe you agree to pay our demand at the Next Court & that you desire to know if it be worth your while to make a real state of your Case to Mr Radley. To the former we shall have no Objection as you agree to pay, and as to the Latter we do not apprehend it will be of service, for we have done what we could for you to no purpose however if you are Inclined to make any application further, we have not the least objection, but if you do it you must apply by letter to William Corbett Esqr at the pay office in Broad Street who is Secretary to Our board, & in Case you Inclose it to us we will repeat our Solicitations in your favour. What friendship we can (Consistent with our Trust) shew you I am sure you have no reason to dispute for I am Joyntly with Mr Boag

Sir Yr most Hble Sert.
Nich. Walton

22 Aug 1740 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle Augst 22 1740

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Mr Pearson

I Reced. yours of the 2d Inst. and in answer must acquaint you that I doe not understand what you mean by the miller being content to give up the mill he farms of us, as we have never required it of him. If he comes to you & gives you regular Notice that he will Continue no longer, then you must let the mill for one year on the best Termes you Can, & if that be what you mean there Can be no objection to the persons who now offers the forty shillings more. but pray cannot this be let alone till one of us is wth you at Keswick at the net Court.

I am obliged to you for the accot. you give me of Keswick mine, which pray continue once a month or oftner. I have reced on Mr Mitchensons accot. £12:10s wch I will order to be paid him when Mr Emmerson Comes back which will be I expect in 10 days. Pray Acquaint him with it & you'll oblige

Yr Hble Sert.
Nich. Walton

22 Aug 1740 Nicholas Walton to George Birkett

Ravensworth Castle Augst 22 1740

Sir

I Reced. yours of the 31 July last, which Contain in it abundance of p[ar]ticulars, that I shall pass over without giving you any answer but that of the Grievance you Complain of, I am to Acquaint you that if it is wrong it is owing to the Information we have had about it and as upon the proof of these facts woud depend our success in Case of a dispute in Law, we can say no more than that you may Chuse whether you will pay the money to Mr Simpson or run the risque of its being determined in that way. I have rote to Mr Simpson this day to make a further demand without giving any further troubles, upon which I hope you'll order the payment to him which will oblige Yr Hbl Sert.

Nich. Walton

22 Aug 1740 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

Ravensworth Castle Augst 22 1740

To Mr Thomas Simpson

Sir

I Reced. yours of the 2d of Aug Inst with one Inclosed from poor Mr Tolson for Whose death I am heartily sorry, as he was not only an honest man but a verry Sensible good Companion. I reced. likewise the same post a letter from Birkett and one from Parson Jefferson, the former of which being a dealer in so many words, I have wrote to this day desiring he may wait upon you with the money, & the latter having desir'd time till the next Court I have wrote to & Consented to take it then. you may however if it falls in your way take his prom[isor]y note payable then, & in case Birkett does not come and pay you pray write another threatning Letter, which if he does not obey doe what the law directs to recover the money. I hope we have proof to suport the fact. I am apt to think as you doe that Mr Tolson has been ill used in the Information against him but if the facts aledged are clearly proved what can we doe for the Widows relief, I wish you would Examine into the proof and lett us know your Sentiments thereon. We dont want to be hard upon her giving her prom.y Note. When Mr Emmerson comes your way I will desire him to give you a Call & bring us the proceedings of the Last Court at aldston, but you might Send them Every Week by the carryer directed for me at Mr Dawsons Shop Mercht in Newcastle. We have had a brave N. Est Wind & one may almost venture to Swear Sir John Norris is Sail'd.

I am your most Hble Sert.

Nich Walton

22 Aug 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

[Note: Addressee not named, but probably John Maule]

Ravensworth Castle Aug.22.1740

Sir

I have just now reced. yours & have just time to Clear up the difficulty which appears to you on Comparing the Accot. we sent the Board with our Rentall You will please to Observe no one Rentall can agree with our Accot. as the Rentalls are Made up from Mayday to Mayday in every year so that you shoud have Compared the Acct. & the two Rentalls as lett at Mayday 1737 & Mayday 1738 by taking ½ a year of each as I have done above which Corresponds Exactly with the Totalls in our Generall Acct. It is Post time so that I Cannot add more than that we are much obliged to you for the dispatch you have given the Examination & Doubt not but you will Continue your good Office & give it the desir'd finishing stroke. The Vouchers shall be sent you.

I am &c Nicholas Walton

	Rental as lett at Mayday 1737 half a year	Rental as let at Mayday 1738 half a year	Total as per the Gen. Accot.
Manour of Wark & Elrington	£206 9 6 1/2	£206 9 6 1/2	£410 19 1
Langley Barony	574 8 9	574 12 9	1147 1 6
Meldon and Appurtenances	596 8 6	589 7 6	1185 16 0

6 Sep 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Sep. 6 1740

Wm. Corbett Esqr.

I have only to acquaint you that we have Reced. the following proposal for taking to Farm Graymare Colliery, Dilston hall & gardens & Lorbottle Tyths which you will please to lay before the board 23d.

- Mr Rich. Dobson proposes to take Lorbottle Tyths on Lease for 7 years at the yearly rent of £30 – he is at present the farmer of Midford Tyth & pays well & will be a good Tennant.
- William Storey proposes for the same one lease for three years at theyearly rent of £35.
- Mr Thomas Stokoe proposes to take Greymare Colliery on Lease for 21 Years at the yearly Rent of £32.10 & the allowance of 80 Fo[the]rs of Coales annually for Dilston hall. he is verry able & will be a good Tennant
- Mr Abraham Bunting proposes to take Dilston Hall & Gardens on Lease for 21 years at the yearly Rent of £10.

The present farmer of Greymare Colliery will I apprehend make us offer to farm that Colliery, And a Gentleman in Newcastle intends to View Dilston hall in order to take it, so that it may be proper for the Directors to wait a little till they hear further from, Sir,
Yr Obt. Servts.
Nich. Walton

7 Sep 1740 Nicholas Walton

[Note: Addressee not named, but probably William Radley. The drafts mentioned are not present.]

Ravensworth Castle Sept 7. 1740

Sir

Herewith you will receive the Draught of a Lease of Gregg Shield or heigh Stubblick Colliery, and likewise another Draught of Brokenheugh, and under another Cover are those of Hartburn, Kirkwhelpington & Midford Tyths, & that of Dilston Mill, & in a Post or two we will send you the Draught of Throckley & Scremerston. For those Draughts you will please to observe Mr Airey Remarks that the Terme shou'd rather be for the remaining part of the Terme of 21 years, as it is a Contradiction to say that the first payment of the rent reserved shall be made when the time of dating of the lease is so much beyond the time of payment of the 1st Rent. We are

Sr Yr most Hble Servts

N. Walton Hugh Boag

7 Sep 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle Sept 7. 1740

To Mr John Maul

Sir

We sent yesterday by the London Carryer Wm. Laycock our Vouchers for the Accot. that has pass'd the Board Ending 30 June 1739. They are Carefully packed up in a little box directed for Mr Horn, he being nearer to send for them. they will be at the white Hors in Cripplegate about the 20 Inst. we hope you will take Care & Send for them. the box weighs 6lb & 13 oz & is not paid for but we shall repay you what the carryer takes for the Carriage of it.

If there is any of the Receipts wanting pray advise us, we hope there is none. we return you thanks for the Dispatch you have given the Accot. & hopes you will press the Auditor forward with it. we are

Sir Yr Verry Hble Serts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

7 Sep 1740 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle Sept 7. 1740

To Mr Rd. Horne

Dear Sir

We sent by the London Carryer Yesterday our Vouchers for the accot. that is now passed the Board they are directed for you & will be at the white Hors without Cripplegate about the 20 Inst. we begg you will Cause some of your doore keepers to look out for them. They are in a little box & it weigh 6lb 13 oz and is not paid for when you have got them safe (as we hope you will) please to lett Mr Maul have them who has promised to deliver the Auditor them when he requires them.

We are asham'd for not Answering your of the 16 Ulto. but will in a little time doe it we hope to your Satisfaction as also Mr Radleys.

We are to your Self and family Dear Sir your very Hble Servts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

The carryers name is Wm Laycock

12 Sep 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Sept 12. 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Herewith I send you our Cash Accot. for last Month, whereby you will observe there is a ballance of £147:13:7 ³/₄ in our favour. & Inclosed is likewise two agreements made for building a house & Byre at Whittles & Leehouses, which is lately falen down & therefore must be built this Season & the other for a Barn which cannot be Wanted on Thomas Humbles Farm at Whittonstall; you will therefore be pleased to lay these agreements before the Board for their Approbation. We have reced. a proposall from Mich. & John Swan, Robt. Storey & Edwd. Willson for their joynt farming Lorbottle Tyths, which proposal I also send you herein & think it may be proper if the Board have no objection to accept of £36 per annum for 3 years but as some other proposalls may yett be lodged for these Tyths, we begg leave to recomend it to the board not to be haisty in their Confirmation & for Mr Boag & Selfe I am

Sir Your most Obt. Servt.

Nich. Walton

An Accot. of Agreement made with Severall Workmen by Messrs Walton & Boag for building housing on the Derwentwater Estate Subject to the Approbation of the Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospital the 11 September 1740

Whittles and Lee Houses Geo Liddell and Wm Yallowley Tennts.

Then Agreed with Robert Naisbett for building one Dwelling house 24 foot long by 5 yards wide and a Byer 21 foot long by 5 yards wide nd the walls 9 foot high, the Dwelling house to have an upper floor & a Staircase, the whole to be done in a Workmanlike manner & to find all manner of materialls Exclusive of Leading for £42 – 0 – 0

Part of Hoods Close and Jenny Farms at Whittonstall

Then agreed with William Ironsides and Ptners for building a Barne 21 foot long by 15 foot wide & 12 foot high, the whole to <be> Done in workmanlike manner & to find all materialls Except Leading for £18 – 0 – 0

£60

Lorbottle Aug 19. 1740

Gentlemen

We propose to give for Lorbottle Tyth for 7 Years from Mayday 1741 £35 per Ann. or for 3 years from Mayday 1741 £36 per ann. Witness our hands Michael Swan his mark
John Swan Robert Storey
Edwd. Wilson his mark

16 Sep 1740 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

[Note: The letter concerns matters on the Keswick and Thornthwaite estate. Widow Lancaster was fined for cutting wood without permission at Thornthwaite.]

Ravensworth Castle Septem. 16th 1740

To Mr Thos. Simpson

Sir

I Reced. yours of the 11th Inst & am glad Mr Birkett has at last Settled his tedious dispute, & that you apprehend Mr Jefferson's Money will be ready on giving Mr Ritson notice. I am sorry the Parson is so much out of order.

Widdow Lancaster acts imprudently as I am afraid her refusing to give her Note will be a means to prevent our Board from Shewing her Compassion, but as I cannot see you can do more with her, it must rest where it is till we see her. Mr Pearson can Inform you how we came to the knowledge of the Charge upon Mr Tolson, so that pray Inform your self of him, as to that Matter. I have wrote to him to wait upon You for that purpose at such time as You shall fix. But supposing these Proofs never so clear to you, if we cannot recover the Money, to what purpose is it to waist time in making an Enquiry.

You have done very right in telling Mr Radley that our Proof in the Cause ag.st Dr Richardson is not sufficient, for we had better not proceed at all than be disappointed in the Issue. The Affidavits you drew Mr Radley has by him & I dare say Mr Airey has made no other Step than Transmitting these Affidavits to him.

I am Sir Yours &c

N. Walton

16 Sep 1740 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle Sept 16th 1740

Mr Pearson

The late Mr Hugh Tollson is charged with Cutting down wood & selling it from Beckstones Tenem.t to the value of £4 accord[ing] to your Information & as Mr Tolson in his life time denyed the fact, it will be Incumbent upon us to produce proper Evidence in order to recover the Money. I have therefore wrote to Mr Simpson this day to fix a time with you when you may wait upon him at Penrith with such other Evidence as you have to prove the Charges, in which pray be Pticular & prevent our being Ledd into a fruitless Suit in Law.

I am Yours &c

Nich. Walton

5 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Ritson

[Note: Probably John Ritson who married Mary Jefferson, daughter of Thomas Jefferson of Cockermouth, at Dean in Cumberland 11 April 1737]

Ravensworth Castle Oct. 5 1740

To the Revd. Mr Ritson at Cockermouth

Sir

We wrote some time agoe to your father Mr Jefferson and therein acquainted him that we agreed to take his money for the wood Cutt down & sold off his Estate at Thornthwaite wth the Charges thereon at our Next Court and at the same time we wrote to Mr Simpson to Accept of Mr Jeffersons promisory note payable then. In Answer to which Mr Simpson wrote us that Mr Jefferson had not been well for some time which prevented him from getting such Note, but he apprehended on giving you Notice, you would take care that the money should be paid. We therefore thought proper to Acquaint you that the Court at Thornthwaite will be held at the usuall place on Fryday the 24th Inst of which pray give Mr Jefferson Notice and that we then Expect the money in which youll oblige.

Sir Your most Hble Servts

N Walton Hugh Boag

PS Pray present our Services to your father

5 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle Oct. 5 1740

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Mr Pearson

We have fixed the Courts at Keswick & Thornthwaite to be held on Thursday & Friday the 23d & 24 Inst. of which Mr King has had notice & he has no doubt acquainted you therewith. This therefore only comes to Inclose you a Rentall of the Estate & the Arrears due from each Tennant of whom we desire you will receive all the small Rent & Services of eevery kind so as to have them Ready against we come, & you must take pticular care to receive all exactly according to our Rentall without having any Regard to any old Rentall which may be produced to you. The Demain Land Rents & Such fines as are due we will Receive our Selves at keswick the 23d & at Thornthwaite the 24 Inst. We desire & Strictly charge you not to part with this Rentall we inclose to you to any body & we are

Yr Hble Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS Pray take care to have all your disbursm^ents Exactly drawn out with their Vouchers, & sett down also exactly what you Receive of the Ten^ents so as we may see clearly what you have Reced. & of whom.

5 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Oct. 5 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr

Sir

Since ours of the Sixth of September last we have reced a proposal from Mr Thomas Westgarth the present Tennant of Grey Mare Colliery & another from Mr William Storey for Lorbottle Tyths.

The former proposes to take to farm Greymare Colliery on Lease for 21 Years at the Yearly Rent of £85 & 80 Fothers of Coales for the use of Dilston hall determinable for want of Saleable Coale on Twelve Months Notice. This we think the full value of the Colliery & that there can be no objection to Mr Westgarth as he will be a good Tennant.

The Latter viz Mr Wm Storey proposes to take to farme Lorbottle Tyths on Lease for Seven years at the Yearly Rent of £36. He is the same person that before offered £35 & as Mr Richard Dobson before offered £36 we Incline to think him deserving of the preference, but that we Submitt to the Board. We are

Sr Yr most Obd. Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

12 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Oct. 12 1740

Wm. Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Inclosed we send you our cash Accot. for last month on which there remains a Ballance of £27.7.5 ¼ in our favour. And likewise we Send you herewith or General Accot. from the 30 June 1739 to 30th June 1740 when a ballance was remaining in our hands of £641-13-0 ¼ you will please Sir to lay these Accots. before the Board.

Since our Last we have reced no proposals for taking to Farme any of the farmes lately advertized Except from Gawen Charleton of Newburn & Wm. Trumble of Throckley, who each offer £16 per ann for Throckley Mill on Lease for 21 Years. The latter is the present Tennant, but the former is more able & we think shou'd have the preference. These two proposalls with those we formerly sent are all the offers that have been made to us.

We have at last gott Mr Hoppers Ans.r in relation to the Branch of the Lead Mine called Clargill head, which is that he has already granted his Moiety at a fifth duty to the persons who offer'd to take the Hospitalls Share so that we can see no objection to the Directors granting their Moiety.

we are Sorry to Acquaint you that Coll.l Liddell died last Thursday Evening, and hope that mellencholly Occasion will be an excuse for our <adi>ting more than that we have lost a Sincere kind Freind, and we are Sir

Yrs &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS Coll. Liddell is to be Interred next Tuesday

Account of the Contingent Payments made on Accot. of the Derwentwater Estate from 30th June ending 30th September 1740 Viz.

August 3. Pd Baron Reynolds Clerk on our Swearing to the two General Accots. at Newcastle Assizes this day Viz. the one from 31st December 1737 to & with 30th June 1739. & the other from 30 June 1739 to & with 30 June 1740

£1 1 0

27. Pd. Wm Lee for an Aquittance for the <..> Fee Farm Rent payable out of Aldston Moor Manour to Dame Eleanor Cullan Due Michaelmas 1739

£0 0 4

Pd. Wm Lee for Leading Materials to Rebuild Aldston Mill

House, & an additional Building for the Blue stones there as per Note	£9 3 4
Pd. Do. for new Trinnelheads & other Repaires for the Gray stone Mill there	£2 13 8
 Sept. 18 Pd. Mr Edwd Carlisle for 2 Acquittances for one Years rent for Dilston & Lorbottle Tythes, Due Lamas last to the Rt. Worshipfull the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle	 £0 0 8
 26. Pd. Mr Richd. Dobson his Disbursments for Glazing the Windows in Hartburn 3s6d & Midford 1s3d Chancells	 £0 4 9
Total	£13 3 9

A Copy sent the Board 19 October 1740

14 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton

Ravensworth Castle Oct. 14th 1740

The tenants of Scremerston, Spindleston, Outchester, Middleton Hall &c

Gent.n

We are just come from the Funeral of Geo. Liddell Esq. and as that malincholly
occation requires our Attendance here for some Settling some Affairs of his, we cannot
possibly Attend upon you at the Recd. as we appointed. We have therefore sent our
Servants Richd. Morrison & Thomas Dixon to receive the Rents, and have given them
proper Rece.ts Signed by us. This we thought proper to signify to you as being the very
same as if we were present with you our Selves. Your Leases which belong to Such of
you as have not had 'em we will take care shall be with you very soon , And we are ,
Gents.

Your Most Humble Servts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

18 Oct 1740 Robert Johnson

[Note: Spaces added for ease of reading. Sent under cover by Walton to Corbett on 19
Oct.]

In the Excheq.r

Concerning the Estates of the Late Earle of Derwentwater

Robert Johnson of Ebchester in the County of Durham Gentleman & Ambrose Hopper
of Fugar House in the Sd. County of Durhem Yeoman Severally make oath and say that

in the months of July, Aug. & Sept. last past they these Depon[en]ts Viewed & Carefull Examined the several Trees Standing & growing in & upon the several Woods Lands & Grounds hreafter mentioned that is to say Linburn, Harsondale, Lees, Allerwash, Plankey, Esphills, Lightbirks, Tedcastle, Deanraw, Sillywray, Lipwood, & Rattinraw, all in the Barony of Langley & County of Northumberland & Coastley Bogg & Boathouse Lane, Highwood and Longhope in the Parish of Hexham & sd. County of Northumberland, being part & p.cell of the Woods surveyed and valued by these Depon.ts & Edwd. Oxley of the Birks in the County of Northumberland Yeoman & Wm. Ramsey of Collierly in the County of Durham Yeoman in the Months of Aug, Sept, Octob. & Novemb. 1737 & Mentioned in an Affid[avit] by these Deponents & the Sd. Edw.Oxley & W. Ramsey made & sworn 9 Aug. 1739.

And these Deponents further severally say that they have markd. & caused to be marked the several Trees standing and Growing in & upon the sd. Woods of Linburn Aforesd. in manner following (to Witt) 1003 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.1003 both included, And that they have also marked the several Trees standing & growing in & upon Harsondale Wood aforesd. in manner as aforesd. (to witt) 2475 Oak Trees from No.1 to No. 2475 both included & 36 ash Trees from No. 1 to No.36. And in Leaswood aforesaid (to witt) 2111 Oak Trees from No.1 to No. 2111 both included & 56 ash trees from No.1 to No.56 both included. And in Allerwash Wood aforesd. (to witt) 1674 Oak Trees from No.1 to No. 1674 both included & 124 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.124 both included & in Plankey Wood aforesd. (to witt) 474 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.474 both included & 61 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.61 both included, And in Esphill Wood aforesd. (to witt) 711 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.711 both included & 30 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.30 both included. And in Lightbirks Wood aforesd. (to witt) 719 oak Trees from No.1 to No.719 both included & 36 Ash trees from No.1 to No.36 both included. And in Tedcastle Wood aforesd. (to witt) 324 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.324 both included & 8 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.8 both included, And in Dean raw Wood aforesd. (to witt) 465 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.465 both included & 44 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.44 both included And in Sillywray Wood aforesd. (to witt) 448 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.448 both included & 86 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.86 both included. And in Lipwood aforesd. (to witt) 858 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.858 both included & 137 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.137 both included. And in Rattenraw Wood aforesd. (to witt) 57 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.57 both included And in Coastley Wood aforesd. (to witt) 877 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.877 both included, And in Bogg & Boathouse lane Wood aforesd. (to witt) 405 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.405 both included & 89 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.89 both included And in Highwood aforesd. (to witt) 14861 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.14861 both included. And in Longhope Wood aforesd. (to witt) 1178 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.1178 both included. And in Meldon Wood aforesd. (to witt) 476 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.476 both included & 266 plain & other Trees from No.1 to No.266 both included. And in Hartburngrainge Wood aforesd. (to witt) 20 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.20 both included & 246 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.246 both included.

