

7 Jan 1809 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell
Ludgate Hill London

N[ew]castle 7th January 1809

I have this day forwarded by the Waggon (Carriage paid) to your address, a piece of fine Silver containing 2320 oz - the value of which I propose drawing a Bill for at 20 days date on you informing me of the amount. I am etc

MM

7 Jan 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads & Lucas
Sheffield

N'Castle 7 January 1809

I have this day forwarded per Waggon (Carrge paid) 2 pieces of fine Sliver containing 2208 Oz for account of Coll Beaumont, the value of which you will remit as usual to Gent[leme]n Yours etc MM

PS Messrs Rundell & Co of London allowed 6/2 p[er] oz for fine silver forwarded to them on the 5th of last month,

11 Jan 1809 Martin Morrison to Isaac Wilkinson

Isaac Wilkinson Esq Chesterfield – Derbyshire

Newcastle 11th January 1809

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 9th inst The last Sales of Lead in this Office were at £40 per Fo of 21 Cwt 6 mths Credit. --- Stocks are small and my Sales will not be fulfilled for three months to come so that I am not apprehensive that any material reduction in the price can take place soon.

I am etc ---- MM

11 Jan 1809 Martin Morrison to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Garlings & Sharp Bankers London

N'Castle 11 Jan[uar]y 1809

I beg to enclose Loraine & Co's Bill on <Veres & Co> for £375 at 10 days <...> to pay ¼ Years <Composition> for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines, due this day

from Colonel Beaumont to the Revd H T Hardinge at whose request this remittance is made. – the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge to Gent.n

MM

16 Feb 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 16th Februry 1809

I debit you £14 – 14 – 2 the amount of the enclosed Bill & Expenses unpaid & am &c
No 1043 Jn Harris on <Wm T Dulin> £14– 4– 6

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£14-14- 2

17 Feb 1809 Martin Morrison to Thomas Dodd

Mr Thomas Dodd Nenthead

Newcastle 17th February 1809

I now forward the enclosed Account. – It contains a statement of all the ore raised in Weardale commencing from the present Bishop's accession to the See of Durham, and ending on the 30th September last, by which it appears that the Lead Company's proportion of the composition paid for the said Ore due to that period amounts to £5115 -11-4. This sum it would be desirable to receive either in local Bank notes or by Bills of short dates upon London on or before the 27th of this month, and you will oblige me by stating on receipt hereof, how far this will suit your convenience as our agents will be down on that day, for money to make the Pays.

I informed you in my Letter of the 9th December last that the present agreement with the Bishop of Durham for his Lot ore is £4000 per annum, payable by quarterly installments of £1000 each, and I now propose that the Company's proportion be settled in future at our annual Pays. I am etc

21 Feb 1809 Martin Morrison to Thomas Dodd

Mr Thomas Dodd <Sen> Nenthead

Newcastle 21 Februry 1809

I am this moment favored with your Letter of the 18 inst and am to request you will, if not already done, forward the Statement transmitted to you, to the Governor & Co's Court of Directors in London who will no doubt order the money due to Colonel Beaumont to be paid immediately; and as little purpose would be answered by receiving a partial Payment I shall wait this determination

16 Mar 1809 Martin Morrison to R Thorp

Mr R Thorp Attorney Alnwick

Newcastle 16th March 1809

I am favored with your Letter of the 14th inst covering one from the Revd Mr Langhorn. I am ready to allow compensation for any damage which can be proved to be done by the working of Col Beaumont's Mines in the old enclosed grounds; but something more than Mr Langhorn's suppositions & opinions will be required to sanction a measure of this kind. I <mean> to put an end to Mr Maughan's complaints, Coll Beaumont's agent in Weardale Mr Thos Emerson shall be instructed to meet any proper Person conversant with the subject whom Mr M. may appoint.

21 Mar 1809 Martin Morrison to Robert Tippler

Robert Tippler Esqre Secretary to the Lead Co, London

Newcastle 21 March 1809

As agent to Colonel Beaumont I beg to inform you that on the 17th of last month I transmitted to Mr Thomas Dodd of Nenthead, the Governor & Company's Agent, an Account by which it appears that the Company's proportion of the Composition paid to the Bishop of Durham and Rector of Stanhope for, and on to 30 September 1808 account of Lead ore raised in Weardale amounts to the sum of £5115-11-4. Mr Dodd in acknowledging the receipt of the above, stated his intention of forwarding it to the Governor and Company's Court of Directors in London, but not having received from him any further communication relating thereto, and Coll Beaumont having in September last finally settled with the Bishop I am to solicit payment of the said sum of £5115 – 11 – 4 conformable to the Account delivered. – Requesting the favor of an early reply

I am etc M M

4 Apr 1809 Martin Morrison to Thomas Dodd

Mr Thomas Dodd Nent Head

New House Weardale 4th April 1809

Enclosed you will receive a copy of a Letter dated 29th Sept 1791 from Mr Gilbert Hagen Secretary to the Lead Company addressed to Mr Ralph Hewson the Solicitor to Sir Thomas Blackett respecting the ascertaining & fixing the Boundaries of four Mines in Middlehope & Ireshope Fells: one moiety of which was purchased by the Company under Sale of the Court of Chancery and the other moiety of the late Sir Thomas Blackett. As this has not yet been proceeded in, it becomes highly necessary

that steps be immediately taken to establish the same and I am to request, when in your presence, that a meeting for that purpose may take place I am etc

6 Apr 1809 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London Newcastle 6th April 1809

On the 27th inst I forwarded by the waggon a piece of fine Sliver containing 1361 Ounces which will probably reach you by the time this Letter arrives and it being my intention to draw for the amount at 20 days date, You will be pleased to inform me the value thereof – I am etc

6 Apr 1809 Robert Tippler to Martin Morrison

[Note: copy forwarded to Mrs Beaumont by Morrison on 7 April]

Lead Office, Martin's Lane, Cannon Street London 6th April 1809

Mr Morrison

Sirs

The Court of Directors of the Governor & Company for Smelting down Lead with Pit & Sea Coal have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter requesting payment to Colonel Beaumont of £5715-11-4 as per the Account transmitted them; I am desired by the Court to inform you that the same has been laid before them & is under their Consideration and that they will transmit you the result as early as possible. for the Govr & Co I am etc

Signed R Tippler <....>

7 Apr 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: for copy referred to see letter from Tippler to Morrison dated 6 April 1809]

Mrs Beaumont Addressed to Col Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 7th April 1809

