

**12 Apr 1674 John Mowbray to William Blackett**

[Note: John Mowbray seems to have been agent for the first Sir William Blackett in Hexhamshire in the 1670s. He was in Wolsingham in Weardale until at least 1665 but at Steel, near Dukesfield from 1668, so it is possible he was recruited by Blackett to oversee the construction of the mill at Dukesfield after Blackett purchased the land in late 1665. Text of the letter only is given. It is accompanied by a list of rents collected, amounting to £92 14s, for tenements in Henshaw, Bardon Mill, Warks Burn, Thorngrafton etc.]

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Honered Sir: I Recd youres of the 11th att <prof> and shall obsairve the contentes thare of <&> shall writ Will Steele to <give thenantes> notish thatt you will tak the advintage of the forfiture butt let me knowe whether I shall <Recve> aney of that which is behind if thay ofer itt <seing> thay mist the Day Apointed I sopose thay are very pour pepall that hath not paid so ar to be pited/ I bought one parshall of Land called the Dikes of Geo: Barowe and paid hime for itt 70 L itt is not letan butt itt is wuth 6 L p<er> annam and very <mproveable/inproveable> I boughtt of Geo: Barowe of Milkrig one tenement for 66 L and hath Let itt for 7 yeares for 5 L 10s pr: annam p<ai>d Esqr Ridly for the Frelidge of itt 8 L / boughtt of James Lowes of Brearwood the mill haugh and way leave thorowe all his ground and hath paid hime for itt 20: L / Mr Burdatt had of me 30 L which he hath to Lay outt in the manishment of Wilementswick Demain youe doe not writt me whether I may Lett part of the demaine to sevrall porsons thatt would take for one yeare or no Lett me knowe pr the first optunety for itt is tow longe Aletinge / as for the Carrores of ore I writt youe yesterday whatt I have done but however I shal get itt proclamed in haxham one hyDay and att Aland towe I think the pay att Falowefeld will take 70 L or upeward for the pay att the mill I have as much money as will pay itt in my hand. One the other Sid of the Leafe is the somes that I Rcd and whatt youe have Rcd and whatt is standinge outt and there names

Your servant in his powr

John Mowbray