And this Depon.t Ambros Hopper for himself further saith that in the Sd. Months of July Aug. & Septemb. he this deponent Viewed & Carefully Examined the several Trees Standing & Growing in & upon the several Woods Lands & grounds (that is to say) Calf Close, Stable Hill, Deer Close, Waterage banks, Castlehd, Stands Hagg, the two Islands, Watsons park, Cockshott & Loeninghead, in the several manours or Lordships of Castlerigg Derwentwater and Thornthwaite in the County of Cumberland being other p.ts & p.cells of the Woods Surveyed & Valued by him this Depon.t Ambros Hopper & the sd. Wm. Ramsey in the sd Months of August Sept. October & Nov. 1737 & mentioned in an Affid.t by this Deponent Ambros Hopper & the sd. Wm. Ramsay made & sworn the 9 day of August 1739. And this Depont. Ambros Hopper further saith that he hath Marked and Caused to be Marked the Several Trees Standing & growing in & upon Calf Close & Stablehill Woods aforesd. in Manner following (that is to say) 869 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.869 both included & 1269 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.1269 both included & 498 Birch & other Trees from No.1 to No.498 both included And in Deer Close Wood aforesd. (to witt) 1045 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.1045 both included & 2507 Ash Trees from No.1 to No. 2507 both included & 1429 birch & other Trees from No.1 to No.1429 both included & in Waterage Bank Wood aforesd. (to witt) 1181 Oak Trees, from No.1 to No.1181 both included & 1278 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.1278 both included & 116 Birch & other trees from No.1 to No.116 both included And in Castle Wood aforesd. (to witt) 975 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.975 both included & 63 Ash Trees from No.1 to No.63 both included & 110 Birch & other Trees from No.1 to No.110 both included And in Stands Hagg Wood aforesd. 257 Oak Trees from No.1 to No.257 both included & 95 Birch & other Trees from No.1 to No.95 both included And in the two Islands aforesd. 102 Oak & Ewe Trees from No.1 to No.102 both included. And 143 Ash Elm & other Trees from No.1 to No.143 both included And in Watsons Park aforesd. 731 Oak trees from No.1 to No.731 both included & 408 Birch & other Trees from No.1 to No. 408 both included And in Cockshott Wood aforesd. 313 oak Trees from No.1 to No.313 both included And in Loaninghead Wood aforesd. 1238 oak Trees from No.1 to No.1238 both included.

And these Deponents Robert Johnson & Ambros Hopper further severally saith that they thse deponts. Verily beleive that the sd. several trees in the Sd. several Woods above mentioned are the very same Trees which were valued by them these Deponents & the Sd. Edwd. Oxley and Wm. Ramsey in the Sd. months of Aug. Sep. Oct. & Nov. 1737 as aforesaid According to the Best of these Deponents remembrance & Belief.

Robert Johnson Ambros Hopper

Taken & Sworn at the Town & County of Newcastle upon Tyne the 18 day of Oct. in the year of our lord 1740 before me, John Airey a Comis.er of the Sd. Court.

The Original sent the Board 19 October 1740

19 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: see Johnson deposition of 18 Oct.]

Ravensworth Castle 19 Oct. 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr., London

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Contingent Accot. for the last three Months Ending the 30th September last Amounting to thirteen pound three Shillings & nine pence which we desire you will lay before the Board for their Approbation.

We have also Inclosed the affadavitt of the remaining part of the Woods being numbered as was desired which we also desire you'll please to lay before the Board. This has been a Tedious Jobb, but we hope its now done to the Satisfaction of the Directors. We sett out the morrow upon a Receipt of the mayday Rents & it will be abot 10 or 14 days before we returne. we are.

Sr.Your most Hble Serts.

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

28 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

[Note: see letter from Walton to Airey of 26 Nov 1740]

A Copy of Mr Robt. Lowes Letter to John Airey Esq.

Sir

When I had the pleasure of Seeing you at Warks Court I omitted to Mention an Affair to you in relation to one Bridget Horseman who it seems has quietly Enjoyed a house & Garth in Corbridge as her own proper Estate for above these 20 years without the Interuption of any P.son whatsoever, till about may 1739 when Mr A. Bunting Enter'd into the house & with Violence put her out of possession, Locked up the doors of the House & broke down the Hedges about the Garth; and also took possession of and Sold all her household & other Goods. but upon what accot, or upon what Authority She is at a loss to imagine, but has heard he gives out that all this was done in obedience to the orders of the Comiss.ers of Greenwich Hospital; who Claiume a right to the Said house & premises, for Rent in Arrear & due from her for the same. butr I am apt to think that that is not true in as much as these proceedings are by no means warrantable, for in the first place (even Supposing the Comiss.rs to have a right to the house &c) which the poor woman by no means admitts of, the possession thereof ought to have been come at in a Lawfull manner & noit in this forceable way for which he is punishable by Indictm.t: and the next place no distress for Rent can lawfully be made

unless the Same be reserved or ascertained between the partys by the parties themselves or by Law, which there's the least room imaginable to pretend in this case. therefore he will be lyable to an Action of Trespass not only for breaking the hedges down & Locking up the doors of the House but alsoi for Seazing & disposing of the Goods. which I've possative directions to Commence imediately as well as procure her Satisfaction otherwise but as I knew you were Concerned for the Hospitall, I thought fitt first to represent the matter to youy & Submitt it to your Consideration in hopes that this pooir woman may have relief in an Amicable manner & without Expence to either party which I shall always preferr & attempt to bring about in any affair I'm Concerned in when in my power. therefore I hope you'll not only Excuse this long Epistle but be pleased to favouyr me with an Ans<we>r so soon as buisness will with Convenience permitt you. As to the House & Garth if the possession of them be not delivered up to her She will be obliged to Serve Quirtm<en>ts for the recovery thereof which I am apt to think she will not have occasion to doe when you've Enquired into the Matter. I am (in haste)

Sr Yr most Hble Sert.

Robt. Lowes

Hexham 28 Oct. 1740

31 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle Oct.31 1740

Dear Sirs

We send you as above a Bill on Mr Ben Skutt for Twelve hundred pounds, in part of the Rents & profitts of the Derw.water Estates for the Use of Greenwich Hospital which we begg you will Acknowledge the recet. of. & with our best Compliments to all friends we are

Dr Sr Yr Most Ob. Hble. Servt

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle Oct.31 1740

Twenty Eight days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or His Order One Thousand Two hundred pounds as Value reced. & place it to Sr Henry Liddell Bart's Accot. as advised by Dr Sr Yr Hble Sert. Nich. Walton
To Mr Ben. Skutt in King's Street St Anns, London

31 Oct 1740 Nicholas Walton to Mannock Strickland

Ravensworth Castle Oct.31st 1740

To Mr Mannock Strickland at his Chamber in Lincolns Inn London

Sir

I reced. both your Favours the former of which I cou'd not Answer to You with any Satisfaction, having then no Money belonging to the Derwerntwater Estate in hand; but Since I reced. your last have made a provision for you, & this day have wrote to Mr Skutt to pay you the money. I am glad the Testimonial has been produced to Mr Hunter, & shall always be glad of your having the Money paid with the least trouble Imaginable for I am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir, Your very Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton

4 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle Novem. 4th 1740

To Mr John Maule

We reced yours and observe Mr Auditor Hunters Qrys upon our Accot. which we have this day given answers to, opposite to the Severall Querys, & we hope they will be Satisfactory; We are much Obliged to You Gentlemen, for the Dispatch you desire to be made and will on all Occasions make due Acknowledgements.

It is more than probable we are afraid that no Declaration of Accots. will be till after the rising of the Parliam.t, but if it shou'd be sooner we hope You'll take the Opportunity of it, our Compliments pray to all our good friends & beleive us to be

Dr Sir Yours &c

N:W H:B

Queries on the Examination of the Accot. of Nicholas Walton & Hugh Boag Receivers of the Derwentwater Estate Between 31 Decem. 1737 & 30th of June 1739

No.1

Credit is taken for the following Sums for which no Vouchers are produced.

Alnwick house &c 2 1/2 Yrs Land Tax	£ 0 17 2
Do. Window [tax]	£ 0 15 0
Lorbottle Tyth	£ 1 13 3
	£ 3 5 5

[Answer]

Mr Skutt to whom the Money was paid is Agent to the Duyke of Somerset to whom we resigned the Administration to the late Mr Fra Anderson, on his Settling an accot. with

us, in which the £3 - 5 - 5 was charged, so that he Acco<oun>ted to us for our Debt & gave no Voucher for the said £ 3 - 5 - 5

No.3

December 30th 1738. 3000 Tyles at 24s per M [thousand]	£3 0 0
Should be	£3 12 0
Under Computed	£0 12 0

[A] The leading of these tyles was only at 20s per M. so that the Charge of £3 is a right one & is a mistake in making the Leading at 24s per M

Do No. 3

500 Thraves at 2d per Thrave	£5 0 0
Should be	£4 3 4
Over computed	£0 16 8

NB the Accot. Says 600 thraves which makes the Computation right but does not agree with the Voucher

[A] This £5 is allowed to be a right Charge by Wm. Ironsides & Ptners as Undertakers of Building upon whose Accot. it was paid & is for 600 Thraves of Ling or Heather; We are Sorry the voucher disagrees but hope you may Sett it right, as we most certainly pd the £5 & has had it allowed in and with Wm. Ironsides & Ptners.

No.8

22 July pd. James Thompson £ 1 - 16 - 8 Receipt says only £ 1 - 16 - 0 8d Overcharged

[A] We pay'd James Thompson £ 1 - 16 - 8 as 1/3 of Damage in his Farme by repairing the Breaches in Widehaugh &c. and it may be observed the like Sums were pay'd to John & Matt. Thompson the 24 Octob. & 19 Decemb. 1738 for the other 2/3. so that there is no overcharge.

[Q] In what manner the Sum of £ 11862 - 14 - 10 appears to be recd. by these accounts within the time of this Accot. (poundage ought not to be taken for the following Sums) which appear to the Auditor to be allowed before, or not reced. within the time of this Accot. Viz

The Supers	£ 1964 3 1
Debt of last accot	£ 398 0 2 1/2
Bill returned.	£ 70 0 0
Horsman.	£ 1 0 0
Redhead.	£ 15 16 6

[A] We take no Credit for Poundage on any Sums but such as have been realy reced. by us and on examining what follows there with you will observe no Poundage is taken Cred.t for on the

£ 1969 - 3 - 1

£ 398 - 0 - 2 1/2

£ 70 - 0 - 0

£ 1 - 0 - 0

£ 15 - 16 - 6

Money really reced. by us.

In January 1737/8 £ 64 - 6 - 8

February £ 2095 - 9 - 2

March 1738 £ 2419 - 19 - 9

April £ 687 - 14 - 6 1/2

May £ 25 - 5 - 1

June £ 245 - 8 - 4

July £ 245 - 18 - 2

August £ 364 - 2 - 0

Septemb. £ 96 - 15 - 6

October £ 1667 - 9 - 9

Novemb. £ 981 - 1 - 10

Decemb. £ 1171 - 19 - 11

Febry. 1738/9 £ 66 - 11 - 0

March 1739 £ 60 - 5 - 6

April £ 3104 - 7 - 0 1/2

May £ 205 - 1 - 1

June £ 247 - 19 - 7

£ 11862 - 14 - 10

[Q] The Accot. disagrees with the Rentals in the following Estates viz.

Langley Barrony Accot. says £ 1147 - 1 - 6

Rentals. £ 1149 - 11 - 6

£ 1145 - 5 - 6

£ 2294 - 17 - 0 the 1/2 is 1147 - 8 - 6

Short charged 7s

[A] Langley Barrony is properly charged at £1147 - 1 - 6, there being an Overcharge in the Rental for the half yr due mayday 1738 in Bondage <Kine> 3s, in Bondage Coals 3s9d, in Mr Widdringtons Burrow r[en]t 3d So that the Rental is overcharged £ 0 - 7 - 0

[Q] Meldon Accot. Says £ 1183 - 16 - 0

Rentals £1189 - 17 - 0

£1178 - 15 - 0

£2368 - 12 - 0 the 1/2 is 1184 - 6 - 0

Overcharged £ 1 - 10 - 0

[A] Meldon is not overcharged as the £ 1 - 10 is due from Alderman Clayton, but omitted in Mildon Estate & added in the Rental commencing at Mayday 1737 out of Course; Examine the Rental & You'll find it so.

[Q] Castlerigg Accot. Says £ 288 - 9 - 1 1/2

Rentals £ 233 - 6 - 1

 £ 54 -17 - 0 1/2

 £ 232 -18 - 0

 £ 54 -17 - 0 1/2

 £ 575 -18 - 2. the 1/2 is 287 - 19 - 1

Overcharged 6s - 0 1/2

[A] This 6s 1/2d is no overcharge for it is 1/2 a Yrs Rent of Pattinson's Houses due Mayday 1738 & omitted in the Demaine lands altho' you'l find it added to the Rentall Comencing Mayday 1737 £ 0 - 4 - 5 and also John Gunson omitted in the Demaine lands & added aforesd 2s [making] £ 0 - 6 - 0 1/2

Qry: why the fee farm rents in this estates are not charged distinct as they are in Northumberland

James Hunter auditor

[A] The Fee Farme Rents in this Estate ever were charged distinct in any former Rentals & for that reason were not distinguished by us.

We hope these Answers will be Satisfactory from

Yr hble Servts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

4 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Novemb. 4th 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We reced. the Boards Minutes of the 29th October last, by which we observe the Board approve of the Security given by Geo Liddell Esq. as it is binding upon his<Executors &c. We likewise reced. Yours the post before intimating that you apprehend it would be Sufficient, for which we begg leave to returne you our Sincerest Thanks, & for the Friendship in it which we are Satisfied you have been so kln'd as favour us with. We begg You will (in what ever we have in our power) give us any opportunity of paying our acknowledgements & allow us to say that we are with great Sincerity

Sir, Yr most Obliged Hble Servants
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

4 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Novemb. 4th 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr.

We reced Yours with the Boards Minutes of the 29th of October last, which we duly observe. And Inclosed herein we send you the Moor Masters quarterly Accot. of the Mines Working and the Quantity of Ore Wrought & also the Mines unwrought at Midsummer last, by which you will observe that more have reverted to the Hospital. We have very great Snows which prevents the Mich.s Accots. from being made out, but as soon as the Snow goes off, it will be done. The Dues of this year ending at last Mich.s will we think amount to near £1000 & we hope they are increasing & we are
Sr Yours &c Walton & Boag

[There follows the quarterly mine accounts btwn Lady Day & Mich.s 1740]

16 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 16 1740

To Mr Horne

Dr Sir

We reced. yours of the 6th Nov Inst & likewise the Boards Minutes of the 5th of Same in which we observe Mr Simon Warners proposal for Lock Vein, Fourshield burn Vein, Cocklake, ½ Windy Brow & the East side of Clargill Cleugh head; upon which proposal we beg leave to observe

That there is No such Vein as Lock Vein in Alston Manner, That there is no Such Vein as Fourshields burn, & that we apprehend the Hosp.s Moiety of Windybrow is already Demised to Geo. Liddell Esq. & P.tners. It appears to us that Lock Vein is the same of Lough Vein which is now wrought by the Execu.s of Geo. Liddell Esq. & Ptners & we are apt to think Mr Warner means to take his Lease length upon that Vein, where the present one granted to and Enjoyed by the Execu.s of George Liddell Esq. & Ptners terminates, to the South; so that if Mr Warner amend his proposal & Say Lough Vein, the Directors may Safely grant a Lease length with this general proviso that the same does not Extend into or Interfere with any former Lease length Granted by the Comiss.rs or Govern.s of Greenwich Hospital . There is a place in Alston moor called Forestshield burns, but none called Fourshieldsburn, but we apprehend it may be the same place which Mr Warner means, Altho' no mines have been wrought there that we

know of, the Hospital will therefore Consider whether this shd not be granted as an unopen Mine; we think it may & can see no Objection. As to Clargill Cleugh head it appears to us to be the Same proposed for by Mattw. Cousen & Robert Raw, to whom the Comiss.rs we presume will think proper to grant as they offer a Fifth Duty; but Nevertheless we advise that Mr Warner may have a grant Also of a lease Length with the aboive provisos. But you must observe that in this Case Mattw. Cousen & Robt. Raw must have their grant Dated previous to Mr Warner And in his likewise as in all other Leases whiuch the Comiss.rs shall have occasion to grant they are to take Care that this general Proviso is never to be omitted.

We are Yrs &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

PS Please to deliver to Mr Corbitt our Cash Accot. for last Monbth by which you will see thgere is a Bal.ce in our hands of £242:7:11 ³/₄

16 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle Nov. 16 1740

To Mr Horne

Dr Sir

In Answer to your favour of the 6 Inst. we have write you this day a Letter which you will if proper lay before the board, & herein we send you Accot. of Such money as we have reced. for Leases Executed, with a deduction of Mr Radleys Expences of Filling up &c & what Expencc we have been at in the Execution. when the others are Executed we will Account to you for them regularly. You will observe we have reced. no more than £ 3 - 3 - 0 over & above a Guinea for Each paire, which we have accounted for & above is a bill for the ballance due to you& Mr Radley on Mr Skutt at 10 days for £40 - 9 - 11 ¹/₂ We have not Charged you with the three quarters of oates, as hoping you will accept of them - our Markett fort Oats continue at upwards of 16s a Quarter of which pray acquaint Mt Corbitt . And be so good as tender our best Compliments to him & all our good friends & you'll much oblige

Dr. Sr. Yrs. &c.

N. Walton Hugh Boag

Dear Sir Ten days after date pray pay Mr Richd. Horne or his Order Forty three pounds Nine Shillings & Elevenpence halfpenny (Value reced. in. Accot.) & place it to Sir Henry Liddell Bart's Accot. as advised by Dear Sir Your very Hble Servt. Nich. Walton To Mr Benjamin Skutt in Kings Street St Anns London

26 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

[Note: refers to letter from Lowes to Airey of 28 Oct 1740]

Ravensworth Castle Novemb. 26. 1740

To John Airey Esq.

Sir

I Reced. yours from Chester of the 24 Inst. with one Inclosed from Mr Robt. Lowes in relation to Bridget Horsman of Corbridge who at present Stands in Arrears to the Comniss<ion>ers of Greenwich Hospital no less than £8 - 5 - 3 after Deducting £3 for which her Household goods were Sold.

Mr Lowes's Letter Contains a great mant p.ticulars, which I shall pass Over and only Acquaint you with the Severall Facts upon which we grounded our Distress & what was done therein from time to time.

When we Comenced receivers a Rentall was Transmitted to us by the Board with their Order to Collect the Severall Rents therein Contained amongst whom was Phillip the Husband of Bridgett Horsman or the Father I know not which at the rate of 30s per annum & we had likewise a return of Arrears due in the late rec.ers time from Horsman & an Order to receive the money. In May 1739 after having made frequent Demands of Brigitt Horsman, Mr Boag was applyed to on her behalfd by Mr Busbie & she herself was with him & pretended the Derwent.r family had given her or her predecassers the house and Garth during Life but at the same time offerd to attorn Tennant provided the Hospitall wou'd accept of 10s instead of 30s a Yeare which he Cou'd not Comply with; & you are to observe that we never admitted her having any Right at all, therefore Mr Bunting was Ordered to make a Legal Distress which was done accordingly at which Mr. Downes was present, & Consequently I wou'd hope all was done with Strict regularity. The Directors were Acquainted with all these proceedings & approved thereof, so that in that P.ticular I hope we are warranted, & by which I hope you'll be able to give the young Lawyer a Satisfactory Answer, but I wou'd further observe that this House & Garth was Lett at the Generall Letting of the farmes on the Derw.water Estate by a generall Court to Mr Bunting which I think verry plainly Shews they admitted no person to have a right therein, or that it was the absolute property of Horsman as Mr Lowes would Insinuate. As Horsman is So Considerably in Arrears at present wou'd it not be proper to Threaten her with prosecution on that Accot. Herein I return you Mr Lowes's Letter.

Hexham will no doubt be a proper place to Execute the Comission in, as the Witnisses may be brought thither. I wish we may have proper Evidence for as I remember Mr Simpson was of opinion these be Examined & from whom he took Affidavitts were not so good as to answer our purpose. Some of them I know were [partie] and Cannot be admitted as Evidence. Pray Consider what may be proper to be done towards procuring more & whether it may not be proper to have Mr Simpson Come into Alstonmoor to prepare them.

I am Sr Yrs &c
Nich. Walton

28 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle Novemb. 28th 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We reced. your favour of the 18th Inst. & would have answered it sooner but we mentioned in our last to Mr Horne to Acquaint you that oats were then at 16s per Quarter, at which price we did not think proper to Buy any, but within this Week they have falen to 12s per Quarter & we will Buy you a Quantity & send you the first opportunity, please to Cause your Servts. make a thorough search for the sacks & send them by Capt Airey who is now we believe in the Pool.

Please to signify what Quantity would have provided for next year for we apprehend that between this & Xtmass will be the Cheapest time for securing you your Quantity good & Cheap we are

Sr. Your Humb. Servts.

N. Walton H. Boag

28 Nov 1740 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle 28 Novemb. 1740

To Mr John Maule

Dear Sir

Inclosed is a paper Relating the Differences you mention in your last, which paper we hope will Clearly remove the Dificulty as you may please to Observe. The £16 - 16 - 6 is no pt of the arrears standing out the 31st Decembr. 1737 & the Year Rent Due Mart.s 1738 with which we Charge our selves. therefore must be Deducted out of the Supers also. The £2 reced. of Masewild upon which we Charge Poundage added will make the sum £118624 - 14 - 10d which is the Sume we Charge Poundage upon.

We Observe your great Trouble in getting forward with the Auditor, but we Assure you there is nothing in Either Accot. but what is Right according to our knowledge , We Intend to make you soon a Return for your Trouble as also Mr Woodhouse to whom our HJumble Service. We are

Dear Sr. Your very Humb. Servts.