I beg to transmit, in this and another Cover, Lead Sales and Cash Account for last month. On Wednesday I returned from the Mines and from Paying the Ore Carriage at Blanchland, the latter being effected by discounting two Lead Bills: concluding that mode to be preferable to drawing upon Messrs Glyn & Co by which an expense of Bill

Stamps & Brokerage would have been incurred. --- The Northumberland Mines have produced Ore this quarter equal to the former, but those in Weardale are poorer. The Lead Trade is very dull at present and prices in Derbyshire have been so low at £34 per fo; the uncertainty which Public Affairs are in and the enormous price of Lintseed Oil & Turpentine; indispensable in the composition of Paints have no doubt contributed to this depression. On the 21st of last month I addressed a Letter to Mr Tippler Secretary to the Lead Company in London requesting payment of the Balance due to Colonel Beaumont for compositions paid to the Bp of Durham for Lot Ore &c. Mr Tippler in reply stated that he would lay my Letter before the Court of Directors at their first meeting and here the business rests; the amount due from the Company is £5115-11-4, assume the possession of which is desirable, as applicable to the monthly subsistence of the Miner & their disbursements .

I have not been inattentive to the vacancy made by the death of your late agent George Dickson and for the present have requested Mr Emerson to employ John Forster, until your determination be known. It is not at all desirable to introduce Strangers into this Establishment and as Forster's allowance is only £30 a yr – a sum inadequate to the support of a family, it is judged that an additional £20 will stimulate his exertion to perform the duty required of him. Presenting my respectful compliments to Col Beaumont I am etc MM

PS Since writing the foregoing I have by this days Post rec'd a Letter from Mr Tippler, of which the following is a Copy

12 Apr 1809 Martin Morrison to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Garlings & Sharp Bankers London

Newcastle 12th April 1809

Enclosed you will receive Sir Wm Loraine & Co's Bill on Messrs <Veres> & Co for £375 to pay ¼ a years composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11 inst from Colonel Beaumont to the Revd Henry Hardinge . – You will be pleased to inform Mr Hardinge of this remittance & acknowledge the receipt of it to G[ent]n MM

10 May 1809 Martin Morrison to Isaac Wilkinson

Isaac Wilkinson Esqre

Chesterfield Derbyshire

Newcastle 10 May 1809

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 10 inst. It is impossible for me to say what the price of Lead may be this summer, particularly so, as great exertion is used to reduce the price by the House you mention, and which the petty dealers & miners will essentially contribute to by accepting so low a price as £30 per fodder . – In my opinion

there exists no reason for so great a reduction, nor do I expect (if a degree of Patience & <firmness> is observed by the principal Miners) that it will be effected ultimately. Colonel Beaumont has not for many Years commenced the summer with so small a quantity, which at this moment does not exceed 8,000 Pieces whereas last Year he began with full 60,000. - It is a certain fact, that the London Houses (one excepted) have nothing on hand, and that they must come to market at no <distant> period to supply the East India Company, Ordnance Board etc. No Sales of consequence have been made here this year, and none at reduced prices.

I am etc

26 May 1809 Martin Morrison to A L Ramage

Mr A L Ramage W S Edinburgh

Newcastle 26 May 1809

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 24th and refer you to Mr James Finlay in Edinburgh (to whom I have written this Post) on the subject of Messrs Taylor & Sons payment of their Debt and the expenses attending the action. It is far from my wish to act vindictively and provided Mr Finlay is satisfied as to the Security I do not object to receive a Bill at three months date payable in London for the amount of Debt & Interest. I am etc

26 May 1809 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

Here is a copy of a Letter rec'd this day from Mr Ramage.

I request that you will receive a Bill from Messrs John Taylor & Sons at three months date payable in London for the full amount of the Debt to be conformable to the decision of my Lord Armadale, provided you are of opinion no risque is incurred by so doing, detrimental to Colonel Beaumont's interest, having prosecuted this business to a successful issue so far, it is my wish to have it finally settled and to your knowledge and direction I recommend its completion. Mr Walters is, & has been some time, in London which is the reason (I suppose) that my first hearing of this late decision in our favor, is from Mr Ramage

I am etc MM

5 Jun 1809 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir K C Glyn & Co Bankers, London

Newcastle 5th June 1809

14 Jul 1809 Martin Morrison to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Garlings & Sharpe Bankers London

Newcastle 14 July 1809

No 1089

Inclosed you will receive Loraine & Co's Bill on V<eres> & Co value £375 --" being for ¼ of a years Tythe Ore for Weardale Mines due the 11 inst from Col Beaumont to the Revd Henry Hardinge, to whose Account you will pass it, acquainting him therewith, and acknowledging the rect to
MM

17 Jul 1809 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 17th July 1809

Inclosed you will receive 5 Bills value £25,333-7-2 for Account of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqre ; the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge to Gentleman
MM

13 May C Blackett on T Preston & Sons	5 Mos dte	£6250
13 do ditto on ditto	6	6255-16-10
22 do ditto on ditto	6	3850- -
22 do ditto on ditto	7	3850- -
2 June ditto on ditto	8	5127-10- 4
		£25333- 7- 2

17 Jul 1809 Martin Morrison to Yallop & Grace

Messrs Yallop & Grace

Newcastle 17th July 1809

I am favored with your Letter of the 15 inst. The price of WB Litharge which is the best, is £36 per ton, six mths Credit - you may have any quantity not less than five Tons at this price & I shall have much pleasure in opening a connection with your respectable house.

I am etc MM

18 Jul 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Addressed to Colonel Beaumont
Thorpe near Malton

Newcastle 18th July 1809

In this and another cover you will receive Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month, and yesterday I remitted Messrs Glyn & Co five Bills amounting to £25,333-7-2 for Colonel Beaumont's account, the particulars of which are here annexed – on my visit to the Mines I was much gratified at the continued flourishing state of those in Northumberland, which will produce as much Ore this, as in the former year. The Weardale are poorer, and not expected to be so productive but I trust the <defalcation> is only temporary and that the falling off in Breckonsike will be compensated by success in other places.

No sales of Lead have been made at this Office since last I had the honor of writing, but I am sorry to state that Mr <Ewart> has sold 2000 Pieces to Messrs Watkins & Co at £32 per fo.r and more has been offered them on the same terms and rejected. Presenting Compts to Colonel Beaumont

I am etc MM

8 Aug 1809 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell
Ludgate Hill London

Newcastle 8th August 1809

By the London Waggon I have this day forwarded to you a piece of fine Silver containing 1685 Ounces; the value I shall draw for at 20 days, on being informed the amount

I am etc MM

19 Aug 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 19 August 1809

In this and another Cover you will receive Cash Acct and Lead Sales for last month Since my return from the Mines Messrs Locke & Co of London have enquired the price of 40,000 Pieces of WB Lead (concerned as I have good reason to believe with Messrs Watkins Maltby & Co). I have named £32 for Refined and £31 for Common and expect an answer on Monday.

Yesterday Mr Elliott offered by his agent here, £30 for 10,000 Pieces but I deferred giving any rely to them 'til the latter end of next week under the pretence of consulting Colonel Beaumont and that some days would elapse previous to an opportunity of seeing him. This you will perceive Madam, will give a choice of the two applications, and it would be satisfactory to me, to possess your sentiments, both as to the price offered by, and of your inclination to sell to Mr Elliott.

I am etc MM

21 Aug 1809 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London Newcastle 21st August 1809

This serves to cover three Bills value £12,256-13-1 for account of Thomas Richd Beaumont Esq, the rec't of which be pleased to acknowledge to Gn Yrs etc MM

3 August Nichol & Ludlow on J Elliott	5 months	£4085-11- 0
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		12250-13- 1

21 Aug 1809 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co Ludgate Hill London Newcastle 21st August 1809

I have this day drawn upon you at 20 days date for £519 – 10 – 10 conformable to your Letter of the 18th instant and by tomorrow's Waggon will forward (Carriage paid) another piece of fine Silver containing 1409 ½ Oz, to be drawn for as usual after arrival and price being fixed .

I am etc MM

26 Aug 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Hexham Abbey Newcastle 26th August 1809

I have not sold the Lead to Mr Elliott, - during the Interval of time which I required to know your sentiment, I rec'd Information that he was in difficulties and a Letter from London received this day confirms the fact. What may be Mr Elliott's situation or the means he possesses to satisfy his Creditors a few days will announce.

I have taken every precaution to avoid extensive transactions with this Gentleman and I sincerely deplore, notwithstanding the present escape, that you are at all concerned in his embarrassments. However I hope not too much loss will be sustained as the drawers of the Bills are answerable for the amount.

I am etc MM

2 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 2nd September 1809

I duly received your Letters of the 26th and 29th inst, the answers given by Mr Elliott's Clerk for not accepting the Bills arises I doubt not from his embarrassed situation; for the present I do not consider it of much importance whether the Bills are accepted or not, and you will be pleased to retain them in your possession until further directions from <Gn>

MM

2 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Anthony Nichol

Mr Anty Nichol at John Latimer's Esq
No 13 Gray's Inn Square, London

Newcastle 2nd September 1809

I am favored with both your Letters of the 29th and 31st inst; the affairs of Mr Elliott will I fear prove extensively injurious; the situation in which you are placed calls for all your vigilance to guard against preferences and if a Bankruptcy is thought the best means to keep the Property together, the sooner a Commission can be issued the better. – Colonel Beaumonts Bankers, Glyn <Mills> & Co have presented your Bills for acceptance and have received for answer "that the Drawers of the Bills had written a Letter to Mr Elliott desiring him not to accept for reasons which would be informed". I am etc

MM

5 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont addressed to Col Beaumont – Bretton Newcastle 5 September 1809

I am honoured with your Letters of the 1st and 2nd Instant and in this and another Cover you will receive Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month. Mr Elliott has called a meeting of his Creditors on the 18th inst when he will be prepared to lay before them the state of his affairs, and to adopt such measures as may then be thought expedient; He assures W Nichol his agent here, that provided Easterby Hall & Co pay their Bills he shall be able to satisfy his Creditors without difficulty – both the one and the other are however, in my mind very doubtful.

I am etc MM

12 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlington

Newcastle 12th September 1809

I have been expecting to hear from you conformable to your promise upon the subject of the opinion of Council which you informed me would be taken by the Bishop of Durham as to his liability of paying the Property Tax on the £15,000 paid by Colonel Beaumont to his Lordship for the insertion of a Life in the Lease of the Weardale Mines, and altho' I am clearly of opinion that this sum ought to be a charge against these Mines, yet I am desirous, previous to delivering in a Return, to know that his Lordship and the Commissioner concur in this opinion in order that no misunderstanding may arise in future. I am etc

12 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to William Brummell

The Brownley Hill Lead Mine Co 1809

To Thos Rd Beaumont Esq

For 90 Bings of Lead Ore wrought by them out of Mr Beaumont's Liberty as per award of Messrs Dodd, Fairless and Dickinson dated 26 Feby 1786 @£3 per Bing £270
For Interest on the above at £5 p Cent untill paid

William Brummell Esq a Partner of Brownley Hill Lead Co

Repeated applications have been made for the payment of the above, which you have hitherto disregarded, I am now to inform you that unless immediately settled I shall forthwith institute an action at Law against for the recovery of the same.

N'castle 12 September 1809

13 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads Lucas & CO To Mr R Beaumont Esq <&c>

1809

Sept 12th To 1 cask Litharge of 6 - 1- @£29 per ton £9 - 1 - 3

Shipped <p the Hull dated> 13 September

Gent(leme)n

I duly recd your letter of the 20th inst and have late had very little Silver from our Refineries, and what has come has been sent to London where we think better prices are obtained and the payments are always in Cash or by Bills at 20 days date.

I am etc MM

14 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont addressed to Col Beaumont
Bretton