N. Walton H. Boag

17 Dec 1740 Hugh Boag to John Ritson

Ravensworth Castle 17 Dec. 1740

To the Revd Mr Ritson at Cockermouth

Sr,

Your favour of the 19th Inst. came safe to hand tho I Expected it sooner. Mr Jefferson at last Court desired Earnestly that he might have time to apply to Colonel Mordant & some other friends for to have the Charge Mitigated which I granted, And a month was of time agreed upon, I at the same time was to Speak to Mr Simpson to stay proceedings till that time was Expired which I did & I hope he has done nothing further; but if Mr Jefferson has not got his f[rien]ds to Apply & get it Mitigated Mr Simpson will have orders to proceed tho I know of nothing that is yet done since that time .

In my opinion the money must be pd & the sooner the better for the Expences can never be less but if he can make it less, it is much the same to my P.tner & selfe. This we have Try'd and could not prevail but perhaps he has, we shall be glad to hear in a Convenient time I am for Mr Walton & Self

Dr Sr. Your Hble. Sert.

Hugh Boag

The Charge upon Mr Jefferson Vizt.

For 5 Oake Trees Cutt & disposed off from Lowgill Tenement	£ 5 8 0
For 2 Trees he Cutt & Sold to Clifton forge valued	£ 3 0 0
For one oake Tree he Cutt valued by Mr Pearson	£ 0 15 0
For abt 200 birch & aller Trees he sold Miles Wilson 1735.	£ 6 12 6
For Mr Simpsons Law Charges	16 4
In Law Charges at London as by Mr Radley	£ 3 3 0
	£ 19 14 10

17 Dec 1740 a Copy Sent as above

17 Dec 1740 Hugh Boag to Isaac Thompson

Ravensworth Castle 17 Dec . 1740

To Mr Thompson Printer Newcastle

Mr Thompson

Incert the following advertizement in your paper till further ordered to the contrary, which is only a Copy of one taken out of the London Gazette vizt -

To be sold before Charles Taylor Esq. Deputy to his Majestys Remembrancer in the Court of Exchequer pursuant to an Order of the said Court, Several large quantities of oake, Ash, Elm, and other Trees, Standing upon the Estates forfeited by the Attainders of James late Earl of Derwentwater & Charles Radcliff in Thornbrough, Dilston, Highwood and Boathouse Lane, Coastley & Longhope, Langley Barony, Meldon, Hartburngrainge & Linburn in Langley Barony in the County of Northumberland and at and about Keswick in Cumberland . Particulars may be had of the said Deputy Remembrancer at the Kings Remembrancers office in the inner Temple London.

I am Sr Your Hble Servt.

H. Boag

Mem[orandum]. a Copy of the same Letter and advertizement sent Mr White the same day to put in his paper.

19 Dec 1740 Hugh Boag to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle 19 Dec . 1740

To Mr Wm. Radley

Sr

We reced. your favour of the 11th Inst. with the Gazette of the 6 Inst. Inclosed, and have orderd the advertizement to be putt into the Newcastle papers & shall do what else we can to Encourage persons to bid for the Wood upon the Estate.

We are glade [sic] the last Leases sent you are signed, we have several of those formerly signed, yet Unsigned by the Tenants in our hands, some of them seen indifferent about signing them, tho we hope they will signe

I am for Mr Walton & Selfe Sr Your Hble Sert.

Hugh Boag

PS. The Ovingham Estate & Bayliff Readheads affair is long of being heard of.

19 Dec 1740 Hugh Boag to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle 19 Dec . 1740

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Sir

Yours of the 27 November we received and as to the Trees that are blown down that are Numbered, they must not be meddled with upon no account; for if any Numbers are missing those concerned will think they were better than they are.

As to Mr Grave and Mr Wilsons farm I should be glad they would continue for they are good Tenants but if they will not, I hope you Need not call it but Lett it for the same Rent that they paid to some good Tenant. Pray give my service tyo the old Tenants and tell them I hope they will continue another year till one of us sees them.

As to what money you have reced. may keep it till we order it ouyt of your hands. I am glad you keep up Watsons park to the old Rent. They must all be kept up to it. I am for Mr Walton and Selfe

Sr Your Hable Servt

Hugh Boag

19 Dec 1740 Hugh Boag to John King

Rav Castle 19 Dec . 1740

To Mr King

Sr

Inclosed is Mr Edwd. Stephensons Accot. for R[ent]s & fine due Mart.s 1740 or last amounting to £3-7-9 which I desire youll get and send us it down by any Sure hand to Newcastle, pray write to Mr Holmes Strictly abt it.

As to old How & his son they are Rogues tho poore and Endeavour to get it without great Severity. I had a letter from Mr Mitchinson ab<ou>t it but I have not answered it, you know we must Endeavour to get the Rents & fines or we will be Exclaimd of. Pray write us how you proves

I am for Mr walton & Selfe Sr. Your Hble Servt

H. Boag

PS My service to Mrs King.

Edwd Stephenson Esq. Dr. to the Commis. Greenwich Hospital

For a generall fine for a house in Keswick 4th June £0 18 0

For 9 years Rent due at 4/6d p Mart.s 1740 £2 0 6

For 9 years free R.t due for Do. House 9 0

For one years Burrow Rt due Mart.s 1740 0 3

£ 3 7 9

27 Dec 1740 Hugh Boag to Abraham Bunting

Ravensworth Castle 27 Dec . 1740

To Mr Bunting

I disire youle carefully Number over the bricks and Tyles that remaines now at the Shades at Dilston & Send us an accot. of them. Send us also an Accot. so farr as you

know how many has been delivered this year, to whome, and what is reced. for, and what stands now out I am for Ptn er & Selfe

Your Hble Servt.

H. Boag

2 Jan 1741 Hugh Boag to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle. 2 Jany 1740

To Mr John Maule,

Sir

Your favour of the 9 Decem had the misfortune to be misplaced or had been answered in course before, which I am sorry for considering it may rtard the forwarding the accot.

If you will consider & compare the halfe years rent from Martinmas 1738 to Mayday 1739 & the halfe year as from Mayday 1739 & Martinmas 1739 I hope you will find it right for our acct as its stated consists of halfe a yrs R[en]t out of the Rental of 1738 & halfe a yrs Rent out of the renta; for 1739 vizt

The £2 difference in Dilston is occasioned by Dilston Hall being let the year 1738 at £6 and for 1739 at £10 a year.

The 5s in Langley Barony is also occasioned by John Gunson being 5s in 1738 and 17s in 1739. Mr Thompsons £21 was pd him 16 Octr 1739 & is included in our Conting.t Article No. 6 £187 19.

I hope you will get forward with the acct as soon as possible. I am very senceable of the Labour & fatigue you have but when Mr Walton comes home who is now abroad I hope we will consider this your trouble &c wch we shall be no aport or two. I am for him & selfe

Dr Sir your very hmble servt

Hugh Boag

PS My kind respects to Mrs Maule

4 Jan 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. January 4th 1740

To William Corbett Esq.

Sir

We reced. yours of the 6th 17th & 27th of December last with the Boards' Minutes of these dates which we duly observe. and have only to add that we have reced. a proposal for the purchase of Thornbrough wood from Mr Stephen Eltringham of Hall

Yards, John Johnson of Prudhoe & Thomas Johnson of Masters Close, all in the County of Northumberland. They propose to be Joynt Purchasers & to pay for the whole £430, at two payments Viz. at Mayday 1742 one half & at Mayday 1743 the remainder or other half; & to begin to Cutt on May next. The Hospital to grant them Five Years time to Cutt & one more to Clear the ground. that is three Years from the first of May next. They are verry Orderly & we believe honest men, & we believe will bidd by Robert Ord Esqr. Member for St. Michael in Cornwell [sic].

We are Sir Your most Obd. Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

16 Jan 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. January 16. 1740/1

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

Dr Sir

We reced yours of the 7th Jan. Inst with the Boards Minuits of that date which we duly observe.

As to the Right of Simon Drydon upon Grindon Common by Virtue of his Estate of Moss Kennall we will take care to lay before the Board a true State of it as farr as we can but from the Information we have had it has always appear'd to us that he had no right at All. A P.ticular Accot. Shall be likewise laid before the board of the Whole Expenxe Attending a Ship Load of Coales of about 100 London Cha[ldro]ns but this cannot at all be reduced to a Certainty as the freight vary According to the prices Coales bear at London Markett.

Inclosed herein you will receive the MoorMast.rs Acct Ending at Michaelmas & Christmas last, of the mines at work in the Derwentwater Estate & those lying unwrought, and likewise you will receive herein the Years Accot. of the Dues of Lead Ore in the Derwentwater Estate from Mich.s 1739 to Mich. 1740 which were sold to the late Geo. Liddell Esq. & P.tners amounting to £ 995-11-8. And also we Inclose you our Cash Accot. ending 31 December last by which there is a Ball.ce of £ 461-11-4 ½ in favour of the Hospitall. We are

Sir Your most Ob. Hble.Serts.

N. Walton H. Boag

[This is preceded by the usual quarterly report of the mines for Midsummer Qr 1740 & dues for lead ore mined Mich 1739 to 1740]

16 Jan 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle. Jan. 16.1740/1

To Mr Maull

Dear Sir

We reced. yours of the 8 Jan. in Due Course in which we observe Your good office with regard to our last Acct. Ending June 1740 for which give Us leave to say we think our selves much obliged to you.

The Vouchers shall be forwarded by the Carryer tomorrow directed to Mr Horn who will desire to forward them to you & it will give us great pleasure that all is done so as we have our Quietus at the Next Declaration for both Accots.

We are in your Debt for what you gave to Mr Woodhouse as well as the Yearly payment to your self due at Christmas & we are likewise further in Mr Woodhouses Debt & to your Clark As therefore we are desirous to pay all till Christmas last we must desire you will give us <Such> what is proper to be done with respect to them and then on rec.t of yours we will send you a bill for the whole.

For the time to Come we will propose making Mr Woodhouse & your Clarks an annual payment to Commence last Christmas so that you will freely be soe good as give us your Advice thereon. If there has been any other Sums disburst by you please to lett us know that we may send you the whole.

As to the undertaking to furnish the Hospitall with Coales we cannot at present tell what to say to it, as Freights Vary According to the price Coales bears in London, but we are considering of it, and will give the board all the satisfaction we can therein.

We wish you all many happy Years & are Dr Sr Yrs &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

26 Jan 1741 Hugh Boag to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle. 26 Jan. 1740/1

To Mr Rich. Horn

Dear Sir

On Saturday 24th Inst. I delivered to Mr Wm. Laycock the Newc. Carryer a Box Directed for you, in which are our Vouchers for one Year Ending 30 June 1740, & which will Answer the Paym.ts in the Accot. now before the Auditor Ending then. please to take care & Deliver them to Mr maule. Inclosed is the Carryers Rec.t for the Box which deliver him w.n you gett the Box & further please to pay him 5s for the Carriage of it safe to you at the Pay Office he will be in London ab.t 7 next month. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Dear Sr Yr Very Humb.Sert.

Hugh Boag

A Copy of William Laycocks Receipt

Reced. Jan 24th 1740 of Hugh Boag a Box of paper Accts. belonging to the Royal Hospital at Greenwich which I promise to deliver at the Pay Office in London to Mr Rich. Horn in 14 days time. Witness my hand William Laycock.

26 Jan 1741 Hugh Boag to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle. 26 January 1740/1

To Mr Jno. Maule

Dear Sir

On Satureday last 24 Inst I Delivered a Box with our Vouchers for one Year Ended 30 June 1740 to the New[castle] carryer and they are Directed to Mr Horn at the Pay Office as before. I believe you will find them all right Strictly & none wanting Excepting one which is but for a small Sume (it shall be sent you Inclosed per Post.

I agreed with the Carryer for 5s which Mr Horn will pay & youle please to pay him, because we have an Accot. with you. We are Extremely oblidged to you for the Dispatch you have made & shall be glad to hear from you in answer to our lastr. I am in the meantime for Mr Walton & self

Dear Sir Your Very Humb. Sert.

Hugh Boag

26 Jan 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Strangewaye

Ravensworth Castle. January 16th. 1740/1

To Mr John Strangewaye

Sir

I hope youle Excuse my Silence for I realy waited till I could gett something of a Rental & Schedule of the Chappelry of Ancroft so as my P.tner & I might Judge a Little of the Truth of it. we have often heard of the land Tax being Unequally laid on which by this so appears to us, & we hope you will see it your Selfe. As to the Rents we are Afraid theyt are not right our Accot. being but a [Same] one, but we hope you will be able to Sett us right in it, which we will take as a favour & at your Leisure give us a Rental of the Chappelry & the true Sume that was to be raisd for 1740.

We have not had a Certain Accot. what Limestones you & Neighbours have had from Scremerston, but please to Examine the following Accot. Viz.

Mr John Wilkie for 3 Yrs last past 200 Load a Yr	600
Your Self for 2 Yrs	600

Jno. Pattrick for 3 Yrs 200 Load each Yr	600
Jno. Sibbett for 3 Yrs 60 Load each Yr	180
Chris. Sibbett for 2 Year 50 Load each Yr	100
Hen. Nicholson for one Year	40
	2120

If I Remember Right we Promised you & Mr Wilkie yours for 12s per fother or Load, but who these other People are or from what Quarter they come we know not. Informe us at your Conveniency & also whither the Quantitys be right or not. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Srs Your Very Humb. Sert.

Hugh Boag

Please to Return the List when you write .

A Schedule of the Land Tax for Ancroft Chappelry from Ladyday 1739 to Ladyday 1740 Viz.

Value Lands

£250 -- Ancroft Lands.	£10 10 0
50 -- Mr Adam Sibbett for Lands in Do.	1 3 4
25 -- a Quarter of the Corn Tythe. Do.	7 7
25 -- a Quarter of Do. Mr Sibbett	7 7
25 -- a Quarter of Do. Mr Durham	7 7
Q. who has the other or Remaining Quarter	
30 -- Ancroft Mill	18 0
£160 -- The Petty Tyths of Ancroft	17 0
120 -- Allerdean Lands.	2 0 10
25 -- Allerdean Tyths	7 3 1/2
590 -- Scremerston Estate Mills & Colliery	16 18 7
120 -- Scremerston Tyths.	3 10 0
200 -- Mr Wilkie's Estate at Cheswick.	6 0 0
60 -- Mr Sibbett Lands there	1 13 3
100 -- Mr Strangeways Lands there	2 18 4
66 13 4 5/6ths of Cheswick Tyths	2 6 0
13 6 8 1/6th Do. The town of Berwick	14 0
600 -- Sr. Carnaby Haggerstons Estate wch Tyths should be double	29 3 4
100 -- Mr Edwd. Haggerstons Lands in Cheswick Do.	4 13 4
£2460 --	84 16 0 1/2

Tho the Schedule was £84 sixteen or seventeen shillings as I was informed the Receiver was only paid £75-18-10 & upon that I compute that <.. a pound> will rather be more than makes up that Sume.

5 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. Feb 5th 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

Sir

Mr Airey Sent to Mr Radley the papers relating to the Commission for perpetuating the Evidence against Richardson concerning the dispute with him, as to the Boundary of that part of Alston moore Joyning his Liberty, & he has since delivered us a bill of his Outlay for that Accot. which I send You Inclosed. We have pay'd him Forty Guineas in part thereof & the remainder he desires the Board will be pleased to order him the payment of.

We have had Intollerable high Winds, which has done great Damage in several places. Dilston Hall has Suffered a good deal in the Roof and several of the old Houses has suffered likewise, as has Some of the Tyling in the new Housing; but we hope the Damage will not be much. Some of the old Oakes in Dilstone Park is likewise blown down & we are

Sir Yours &c
Walton & Boag

10 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to Francis Woodhouse

Ravensworth Castle. Feb. 10th 1740/1

To Mr Woodhouse

Dear Sir

As we expect there will be a Declaration of Accot. at or about the rising of the Parliament, we begg the favour of all the Dispoatch necessary to have our two Quietuses ready; Our Vouchers have been some time Sent to Mr Maule, who we make no doubt will forward them to an Examination with You, and we must depend upon the Speedy Dispatch of You two Gentlemen, to whom we Shall always think our Selves much Obliged. We have desired Mr Maule to make You a Present of Three Guineas, which we hope You will accept of in regard to the Trouble you have in transacting this Affair & with our kind respects to every One of our good Friends at Greenwich & Broadstreet we are

Sir Yours &c
Walton & Boag

10 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle. February 10th 1740/1

To Mr John Maule

Dear Sir

We would have answered your Letter of the 22nd Jan. last much sooner but that we have Scarce been together Since, so as to have time to Consider, how to do what is right, with respect to Mr Woodhouse and Your Clerk. We are much obliged to You for the trouble you take in dispatching our accots. I can have no Objection to yr Two Guineas You mention for Expences Postage of Letters &c which we herewith remitt you, together with the ann.l Payment due at Xmas last & the two Guineas you formerly paid to Mr Woodhouse. For the trouble your Clerk has had, we are very desirous he should be gratify'd & therefore have likewise remitted you Five Guineas on that accot. & Three more to be pay'd to Mr Woodhouse for his Trouble and Dispatch, which we hope both of them will Continue, so as at the next Declaration of Accot. we may have our Quietus for both. This we hope will be thought sufficient & that it will give Mr Woodhouse and your Clerk Satisfaction, & at a Convenient opportunity we would be very glad to hear it. We often drink the Health of all our Friends at Greenwich and Broadstreet & as we have not the pleasure of Drinking a Glass with any of them, we desire you will be so good as Drink a Guinea with Such of our Friends as you think proper.

Below is the P.ticulars how my Bill on Mr Skutt is made up & with our Compliments to all Friends we are Dr Sir, Yours &c
Walton & Boag

Due to Mr Maule at Xmas 1740	£ 10 10 0
To him for postage of Letters &c	2 2 0
To him which he pd. Mr Woodhouse	2 2 0
To be pay'd Mr Woodhouse more	3 3 0
	5 5 0
To be pay'd Mr Maules Clerk.	5 5 0
To be Expended amongst our good Friends.	1 1 0
	£ 24 3 0

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle February 10th 1740/1

Ten days after date pray pay Mr John Maule or his Order Twenty four pounds three shillings (Value in Accot.) and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Bart's Accot. as Advised by Dr Sir Your most Hble Servt Nich. Walton
To Mr Benjamin Skutt in King Street St Anns London

16 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Rav Castle. 16 Feb 1740/1

To Mr John Maule

Dear Sr.

We hope before this you have reced. the Vouchers for the last Accot. Ending 30th June 1740 which are Compleat Excepting one as we wrote you before was wanting. Inclosed in this is that one, which we hope you will get Safe and we do not doubt but you will get them delivered the Auditor very soon.

We have hopes of both accots. being got ready to be <passed> together we are

Dear Sir Your Hble Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

17 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. Feby. 17th 1740/1

To Mr William Radley

Sir

We reced. yours of the 10th February inst. & observe that there are ready to send down 17 pair more of the Land Leases which we would be glad to have, the Carriers are all unreasonable Chaps & generally Insist upon something above the Common price of Carriage where they come to the knowledge of things of value. There is no way but to make the best agreement you can, for we can recomend none, but what are equally in these Cases unreasonable in their Demands. The Draughts of the Lead Mine Leases for a year are now & have been for some time in the hands of the Lessees or their Agents & we Expect them every day with their Remarks upon them so that we may hope soon to returne them to you. We are with Compliments to all friends

Sr. Your most Hble Svts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

18 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. 18 Feby. 1740/1

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

Sir

We reced. the Boards Minutes of the 3d Inst and shall duly observe them.

Inclosed is our cash accot. for the Month Jan 1 last by which please to observe there is a Ballance in favour of the Hospital of £409-6-6 ³/₄ . We have also Inclosed you our

Conting.t Accot. for Three Months Ending 31 Dec. last amounting to £84-6-6 which we desire you will lay before the Board for their aprobation thereof.

As Simon Drydons pretended right of Common upon Grindon for his Lands of Moss Kennell and Howdon We have often Enquired into it and have always been told by the oldest Tenants in that Nighbourhood upon the Derwentwater Estate that hes had none, nor did these Enjoy any Common right that he purchased off tho. they to Establish his, Conveys a right to him. About 3 years agoe his goods was impounded for depasturing upon Grindon Common & he Replevened them and Said he would Try it, but proceeded no further and at that time Sr. Edwd. Blackett who has an Estate Joyning off.rd to Joyne the Commissioner in a Sute against him.

This affair will more fully appear from a Representation or petition the freeholders (who have a Right) and the Tenants intend to draw up and send the Board and which we hope will be done in a little time.

Mr Jefferson who is a very Troublesome uncertain Man has often promised us he would pay the £19-14-10d for the Wood & bark he Cutt down from off his Customary Estate at Thornthwaite, but at the same desired time to apply to the board for the same abatement of the Charge a Copy of the particulars are Inclosed.

We will in a post or Two send the board a True State of case relating the Petty Tyths off East Thornton so farr as we know, and Also where or by what means Mr Moore the late Incumbents Tenant prevailed in the sute against the Hospital

we are Sr Your vey Hble Serts NW & HB

Accot. of the Contingent Payments made on accot. of the Derwentwater Estates from 30th September Ending 31st December 1740 Viz.

1740

October 21.