Newcastle 14th September 1809

I am honored with your Letter of the 11th instant enclosing one from Mr Dennis. I should be most happy if any plan could be devised to secure a regular demand at an adequate Profit to the Mines, for all the Lead produced, but while the export is limited by the continuance of the Wars I despair of seeing any alteration in the trade for the better. The Lead Trade similar to every other commercial establishment will flourish or otherwise according to the demand. In the present times unfortunately, it is deprived of the export to the Continent and its sole dependence is upon the home consumption diminished as it is, by the enormous expense of materials for building, and what the East India Company and the Public Boards may require; hence greater opportunities arise to reduce the price so as to serve the purposes of speculation. What may be Mr Dennis's measures of counteraction to those Evils and for the future benefit of the Trade I am ignorant as I never saw the Paper he alludes to; nor am I aware of any Plan to be adopted by the Mine Proprietors that can be attended with beneficial affects to the whole and particularly to Colonel Beaumont. Is it for him to stake his immense Property with every other Person who may stile himself a principal Lead Proprietor and submit to the regulations (for such I conclude is the object) of a set of <men> for the sale of his Lead, which in point of quantity greatly exceeds what the aggregate total of these amount to and who may be influenced by schemes injurious to his security? For who knows but the progenitors of all this, may be the late associates of Mr Elliott. Mr Walton strongly recommends an extension of Sales to Messrs Easterby Hall & Co by Col Beaumont on the pure disinterested motive no doubt of adding to the security of his own transactions; Believe me Madam, you had better encounter all the [struck out: trade] evils with which the Trade is assailed than relinquish your independance and become subservient to the views of others. I consider Mr Deny's operations erroneous so far as respects the causes of Mr Elliott's failure, for I believe it will be found his connection with Messrs Easterby Hall & Co have done more injury to his affairs, than the schemes of Mr Maltby; besides the advance in the price of Lead, last year, altho' not the work of that Gentleman, ought to have been productive of great benefit to Mr Elliott. The sum of my opinion is that by acting alone, your Interest is best secured, and whilst you so continue, the Trade will be subservient to, and must follow your proceedings; I therefore beg to recommend Mr Dennis may be informed that you decline interfering at this time on the subject of his Letter not seeing the benefit to result from an association of Interests so disproportionate.

You will know Madam, Mr Elliott is become a Bankrupt and I fear his affairs will turn out badly – Messrs Nichol & Ludlow have applied to me, to know your intentions, should it be found, that as drawers of the Bills upon Mr Elliott, they are liable to make

them good, I have of course avoided saying what your intentions may be, and shall do so until I know them from yourself, and obtain additional legal information as to put the question out of all doubt, if they are proceeded against a Commission of Bankruptcy and their total ruin will be the consequence of it.

MM

PS Since writing the foregoing I have sold 15,000 Ps Lead to Messrs Walker Maltby & Co, 10,000 Pieces to Messrs Prestons @ £28 & 27 which is the most I could obtain after a long negotiation & you will probably be more disposed to inform Mr Denys that having made these Sales, you decline entering upon the business proposed by him; - I have also to state that you will receive in two covers by the Mail which conveys this, a Power of Attorney and an affidavit of Mr Elliott's Debt which you will be pleased to get executed before a Master in Chancery residing at Wakefield or Barnsley; and to forward both immediately to Messrs Glyn & Co for the purpose of proving the amount against Mr Elliott's Estate on Thursday first at Guildhall. Messrs Glyn & Co having already expressed a readiness to render this assistance I shall write to them on the business.

14 Sep 1809 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont MP

<N/H> September 14 1809

Since Mr Morrison left town this morning your Att[orne]y advises that your debt against Mr John Elliott can not be proved agst his Estate without the Bills to exhibit as Secties along with the affidavit of Debt; and that such proceeding would be improper in the present state of the business, untill the responsibility of Messrs Nichol & Ludlow is ascertained – consequently the power of Att[orne]y for you to execute to Messrs Glyn Mills & Co are not sent as advised. – Mr Elliott's next Meeting is the 17th day of Oct[obe]r next when the necessary proof may be made

I am etc TC

15 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Veres Lucadou & Co

Messrs Veres Lucadou & Co Newcastle the 15 September 1809

As Agent to Colonel Beaumont I take the liberty to add my request to the annexed Letter that you will make the desired proof against the Estate of John Elliott on Tuesday first at Guildhall when also Assignees will be chosen. The object and urgency of this request will have its due weight in your minds when you know that considerable apprehension was entertained of a design being formed to appoint Assignees not friends to the real & bona fide Creditors. – If M Maltby Lead Merchant

who is a Creditor would be an Assignee I must beg your influence towards putting him in that situation and which if he declines that you will cooperate with him in choosing some other proper Person

Permit me also to request that you will prove another Bill upon Mr Elliott (if accepted) in your possession of £102 – 2- 8 dated the 21st instant paid by me to Messrs J & R Chapman & you will be pleased return it to them in regular course debiting Sir Wm Loraine & Co with the amount to whom I will account.

I am etc MM

Newcastle 15 September 1809

Messrs Veres Lucadou & Smart

We will thank you if you can do it, prove a Bill for £311-9-8 due 15 Octo.r which we remitted you the 9th August and you will please to take the directions of Mr M Morrison of this town for the choice of Assignees. We are etc

Signed Loraine Baker & Co

16 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R & C Glyn Bt & Co

Newcastle 16th September 1809

I am favored with your Letter of the 14th inst. – I have been legally advised not to prove the Account for which you hold Bills on John Elliott, as it may endanger the Security which Colonel Beaumont has upon the drawers and therefore the documents you require can not at this time be forwarded . Messrs Veres Lucadou & Co have been authorized by the Tyne Bank and myself to prove a Bill which they hold of Elliott's acceptance and to concur with Mr Maltby in the choice of proper Assignees. I have also solicited Creditors here, to authorize their friends in London, to the same effect.-- I am etc

25 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 25 September 1809

I am favored with your Letter of the 19th inst & I have forwarded you a piece of fine Silver containing 1395 oz @6/3per oz amounting to £435-18-9 for which you will remit a Bill at a month as you propose. – I shall at all times attend to any plan you may suggest favourable to an extension of dealing and am Gentlemen

MM

26 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
addressed to Col Beaumont Doncaster

Newcastle 26th September 1809

I received your Letter of the 24th this day – In addition to Mr Williamson's opinion I have obtained the Attorney General's and both agree that Messrs Nichol and Ludlow are liable to pay the Bills drawn by them on Mr Elliott. I sent for Mr Nichol and communicated to him the necessity of immediately taking steps towards the recovery of the amount in consequence of Mr Elliott's insolvency and beg'd to know what their intentions were; he set forth the hardship of their situation should they be proceeded against and which, if the claim was established would be their utter ruin; that he was entirely ignorant of being responsible when the Bills were drawn and that he did hope Colonel Beaumont would not require of them, to whom til lately it was never considered any liability attached, to make good these Bills. – I hinted to Mr Nichol my willingness, provided he would make a proposition of Payment, to lay it before Colonel Beaumont, which after describing their situation as unequal to offer any thing adequate to the Colonel's demand, he promised in two or three days, to bring his mind to something specific and communicate to me the result. I think Mr Nichol is convinced of this liability and will not contest the point. – Messrs Walker & Co are Creditors of Mr Elliott and with a view also perhaps, to become better acquainted with the bankrupt Customer, it was desirable on their part, Mr Maltby should be an Assignee; he succeeded and is joined by Mr Masterman and Mr Brown who are very proper men for the situation. –

The Lead Company have sold 15,000 Ps of Lead to Messrs Walker & Co and 5,000 Ps to Messrs Prestons, and I have also sold 10,000 Ps to Messrs Locke & Co together with several small parcels to manufacturers. These Sales are all at £28 & £27 p fo I am etc

28 Sep 1809 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlington

Newcastle 28th September 1809

I now return the whole of the Profits for 1808 upon an Average of 5 Years, arising from Colonel Beaumont's Lead Mines in Weardale, and as it appears to the Commissioners that the charge of £70,000 paid to the Lord Bishop of Durham rests entirely between his Lordship and Colonel Beaumont I am ready to pay the difference in the amount of the Return made last year. I am etc

2 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 2nd October 1809

Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton

Mr Nichol having declined to give in writing the promised proposition respecting his late transactions in this office on Mr Elliott's account I urged him on Saturday to come to an immediate determination otherwise the Law would be resorted to and must take its course. -- Yesterday I received a note from Mr Nichol requesting to be informed where he could find Col Beaumont for the purpose as he previously intimated of stating his situation, expecting that the Colonel would not demand of him more, than what might be obtained should even a Bankruptcy take place which he said would not exceed £2000 and this he admitted he had better pay than contest at Law the question of his & Partners liability, I think it therefore proper to give you the earliest intimation in my power of Mr Nichol's intention and that he may be at Bretton tomorrow or Wednesday and I beg to suggest under the peculiar headship of his Case whether if he will engage to pay £4000 you will acquit the Firm of further responsibility, it being understood that you are to receive the dividend on Mr Elliott's effects. You will however, Madam, hear his own statement and it is but right in me to say that he is a young man of exceeding good Character and that his veracity in the ordinary transactions of business is unimpeachable,

I am etc MM

6 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 6th October 1809

Addressed to Col Beaumont – Bretton

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th inst, and in this and another cover you will receive Cash Acct and Lead Sales for last month- Mr Nichol has returned and in the early part of the coming week I am to receive from him a proposal respecting Mr Elliott's debt; - you will perceive Madam, I am anxious to obtain all the Law can secure, without having recourse to it. – tomorrow I shall forward an affidavit of the debt for Colonel Beaumont to execute and which you will be pleased to transmit to Messrs Glyn & CO that the amount may be proved at the third meeting of J Elliott's Creditors at Guildhall on the 17th inst. I am etc

7 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 7th OCTor 1809

Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton

I beg to enclose affidavit of J Elliott's debt for Coll Beaumont's signature before a Master in Chancery, and which you will be pleased to transmit to Glyn & Co & I do not

apprehend a Power of Attorney is now necessary for I am not aware of any further proceedings regarding J Elliott's affairs which required a delegated authority for Col Beaumont I am sorry to state that Sir Willm Loraine is very ill indeed & that no hoped can be entertained of his recovery.

I am etc MM

9 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 9th October 1809

I have sent this morning on the Waggon (Carr pd) a piece of fine Silver containing 1276 oz which you will be pleased to remit for on its arrival. Since writing the above I have rec'd yours of the 7th covering 6 Bills value £4432 which is to your Credit with Col Beaumont. Whilst you continue to allow a liberal price you may calculate upon securing the most of Col Beaumont's Silver.

I am etc MM

10 Oct 1809 Anthony Nicol to Martin Morrison

Martin Morrison Esq

Ncastle Octr 10th 1809

Sir,

I trust you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing the following observations to you respecting the unfortunate transaction in which we were engaged for Mr Elliott. From every circumstance attending it, I hope you are satisfied that we had not the slightest idea of his situation, and of course that we could never have an intention of involving Col Beaumont for the mere purpose of obtaining our trifling commission. If you should have any doubts upon the subject, every letter that passed between Mr Elliott and us is ready for your inspection.

From the commission being so small and the same commission being allowed whether the Agent drew the Bills or not, we never imagined the Proprietors of Lead Mines would consider the Agent liable. Indeed the only circumstance by which we seem in any degree to be involved, is more a matter of accident than any thing else, for had Mr Elliott's situation been known to us ten days sooner, we should not have been in the least implicated – we hope therefore from the well known liberality with which every thing is conducted at Col Beaumont's office, that no advantage will be attempted to be taken of a circumstance, which if it have rendered us responsible at all, has done so without our knowledge & contrary to our intention, the smallness of the Commission alone being a decisive proof, that we could not properly consider ourselves as guaranteeing the debt. Mr Elliott having been a partner in a house with which Col & Mrs Beaumont and their predecessors had done business for so many

years and from their having obtained from that very house a Sum of Money, which the Executors of Dr Hall wished to withhold, upon the ground that Dr Hall was a principal but which Mr Elliott's partner proved not to be the case, are concerned in all future transactions. Col Beaumont looked to the principal only and not to the Agent – had it been openly declared by the Seller of Lead, that they considered the Agent's liable as well as the principals, the Agents would then have had an opportunity of protecting themselves, which I believe they have done, since it has been said that you considered us liable. – I understand Lord Darlington sold some lead to Mr Elliott at Stockton and the Agent drew the Bills for it in the same way we did, but Lord Darlington exchanged them for Mr Elliott's prom Notes, a proof that his Lordship did not consider the Agent liable.

I trust therefore upon considering all these circumstances, that (even if the strict letter of the law should turn out to be against us) the trifling sum which could be obtained from us, would never induce Col & Mrs Beaumont to ruin two families. It is the only purchase of any consequence we ever made for Mr Elliott – we have therefore no longer commissions to restore, as many of the other Agents have by which means we might have been able to bear part of the loss. The whole that could be obtained from our property were the most severe measures resorted to supposing the law to be against us, would not exceed £2000 and to take away that would actively deprive us of the means of carrying on our business, which I am sure Col & Mrs Beaumont would never think of, for a sum which compared with their immense fortune is not worth their acceptance. –For my own part I really have at this moment no more than would satisfy my private Creditors – I took the liberty of mentioning to you a misfortune, which at my outset in business involved me to a large amount and which I have hardly got clear of – Mrs Ludlow would be left completely helpless - her only son to whom she might have looked for support, has not been able to attend to business for eighteen months and his present state of health is such that he is not expected to survive the winter – after having stated this much I hope I need not appeal in vain to the humanity of Col & Mrs Beaumont. The benefit to them in the event of their succeeding in a suit against us would be trifling whilst to us the consequences would be ruin. May I therefore beg of you to have the goodness to represent the extreme hardship of our situation to Col & Mrs Beaumont and to assure them that I am perfectly ready to prove the correctness of all my operations – Placing implicit reliance on their justice and liberality, I shall rest satisfied that they will do nothing, but what is honourable and suited to the high station they occupy