Pd. Widow Cook for Leading materials to Build & Repaire Houses & Outhousing upon her Farm at Dinnetly	£ 9 - 10 - 0
Pd. Mr Thomas Reed for 50 Thraves of Straw 25s, Thatching & labourage 27/8d for the barns at Thornbrough.	2 - 12 - 8
Pd. Jno. Swinburn for Upholding & keeping in Repair Dilston Clock, one Year due Lamas last	0 - 10 - 0

23

Pd. Wm. Elliott £2-8— & Mary Stokoe £1-1— the Expençe at their Houses for the Rec<eiv>er, Courtkeeper, Bayliffe, & several Gentlemen Freeholders holding Haydonbridge Court this day.	3 - 9 - 0
Pd. Mr Jno. Grave the Expençe at his House for Ditto Holding Keswick Court this day.	2 - 16 - 4

24

Pd. Mary Walker the Expençe at her House for Ditto Holding Thornthwaite Court this day.	1 - 0 - 10
Pd. Jno. Scott the Expençe at his House for Ditto Holding Wark Court two days	4 - 9 - 3

X 13

Pd. Mr Wm. Peareth for 2 Acquittances for a Yrs Fee Farm Rent
payable out of Spindlestone Corn Tyth to Dame Eliz. Jekyll. 0 - 0 - 8

24

Pd. Mr Joseph Pearson his Disbursments for the Manour of
Castlerigg & Derwentwater as follows Viz.

for Repairing Keswick Mill Wears.	£ 0 - 15 - 8	
for a Lock for the Boat upon the Derwentwater Lake.	0 - 1 - 0	
for Iron worke for Heads & Waltons park Gates. ...	0 - 2 - 8	
for Repairing the Slating upon Keswick Moothall.	0 - 2 - 5 ½	
for Repairing High Roads.	0 - 6 - 1 ½	
to Thomas Gateskill for 16 days assisting to mark Trees	1 - 4 - 0	2 - 11 - 11

25

Pd. Isaac Todd for 58 foot of Inch Boards at 2d & 16 foot of
posts at 1d per. had for Repairing Keswick Mill 0 - 11 - 0

Pd. Do. for 16 days marking Wood in September last in
the Manours of Castlerigg Derwentwater & Thornthwaite. 2 - 0 - 0

Pd. Mark Fisher ⅓ of the Expen for Repairing the High Roads
in Keswick Demain Lands due Lamas last being the Hospitals share..... 0 - 18 - 0

Pd. Mr. Jos. Pearson his Disbursments for Postage of Letters
& Carriage of Papers Relating to the Estate. 0 - 11 - 8

Pd. Mr Jno. King his Disbursments for a Court Book for the Mannours
of Castlerigg Derwentwater & Thornthwaite. 0 - 18 - 0

Pd. Jas. Thompson for 3 Yrs Allow^{ance} of Coals which he should
have had to Dilston Hall at 30 fothers per annum at 3s per fother.
due Mayday 1740. 13 - 10 - 0

Pd. Mr Abram Bunting his Disbursments as follows Viz.

for Repairing a House at Dilston New Town.	1 - 12 - 10
for Ditto. Houses upon his two Farms at Fourstone.	2 - 16 - 6
for his Charges & Expences searching for a Jack Note of High Stublick Colliery & Attending the Sessions &c on that affaire.	0 - 8 - 6

Pd <Jno. Coate> for damages of Ground sustained by weeding
woods in 1739 at East Brokenheugh. 1 - 0 - 0

Pd. John Gibson of Hexham the <.....> at his House
on the Road to Keswick, Thornthwaite, Haydonbridge & Wark
to hold Courts at those places this month, & Returning 2 - 14 - 4
November 26

Pd. Geo. Liddell a moiety of the Expen of Sinking & Walling a
draw well in Meldon Park which he Disburs'd. 3 - 0 - 0

28

Pd. Wm. Prudhoe for thatch £1 — — thatching 10s. Labourage 6s/8d
& mason worke 3s, Repairing Cottages upon the East half of
Meldon outgrounds. 1 - 19 - 8

30

Pd. Mr Robert Douglas for 5 Acquittances for 5 Fee Farme Rents
payable to the Almshouse of Bristol, & Edwd. Noel Esq.
Heirs out of Several Estates. 0 - 1 - 8

December 8

Pd. Ambros Hopper & Ptners on. Accot. for marking all the Woods upon the Estate.	15 - 0 - 0
15	
Pd. Jos. Scott for Leading 32 deals & a Mill Ring from Newburn to Aldston Moor Mill.	1 - 0 - 0
Pd. Mr Abram Bunting his Disbursments for 13,000 Quicks had & Planted in the follow ⁱⁿ g Farms Viz. 4000 at Lipwoodwell, 3000 at Woodhall, 2000 at Westwood, 2000 at Peacock House, & 2000 at Land Ends, at 5s per 1000.	3 - 5 - 0
Pd. Ditto what he pd. Jno. Scott for the Room wherein Wark Court was held 22 & 24 Octo ^{be} r last.	0 - 10 - 6
18	
Pd Mr John Gent for an Acquittance for the Fee Farm Rent payable to Dame Eleanor Cullan out of Aldston Moor Manour.	0 - 0 - 4
31	
Pd. Jno. Goodrich his Disbursments for Postage of Letters Relating the Estate for the Year 1740.	0 - 10 - 0
Pd. Geo. Liddell his Disbursments for making &c a Granary floor in Meldon-parke Farm viz.	
Thomas Clark for 50 deals at 16d per.	3 - 6 - 8
Thos. Haire for 5 <Thousand> Nails 4s/2d, a p ^{ai} r Bends & Crooks 1s6d	0 - 5 - 8
Thos Hepple for Laying the floor & mak ^{ing} & hanging the door.	0 - 15 - 6
Edwd. Waugh for 4 fothers of Slates 4s, 4 days Laying them on 6s upon Outhousing	<u>0 - 10 - 0</u>
	<u>4 - 17 - 10</u>
Total	£ 84 - 6 - 6

19 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Snow

[Note: A later letter shows that remittances being handled by Thomas Snow]

Ravensworth Castle. 19 Feb 1740/1

To Messrs Pallock & Snow at the Golden Anchor without Temple barr

Sirs

We have reced. yours and in Answer will make you a Remittance in a very few days after the two years Intrest becomes due to the Exec.rs of the late Dr Chamberlain. We are sorry the year which was due at last ladyday was not then paid but it was for want of having directions after the Intrest was alterd, As the Terme is so near hand we rather chuse to make the remittance for the two years together & we hope it will be no Inconvenience to the Exec.rs & we are,

Sir Your most Hble Serts.
N. Walton H Boag

19 Feb 1741 Timothy Wrangham to Nicholas Walton

[Note: Walton to Corbett 24 Feb 1741 refers to this tythes case]

To Messrs Walton and Boag

Sirs

The Cause between Wm. Moore and Ralph Wood was begun Continued and Ended as follows

Moor as Lessee of the Vicarage and Tyths of Hartburn sued Wood in the Spiritual Court of Durham for Tyths arising from Grounds which he farmed under the Hospital at Greenwich.

Upon the return of the Citation Wood appeared and tender'd 2s 6d as a Modus for one years hay then due, which Moore Accepted in full of his demand for Hay, but at the same time declared he would proceed as to other Matters tythable.

Accordingly Moor gave in a Libel purporting himself to be Lessee of the Vicaridge and the large Quantity of Corn of Divers kinds and No. of Calves Wool Lamb &c which Wood had Converted to his own Use upon the Premises & of which no Tyth had been paid.

Wood by his Answer confessed the Lease and also charged himself with a great deal of Colrn a large No. of calves and other Small Tythes mentioned in the Libel being in the whole of Considerable Value, but by way of Discharge desired time (by the Proctor) to give in a defensive Allegation, wherein he designed to sett forth that his Lands were tyth free.

Being Indulged with a great deal of time and unable to procure proper Instructions for drawing his defense the Cause was concluded and Wood condemned in the Value of all such small Tyths (only) as he had withheld according to his own confession.

The Sentence was founded upon this principal ie that the Lessees of the Vicaridge was of common right intituled to those tyths till the Contrary should be made appear.

Hereupon the Cause was appealed to York & a Coppy of a grant from K[ing] James the 1st being at length obtained a Plea was there gikven in to the following purpose with the said Coppy Anexed.

1st. That in the 6th Year of K.Jas. the Rectory and all the Tythes of the Parish of Hartburn being then in the Crown & which had been formerly part of the possessions of the Monastery of St Albans whereby Letters Patent of his sd. Majesty granted to George Johnson Merch.t & James Gramesdic k Gent. their Heirs & Ass[ignees] :

2nd The sd. Rectory and tyths by legal Conveyances descended & came to Jas. late earl of Derwentwater who was legally siezed thereof till the year 1715 when the

same amongst other Estates became forfeited to the Crown by the Earls Attainder and by an Act of Parliament made in the reign of his late Majesty were Vested in Trustees for the use of the Publick and by an Act made in the 5th Year of his present Majesty's Reign the said Rectory and Tyths were given to his majesty for the like publick use and the Rents and Profitts thereof are now applied for the Support of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich.

3rd That the Tythes in the Cause sued for might arise within the Rectory and Parish of Hartburn aforesaid granted by the said Patent and forfeited by the sd. James late Earl of Derwentwater to the Crown under whom the sd. Ralph Wood now Farmes.

Moor by his answer confesses that the before mentioned Pretended Rectory and Tyths were pretended to be granted to Johnson & Gramesdick by Letters Patent in the Reign of K. James the 1st but he did not believe the Crown had any right to grant the same. He Confesses that these Tythes arose within the Parish of Hartburn but he doth not believe Hartburn to be a Rectory and he doth not know or believe any other part of Woods allegation to be true.

Woods advocate at York gave his opinion that if the Court there should offer to Construe a Grant from the Crown & give Sentence ag.st him claiming under Such Grant a Prohibition would lye after Sentence and he recommended to Wood to proceed by Prohibition.

Accordingly by the Doctors Advice the Cause was Carryd on to Sentence without any Proof whatsoever of Woods Pleas and the Sentence at Durham was affirmed.

The proceedings were afterwards laid before Mr Dennison in order to have a Suggestion drawn and after a great deal of Consideration (and when it was too late to prosecute the Appeal to the Delegates) he declared it to be his opinion that there was no manner of Foundation for a Prohibition and so the Cause ended.

NB. Though More seems to have had an Equal right to all the Tyths both great and small he was so moderate (for what reason I know not) as to take a Sentence only for the Small Tyths & did not meddle with the Corn.

It seems plain from the language of the Grant that this living was formerly a Rectory Improper and in Lay Hands who provided a Vicar to supply the Cure, how the same happens now to be a Vicarage and the B.p of Durham to have the Advowson is not so easily to be accounted for.

Had this been a Matter of Dispute in the late Earls life time I doubt not but he Cou'd have shewn a proper Right to these Tythes, but as he is dead and the Title deeds of his Estate are lost and the same Right which he had to his estate is transferred to the Commiss.rs of the Hosp by act of Parl.t and as this Estate hath been Enjoyed Tyth free time beyond memory counsel ought to be advised with to know whither the Court of Chancery on proper Application would decree this Estate to be enjoyed by the Commiss.rs discharged from payment of Tyths and in the same beneficial manner to all intents and Purposes as the late Earl enjoyed the same.

If any Suit should be renewed in the Spittitua Court an Advocate at the Com^mons should be consulted to know if the Pleas given in at York be a proper defense and (as matters are Circumstans'd) to know what sort of Evidence would do to Support it.

Let the Tennant upon the premises enquire amongst his Neighbours and Ancient Tyth gatherers if Hartburn Parish whither 2s 6d a Year used to be a Modus confined to Hartburn [pay] alone, or whither the same used to be paid generally in Lieu of all Tyths whatsoever arising upon the Estate.

I am yr verry Hble Sert.

Tim. Wrangham

Durham 19th Feb. 1740

Pray let one of your Clarks transcribe this and keep my fowl work by you.

To The Hon. The Commiss.rs for Greenwich Hospital
The Humble Petition of Rich. Werge Vicar of Hartburn in the County of Northumberland.
Sheweth:

That your Petitioner; when he entered upon the Vicaridge of Hartburn, which was on the 28th day of February 1736 was then Informed that Prosecution was Commenced Some considerable time before by Mr Wm. Moore the Tennant to the Rev. Leaton Eden my Predecessor for the Tyths arising out of east Thornton or Needless hall that these Tyths were decreed in favour of Mr Moore both at Durham & York, and that Mr Moore by Virtue of that Decree received Cost & Damages.

Now your Petitioner having reced. neither Tythes nor Acknowledgm.t for them since he Enter'd upon the said Vicaridge; having been verry easie as believing your Hons would not fail to Do him right, now hopes you will Order Satisfaction to be made him for the time past, and that for the future he may Enjoy the Same without Trouble.

And Your Petitioner will ever pray &c

20 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to Lionel Vane

Ravensworth Castle. 20 Febr. 1740/1

To Lyonell Vane Esqr.

Sir

We had the Favour of Rec.g Yours of the 12 Inst. desiring to know if the Slaggs or Dross of Copper near Keswick are to be sold. In answer to which we are to Inform you that some time agoe they were Lett at a Certain Duty to a Gentleman who we Expect will begin to work 'em up this spring. If he does not before mayday they will be advertized again to be lett & then you shall have Notice, they are the very same you

mention to be lying in the Road by the River side Leading from Keswick to Penrith, but we believe they are mostly Copper & probably little or no Lead amongst them. We hope this Answer will be satisfactory but if you want any further P.ticulars we shall be glad to give you all the Information we can - & are

SirYr. most Humb. Servts

N.Walton H Boag

24 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: See Wrangham to Walton 19 Feb 1741]

Ravensworth Castle. February 24. 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

We reced. some time agoe from you, a Petition from the Revd. Mr Werg relating the small tyths of Needless hall, & since we have made all the Steps we have in our power, to lay before the Board the Clearest state of the affair. Mr Wrangham was Mr Woods Proctor at Durham, & as he was privy to every step that was taken, we thought it proper to have a State of the Whole from him which you have Inclosed herein. We have examined it as to the Tracts which Came under our Cognition [sic] & we think them right, so we begg leave to referr you to the inclosed, which we hope will be satisfactory. We are making enquiries as to the 2s 6d Modus being in lieu of all small tyths, but we are affraid that will not be made appear & unless it is we doubt the paym.t of these tyths will be unavoidable.

We reced. from Mr Radley an Advertizement for the Peremptory sale of the Derwentwater woods, which was imediately Inscerted in the Newcastle papers & we got printed a 1000 Coppys besides, which have been distributed in the Severall market Towns near where the Woods are. The day limited we think rather too short, but yett we think some people will come from this Countrey as Bidders One Mr Crisup (who has some ptners) has got the p.ticulars of us as to the Nos. of trees & we believe Intends to sett forward this day or tomorrow for London with an Intention to purchase all in Northumberland. The Man has a good Character & is Able.

Inclos'd is the brick & tyle accot. of J.Skinn the Makers to the 31 Dec. last.

We are Sr Yr &c. W & B

[The tile and brick making accounts for 1740 from John Skin of Dilston Park are not transcribed. On ff391-3 of the volume. In 1740 83,500 tyles & 1,900 'offal tyles' and no bricks were made.]

24 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. 24 Febr. 1740/1

To Mr Radley

Sir

We reced. Yours with the Gazett in which was the peremptory Advertizement & have gott it also advertized in both the Newcastle papers. We have also gott a Thousand Coppys of them printed and have directed them or as many of them as we Could among the people near where the woods lye, but we think the peremptory day is too soon fixed .

There is a Gentleman whose name is Chrisop from Hexham Sett out for London this day or to Morrow in order to purchase the Whole wood in Northumberland, he has a fair Character & is Able.

We hope to send you the Tacknote <sene> with our Remarks upon them, one of them we have not yet reced. from the Quaker agent Weare.

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS Mr Chrisop will Apply to you for Directions how to bid

28 Feb 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. 28 Febr. 1740/1

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

Sir

According to the Boards Order have sent Inclosed a Computation of the Expencc upon 150 London Chalders of Coales to be delivered at Greenwich & it amounts to about 25s a Chalder. We Chused to make the Computation upon a Ship that Carrys 10 Newcastle Keels or 80 Newcastle Chald.s & will Measure out to about 150 London Cha.s & Such a Ship we think & judge will lye to Greenwich Key.

As this is not the Cheapest time of the Year for freights nor the time of the least hazard at Sea, we hope the Hospital will not put this in practice till Summer, & if they shall think fitt so to do we will take all the care we can to agree for freight &c at the lowest price & they may be Sure to be well Served with a Good bulk of Coales & at a time when they desire them; but if the Hospital chuses to have them in any other shape we are ready to obey their orders. we are

Sir Yrs &c

Walton & Boag

A Computation of all charges upon a loading of coals of 10 keels computed to make out 150 London chaldrons vzt.

Taking on ballast at London & throwing out at Newcastle		2	15	10
To the coale owner for 80 Newcastle chaldron of coals at 11/8 ½ p C		46	16	8
To the fitter at 12d p Cha for Laying on board		4		
To the keelmen for providing worktools for keels 3 ½ p Cha		1	3	4
To the keelmen for keelage of 10 keels at 13/4		6	13	4
To the master's expenses at 12 d/keel			10	
To the Duke of Richmond 12d p Cha on 80 cha		4		
To his clerk for a ticket				6
To coquett& Bond			5	2
To the Trinity House Lights & Buoys at Newcastle			2	8
To Burlington & Scarbrough <Pier> 1d p Cha			6	8
To ditto p ship				8
To Spurn Foulness Winterton Castleton & Well Floating Light at 5d p Cha		1	13	4
To Harwich lights 1d p Cha			6	8
To the Town house at Newcastle				
2 warrants for delivery of ballast			8	
Duty on 30 tunn of ballast at 10d	1	5		
Tickett		1		
Duty on 80 cha to the town at 5d	1	13	4	
Fees to Officers		3	4	3 10 8
Charges at London				
Duty to the King at 5s p Cha on 150 Cha	58	12	9	
Mellage & Orphans Duty on 150 cha at 14d	8	15		
Lord Mayor ½ d cha on 150 chas		6	3	
To the Trinity House at 1 ¼ d p cha		3	1 ½	
Small charges in all about		13	10	
Labourage will be saved if delivered at Greewich Key		-	-	
Cleaing at Gravesend		2		68 12 11 ½
Freight at 6s p Chalder [London measure 150 cha]			45	
			186	18 5 ½

8 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. March 8. 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

We Reced. yours of the 25 Feb. last with the Boards Minutes of that Date which we duly observe. We hope you have reced. the accot. of the Charge of a Loading of Coales

of 150 London Chal.rs & that it will be Satisfactory to the Board; it was Sent as soon as we possibly could be furnished with the Materials for making it up & we do assure you what ever the Board are pleased to Direct further therein shall be punctually & Carefully observed.

Herewith we Send you our cash Accot. for Last Month by which you will please to observe there is a ballance of £458-16-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in favour of the Hospital. wer are going to Morrow upon the Rec.t of the half years Rent due at Mart[inma]s last so that we hope to make the Treasurer a large Remitt[anc]e before the End of the Month. & we are

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

8 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravens.th Castle. March 8. 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

Sir

We are Concerned to hear you have Sustained any loss to your last Quantity of oates, occasioned by the badness of the Sacks. They Stood Some time in the Sacks waiting for the George, who was Stopped by Contrary winds & that no doubt Tinder'd the Sacks & made those which were not in good Repair worse. We have by the George who is ready to Saile Sent 20 Quarters more having gott some more Sacks from Mr Skutt, & those which wanted Repaire are mended, & I hope all will Come Safe, which will be great pleasure to Sir Yours &c

N. Walton H. Boag

15 Quarters formerly sent

20 Quarters Now

35 Quarters sent in all

Please to Returne the Sacks that we may Send the Rem[ittan]ce which will be about 20 Quarters more.

8 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Hunter

[Note: . Although it is not explicit in the text, this is the Receivers' reply to the Auditor's queries on their previous account. It is set out with the Queries on the left and the Answers on the right. It is transcribed with the Answer following the Query for simplicity.]

Queries on the Accot. of Nich. Walton & Hugh Boag Gentlemen Receiv.s of the
Derw.twater estate between 30 June 1739 & 30 June 1740 for Rents due at mart[inmas]
1739

The following Estates disagree with the Rentale

Dilston £475 - 15 - 0

[Answer] £235 - 7 - 6 : ½ Year due Mayd. 1739 £237 - 7 - 6 : ½ year due Mart<inmas>
1739

Whittonstall £284 - 18 - 0

[A] £142 - 9 - 0 : ½ yr Rent due Mayd. 1739 £142 - 9 - 0 : ½ yr Rent dure mart. 1739

Hexhamshire. £228 - 0 - 0

[A] £114 - 0 - 0 : ½ yr Rent due Mayd. 1739 £114 - 0 - 0 : ½ yh Rent due Mart. 1739

Langley. £1145 - 10 - 6

[A] £572 - 12 - 9 : ½ yr Rent due Mayd. 1739 £572 - 17 - 9. : ½ yr D<itt>o. due Mart.
1739

Meldon. £1178 - 15 - 0

[A] £589 - 7 - 6 : ½ yr Do. due Mayd. 1739 £589 - 7 - 6 : ½ yr Do. due Mart. 1739

Alston Moor £164 - 11 - 10

[A] £82 - 5 - 11 : ½ yrs Rent due Mayd. 1739 £82 - 5 - 11 : ½ yrs Rent due Mart. 1739

N.B (Repaires) 23rd Oct. 1739 Mat. Jas. & John Thompson 2500 Tyle at 3d per M

[thousand] & 600 Bricks at the Same Rate 9s 9d. Overcharge computed 8/3d

[A] its 3100 Bricks & Tyles in the whole & at 3s per 1000 which amounts to £0 - 9 - 0 &
they took nothing for the odd Hundred

The Above bill 3500 Tyles & 2100 bricks at 3s per 1000 15-9d <...> 1s-4d ¾ Over paid
14s-4 ¾

[A] its 5600 Bricks & Tyles in the whole & all to be at 3d per 1000 which amount to £ -
15 - 9 only, for they took pay 5250 & nothing for 350

The Land tax is not Allowed for the Rent payable to the Almshouses at Bristol

[A] Never was any allowed & we believe as being for Charitable use.

Why the Deduction was paid upon Mr Wranghams bill ?

[A] Ordered by Board 23rd May & 19 Dec 1739

James Hunter Aud<itor>

Ravensworth Castle March 8 1740
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

8 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to Hercules Baker

Remitted Hercules Baker Esq. Treasurer of Greenwich Hospitall from 31 December 1739 to the 31 December 1740 as follows viz.

1740

January 25 Sent Mr James Wood his Deputy a Bill on Mr Skutt £600

May 11. Sent D<itt>o. 3 Bills on Several P[erson]s 1220

June 29. Sent Do. a Bill 100

July 28. Sent Do. a Bill for 600

Octo 31. Sent Do. a Bill on Mr Skutt 1200

£3720

We doe hereby Certifye that the Several Summs above mentioned amounting top Three thousand Seven hundred & twenty pounds were Remitted by us to Mr James Wood from the 31 Dec. 1739 to 31 Dec. 1740 Witness our hands the 8 March 1740.

8 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle. March 8. 1740

To Mr Maule

Dear Sir

We have Reced. three of your favours which are all unansw<er>ed they are rep[eated] Instances of your Friendship for which we begg leave to return you our hearty thanks.

We are greatly obliged to Mr Hunter for the Dispatch he has given our accot. & the Satisfaction he is so good as express in the p[er]usal of them, it is you may be Assured a great deal of pleasure to us & we pray tender him our Sincere & hearty Thanks, as we do to you & Mr Woodhouse for your good offices.

The Queries you have herein answered which we hope will be Satisfactory. We Cannot find any Mistake in the Ballance of our last Cash accot., so that if any Mistake be it can be no other than in fals[e] Copying; therefore to sett it right we send you herein a fresh Coppy, on Comparing of which with the Original you will readily find it out.

Herewith we send you a Certificate of what Money was Remitted by Us to Mr Wood between the 31 Dec. 1739 & the 31 Dec. 1740 .

We will send the Mustard as desired & what worse will your beef eat at Greenwich if its rubbd over with a little; and as we are going to Keswick we will endeavour to gett you Some black lead we hope you very Merry at the Salutation & wish we had been with you.

If Mr Hunter Inclines to have the Accot. made up to mayday in future we have no objection, but by doing that you will please to observe three half years Rent must be included in the first accot. and it will Swell the Arrears greatly unless the receivings are Carried on to Xmas.

The Mustard we intend to send by the George this Voyage; there will be Seven pound of it, which pray dispose of as follows. Mr Hunter, Mr Corbett, Mr Cowburne, Mr Wood, Mr Woodhouse, Mr Horne & your Self each one pound which we hope you will all accept of & we are Dr Sir

Yours &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

8 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. 8 March 1740

To Mr Wm. Radley

We reced. yours of the 24 Inst. & indeed we cannot but say Considering the Cutting Seasons coming on the peremptory day is farr Enough back, but we thought that day might have been Apointed Sooner, so as bidders might have had More time.

We hope however the whole will be well Sold we do not Doubt

We Shall take care of the Leases when they Come to hand & We are

Yrs. &c

N. Walton H. Boag

P.S. We have not got the Quakers Company Tacknote yett we believe there will be some dispute about the Lease Length.

11 Mar 1741 John Ridley to Nicholas Walton

a Coppy of Mr John Ridleys Letter to Messrs Walton & Boag

Gents.

I hope you are Sensible of the loss which I have Sustained by the bargain of wood which I had of Mr Watson which I gave you a true Accot. of and Since that I have Suffered upwards of £30 by bad Debts so Gentlemen I hope you'll lett me have the 30 Tuns of Wood or the Value according to agreement and as you gave me reason to hope it wou'd be done when the Remainder of the Wood was Sold. I thought proper to

acquaint you with the prices I sold the wood at which was from two to four Pounds per Tunn & after deducting the felling and converting I compute to have made £2 10 p Tunn Neet of the wood in Accot. which I dar say youll think reasonable to Allow me My Article Expressly Entitles me to the 30 Tuns of Wood & if I may have that I shall rather Chuse it than the Allowance I above Claim which amounts to £75. I desire you'll be so good as give me a Speedy Ans.r. & You'll Oblige

Your Most Hble Servt.

John Ridley

Park End 11 March 1740/1

13 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. March 13. 1740

To Wm. Corbett Esq.

Sir

We reced. a Letter last post from Mr. Radley in which he Informs us there has been Severall offers made for the Derwentwater Woods. That £4000 has been declared the best offer for all those in Northumberland & 4100 for those at and about Keswick in Cumberland. These Sums verry much fall short of the valuation & we are Sorry to say Under the Real worth at least £2000 - but as Mr Radley says any Person may yett make further offers. we hope Some more will be made for it is a Shame those Woods should be Sold so low. It is not we apprehend proipewr for us to be any way concerned in this Sale, if it were, we are [struck out: 'pretty'] verry Confident, that it might be Sold at or about our valuation, & it realy greaves us to See the Hospitall so great Sufferers. We have wrote pretty fully this day to Mr Radley on this head & we wish we Coud be put in a way of Acting in it for the benefit of the Hospital. & We are

Sir Your most Hble Servts.

Nich. Walton

13 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. March 13. 1740

To Mr Radley

Sir

We Reced. yours Relating the Severall biddings for the Derwentwater woods in which we are Sorry to Observe no more than £4000 has been offer'd for the Woods in Northumberland & 4100 for those in Cumberland. if they are Confirmed at those Rates they are at Least £2000 too Cheap Sold , for they ought to give at or about what they

were Valued to, & were it a proper Undertaking for us to be Concerned in we would never Suffer them to be Sold much under the Valuation. If the purchasers of the Northumberland Woods pay the Worth of them the payment of the money in Seven Years is not much amiss, alltho' we think it ought to be done in less time & may be all Cutt & Removed in about 10 Years. The time of payment for Keswick & for the Cutting & Removing thereof seems pretty reasonable, only it may be proper that the last payment should be made at the End of the Sixth Year, in Order to make the Seventh Year Cutting a Security for the payment of the Money. This is a General rule here that the payments are to be made before the Wood is removed, but whether in this Case you may think it Necessary as Mr Speddings are men of Undoubted Substance. The purchasers are to have Liberty to make Sawpitts in the Woods, but not in any other Adjacent Grounds & from time to time to Cutt Turf for burning Charcoale, but not to Cutt Turf for Drying bark. As to Linnburn in Langley Barrony it was not Numbered being only fitt for Charcoale & of Consequence was not in the Informations or Affidavits, so if you will Judge how farr it may be proper to Joyn it in the Sale. We are

Sir Yrs &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

15 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. March 15. 1740/1

To Wm. Corbett Esq., Pay Office

Sir

We Reced. yours of the 7th March Inst. with the Boards Minutes of that date which we duly Observe and will take care to procure Such a Security in the roome of Colonel Liddell deceased as the Board shall approve of.

The Tennant of Greenhead Colliery whose name was Dodds has been ever Since the taking it so much disturb'd by the Freeholders who Claim a right that we have not got any Rent. Dodds is now Dead & the Coll.ry is in possession of his Widdow and Severall other Freeholders and as nthge Widdow tells us they cannot pay any Rent, we have Lett it to John Reed Esqr. to be Enterd upon at Next Mayday for one year who proposes to take it for 21 years. He is a Gentleman of fortune in that Nighbourhood & of Such Intrest among the people who claim a right that we do not apprehend any of 'em will make any atempts after he is in possession, so that by this means we think the Hospital intrest will be Established. The Rent he is to pay for the year 1741 is £5 which we hope the Board will Approve of, & if they have no Objection the Coll.ry Should be Advertised about Ladyday in order that it may be lett for 21 Years. Mr Reed likewise propopses to take Greenhaugh Colliery at £5 a yr for 21 Years so that it will likewise be proper to advwertise it at the same time

Richd. Potts of Corbrige who Stands in the Rental Sixpence a year being Dead that House reverts to the Hospital as it was a Lease from Sr Francis Radcliff for Lives of which this Potts is the last. We have taken possession of the House and have Lett it at Twenty five Shillings for one year which we hope the Board will Approve of.

We have this day Sent the Treasurer Mr Wood a bill for £500 and are Sr Your most Obed, Serts

N.W & HB

15 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle. March 15. 1740

To Mr James Wood

Dear Sr

Inclosed we send you Mr Ralph Fetherstons bill on Samuel Child Esqr. & Comp. for Five Hundred Pounds dated the 14th Inst. & payable 28 days after date, on accot. of the Rents and Proffitts of the Derwentwater Estate. Please to acknowledge the Rec.t of it and youll oblige

Sir Your most Humble Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

A Copy of the bill No. 129. Newcastle March 14th 1740. £500.

Sirs. Twenty eight days after date pay to Mr Nicholas Walton or order the Sum of Five hundred pounds for value received and place the same to Accot. as advised by To Samuel Child Esqr. & Company Temple Barr London

15 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Middleton

[Note: Sent under cover of letter to Airey of the same date]

Ravensworth Castle. March 15. 1740

To S. Wm. Middleton

Sir

Colonel Liddell who was so kind as recomend us to the Comm.rs of Greenwich Hospitall as Receivers for the Derwentwater Estate, was likewise so good as Enter into a bond for £1500 as Security for the faithfull performance of the trust reposed in us. And Sir Henry Liddell was also so kind as be bound for the same Sum. The Comm.rs have thought it necessary to Call upon us for a Security in the roome of Collonel Liddell , which is the reason why we give you this trouble, desiring the favour of you Sir to become bound for us in his Stead — In this Sir you will runn no hazard and as

our having a Member along with Sir Henry Liddell will be of Singular Credit to us, we hope you'll the more readily doe us the favour, in which you will lay us under very great Obligations. But give us leave Sir to assure you the oblligation shall be allways with gratitude acknowledged & where we have it in our power to make you any returns, none shall be more in your Inerests than

Sir Your most Obedient Servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

15 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

Ravensworth Castle. March 15. 1740

To John Airey Esqr.

Sir

Last Post brought us a Minute from the Board requiring a fresh security from us in the room of the <pa[sse]d> Collonel & Mr Corbett was so good as write us at the same time that he would name it to you. We have this day talked the affair with Mr Ellison who is of opinion that Sir Wm Middleton will be the proper person to apply to, and therefore we send you Inclosed a Letter addressed to him, which we begg the favour of you to hand to him and to use your Interest with him in our favour - We hope he will have no Objection but if he should we make no Doubt but you Can remove it. Sir Henrye would be likewise verry kind if he would name it to Sir Willm., which we begg you will hint to him if he's in Towne and Could you prevail upon him to Wait upon the board along with Sir William and only enquire howe we have Executed our Trust, We hope it would appear to his satisfaction & his appearing there and saying any general thing for us would be of Infinite use. As this is a Matter of Consequence wee will rely on your kind Offices in it which shall bee always duely acknowledged by

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS. If we should fail in getting Sr Wm. Middleton we think Mr Bright would serve us & if you see it Necessary be so good as make application to him on our behalfe

15 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. March 15. 1740

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We are much obliged to you for the Intimation you have given us of the boards resolutions in rergard to the Security, & of your Intention to Speake to Mr Airey which

is very kind - We're Inclined to think a Member more properly a Security for us altho' Mr Aireys is of equale dependance, & therefore we think of mak.g application accordingly & hope we shall have Severall ready to Serve us such as will be very agreeable to the Board. Pray give us leave to desire you will Informe us when it is Expected that we give this Security as most of our friends are not Come into the Country, which will add to the many obligacions we are Under & be of great Use to Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

22 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. March 22nd . 1740

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We have in Obedience to the Boards Commands examined into the Claim Mr Drydon makes to a right on Grindon Common, by Virtue of his Estate of Mosskennell & Hawden Lands, and in order to lay before the Board the Clearest accot. of it we can; You have Inclosed a Petition of the Tenant & Severall Affadivetts relating thereto, by all which it appears that he has never Enjoyed a Common right as is setforth in. his Petition, And we Verrily believe his Claim is without the least Colour of right at all. The Petition affadivitts we hope will make it Clear to the Board to which we begg leave to referr. Sir Edward Blackett has a right upon the above mentioned Common and has promised to Signifie to the Board that he will Joyn with the Hospittal in the Expence of Any Suit which may be Comenced by Mr Drydon in relation to the right he now Claimes.

We reced. Yesterday a Letter from Mr Radley relating the Derw[entwat]er Woods which we will Answer next post, & hope to give him an Accot. of An offer which we Expect will be made for those in Northumberland Exceeding Mr Chrisops £500 or more & we have made some stepps towards the Advancing those in Cumberland likewise

In ours of the 17.Apr.1737 we wrote you that we Apprehended an Estate of £280 per ann. at Amble in North.d was the right of the Hospital, to which Letter we begg leave to referr & to observe that no person has reced the Rent these three Years & that we still are of Oppiniun that it may be worth the Boards Enquiring after & we are

Yrs &c

Walton & Boag

22 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

Ravensworth Castle. March 22nd . 1740

To Mr. Thos. Simpson

Sir

We sent you some Advertizements giving Notice of the Peremptry day of Sale of the Derwentwater Woods, which I make no doubt but you took the Trouble to distribute, but as they are likely to be sold farr under the Valluations I am Obligated to give you fresh trouble about them. The Deputy Remembrancer has declared Mr Speedings the best bidder at £4100 - which is near £1000 under the valuation but as this Declaration cannot be Confirmed before the beginning of next Terme any persons may make farther proposalls. What I therefore desire of you is that you will send for Isaac <Todess> & Acquaint him with what has been offer'd, & if you can persuade him or some other persons to make further proposalls, for it is a Shame these woods shou'd be sold so much under the real Value. We have not any design in this to hinder Mr Speedings from being purchasers provided they woud come near the Valuations; woud it not therefore be proper to give them two lines Acquainting them that you Apprehend further offers will be made. And that Unless they amend their proposal an Affidavit will be lodged that the woods are Sold Under their Value which will Sett all aSide, If you Judge this proper pray write to them and Act in it as is most for the Interest of the Hospitall, & if you find any Fresh proposalls are likely to be made pray Acquaint Mr Radley with it, & you'll Oblige Mr Boag and me who am

Yours &c

Nich. Walton

P.S. We have directions to make a fresh demand on Parson Jefferson, so that pray write to him that you have Orders to prosecute the Law against him if he does not Imediatly pay, & pray sue him if he does not.

22 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle. March 22nd . 1740

To Mr Jos. Pearson

Mr Pearson

Mr Speedings are declared the best Bidders for the Kesw.ck Woods at £4100 alltho' any Person may between this & the beginning of Next Terme make further Proposals which will be received, & if better than Mr Speedings will have the Confirmation . I desire you will therefore on rece.t. hereof Acquaint all such Persons as you think woud make proposall for it is a Shame those woods should be sold so much under their real worth. The whole Valuatio was near £5000 - so that there is room to make an

Addition of a large sum to Mr Speedings proposalls. I hope youll be Industrious in this and make it as publick as possible that any person may make offers before the 15th of Next Month. I wish Mr Speedings <then> would do it, as they will undoubetely have their present proposall Set aside in the Shape it is. I am

Yours &c

Nich. Walton

23 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. March 23. 1740

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We reced. yours of the 18 Inst with the Boards Minutes of that date which we duly observe. & in Answer to that part relating the sale of the Derwentwater Woods we think the properest way to sell them at their Value, woud be to receive proposalls by you and us in the same Man.r we have always done in the letting Farmes ; in the doing of which as people know we have an Exact Valluation, we think few woud be unwilling to give less than what we and the Valluers Should Assure them the Woods have been Carefully Vallued to In Order to do this we Apprehend it will be necessary to sett the present bidding asside by an Affadavitt that the woods are sold Under their Value, & that we expect to have ready by Fridays Post. If this Method Cannot be pursued you may be assured of our using all the Means we Can to bring people as Near as we Can to the Valuation, by Any fair Means the board shall direct.

Upon Our Receiving the Boards Minute relating a Fresh Security in the rood of Collonel Liddell, we Wrote to Sir William Middelton the Member for the County of Northumberland desiring he wou'd become our bonde man, to which we had for Answer last Post, that he would be so obliging. We begg you will please to Acquaint the Board therewith & that you will if they approve it, gett him to Sign the Bond before he Leaves the Town. He Intends to wait upon the Board for that purpose. We are

Sir, Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS. Since the writing of the letter on the otherside, we have got Mr Ambrose Hopper one skilld in wood & allso one of them that Valued the Derwentwater wood to take an Affadavit that the Derwent[water] wood offer'd to Sale is of More Valuye then £8100 - to Sett the Present biding aside & their is a letter gone this post to Mr Airey, from one Mr Cuthbert Hunter of Medomsley in the County of Durham to offer for the Northumberland Woods £4500 - which is £500 an advance. To have 12 Y.rs to Cut & Remove the Timber, to pay the Money in 7 Years in Equal Payments, The first payment to be Christmas 1741 Provided the agreement be so soon made as that he can have a fall

this Spring if not the first payment Christmas 1742. with usewual liberty of making
Sawpitts & Charcoal Pitts &c

Inclosed is Mr Hoppers affadavit which please to forward to Mr Radley when have
perused it. we are

Sr Your Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

24 Mar 1741 Hugh Boag to John Airey

Ravensworth Castle. 24th March 1740/1

To Jno. Airey Esqr.

We received your kind favour of the 19th Instant & think ourselves greatly
Obliged to you for your Assistance, kind offer, & Early Application to Sr. Wm.
Middleton on our behalf, We are also under a very great obligation to Sr. Wm. for
becoming bound for us in the Colonels roome, for the faithfull Execution of our offices
& doe returne him our Sincere thanks for this great feavour.

We think it a luckey thing that you ws in Town at this time & wish that it ever may
be in our power to make a returne. You may assure Sr. Wm. that we shall have nothing
more at Hart then the Faithfull Execution of this trust; & if at any time requires or
thinks fitt to see the Ballance of our Accots. we will show them as allso our Quietus, &
we will take care that our Accot. be Settled every Year for the satisfaction of Sr. Henry
& him, both which we think our selves under the greatest Obligation to, & hopes nither
of them shall ever have cause to complain of us .

I am for Mr Walton & Self Sr. Your very Obedt. Hble Servt.

H. Boag

P.S. Mr Walton went last Night for Alston & at his return will Joyn in a letter of thanks
to Sr. William for his Favour in the Mean time hope youl get the Bond Sing'd before he
lives [sic] the Town.

24 Mar 1741 Hugh Boag to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. 24th March 1740/1

To Mr Wm. Radley

We reced. yours of 27th Inst. about the sale of the Woods, & are indeed Sorry that
they have not been better bidd for ; However have got Mr Ambrose Hopper a man
well skill'd in Woods, & who assisted in the Valuing the Derwentwater Woods to make

an Affidavit that they are in greater Value then £8100 and have this day inclosed it to Mr Corbett (with a letter) which will Sett the bidings aside as you Desired.

This day there is a proposal gone from one Mr Cuth. Hunter of Medomesly in the County of Durham for all the Woods in the County of Northumberland, who by Mr Airey who is now in Town will Offer £4500 for them. To have 12 Years to Cuttin & Carry of the Timber

To pay the Money in Seven Years at Equall Paym.ts The first payment to be made Christmas 1742. He to have usuall liberty of making Sawpitts, digging holes & Cutting up Earth for burning Charcoal. This is a fine advance. We have made Some Steps Towards advancing the Cumberland woods Also & hope further offers will be made for it.

We do assure you nothing shall be wanting on our parts to Premote the sale of these Woods to bring them up to what we think they are worth.

I am for Mr Walton & Self Sr. Your very Humble Servts.

Hugh Boag

P.S. when you direct for us call Rav Castle neare Durham & not in Northumberland

27 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Middleton

Ravensworth Castle. March 27. 1741

To Sir Willm. Middleton

Sir

We took the liberty, to give you the trouble of a letter dated the 15 Inst requesting the favour of you to become our Security as Receivers for the Derwentwater Estate in the room of Collonel Liddell deceased, which Mr Airey has wrote us, you are so Obliging as Consent to. We begg Leave now Sr. to Acknowledge the favour & to return you Our Sincerest thanks; and to Assure you that it shall be our Care to transact that buisness in Such a manner as never to be discredit to you. And as it shall be our Care to doe that, so it Shall likewise be to give you every Satisfaction of it that you shall from time to time require, either by Shewing you our Accts. or Quietus for Every Year, which we have hitherto taken care to have poss[esse]d regularly. We have Acquainted the Board with your Obliging favour, so that we Apprehend the Secretary will wait upon you with the Bond, if you dont befor leave the town, or he will send it to Mr Airey to be Executed in the Country. On all Occasions Sr. we begg leave to Assure you, you may Command us & we are

Sir Yours &c

N. Walton H. Boag

31 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. March 31. 1741

To Mr Radley

Sir

We have herewith Sent you the Tacknotes for Granting to the Gov.r & Company four Veins of Lead Ore in Alston Manner & of Clargill Cleugh head String & Matt Cousins & Ray both which wou'd have sent Sooner, but that we Cou'd not get the Tacknote from the Company Agent nor Settle with him the Discription of Blaygill lease, so as it might not Interfere with Fourshield burn. - Blaygill you will Observe is one of the Mines Granted to Geo. Liddell Esqr. & Ptners at ? Duty, & was Imediatly granted by him by the Lead Company at the Same Duty, now they offer for this Mine Called fourshieldburne at a Lower duty & propose to measure 1260 Yards from the east boundry of Aldston liberty Westward which woud run into blaygill at least 600 Yards, & Consequently by that means they woud enjoy that 600 Yards at the low duty which they ought to pay ? for . In order therefore to prevent this Imposition you will please to Observe we have made an Interlination of the description to be 1200 Yards in Length in Each of the Veins provided the same does not Interfere with or Extend into any mine or mines formerly granted by the Comiss.rs of Greenwich Hospital. The Tacknote of Cousens & Races has the Same Interlination as to the Description.