I remain Anthony Nichol

11 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Garlings & Sharpe Bankers, London

Newcastle 11th October 1809

This serves to cover Sir Wm Loraine for Bill on Veres & Co value £375 the amount $\frac{1}{4}$ of a year's Tithe ore for Weardale Mines due this day from Col Beaumont to the Revd Henry Hardinge to whose Credit you will be pleased to pay it, and acknowledge the receipt to<.....>

MM

12 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont And Col Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 12 October 1809

In this and another Cover you will receive two Letters addressed to me by Mr Nichol. These Letters contain their own comment and my endeavours to obtain from Messrs Nichol and Ludlow the proposal to pay a sum of money in part of the debt occasioned by the failure of J Elliott. Of the truth of Mr Nichol's statement I think there can be little doubt, altho' I know not of the loss sustained by him in the failure of John Hodgson & Son Merchants in London, which but for the unfortunate termination of Mr Elliott's affairs would probably have been confined to the knowledge of his relatives and the partys concerned; it is however my intention to be fully convinced, by going thro' Messrs Nichol and Ludlow's Books, that nothing is concealed, but this is a step I conceived premature, until I am favoured with your sentiments. My object has lately been to obtain from Messrs Nichol & Ludlow about 6/- in the Pound upon the debt which would have reduced the loss to a small sum when it is <adverted la>, that, that transaction produced further sales at the same high terms and fixed the price of those previously made;- but I do not now entertain the most distant hope, that this composition can be obtained by any means whatever- I remain.....

12 Oct 1809 Anthony Nicol to Martin Morrison

Mr Morrison

<Nc> 12th October 1809

Sir

I am sorry you should feel disappointed at not receiving an offer from me along with the observations I took the liberty of submitting to you, the fact is I cannot see what proposal I can make from the present of our affairs I shall annex a Statement of Mr Ludlow's property to my own, and I think when you have examined it, you will be satisfied that nothing can be expected from us. I remain

Anthony Nichol

Mrs Ludlow's property <1 Jany 1809>

Money in the business provided all our Debts were collected £1059-15-1

2000 – 3p Cent at par	1200- -
House & furniture	750- -
Shares of ships	1600- -
-Do- in a fire office	25- -
	4634-15-1

Her private debts amount to	2600- -
Leaving her	£2034-15-1

Anthony Nichol's Property

Upon balancing his books on the 1st Jan[uar]y 1809 it appeared he was indebted £1060-6-4 more than he could pay, as he had lodged a large sum of money in the hands of John Hodgson & Son who became Bankrupts sometime ago, he had every reason to believe at the time they were people of respectability, but their property was all in the West Indies and two houses there failed in their Debt £40,000

The Debt Ant Nichol proved against John Hodgson & Son was	£4,666.17.2
He wanted of H Toller who absconded	379.10.9
	5,046.10.9

He has since received from

Securities given to him by Hodgson and Son	1,000. 0.0
and from Toller	50. 0.0

He expects he will get 4/- in the pound more from Hodgson's estate but their property consisting of Debts in the West Indies, it is very doubtful, however presuming he will get 4/- in the Pound it will be about

933. 0.0

	2,003. 0.0
from which take what he is indebted	1,860. 6.4
it will leave him clear	£222.13.8

His books will prove the correctness of this Statement

17 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thos Bowes Esq Darlington

Newcastle 17th Oct 1809

I am favoured with your Letter of the 12 inst & enclosed you will received two Bills value £4,166 – 5 – 9 the amount of Assessment of Property Tax for Weardale Mines as

above, due from Col Beaumont; & for which you will be pleased to transmit me two receipts of Returns of Payt MM

Thos R Beaumont Esq	To Commission under Property Tax Act
For short charged in Assessment for the Year Ending 5 April 1808	
for Weardale Mines	£1,400- -

For a yr's Assessment on Col Beaumont for	
The Year ending 5 April 1809	2,766- 5-9
	4,166- 5-9

28 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield	Newcastle 28th October 1809
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I duly rec'd your Letter of the 26th inst, covering four Bills value £401 - 6 - 1 which sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Colonel Beaumont.

I am etc MM

30 Oct 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont	Newcastle 30th October 1809
Addressed to Col Bt Bretton	

I am favoured with your Letter of the 26th inst covering one from Mr Matthews of Shields. It is true that the Duke of North'd has been applied for aid for purposes intended in commemoration of the jubilee , to which I understand his Grace has not yet replied. The town of Shields is certainly extending in opulence, the Freeholders are numerous and of considerable weight in the event of a contested Election. Should the Duke contribute I shall think it my duty immediately to communicate the same to you. You may not know Madam, that Sir John Swinburn, Sir Chas <Monck>., Sir Thomas Liddell and some others are attempting to procure a Petition to his Majesty to remove from his Council his previous Ministers but the measure is so generally unacceptable that it will in all probability fall to the ground; at least until Ministers are found weak in majoritys in the House of Commons.

I beg to include Mr Dickinson's Report of the Mines; I was prevented being at the Bargains by the Sales of Lead, which at that time were negotiating.

Since last I had the honour of addressing you, Mr T Crawhall has inspected Messrs Nichol & Ludlow's Books by which the correctness of Mr Nichol's statement is confirmed

MM

Mr Nichol has since made a proposal in writing to pay £500 down, and £500 more without Interest in five years on the condition of being exonerated from the consequences of Mr Elliott's debt, but which I declined and returned the Papers, informing him I could not submit such an offer to Colonel Beaumont. The situation of Messrs Nichol & Ludlow precludes the hope of obtaining more than £2,000 even if extremities are resorted to and the legality of the claim established; I therefore recommend that Security for the sum or something near it may be accepted, provided the same can be obtained in full consideration of your claim upon the man. Sir Wm Loraine is much better and am etc

MM

9 Nov 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 8th November 1809

Addressed Col Beaumont Bretton

In this and another Cover you will receive Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month, by the former you will perceive Messrs Prestons have commenced paying part of the money, interest and difference of premium on India Bonds borrowed, and which they will continue to do monthly until the whole is paid .---I beg also to acquaint that I have sold to Messrs Watkins & Co 10,000 pieces of Lead at £32 /fo for Refined, and am etc