We Expect before this reaches your hand that an offer will be made of at least £5000 for the Northumberland Woods, and an Advance for the Cumber.d ones, the former we think will run to near £5200 if not more, & Cumb.d to about £4800 at which rates it may be proper to Sell, but Unless £4800 can be got for the Cumberland Woods we rather advise their being unsold another Year, in Which time we hope you will come at the value.

As the Season is so farr Spent we apprehend the Woods Cannot be sold so as to have a fall this Year, so that pray be not hasty in your peremptory day of sale & give us as much Notice of the day as you Can, for for[sic] we woud willingly do all we can to promote the Sale, & to prevent any reflection on any person Concerned in it, & you may be assured we are

Sir Yrs. &c

Walton & Boag

31 Mar 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. March 31. 1741

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

Since the Accot. we gave you of Mr Hunters Bidding ane Advance of £500 for the Derwentwater Woods in the County of Northumberland we have had with us Stephen Elteringham & Ptners with a fresh proposall to give a further Advance of about the Same sum so that we presume before this reach your hand these Gents. will Offer for the Northumberland Woods at least £5000. We begg leave to recomend it to the persons Concerned in the Sale, not to be too hasty for we think it will run to about £5200 if not more.

Keswick or Cumberland Woods will we believe be likewise advanced but whether to the Value we cannot Say. however we begg leave to Observe that Unless they are Sold at £4800 or more, that they be unsold another Year in which time we doubt not but to procure purchasers.

We have sent Mr Radley this day the Tacknote of the Lead Comp.y & Matt. Cousens & Race with our Remarks thereon, to which we begg leave to Referr. and we are Sir
Yours &c

Walton & Boag

3 Apr 1741 Hugh Boag to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle. April 3rd. 1741

To Mr Jno. Maule

Dear Sir

We reced. yours of the 26th Ulto. with Mr Hunters Quieres & which we hope youle find Answerd by the Inclosed. We are glad that you have found out the 10 mistake in the Janry. Cash we thought it must havce been in Copying; we are obliged to you for the Trouble you have with us in getting our Accots. forwarded & hope Sr. youle press the Auditor to get those before him ready against the Next Declaration, we are asham'd that there is 2 Years now unpassed.

We hope you will with Auditor be considering in what way the next Accot. shall be done that we may be prepairing it, we belive if it Ends at Mayday it will Answer best for in this way we are in, we are plagued with two Rentals & in the other we shall only have to doe with one. Please therefore to let us have your thoughts after you have conversed with the Auditor & we are

Dear Sir Your Hble Serts.

Hugh Boag

P.S. The Mustard is Detain'd here with Strong Contrary winds ships cannot get out of the Harbour.

3 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. April 3rd. 1741

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

We wrote you the 27th January 1735/6 that Mr John Ridley who purchased a bargain of Timber of Mr Watson & Elstob in Dilston Park were Entitled by their Article to An Allowance of Twenty four Tunns of Timber to be Cutt in Dilston Park in Case it appeared that he had a hard bargain. To which the Board were pleased to give us for Ans.r by their Minute of the 4 Feb. Following that the said Allowance Shoud not be made till we had throughly Examined into the Value of the Timber he had taken away, & that we were Convinced of the said Allowance being Reasonable. Upon this Sir we made a th[o]ro[ugh] Examination into the Affair, & had an Accot. Inclosed to us by Mr Ridley by which it appeared he had been a Considerable looser; without Charging any thing for his own time or Int[erest] for the Money he had made use of in that Concerne & from that we were throughly Convinced that it woud be reasonable to make him the Allowance above mentioned. and Accordingly gave him to Understand that when Ever the Derwentwater woods were Cutt down he might Expect his Demand. As therefore he apprehends the Whole woods are upon Sale, he has wrote a Letter to us, which you have Inclosed demanding the said Allowance, but Calls it 30 Tuns instead of 24 which is all he is Intitled to and as not above 35s per Tun instead of £2-0 which he demands. The 35s per Tunn we think a reasonable Allowance but begg leave to Submitt that to the determination of the Board

We have this day sent into the Hands of Mr Wood three bills for £1400 in Accot. of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater estate & are Sir

Yours &c

N. Walton H. Boag

3 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle. April 3rd. 1741

To Mr James Wood

Dear Sir

Above you have a Bill on Mr Benjamin Skutt for £500 dated this day at 28 days after date together with two others Inclosed amounting to £900 more making £1400 on Accot. of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate which three Biulls pray acknowledge the recet. of. They will be punctually paid & we hope Save you a good deal of trouble. Our Compment>s pray to all friends at Green<wi>ch, & Broad Street & Accept your self the kind respects of Dr. Sr.

Your most Hble Serts.

Walton & Boag

R. Fetherstons bill dated 21st March last for	£400
Ditto bill dated 3 Apr. Inst for	£500
N Waltons bill dated 3 Do. for	£500
	£1400

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle April 3. 1741

Twenty Eight days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his order Five Hundred Pounds (Value Recd) and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Brt's Accot. as Advised by Sir,
Your most Hble Sert. Nich. Walton

To Mr Benjamin Skutt in King Street St Anns. London £500

5 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

Ravensworth Castle. Apr 5 1741

To John Airey Esq.

Sir

We were favoured with yours of the 30 of March last Inclosing us a Letter from Mr Robt. Johnson of Ebchester , an an [sic] Affidavit relating the Der[wentwater] Woods. the former I sent a messenger with Yesterday morning which brought Mr Johnson to N.castle & the latter I return you herein with such alterations as were proper. Sworn before Mr Dixon. Mr Johnson & Ambros Hopper speak only to the Northumberland woods Joyntly, & Ambros to the Cumb[erland] Woods Singly which Mr Radley will observe is Conformable by the Aff[idavit] they made when the Severall woods were Marked. We sent before an Affid[avit] Sworn to by Ambros Hopper into Mr Corbitts hands of which we have no Accot. which we wonder at it must Certainly be in Mr Radlkdeys hands & will we Apprehend be of the same use as this which I now Inclose you. Before this reaches your hand we Expect an offer of £5000 or Upwards is made for the Northumberland Woods so that Mr Hunter will have no Chance unless you are Comissiond to go higher, which Mr Johnson seems Unwilling he sh[oul]d but to that [...] he will give you Instructions this post .

I am verry glad your stay will be so long in Town as I hope you will in that time you do stay get Sr. W. Middleton to Execute the Bond. We wrote to him some time ago a letter of thanks for his kind favour which I hope he has reced. I hope will meet with you and Mrs Airey will & I am

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton

In the Exchequer Concerning the Estate of the late Earl of Derwentwater

Robert Johnson of Ebchester Hill Gent in the County of Durham Gent. and Ambrose Hopper of Trugar House in the said County of Durham Yeoman Severally maketh oath and say they are well Skilld & Experienced in Woods & the Growth of Timber & for many Years have been Conversent therein and that they in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Sevenhundred & thirty Seven Carefully with other Skillfull persons did Survey the Severall woods called Linn burn, Harsondale Lees Allerwash Plankey Esphill Lightbirks Tedcastle Deanraw Sillywray Lipwood & Rattenraw in Langley Barrony in the County of Northumb. and Impartially Vallued all the Oak Trees & the bark thereof and also all the Ash, Elm Birch Alder & other Trees then Standing and Growing in the Said Woods which in their Judgment were fitt for Cutting and felling And that the Totall value of the Said oak & Bark thereof and the said Ash Elm Birch Alder & Other trees amounting to the Sum of One thousand Six Hundred & six pounds fourteen Shillings & Sixpence, And likewise then also they carefully Surveyed all the Woods Called Bogg and Boathouse lane, Highwood Langhope Meldon Hartburn grainge Dilston & Thornbrough in the parishes of Hexham, Corbridge & Midford & Hartburn in the sd County of Northumberland and also impartially valued the Oak & Bark thereof and all the Ash Elm Birch Alder & other Trees therein then Standing & Growing which in their Judgment were fitt for Cutting and felling and which in the Totall Value thereof Sett according to the best of their Judgment amounted to the Sum of Three Thousand four hundred & fourty six pounds seven shillings

And these Deponents also further Severall Say that in the Month of March One Thousand Seven hundred & Thirty Nine & in the months of July August & September last they did Survey again and mark all the said Oak & Bark to the best of their Judgment and belief were of the Severall Values above mentioned and now are of the same Value & worth, And these Deponents further Severally say they are Informed and believe that the said Oak Ash, Elm Birch Alder & Other Trees & bark so Valued and marked as aforesaid were by an Order of this Honourable Court to be Sold before the Deputy to his Majestys Remembrancer of the Said Court and that the Sum of Four thousand pounds hath been Bid before the said Deputy to his Majesty's Remembrancer of this Honourable Court for all Oak Ash Elm Birch Alder & other Trees & Bark mark'd to be Sold in the said County of Northumberland & that the Said Bidding is about One Thousand & Twenty pounds under the true Value thereof and what these Deponents upon their said Survey of the said Trees & Bark valued the same & Verily believe the Said Severall P[ar]cells of wood may be sold at or Near the value of them mentioned & set forth.

And this Deponent Ambros Hopper for himself further saith that he with other Skiullfull persons did likewise Survey all the Woods Called <Catsflen>. Stable Hill Dear Close Waterage banks wood Castle wood the Stands Hagwood The two Islands Watsons park Cocksett & Loaning head in the Mannors of Castlerigg, Derwentwater & Thornthwaite at or Near Keswick in the County of Cumberland and impartially valued

all the Oak Trees & Bark therup[on] then Standing & Growing in the last mentioned woods in the said County of Cumberland which ion his Judgement were fitt for Cutting in the Totall Value thereof according to the best of his Judgement to the Sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy five pounds three Shillings & Sixpence

And this Deponent also further Saith that in the Months of July August & Sept last he did Survey again and mark all the said oak and Bark thereof and all the Ash Elm Birch Alder & Other trees so by him surveyed and Valued as aforesaid Standing & Growing in the said severall & respective woods before mentioned And that the said Oak Ash Elm Birch Alder & other Trees & Bark so valued & marked as aforesaid to the best of his Judgement & belief were of the Severall Values above mentioned & now are of the same Value & Worth. And this Deponent further saith he is Informed & believes the s[ai]d Oak Ash Elm Birch Alder & other Trees & Bark so valued and marked as aforesaid are by an Order of this Honourable Court to be sold before the Deputy to his Majesty's Remembrancer of the said Court & that the Sum of Four Thousand one Hundred pounds hath been bid before the Said Deputy to his Majesty's Remembrancer of this Honourable Court for all the Oak Ash Elm Birch Alder & other Trees & Bark marked to be sold in the said County of Cumberland which said biddings is Seven Hundred & Seventy five pounds or thereabouts under the True Value thereof And What this Deponent upon his said Survey of the said Trees and Bark Valued the same at And verily believes the said severall Parcells of Wood may be sold at or near the value by him mentioned and set forth.

Sworn at Newcastle upon Tyne. the fourth day of April One Thousand Seven hundred & forty one. Robt. Johnson Ambrose Hopper

Before Thos. Dixon a Com[missioner] by Virtue of the Statute

5 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

Ravensworth Castle. April 5 1741

To Mr Thos. Simpson

Dear Sir

I Reced. the favour of your Letter of the 30 March last & thank you for the Care you have taken of what I wrote in relation to the Derwentwater Woods but am sorry to find the Cumb[erland] Woodmongers are so well Skil[le]d in Combination. Surely these practices are not often mett with in that County in the Comon runn of Business. The Sale of the whole woods is offered by proper Affidavit setting forth their being Sold much Under their Value & Since they were so offered we have an Actual offer of £1000 more for the Woods in Northumberland & £100 more for those in Cumberland. The former we Apprehend to be near the value but the latter must yett Advance at least £600 before Mr Speedings are Confirmed the best bidders if it does not come up to

what we are Assured Should be its Value it will not be sold this Year, & if so we are of opinion it will be referred down to us to sell it together or in P[ar]cells, the latter as you will observe will undoubtedly raise the most money. The Above Termes for the Cumberland Woods (which for the whole will be £4800) I could wish were Communicated to Mr Speedings & I desire you will do it as from Your Self, for as it will save us a great deal of trouble to Sell all together, we rather could wish Mr Speedings would bid at once to the Value & that he could put it in our power to recommend him as a person who has bid to the value. Pray Charge Postage of these letters to Sir

Yrs &c
N. Walton

7 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Jefferson

Ravensworth Castle. April 7. 1741

To The Revd. Mr Jefferson

Sir

I Reced. yours by last Post, and in answer thereto I must acquaint you that the Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospital, have given us fresh instructions to call upon you for the Debt due to them, & in obedience to their command it was that I gave Mr Simpson likewise a fresh Order.

Whether you presume right or wrong, in saying I cannot know whether your designs have been frustrated or not, I shall not enter into a Debate upon; but this I must presume to know, that it is my Duty to pursue the direction we have - The payment of the Money I desire may be to Mr Simpson or to one of us at the next Court at Thornthwaite as most Convenient to yourself; but in one of these Shapes I hope you'll not fail to be punctuall. The Court at Thornthwaite will be held the 17. Inst.

I am Sir Your most Hble Servt.
Nich. Walton

10 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. April 10 1741

To Mr Radley

Sir

Since we wrote you last, in relation to the proposalls which we Expected would be made for the Derwentwater Woods in Northumberland we have had any further Information as these Woods, but in regard to the Cumb[erlan]d ones, we have Endeavoured to promote fresh proposalls, we have so farr succeeded that we expect

this Post will bring one & we think at £4000, but as most of the Wood Mongers in that County are in a Sort of a partnership, or Combination with Mr Speedings, we find it a verry great difficultie, in getting any other Persons to bid against them. It is our oppinion as it always was that these woods should sell at about £4800, & they surly will do so if they Coud be Sold in p[ar]cells, but from the above Situations of Wood buyers at present we are afraid it will not reach the value. This we desire you will Consider well & whether it may be proper to postpone the Sale another year for the Cumberland Woods in which time we may probably find ways & means to break the Schemes of the present intending purchasers, we coud wish to do our best Service in this affair & we are

Sir Yrs &c

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

10 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. April 10 1741

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

As next Wednesday is we apprehend the day upon which the Sale of the Derwentwater Woods are to be Confirmed, we presume to acquaint you that Since our last we have not had a prospect of `any further proposals for the Woods in Northumberland, but from what we before wrote you we hope proposals are lodged at upwards of £5000.

The Sale of the Cumberland Woods will be attended with a good deal of difficulty, as we find most of the Wood Mongers in that County, are in a Sort of Partnership or Combination with Mr Speedings against whom it is verry difficult to gett any other person to bid it:-We should be sorry to see these woods Sold under £4800 and are of oppinion if they are postponed another year that we shall be able to break the above Gentlemens Schemes & come at the value. We believe this post will bring a fresh proposal for £4000 & that may probably put Mr Speedings upon bidding afresh but if he should not, we begg leave to recomend the Sale being putt off Unless other pro[pos]alls come to £4800 or near it. We have wrote to Mr Radley to the same purpose this day & are Sir

Yrs &c

N. Walton H. Boag

12 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. April 12 1741

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Inclosed herewith we Send you our Cash Acco[un]t for last Month, the Ballance of which at the End thereof was Two Thousand five Hundred & Ninetythree Poundfs Twelve Shillings & three pence of which we have Since sent in to Mr Woods hands £1400 & will in a few posts Send him £1000 more.

Gawen Charleton to whom Throckley mill was Confirmed at the last letting has Since the Confirmation appeared to us not to be in good Circumstances which puts us upon Demanding a Security for the payment of of [sic] the Rent, before we could Suffer him to Enter upon the mill. He brought one Wm. Hutson to be his Security who is Since broke & gone off, & not being able to procure another of proper Ability we have thought proper to Continue the pres[en]t Ten[an]t William Trumble another Y[ea]r & have Acquainted Chareleton that he Cannot be Admitted Tennant which we hope the Board will approve of & we are

Yrs &c. Walton & Boag

12 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. Apr 12 1741

To Mr Radley

Sir

Since we reced. yours of the 7 March last have often Sent & been at the Newcastle Carryers Inn in Newcastle but can hear nothing of the Leases. We begg you will lett us know the carryers Name & the term they were d[elivere]d to him, so as we may be able to seek for them here perhaps they are lyting at his Ware house in London Still. we are Yr &c

Walton & Boag

24 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle. Apri.24. 1741

To Mr Richd Horne

Dear Sir

Our Recet. at Keswick & Other buisness of late, has been the reason why yours of the 9th Inst. was not Sooner Answered. We are sorry any thing Should prevent us from

having the pleasure of hearing from you, or in Whose friendly Correspondance we have a greater pleasure.

We have herein Inclosed you an Advertizement for letting the two Coll[ier]ys & Potts's House in Corbridge; which you will please to Incert at or before the first day of may next, as you will observe the time of letting is fix'd to the 11 of November 1741. You will please to Transmitt the Boards direction for Incerting them in our Newcastle papers.

We often wish our Selves with you at a leisure Hour when the buisness of the Evening is to Cock a pipe. Cannot you this summer find an Excuse to regail your Self with a North Country Journey. Our Compliments Attend all friends and we are

Dr Sir Your most Hble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

24 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. Apri.24. 1741

To Mr William Radley

Sir

We reced. the L:ases you formerly mentioned to have been sent by the Newcastle Carryer; but this day; & thought proper to let you know we have wrote you about two post agoe that we could not hear of them.

We wonder much we have not heard from you if the Sale of the wood be Actually opend. & what is bidd & by whom. we shall be glad to know that we may be as usefull in getting it Sold, to, or near the Value as possible

Sir Your verry Hble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

[This is preceded by the following note:]

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed doe Value two Trees from Keswick Park sold to Geo. Lidell Esqr & Company for the use of the Leade Mill Att Thornthwaite being in Keswick as Under

The One Tree	127 1/2 feet	
The Other	110	
	237 1/2 feet at 11s per	£10 17 8 1/2
Barking	86 Do. att 2s per 4s6. 0 & Topps & Boughs 10 -	
		£11 7 8 1/2

Isaac Tode, Christopher Clark and Joseph Pearson

24 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The Derwentwater family's title deeds were later found at Capheaton Hall and passed to the Greenwich Hospital Board in 1745.]

Ravensworth Castle. April.24. 1741

To William Corbitt Esqr

Sir

We reced. yours with the Boards Minutes for the 8 April Inst . the Contents of which we duly observe, & we could have Answerd that part relating Mr John Ridley & that of the fee farm Rents Sooner, but that we wanted for an Ans[we]r to a Letter we wrote to Mr Ridley, desiring he wou'd send us the Article whereby he is Intitled to the Allowance of Timber, which we did not receive till Yesterday.

The purport of his Ans[we]r is that his P[ar]tner one Mr Pattinson (who is lately dead) had the Article in his possession, That his Estate & all his papers are in his Trustees hands from whom he Canot gett the Articles. That he has been with Mr Watson one of the Late rec[eive]rs desiring the Counterpart who gives him for Ans[we]r that he d[elivere]d it up to the Board along with the Bond, so that we Apprehend it must be in your Custody. Mr Pattinsons Affairs are under the Management of a Trustee who is a Gent of our Acquaintance, to whom we will make Application for the Article and as Soobn as we have his Answer you Shall on this head hear further from us, in the meantime if you wou'd be pleased to make a Search for it, we may possibly all have less trouble.

As to the Fee farm Rents &c which have not been paid, we begg leave to Observe in the first place that Howdon Meadows, Nab Bellingham, Willomonswick, Hunderish house & Lina Cross are only Fee farm Rents & that Crookburn moor is one of what is Called an Ancient Inclosur in Alston moor That the proprietors of those Lands for which the fee farm Rents are payable, alledge they never pay'd any, & Absolutely refuse payment unless we Shew them to be due by some Grant, Deed or Otherwise which we Cannot possibly do as having No Title Deeds, Grants or other foot steps to make it appear. And as to Crookburn moore, the proprietor Alledges, that at the time the Same was Inclosed, the Derwentwater family Inclosed a part likewise which was laid to the Demain farme called Lowbyre & that in Lieu of Such part as was Inclosed by the Derwentwater family the proprietors of Crookburn moore Inclosure was to be Exempt from the payment of the rent, but this we think does not appear at all likely as the part taken in by the Derwentwater family Seems to have been this Separate proportion of what was in the whole Inclosed and Consequently that they cou'd not be exempted from the payment of Rent. The Rent of this Inclosure we think may be recoverd unless the proprietors can Shew some Exemption in writing which we dar[e] say they cannot doe. But without the titule Deeds of the Estate we are afraid the Fee farme Rents are not recoverable.

The Rev[eren]d Mr Jefferson has at last paid for his Trespass in Thornthwaite Woods with the Charges upon it, which we hope will put a Stop to the like practice in future. The Liberty which the Tenants have of wood for their Repairs has been granted them by us pursuant to the Board's Command; but we find an ill use will be made of it unless they are restrained to repairs only for Under the liberty granted to Jeremiah Waine by our Bayliffs he has begun to build a New house with the Timber he pretended to want to repaire his old holusing. This we think is breaking in upon the Antient Custom so we desire to have the Boards Commands therein.