10 Nov 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 10 November 1809

I debit your Account £70 – 3 – 4 the amount of the enclosed unpaid Bill & Expenses. You will oblige me by remitting Bankers Bills in future and am etc

23 Nov 1809 Martin Morrison to Thomas Dodd

Mr Thomas Dodd

Newcastle 23 Nov 1809

Agent to the Lead Company, Nenthead

Above three months are now elapsed since first I applied to you and since you promised to obtain the Lead Company's instructions, respecting the new vein in Middlehope, which instructions it appears you have not received; I am therefore impelled by a due regard to Colonel Beaumont's just rights not to delay any longer

giving you notice to desist from working the said vein beyond the period of the present Bargains, confirmed as I am in the opinion, by that of experienced Miners, that it is a continuation of a vein, formerly wrought by the Old Man, belonging to Colonel Beaumont and can be got and worked without the help of the Lead Company's Levels .
I am etc

We the undersigned being requested, have inspected the Place containing the workings of Thos Rd Beaumont Esq's Mines in Sedlin & Middlehope Fells Weardale and also the Sketch as taken this day by Mr George Crawhall and accompanied by Mr Isaac Hornsby of the workings of the Mine or Vein commonly called Scarsike in Middlehope belonging to the Lead Company, which said Mine or vein is intersected by another vein in the direction of N65 deg W and having carefully compared the direction or pointes of the said workings we are decidedly of opinion that if the said Vein intersecting the Lead Company's vein is continued to be 32 wrought to the westward it must of necessity be one of the Veins formerly wrought by the Old Man, belonging to Thomas Richard Beaumont Esq. Given under our Hands, this 20th day of November 1809

Signed John Shield
John Wilson

27 Nov 1809 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Budge & Rundell Ludgate Hill, London Newcastle 27 November 1809

On Saturday last I forwarded by the London Waggon (Carriage Paid) to your address a piece of fine Silver containing 1572 oz, the amount for which on being advised by you, I shall draw for at the usual date of 20 days I am etc

MM

27 Nov 1809 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Newcastle 27th November 1809
Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton

In obedience to your Letter of the 22nd instant, I have seen Mr Pearson respecting the Loan of £9400 with which Mr Baker is to be assisted and have fixed to pay the money so soon as the Security is prepared and approved of by Mr Williamson, and this I shall accomplish distinct from any sums resting in Messrs Glyn & Co's hand. It is understood that this Loan is temporary and to be repaid on the 12th of May next, but that the Security is to be as full and ample as if intended to be permanent. Knowing that it would be inconvenient to the Bank to render assistance equal to the sum lent to Mr Baker I did not exact any promise from Mr Pearson to that effect, or indeed mention

it to him, convinced that it could not be complied with and desirous not to load the obligation with ineffectual stipulations.

I beg to return Mr Baker's Letter and the copy of your answer to It; and in another cover you will be pleased to receive John Mulcaster's Report of the Mills and I must beg the favor of your drawing the attention of Mr Cockshutt to the dimensions of the Cylinder Bellows intended for Allen Mill and that he will transmit the same to me or Mr Mulcaster, that no time may be lost in extending Power so indispensibly necessary for Smelting the Ore, to which the Mills in their present state are inadequate; Mr Cockshutt will also have the goodness to give, for Michael Elliott's guidance particulars of the Wheel for the new Crushing Mill at Middlehope Shield.

The Lead Company not having noticed my application to their Agent, for fixing Boundaries in Middlehope; I went to Weardale last week and Mr Emerson having secured the attendance of two respectable and experienced Mine Agents, who examining the Place of the workings of your mines, and also the direction of the new vein now working by the Lead Company, gave it as their opinion that it must be one of the veins formerly wrought by the Old Man belonging to Col and Mrs Beaumont. I have therefore given Mr Dodd notice to desist working the same beyond the period of the present Bargains.

The late Sales of Lead go slowly away for want of Shipping, but when completed I shall be enabled to transmit Messrs Glyn & Co Bills to the extent of near £70,000. I beg my Respectful Compts to Col Beaumont I am etc

MM

16 Dec 1809 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 16 December 1809

I am to request the favour of you to inform me whether the amount of Col Beaumont's debt from John Elliott as stated in his Affidavit transmitted to you from Bretton, is proved against the Bankrupt's Estate. I am etc

23 Dec 1809 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 23 December 1809

I debit your Account £81 - 6 - , the amount of the enclosed Bill (No 1115) and Expenses returned unpaid; a remittance for which and for one returned the 10th ult. Will oblige Gentlemen etc MM

8 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison to Creed Usher & Co

Newcastle 8th Janry 1810
Messrs Creed Usher & Co
White Chapel London

I duly received your Letter of the 6th instant enquiring the price of WB Refined Lead and Litharge and also the usual charge for Freight to London...My last Sales of Refined Lead were at £33 pfor and of Litharge at £34 pTon six months Credit; the freight for the former I believe is 14s/p fo[the]r – and for the latter 18s pTon. – Supposing you make the enquiry with a view to purchase I beg to inform you that from recent Sales It will not be in my favour to deliver either Lead or Litharge 'till these are completed and which will require some months to do I am etc

MM

9 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills Hallifax & Co

Newcastle 9 Janry 1810

Messrs Glyn Mills Hallifax & Co Bankers London

Enclosed you will receive Seven Bills value £27,502-18-11 for account of T Rd Beaumont Esqr and I duly received your Letter of the 6 inst, <.> <Ellills Bill & charges £4085.12.6 which is at your Credit; the two Bills upon the Bankrupt remaining in your hands you will be pleased to return to me. I am etc MM

Walkers Ward & Co

on Walkers Maltby & Co due	23 Febry dated 23 Decr	£2318 9
Ditto on ditto	17 Mar 14 '	4636 18
Ditto on ditto	17 April 14 '	4636 18
Ditto on ditto	17 May 14 '	4636 18
Ditto on ditto	17 June 14 '	4636 17 11
Ditto on ditto	17 July 14 '	4636 18
Rook & Hornman on Michl Healy & Son	14 May 11 Novr	2000
		£27,502 18 11

9 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 9th Janry 1810
Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill – London

I have forwarded by the London Waggon Carriage paid two pieces of fine Silver containing 2314 ½ Oz to be delivered to you; On arrival you will be pleased to state the price and I shall draw for the amount as usual. & am etc