In the breaking of the late Frosts the Mill dam at Keswick has suffered greatly & must of Necessity be repaired which will require a Considerable quantity of Timber. The Expen in the which may be at least £80.

You will please Sir to Acquaint the Board that Severall of the Tenants refuse to Sign their Leases & that we desire their directions therein. We have threaten'd them with a fresh Advertizement which has no Effect. Wev are, Sir

Your most Hble. Serts
Walton & Boag

PS Inclosed is the MoorMasters quarterly Accot. to Ladyday last.

[There follows a copy of the Alston Moormaster's accounts for the Xmas 1740 to Ladayday 1741 quarter]

24 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to Edward Stephenson

Ravensworth Castle. April.24. 1741

To Edwd. Stephenson Esqr.

Sir

There being due from you to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital Three pounds Seven Shillings & sixpence for a General fine & Nine Years Rent of your Estate at Keswick to Martinmas last, We take the liberty of Acquainting you with it, hoping you will be so obliging As order your Agent to discharge it as it is real Inconvenience to us to returne it in our Accot in Arrear. The p[ar]ticulars we presume to trouble you with below & are Sir Your verry Hble Serts

Walton & Boag

A General fine	£ - 18- 0
9 Yrs fine Certaine Cus:Rent	2 - 6
9 Yrs free Rent	- 9 -
	£ 3 7 6

24 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich Apr. 24. 1741

The Commissioners of his Majestys Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich hereby Give Notice that on Wednesday the 11th of November 1741 or as Soon after as may be, the following farmes belonging to the Derwentwater Estate will be lett on Lease for Twenty one Years vizt. Greenhaugh Colliery in the Mann[o]r of Wark & County of Northumberland late or now in Possession of Matt. Robson, Greenhead or high Green Colliery in the Mannr. aforesaid late in the possession of James Dods & a House in Corbridge in the s[ai]d County late in the possession of Richd. Potts And all proposers for any of the above s[ai]d farmes are desired to give in their proposalls in writing directed to William Corbett Esqr at the Pay Office in Broad Street London or to Messrs Walton & Boag at Ravensworth Castle near Durham.

24 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to Andrew Scott

Ravensworth Castle. April.24. 1741

To Andrew Scott at Scremerston

We are much Surprized to hear of any person Winning of Limestone in Scremerston Liberty without our Licence & therefore this Serves to desire you will Discharge all such persons as are doing so, till they in the first place pay us a Satisfaction for what they have have [sic] allready gott & afterw[ar]ds obtain a Licence from us. We do not demand an an [sic] unreasonable Satisfaction, but a reasonable one it is fitt we shou'd have & that being done will Induce us to Accomadate Every Gent. in the Neighbourhood with the Convenience when it does not Interfere with the Tennants of Scremerston.

By a promise we made Mr Wilkie & Strangeways, they are to pay three half pence for the quantity they have had , but as to Such others as have got them without the least leave, we are yett to determine what they are to pay & of that before we fix it we desire your thoughts of, & then you shall have directions in Imediately after we receive your Ans[we]r to this.

You may in the Meantime receive Mr Wilkie & Mr Straingeways Money & acquaint that on Application to Us after they have paid we will order you to give them a Licence to Winn in a proiper place. The Accot. of the Several Quantitys wthy what is due from Mr Wilkie & Mr Straingeways you have Inclosed & we are

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

P.S. Pray let us know what progress your New Candidate makes & how you are all <meeting> at this Critacle Juncture.

26 Apr 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle April 25. 1741

An Accot. of the Contingent payments made on accot. of the Derwentwater Estate from 31 December 1740 to 31 March 1741. Vizt :

1740/1	Pd. David Brown for Leading 171 foot of Oakwood at 1s6d				
Jan 24	from Harsondale to Tynehead Farm to build & Repaire houses upon Same.		£4	5	6
27	Pd. John Airey esqr on Accot. of his Disbursments at Alstone on the Com[m]ission of Attorney Generall against Richardson.		£42	0	0
	Pd. Mr Martin Boyson Viz:				
	For a Large Ledger 8 q[uire]s Imp[er]ial paper Binding &c.	£3	6		
	For a Book for Rentalls 4 qrs Medium paper & D[itt]o		15		
	For ½ quire Royal paper Alphabitt		3		
	For 1 quire of Imperial paper		7		
	For 3 Reams & 12 quire of Ordinary paper	3	5		
	For Binding Surveys of the Derwentwater Estate		3		
	For a Skin of parchment & 12 Sheets Marble paper		2		
	For quills 6s & wax 4s.		10		
	For Carriage of a Box with papers from London	3	8	14	-
Feb 16	Pd. Mr Thomas Hopper post Master in Hexham for postage of Letters & packetts from 31 Dec.1739 to the 31 Decemb. 1740 relating the Estate.		1	15	11
28	Pd. Richard Morrison his disbursments for Carriage of the two Generall Accots. Ending 30 June 1739 & 30 Jun e 1740 together with the Questions & papers &c thereunto belonging at Severall times from Newcastle to London.		2	2	0
Mar 9	Pd. William Hobbs for Leading 2 fothers of lime 5s & 12 fothers of Sand & water 5s to repair Houses upon his farme at Heckley house			10	
10	Pd Robert Dixon for Leading Materials to Repair houses & out housing on Turfhouse, Bush & Stapple farm		3	10	3
	Pd. Joseph Bell for Leading of Materials to Repair Houses &c at D[itt]o		3	12	9
	Pd. Chris. Nevan for Do.		1	9	6
	Pd. John Green for Do			10	
	Pd. Severall for Leading Materials to Build & Repaire Houses & Outhousing in Severall farmes in the Estate Viz;				
	James Brown & Geo. Nicholson Coastley mill	3			
	Edwd. Brown Langley Castle	11			
	Geo. Thompson Do	13			
	Robert Wear Lipwood well.	9			
	John Dobinson Do.	9	3		
	John Coates pt. Ellrington	2	2	8	
	Martin Swinburn Wooley farm	7		3	

	Barbara Robson	Harsondale	6	14				
	Thomas Robson	for Do	6	14	6	67	14	5
	Pd. Mr Thomas Reed for Leading Materials to Build & Repair Houses & Out Housing at Thornbrough in 1740 viz:							
	20 Fother of Wood from Newburn at 6s.		6					
	Bankage of the Same at Newburn			2	8			
	45 days Stones, Sand, Lime & Morter at 2/6.		5	12	6			
	21 fother of Slates & flaggs at 3/4d.		3	10				
	9 Do. of Tyles at 2s			18				
	12 Do. of Bricks at Do		1	4				
	17 Do. of Lime at 1/6d.		1	5	6			
	For Deales for Making Helm Door.		1	4	6			
	For Workmanship at the same			8	8	20	5	10
	Pd Thomas Westgarth his Disbursments for 6 foot New Glass 2/6 4 Squares 4d for Glaizing the House windows belonging to Greymare Colliery.							
							2	10
	Pd. Mr Johnson for Leading Materials to Build a Mill house at Newlands vizt							
	54 Fother of Stones 3d			13	6			
	6 Do. of Woods 4 of Tyles & 3 of Lime at 3s		1	19	0			
	Pd. Geo. Dixon for Leading Materials to Build a Millhouse at Newlands viz:							
	127 Fo[ther]s of Stones at 3 & 30 of Sand at 4d.		2	1	9			
	6 Do. of Wood, 4 of Lime, 5 of Tyles at 3s		2	5				
	5 Do. of Flaggs.			7	6			
	Coggs & Rounds.			2	6	4	16	9
Mar 11	Pd. Nichos. Andrew his Disbursments for Building & Repairing Hopuses on his farme at Newlands viz. before the New housing was Built							
	12 days at 16 & 19 at 10d p[er] day.		1	11	10			
	for Wood & Iron Work.			5				
	Leading Broom Whinns &c.			5		2	1	10
	Pd. Mr Robert Johnson for Leading Materials for Building a Barn upon his farm at Newlands in 1740 viz.							
	155 Fo[ther]s of Stone at 3d.		1	18	9			
	4 Do. of Lime 3 of Tyles & 2 of wood at 3s.		1	7				
	3 Do. of Sand and 24 of Morter at 4d.			9				
	4 Do. of Slates at 18d.			6				
	Repairing John Reynoldsons house.			3		4	3	9
	Pd. Severall persons for Leading Materials to Build & Repair houses & Outhouses upon the following farmes in 1740 viz.							
	Matt Brown as by Agreement at Langley Castle.		29					
	John Wright by Do. at Ellrington		3					
	Robt Masterson by Do. at Highwood							
	£9 - -							
	Do. An Allowance in Consideration of an Hard barg[ai]n							
	£1 2 -		10	2		42	2	
	Pd. Mr Abr. Bunting his Disbursments as follows viz.							
	For 5000 Quicks had & planted at Langley Castle		1	5				
	For 2000 Do. at Lipwood & Cuttshill &c.			10				
	For 1000 Do. at Haydon Town farm			5				

Geo Scott 4 days mending & Securing the Sash &c Windows in Dilston hall 5/4 & for Nails 1/9d.	6	11			
For his Expenses treating with Tenants & freeholders, taking Affdavitts & getting a petition Signed Setting forth that Knagg & Mosskennell has no R[igh]t on Grindon Common.	11				
Pd. Mr Buntings Expenses Extraordinary Attending Wood Valuers & Shewing the Woods to pretended purchasers	2	4	5	11	11
			218	4	9

Errors Excepted

A Coppy Sent the Board 26th April 1741 into the hands of William Corbett Esqr the
Letter not Coppy'd

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

1 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Walton

[Note: John Walton was vicar of Corbridge, 1720-1741]

Ravensworth Castle. April.24. 1741

To the Revd. Mr John Walton

Sir

We had the favour of yours of the 28 Ult. relating the Chappell at Dilston, being
Converted into a School & Observe your Objections.

We did not Consent to the Schoolmaster making use of the Chappell as above,
provided the Books Sirpless &c were taken Care of & that no damage was done to the
Seats or Windows. If we had apprehended it necessary to appraise you of it we wou'd
most Surely have done so. You have given us your Reasons for your Objecting to this
good Designe; for Surely we Cou'd have no other design & to that we begg leave to
reply, that we do not Conceive so great Indecency as you wou'd seem to urge its giving
education to Children in a Consecrated place & by Oblig[ing] those boys to Attend
your monthly or quarterly Lecture it wou'd be no Small Encouragement to the
Establishing the Protestant Religion in a Roman Cathelick Township. This we only
offer as our thoughts & Submitt it to your Judgement. As to the damage which may
Arise to the Seats, that we will take Care to prevent when ever it appears to be an
Inconvenience ; in the meantime we Shall not think proper to Alter our present
Sentiments, or the resolution we have formerly Come to but if upon Enquiry it appears
to us to be any way prejudicial to the Hospital & that the room which you mention
above the body of the Chapple is a Convenient one for Teaching a School we will
Certainly permitt it a verry Small time in the present way. We are

Sir Your most Hble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

22 Aug 1733 John Watson to John Pattison

[Note: Copy of a document of 22 Aug 1733. This document appears in the letter book immediately following a letter dated May 1st, 1741. There is no related correspondence, or evidence of why it was included here.]

Articles of Agreement had made Concluded & fully Agreed upon by and between John Watson of <Goswick> in the County of Durham Esqr. his Maj[esty]s Receiver of the Rents for the Estate late James Earl of Derwentwater of the one part and John Pattison of Unthank in the County of Northumberland Gent. & John Ridley of Park end in the said County of Northumberland Husbandman of the other part this Twenty second day of August in the Y[ea]r of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Thirty Three.

First the Said John Watson for the Considerations hereinafter mentioned hath bargained and sold and by the presents doth bargain & Sell unto them the afores[ai]d John Pattison and John Ridley their Execu[to]rs Adm[inistrator]s & Assignes. All that p[ar]cell of Timber now lying Cutt in those parts of his Majesties Estate Called Harsondale, Plankey and Silleywray together with all the Topps & Loppings thereof. In Consideration whereof they the Said John Pattison & John Ridley doe hereby Covenant promise & agree to & with the said John Watson to pay the Sum of three Hundred pounds in Manner following (that is to say) The Sum of Two hundred & Sixty pounds in lieu & Satisfaction of the quantity of Two hundred & forty Tunns or thereabout & the Sum of Forty pounds for the Topps & Branches of the Said Timber at the days and times herein after mentioned the sum of One hundred & Fifty pounds at the Feast of St Michael in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Thirty four & the Sum of one hundred & fifty pounds on the first day of August then next following & which will be in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty & five.

And the said John Watson doth hereby Covenant and agree to and with the said John Pattison and John Ridley that they shall at any time within the space of Six Years peaceably and quietly remove the said Timber from off the premisses and have liberty to Cutt Ground and make plain any part of the said premisses for the Convenience of the taking away the the said Timber and Also Shall have free liberty to Cast Turffs raise Dust and bujild Cabbins on the Said premisses at any time within the Space of Six years aforesaid for burning all or any part of the said Wood to Charcoale.

And the said John Watson doth further agree that if the said John Pattinson & John Ridley lose by the Bargaine aforesaid Upon making it appear they shall have Allowed them in Consideration of such losses the quantity of Six Tuns of Oak Timber now Growing in the said Grounds provided Always that if the Agreement Aforesaid be with the Consent & Approbation of his Majestys Lords of the Treasury then these presents to Stand good, if the Lords aforesaid disagree thereto then to be of No Effect to

all Intents & purposes. In Witness whereof the said Parties to these presents have Interchangeably Sett their hands & Seals the day & year first within mentioned .

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us being first Stamped According to law by the within named John Watson & John Ridley John Watson John Pattison John Ridley.
[their marks or seals]

Jos: Blenkinsop Robt. Ilderton

Sealed and Delivered by the within named John Pattinson in the presence of
Chas. Stoddart Robt. Ilderton

3 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. May 3. 1741

To Wm. Corbett Esqr

We have used all the means in our power to procure a Ship of 150 & another of 130 Chal[de]rs to Load for the Use of the Hospitall, but have not been able to gett one of Either of these Sizes under Seven Shillings a Chal[de]r . We have therefore Ventured to exceed the Boards Comission, having agreed with a Ship which we Expect will make out near 200 Chal[de]rs and at 6/6d Freight with one Guinea in Lieu of all port Chargers which the Master is to pay. I herein cover you a Coppy of the Charter party the Bill of Lading & the Invoice of 104 Chal. Newcastle;e Measure of Coales which are 12d each Newcastle Chal. under the price we Computed upon, & yett are of such quality as I will venture to <recommend> not Inferior to any the Hospitall have used for many Years. The Ship The Thomas & Eliz: of Scarbrough John Withenson Mas[te]r Sailed <this port> Yesterday, is Consigned to you & tho she is of a Larger Burthon than what you ordered, yett does not draw more water than many of a much smaller sizes so that I hope no Inconvenience will be had in laying her to Greenwch Key but sh[oul]d the Mast[er] be obliged to lighten he is to be at all <man.r of Exp of Lighterage so as the delivery may be Clear of all Charges at the Key.>. Please to Signifye to us whether <we are to Charge the amount of> this or the Invoice of any other Loading we shall in future send in our Cash Accot. & draw upon the proper person at Greenwich for the Money as each Loading is sent away. I wish the Ship a good voyage & that the Coales may Ans[wer] Expectation as to qualityt and price & I am for Mr Boag & self

Sir. Your most Obed. Servt.

Nich. Walton

10 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle. May 10th. 1741

To Mr James Wood

Dear Sir

This Serves only to convey you in the Bill on Mr Benj. Skutt for One Thousand Pounds dated this day and payable Twenty Eight days after date, which is on Accot. of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate. Bills are not to be come at, without paying a large Premium, & had I not this Opportunity by Sir Henry Liddells Banker I know not how we Should be able to remitt you the Hospitals Money, our Compliments attend all our good Friends & for Mr Boag & Selfe I am

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton

Ravensworth Castle. May 10th. 1741 Dear Sir Twenty Eight days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his Order One Thousand Pounds (value rec[eiv]ed) and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Barts Accot. as advised by, Sir Your most Hble Servt. Nicho. Walton To Mr Benjamin Skutt in King Street, St Anns, London

17 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. May 17. 1741

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

We received yours with the boards Minutes of the 29 Apr last which we will have a due regard to. & hope to give you a full Answer to that part relating the Amble Estate in a post or two.

Those Tennants who refuse to Sign their Leases are such as are Apprehensive their Farmes are too dear, and give that as a reason for their Refusal. These Farmes we believe are pretty nearly lett to the Value, but we do not Apprehend any Hazard in Lessening the Rents Suppose they are again advertized to be lett. If the Board have no Objection we will give them another Offer of Signing & then if they Refuse acquaint them that they must quitt at Next Mayday. You will be pleased to lay thgis before the Board & give us their Sentiments as soon as you Conveniently Can for our Government

We will be able in a little time to Examine into Mr Stephensons Claim & hardships as to Hartside Colliery & to give you a p[ar]ticular Accot. as to the Circumstances of that Colliery Winning.

The Biddings for the Dertwentwater Woods are Still verry much under the Value and Indeed we are much Surprised that Five Hundred pounds more has not been

offerd for those in Northumberland. This Years Cutting is Now Lostr so that we Cannot help thinking it the Interest of the Hospital to postpone the Confirmation of the Sale as long as possible, for unless the Severall bidders have all Combined together Stephen Elleringham & Ptnrs Agent will yett bid £500 more.

Inclosed we Send you our Cash Accot. whereby you will observe a Ballance in our hands of £1928-14-2 ³/₄ Since which we have remitted Mr Wood the Dep[uty] Treasurer one bill for One Thousand pound. We will [pursue] the Boards Directions as to the Draught on Mr Bell for the Loading of Coales which we wou'd be glad to hear are come Safe to hand and to your Satisfaction

& we are Sir Your most H.ble servts

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

22 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle. 22d May 1741

To Mr Wm Radley

Sir

We reced. your favour of the 14th Inst And as to the Draughts of Throckley & Scremerston Collierys. The former we have not yet got from the Tenants Attorney who has had it perusing & the latter you have inclosed this day to Mr Corbett. & The Draught for Brockenhaugh Colliery you Surely had but we will Send you fresh Instructions as soon as we can as its Mislaide.

As to Bidding for the Wood we have Endeavourd As much as possible to Raise it to the Value but belives will not be able to bring the bidders up to it. However there will be a further bidding by Stephen Elleringham & Ptners and also by Mr Cuth: Hunter as we are well Informed for the Northumberland Wood. but as for the Cumberland Wood we are afraid you will have no more bidders but Mr Spedding & Company, it Seems to be to great A bargain for any other Wood Mongers in that Country.

We have taken all pains we could to bring the wood Up to its value & are of Opinion the Northumberland Wood will be sold Nearer the Vallue then the Cumberland wood The season for this Y[ea]rs Cutting is lost & as it is would not long think the time of Conformation be of Service to the Sale.

We are Suprised [sic] at what you Mention one of the Clarks of the Exch[eq]ue[r] told you that people Cutting down p[ar]t of the Comberland Wood, and we do assure you there is no such thing going forward to our knowledge. Nor has there been any Cutt down Since the Numbering of the Trees, even for the Necessary Repairs of Houses, hedges boot, & plow boot but offall stuff. Those that have been blown down by Wind we have ordered them to remain upon thge Ground for the Purchasers. The Tenants of Thornthwait by order of the Board Sometime since were to have Wood for the Repair of their Houses Plow & Hedgeboot, which were sett out for them & they have cutt

down more then they had Liberty to do, of this we acquainted the Board of the 24th Apl. last & we have Since Restrained them from Cutting any they made so ill use of the liberty they had given them before; but Consider S[i]r this Wood Stands upon the Arbitrary Estate which the Tenants you know has always pretended a Right to (And not upon the Demain Lands) and was not Numberd nor is it in the Valuation of that for sale.

We are Sr. Your most Hble Servts
Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

22 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle. 22d May 1741

To Mr Joseph Pearson

Sir

We have had an Accot. from the Exchequer that some persons are Cutting down wood as fast as possible upon the Derwentwater Estate in Cumberland. If you have Suffer'd any such thing to be done you ought to be laid in Irons for it, for many times we have discharged you from Suffering any such practice, & if this be true its the last time ever youl have any thing to do with the Estate besides we hope the Court of Exchequer will take hold of your Estate & Reimburse themselves of the Damage you have suffered to be done.

We again discharge you & all Tenants whatsoever from Cutting or Carrying off any kind of wood Whatsoever or for any purpose whatsoever, but lett the wood quite alone for the purchasers. We also Charge you (if you have much Understanding left) to go to all the Tenants at Keswick Thornthwaite & see if they have Cutt any & give us an Accot. of there Name & what Cutt And also discharge them from Cutting or Medling with the least stick that grows upon there grownd

we are Your Hble servts
Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

22 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. May 22d 1741

To William Corbett Esqr

Sir

On the other side is your Accot. of Oats & Two firkins of Butter Sent by our Order amounting to Thirty Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence for which N Walton has drawn a bill on you this day payable to Mr James Wood at 28 days date. & at the bottom of the Accot we have Signd the Recet. of the Money by the 1st Draught.

There is 5s you will please to observe charge for laying on. board a former quantity which had been Omitted & we are afraid we shall have a further charge upon you for Waterage as all we have Sent have cost a penny a boule Waterage down River & we belive Mr Airey has some charge of that kind upon us. Except this waterage we think this makes a Clear Accot. between you & us for tho' we paid Mr Claughton Five Guineas for his Journey Darnhall to meet Mr Boag there, we do not charge you with it, or any part of the Expençe of Mr Emmersons Journey into Scotland. This Sir we begg leave to doe out of regard to your great friendship to us & hope you will not take it amiss that we doe so. And the more opportunitys you give us of doing any Act of Gratitude the more Oblidgeing it will be to

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

William Corbett Esqr. to Messrs Walton & Boag

For Oates sent him at three severall times viz -

January 1740/1 15 Quarters

March 1740/1 20 Quarters

April 1741 15 Quarters & 2 bushels

50 2 bought as follows

60 boules at 3/6d £10 10 0

60 boules at 3/8d £11 0 0

79 boules at 3s £11 17 0

£33 7 -

199 or 49 Quarters & 6 bushels

50 Quarters & 2 bushels sent as above

Run Over in Measure 4 bushels

Labourage putting the above quantity on Board £- 10 5

Waterage thereof from New[castle] Key to the ship £0 17 7

pd Mr Wake for laying on board Oates in Aug last & Omitted £0 5 0 £1 13 0

2 Firkins of Butter Cost £2.12.6 & Waterage 4d £2 12 10

£37 12 10

Ravensworth Castle 22d May 1741

Reced. then of Wm. Corbett Esqr Thirty Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence by N Walton's bill dated this day & payable to Mr James Wood at 28 days date.

Witness our hands

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

22 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. May 22d 1741

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

In Obedience to the Boards Commands of the 29th April last we begg leave to Observe, that from the best Information we can gett with regard to the Amble Estate, it Appears That the Tennants have not payed any Rent for about three years, & for this reason that no Person has called upon them for those Rents during that time. That the last Person the Tenants payed Rent to, was one Mr Jeremiah Hunter of Newcastle Hostman who reced for some Yrs. under Mr Ralph Radcliff, but with regard to the Settlement, we cannot come at the knowledge how it is to be Traced It is the Generall opinion of People who live in the Nighburhood of that Estate that such a Settlement was made, but yett we can have no foot steps of it. The Estate by Mr Hunters Accot. amounts to £241 - - Per Ann.

We find that a Memoriall of his Grace the Duke of Richmond & James Brudenell Esqr. has been presented to the Hon[our]able the Lords Commissioner of his Majestys Treasury, Setting forth how Wm. Radcliff Esqr became capable of Conveying Amble Estate to Ralph Radcliffe as being Seized in fee of the said Prem[isse]s with Severall matters theirein containd & hoping their Lordships will be pleased to Use their Intersession with his most Gracious Majesty for his Grant to them of the premises and of the Rents & Proffits thereof since the death of the sd. Wm. Radcliff Esqr. & we also find the Sd. Memorial was referd to his Majestys Attorney & Solicitor General who fixd the Consideration thereof to the 27 June 1740 a Coppy of which Memorial we send you Inclosed & to it begg leave to refer. We have this day sent the Deputy Treasurer Mr Wood bills for £516-5-11 ½

Yrs &c

Walton & Boag

22 May 1741 Nicholas Walton

[Note: This document was copied into the Letter Book immediately following a letter dated May 17, 1741. It is a petition by trustees of the infant Lord Kinaird, son of Charles Radcliffe, for a grant of the Amble estate in Northumberland, formerly part of the estate of the Earl of Derwentwater. It was awarded to the Duke of Richmond and James Brudenell for 31 years by Letters Patent in 1742.]

To the right honourable the Lord Comissioners of his Majesty Treasury The Memorial of the most noble Charles Duke of Richmond & honourable James Brudenell Esqr. Sheweth

[in margin:] Lease & Release of 18 & 19 Janry 1716

That the honourable William Radcliffe Esqr. Uncle of the late James Earl of Derwentwater by Indentures of Leases & releases made between him of one part & Ralph Radcliffe of London Merchant of the other part in Consideration of £3500 conveyed to Ralph severall Lands & prem[ises] therein particularly mentioned of about the yearly value of £250 & also £200 a year which was payable to the Said William during his Life out of the estate of the said Earl To Hold the same to Ralph his heirs & Assigns during the life of the said William. Ralph did not pay the consideration money but instead thereof gave then to William his bond in the penalty of £7000 for the payment of £3500.

[in margin:] 25 June 1719

That the said William was then seized in fee of the said Premisses

That by a deed pole executed by the said William to Ralph first reciting the said bond & that William had since the 19th Janry 1716 Agreed with Ralph to accept of the Yearly sum of £450 to be paid by Ralph to the said William during his life in full payment satisfaction of the said bond & of All moneys thereby secured & that upon payment of the said £450 a year by half yearlkyt payments the said bond was to be void. And that William his Ececutor or Adm[inistrator] should not put the said bond in Suit untill default should be made of payment of the said yearly sum of £450.

That soon after the date of the said deed poll the said William left Englanbd and went to and did reside at Rome till the time of his desease.

That it appears by Several Letters wrote by Ralph to William at Rome that notwithstanding the aforesaid deeds Ralph accounted withg William for the rents & profits of the aforesaid Lands & premisses & also for the said £200 Annuity whereby it appears that the said deeds only collourable & that Ralph was William's Trustee & Agent.

That Ralph never paid the said bond or any part thereof.

That incase the said deeds were not colourable ralph had only therby an estate in the prem[iss]es during the life of William.

[in margin:] 26 Oct 1732 O[ld] S[tyle]

William dyed at Rome a Batchelour without issue having first made his will in writing bearing date the 24th day of July 1730 N[ew] S[tyle] and thereby devised & bequeathed all his reall & personall estate (saving a few Legasys) to James Radcliffe by the name of Lord Kinaird Eldest Son of the said Williams Nephew Charles Radcliffe & there is in the said Will the following clause Viz: I leave to Mr Ralph Radcliffe of London, Merchant the sum of £3500 Ster[ling] which he owes me by his bond. And my will is that my Executors do deliver up unto said Ralph Radcliffe his said Bond & that at the same time he shall give to my heir the possession of my land which he holdeth.

That the said Will was drawn by a notary Publick at Rome & executed in the presence of him & two other witnesses but they have not Subscribed their names as Witness thereto which was according to the Law of Rome.

That Ralph has been Applyed to on the behalf of the said Lord Kinaird (who is an infant) to be lett into possession of the premisses & to be paid all the rents & profitts thereof which have accrued due & been received by Ralph since the Death of William.

That Ralph has refused to comply theirwith under pretence that the will was not Legally executed by William there not being three subscribing witnesses thereto for want of which Ralph insisted that said infant is not intitled to the premisses or to the rents & profitts thereof.

That the said Ralph hath ever since the death of William Possessed the said premisses & rec{eiv}ed the rents & profitts thereof.

That in Case the prem[iss]es do not pass by the said will its apprehended that the Crown is intitled thereto For James late Earl of Derwentwater deseased was the said Wms Eldest Nephew & would have been his heir at Law had he survived William

That the said Earl was attained of High Treason all his Estate forfeited to the Crown & he dyed in the year 1716

That the said Earl left a Son & a Daughter the son dyed a minor & the Daughter is now the Lady of the right hon[our]able the Lord Peter who its apprehended cannot take the said prem[is]es as heir at Law of the said William by reason of the attainder of the said Earl her Father .

That in regard it was the intention of the Testator William that the prem[iss]es should go to the infant And that their not being three subscribing Wittnesses to his will was owing to the Testator's ignorance of the Laws of England relating to wills

Wherefore your memoriallists hope your Lordships will be Pleased to use your intercession with his most Gracious Majesty for his Grant to your Memorialists of the Prem[iss]es & of the rents & profitts thereof since the death of the said William.

Richmond Lenox Aubigny
Ja: Brudenell

Whitehall Treasury Chambers 31st Augst. 1739

The Right hon[our]able the Lords Commi[ssioner]s of his Majestys Treasury are Pleased to referr this Memoriall to his Majesty's Attorney & Sollicitor Generall who are to consider the same & report to their Lordships a State oof the Memorialists Case with their Opinion what is fitt to be done therein. J Scrope

The right hon[our]able the Lords Commi[ssioner]s of his Majestys Treasury having referred to our Consideration the Memoriall of the Most noble Charles Duke of Richmond & the hon[our]able James Brudenell Esqr praying their Lordships will be pleased to intercede with his Majesty for his Grant to the Memorialists of the lands rents and profitts mentioned in the said memoriall We Appoint Monday the 14th of July next at 7 O'Clock inj the afternoon at Attorney Generalls Chambers in Lincoln's Inn to Consider the said memorial of which lett all persons concern'd have notice forthwith. Dated this 27th day of June 1740 D. Ryder J Strange

An Examind Copy Sent the Board May 22d 1741 W & B

22 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle. May 22d 1741.

To Mr Jas Wood

Sir

Herein you will receive three bills Amounting to Five hundred & Sixteen pounds five shillings & Eleven pence halfpenny, on Accot of Rents & profitts of the Derwentwater Estate. the P[ar]ticulars as Under which pray Acknowledge your recet. of from

Yrs &c Walton & Boag

Ralph Fetherstons bill on Sa Child Esqr & Co dated 22 Inst @28d	£100
N Walton Do on Wm Bell Esqr dated 22 Do at 28 days	£78 13 1 1/2
Do Do on W. Corbett Esqr dated 22d Do at 28 days	£37 12 10
	£516 5 11 1/2

Ravensworth Castle. May 22d 1741. £78.13.1 1/2

To Wm. Bell Esqr. at Greenwich nigh London

Sir TwentyEight Days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his Order Seventy eight Pounds thirteen Shillings & a penny halfe penny for Value in a loading of Coal ship'd in the Thomas & Elizabeth of Scarbrough for the use of Greenwich Hospital place it to accot as advised by Sir Your most Obdt. Hble Servt Nichos. Walton

Ravensworth Castle. May 22d 1741. £37.12.10d

To Wm. Corbett Esqr. at the Pay Office in Broad Street London

TwentyEight Days after date pay Mr James Wood or his Order Thirty Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings & Tenpence (Vallue in Accot.) as advised by Sir Your most Obdt. Hble Servt Nichos. Walton

No. 145 Newcastle May 22d. 1741 £400

Sir Twenty Eight days after date pay to Mr Nichos. Walton or Order the Sum of Four hundred pounds for the Value rec ed. and place the same to Accot as advised by Your Hble Servt Ralph Fetherston

To Sam Child Esqr & Co. Temple Bar London

22 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Bell

Ravensworth Castle. May 22d 1741

To Wm Bell Esqr at Greenwich

Sir

The 3d of this Month we Sent M[r] Corbett a Coppy of a Charter party Bill of Loading of Coales and an Invoice of 104 Ch[alde]rs of main Team Coales Newcastle Measure in the Ship Thomas & Eliz of Scarbrough John Wilkinson Master, which by the Minute of the 9 May Inst at a Meeting at Greenwich the Board acknowledged the recet. of & that the <Sev[era]l> papers were ordered to be d[elivere]d to you. And the board by the Minutes Ordered us to draw for the Value of the Loading on you, which Mr Walton has this day done for £78.13.1 ½ payable to Mr James Wood at 28 days date, & which we don't doubt but youll duly Hon[ou]r. Pray Inform us when the Ship arives & how the quantity makes out.

We are Yrs &c

Walton & Boag

29 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

Ravensworth Castle. May 29 1741

To John Airey Esqr.

Sir

We desired Mr Bunting to Come down & acquaint us this day with what further Steps have been taken in regard to the Colliery at High Green and as we find you have taken his Information & have likewise acquainted Mr Radley with the Steps which have been taken, we Intend only to Mention the Affair to the Board this day, & refer to Yours to Mr Radley & we desire you will from time to time acquaint him with what is Necessary in Relation thereto. As Mr Reed advised to have Mr Delavall & Mr Anesley as Justices I will write to the Latter this post to desire his good offices, so that when you have wrote Mr Delavall & have directed Mr Bunting what Steps to take I hope Mr Anesley will be ready to Joyn in the Affair. It is a Verry troublesome one & I wish we were Clear of it & am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir Your Obliged Servt

Nichos. Walton

29 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. May 22d 1741

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Sir

John Reid Esqr. to whom we lett the Colliery at high Green for one year commencing at Mayday 1741 had peaceable possession given him of the Pitt injoyed by James Dodds's Widdow the late Tennant the <2d> Inst but Since has not only been put out of possession of it, but is refused the possession of the other part of the Coll[ie]ry [used] by other Freeholders; by one Mr Mattw Robson the Tenn[an]t of Greenhaugh Coll[ie]ry. This matter we have endeavoured to get Compromised, but have not been able to Affect it, nay, on the Contrary Mr Robson has taken the most Violent Methods by raising a Body of Men to prevent Mr Reids going on, threatening the persons who were present on behalfe of the Hospital, with little less than taking their Lives. Mr Airey has been advised with in every Step that has been taken by us in this Affair, And by Lawyer Greys Advice and his we have moved in every P[ar]ticular, of which we desired Mr Airey to Send a full Accot. to Mr Radley which we make no doubt but he has done & to it we beg leave to refer, desiring the Board will be pleased to give their Orders to him or us what further Steps they wou'd be pleased to have taken .

We are glad to hear from Greenwich that the Coales we sent prove to the liking of the Gent[leme]n there, we are endeavouring to get another Ship, which will be sent of a less Size than the former if possible, & we woud be glad to know if the Board wou'd have us Continue to Send a further & what quant[it]y as this is the proper Season of the Yr not only to have proper Ships, but the dryest and best Coales. We are Sir Yours &c
N:W H:B

29 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

Ravensworth Castle. May 29th 1741

Mr Maule

Dear Sir

We reced. yours of the 23 May Inst with Mr Woodhouses letter and the State of our Accot. abstracted for the year 1738 & 1739 & to the 30 June 1740, in which we observe, no material differences — That of the passing fees for 1738 to June 1739 is we observe brought forward to June & is called £49-12-1 ½ in all but you will please to observe that £18-18-0 of it has been pay'd to Mr Hunter for the passing fees of the Accot. for the year 1737, & was not included in the Quietus for that year — The poundage is verry right, as the money reced. for Rents due at Mayday 1740 is not included in the Accot. ending June 1740 so that the whole we shall be glad to hear is passed in the Shape Mr Woodhouse has putt it. You may please to lett Mr Audit[or] Hunter know that the

passing fees shall be sent him as soon as the Accots are declared or when he pleases
wich will amount to £49-12-1 ½ Viz

Fees for the Accot to 30 June 1739	£30-14-1 1/2
Fees for the Accots to 30 June 1740	£18-18-0
	£49-12-1 1/2

We will be much obliged to you and Mr Woodhouse for the dispatch of the Quietus &
are Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

P.S. We are providing another Ship Load of Coales for you & have wrtote to the Board
to know if we are to send any more & what quantity as this is the Season - We are glad
those we have sent please.

31 May 1741 Nicholas Walton to Mark Aynsley

Ravensworth Castle. May 31st: 1741

To Mark Anesley Esqr.

Dear Sir

Mr Reed of Chipchase as one of the Tennants of Greenwich Hospital has had most
Intollerable Abuse from one Mr Matt. Robson & Severall others, who have Invaded the
Right of the Hospital, Farmed by Mr Reed in which we must defend him — The Case
will appear to You at large, by an Information, which is drawn to be Swore to by our
Bailiff, as alsoe what Methods we are advised to pursue by Mr Grays Opinion, which
Mr Bunting will Shew You. As therefore Mr Gray advises to have the Ryotters
Apprehended and bound over to the Assizes, I must begg the favour you would take
Cognizance of the Matter & grant your Warrant Joyntly with Sir Wm. Middleton or Mr
Delavall, that the Fellows may be brought to Justice. We have laid the Affair before the
Commiss[ione]rs of the Hospitall & Expect in a few posts to have their orders as to
any further Steps which may be necessary to take to Support Mr Reed in the Affair.

I am Dear Sir Yours &c

Nichos. Walton

5 Jun 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Ravensworth Castle. June 5. 1741

To William Corbett Esqr.

Sir

Herewith we send you a Rentall of the Derwentwater Estate as let at Mayday 1741, as Also our Cash Accot. on which there is a Ball[ance] of Four hundred & fifty seven pounds thirteen shillings & a farthing in fav[our] of the Hospital. We have Fraighted another Ship which is now Load[ing] Coales for the Use of the Hospital & in a post or two you will have the Invoice &c

We are Sir Yrs &c Walton & Boag

7 Jun 1741 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Ravensworth Castle. June 7. 1741

To Mr Pearson at Keswick

Mr Pearson

Your Letter of the 25 May last came to hand in Course and it would have been Sooner Answered but that we have been pretty much engaged of Late.

With regard to the Resentment you Shew upon Receiving our last, we have nothing further to say, than Such kind of behaviour verry ill becomes you & in Case a proper Representation of it is made to the Hospital, you will probably have reason to be Sorry for it. We for our part have nothing in View with respect to the management of the Estates under Our Care, than to have the whole Administered with Justice to our Principalls & to Everyone who has the least Concern in them. But when most Evident facts appear of of Injustice how do we act up to the Principles we profess if we dont take all the Methods in our power to detect & punish the Offenders. That you have Willfully Comitted an Act of this kind we do not pretend to say, but that you have thro[ugh] Indolence permitted it we are afraid is too Evident; however it be , this we are certain of, that it will be to your Int[eres]t to Act up to the Repeated diurection given you & if you do, you can in no respect so much oblige

Yrs &c. Walton & Boag

7 Jun 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

[Note: The 'State of bidding' is presented in the original in two parallel columns, one for each of the two bids. They are transcribed here in sequence for convenience. The section numbers are in the original.]

Ravensworth Castle. June 7. 1741

To Mr Radley

Sir

Your Letter of the 4 Inst is Just come to hand acquainting us that Mr Smith has made a further bidding for the Cumberland Woods & that one Mr Hall for Some Client of his has bidd £4200 I have just time to run over a state of these two proposalls or biddings to Shew without regarding the damages of ground by the Wood continuing longer upon it by Mr Smiths bidding than the Others, & if I am right it appears that Mr Halls proposall is the most Advantagious one. As I said before I have just time & can hardly Save the post, so if you will be pleased to See if therein I be right Calculated & if it should be of any Service to you to Judge whether of these are the most Advantagious biddings I shall be glad of it. As to the difference in the damage of Ground it is a Small matteer, but you must take Care that the purchaser is to pay the Tennants damages for way leave & passage thro' any other Lands, but what the wood really grows upon, I mean in any other Inclosure. I am of Oppinion that when Mr Smith is Approved of the difference which his manner of proposing make that he will make his payments as early as Mr Hall & do not doubt but both will go further. I begg you will use a deal of Caution & do not be too hasty. We are in no do0ubt but the Derw[entwat]er Woods in Northumberland will come up to what we have always valued them to or near it. Mr Boag is from home &

I am in great haste

Yrs &c. N. Walton

A State of the biddings for the Derw[entwate]r Woods in Cumberland shewing the Most Advantagious to the Hospitall viz.

Mr Smith Proposes to give £4500 to pay in 7 years at Equal payments

1.The first to be made at Xmas 1743	£642.17. 0	
Int[erest] to Xmas 1744 at 4pc	25.14.	668.11. 3
2.To pay Xmas 1744	642.17. 0	£1311. 8. 3
Int to Xmas 1745	52. 9. 9	
3.to pay at Xmas 1745	642.17. 0	£2006.15. 0
Int to Xmas 1746	80. 5. 7	
4.To Pay at Xms 1746	642.17. 0	£2729.17. 7
Int to Xms 1747	109. 4. 0	
5.To pay at Xms 1747	£642.17. 0	£3481.18. 7
Int to Xms 1748	139. 5. 7	

6.To pay at Xms 1748	642.17	
		£4264. 1. 2
Int to Xms 1749	170.11. 2	
7.To pay at Xms 1749	642.17. 0	
		£5077.10. 4

Mr Hall proposes to give £4200 to pay in 7 years and Clear the grounds

1.The paym.t at Xmas 1741	£600. . 0	
Int[erest] to Xmas 1742 at 4pc	24. .	
2.To Pay then	600. .	1224. .
Int to Xmas 1743	48.19. 2	
3.To Pay then	600. .	1872.19. 2
Int to Xmas 1744	74.18. 4	
4.To Pay then	600. .	2547.17. 6
Int to Xmas 1745	101.18. 3	
5.To Pay then	600. .	3249.15. 9
Int to Xmas 1746	130. .	
6.To Pay then	600. .	3979.15. 9
Int to Xmas 1747	159. 4. 2	
7.To Pay then	600. .	4738.19. 9
Int to Xmas 1748	189.11. 3	
		4928.10.11
Int to Xmas 1749	197. 2. 8	
		5125.13. 7

Mr Hall the best bidder 47.17. 3 [more than Smith]

9 Jun 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Rudd

[Note: First name not given but the recipient can possibly be identified as Thomas Rudd, a Durham lawyer. 'North Durham' included the far north-east of Northumberland]

Ravensworth Castle. June 9. 1741

To Lawyer Rudd

Sir

One of Your [sic] Tennants whose name is Rowland Graham upon a part of the Derw[entwate]r Estate, near Balmbrough Castle has Occasion for about Forty foth[er]s of Stones for building a Limekilln for the use of his farm, which he says it would be a Convenience to gett at Balmbrough Castle. He has desir'd us to make Application to you Sir, for the Liberty which we now begg leave to doe, & hope you will be so Obliging as give us an order to the proper person there for the delivery of them. If any returne for this Civility can be made you Sir, from the Neighbouring Estate we will be glad of having it in Our power to grant you the like favour. & are

Sir Yours &c.

Walton & Boag