MM

11 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11th January 1810

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

Enclosed you will receive Loraine & Co on Vries & Co for £375 - - the amount ¼ of a Years Tithe Ore due this day from Colonel Beaumont to the Revd Henry Hardinge as Rector of Stanhope in Weardale. – I beg you to acknowledge the receipt and am etc

13 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison

[Note: Balance sheet relating to Easterly Hall & Co, presumably connected with the subsequent accounts of their affairs]

Easterly Hall & Co Statement

Debts

To Bills on Messrs Puller, Atkinson & Mount & Mr Ellil – discounted	178,008
To Cash advanced on Bills on Puller Atkinson & Mount & J Ellill	
- deposited as securities	143,212
	321,220
To Harry <Cookeby> on Bond	5,000
To Messrs Puller - <Bal. .. Recd>	101,877
To Debts due in Arkendale	10,550
Ditto Derwent	10,223
Ditto N Castle	4,787
To Bills running for Mine Pay in Arkendale And Derwent and	
for Bill Quay	6,901 16 5
	460,558 16 5

NB the Debt that may be ultimately found due to Surtees Burden & Co is not included in the above

Mr Ellills Acc[oun]t is not yet settled & there may possibly be some claim from his Estate

Mr Lowthers Tythe is unsettled

Effects

By Property in London & on the way from Russia - (Certain)	20,000
Outstanding Debts in America Calculated to produce	4,000
Goods sequestered at <Tonningen>	3,000
Goods in the Brazils (supposed certain)	7,000
Goods in Malta & Turkey – uncertain	3,000
Sundry Claims on different Estates & scattered property	4,000
	41,000

Value of the Mines, Mills, Stock etc

It is supposed that upon a Bal[an]ce of Acc[oun]t there will be due from Messrs Atkinson & Mount from 12 to £15,000 of which it is doubtful whether any part will ever be recovered

N[ew]Castle Jany 13th 1810 E H & Co

23 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison to Reads & Lucas

Newcastle 23 Janry 1810

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

I have your Letter of the 20th inst. covering 3 Bills value £152.3.- which sum is to your Credit with Col Beaumont and am etc MM

23 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison

Janry 23/1810. Mr Puller purchased of the Assignees J.B & Co Mess[rs] <..> & <..> Surtees's Int[eres]t in the Mines etc with E[asterl]y H[all] & Co for £12.000 - - pay[a]ble at 1,2 & 3 years without Int[eres]t. – the Agreement to be completed on or before the 1st May next –

Copy of Easterley, Hall & Co's representation as to the Value of their Interest in the Arkendale & Derwent Leadmines etc. The Value of Arkendale & Derwent Mines estimated as follows

Arkendale Mines

The Mines in Arkendale with a large tract of Mining Country hitherto unexplored belong to three Lessors as joint Lords, in equal shares, one of which has been

purchased by Easterley, Hall & Co for the life of the present possessor, with the expectation as soon as his Son comes of Age; that he will part with the eventual Interest. The remaining two thirds are held by Leases which will expire on the 1 Jany 1821 but which it is supposed will be renewed according to the custom of Mining Countries.

The Rent paid is £2850 pAnnum

The Produce of these mines was

in 1807 -	14,200 Pigs of Lead
in 1808 -	18,000 – ditto –
and in 1809 -	24,000 – ditto –
estimated in 1810	41,600 – ditto –

and the produce which has thus so much increased already and is now calculated from the present returns, will continue to increase with the extensions of the workings.

The statement of Income of these Mines for next year is as follows.

41.600 Pigs of Lead making 2,723 Fodders of 21 Cwts @ 32 £ p Fodder -	87.136
Expenses of every kind for 52 weeks @ 700 £pweek	36,400
Rent	2,850
	39,250
Net Income for 1810	£47,886

The Building Stock, Machinery, Esklith Estate etc are valued at £116.124

Derwent Mines

The Derwent Mines consist of Jeffries, Ramshaw, Shildon and Beldon now working, besides a vast tract of Country included in the Leases which there has not been time to explore but through which many Veins of Lead highly valuable are known to pass. These Mines are held by Leases Jeffreys and Shildon with the Royalties attached to them till June 1828 Ramshaw & Beldon with their Royalties till 1826 but all according to the custom of the Country are considered as renewable for ever –

Jeffries and Ramshaw though held by different Leases are contiguous and run into each other so as to form but one Mine.

Their estimated produce in 1810 is 1,411 Fodders of Lead which @ 32£	45,152
Silver 18Oz pFo[dder] after allowing the expense of Refining	4,233
	49,385
Expenditure for the Year	18,720
Nett Income for 1810	£30,665

At Shildon a very powerful Fire Engine has been erected but the workings are not expected to be complete before January next and to allow sufficient time the estimate is only taken from May.

This Mine will produce during the year 1810	
847 Fodders of Lead which @ 32£ pFodder	27,104
Silver calculated as for Jeffreys	2,541
	29,645
Expenditure for the Year	11,232
Nett Income for 1810	£18,413

The workings of Beldon not being quite finished this Mine is not calculated to produce much Ore during 1810 and therefore although believed to be as valuable as any of the others no account is here taken either of the produce or value. It is calculated that the Derwent Mines will produce greatly more Ore in the following year and that they will go on progressively increasing with the extention of the workings as those of Arkendale have done.

The Machinery Stock etc in these Mines is valued At £30.000

It results from this Statement that the clear Income for next year with a certainty of great Increase in the following year will be

Of Arkendale	£47,886
Of Derwent	49,078
	£96,964

This on a Capital of £500.000 gives an Income of £19-10-7 pCent and besides allowing 5pCent Interest repays the whole Capital advanced in 5 ½ years after which time the produce of these Mines will be clear gain to the adventurers. – The present proprietors are fully sensible of the great sacrifice they make when they offer so large a portion of a concern brought to such a State of Profit by great exertions and a very large expenditure to the Public but having far outstretched their means and considering the increased energy which abundant Capital will give and the resources hardly even alluded to in this Paper which it will enable them to develop they are persuaded that they not only consult their case but probably their advantage also in the resolution they have taken It ought to be added that the estimate of Produce and Value are founded in the Arkendale Mines upon their actual Returns and in the Derwent Mines are taken from the inspection and calculations upon Oath of a body of experienced Mining Agents who were called in a few Months ago for a different object to survey them and Estimate their value.

The undermentioned Gentlemen have been appointed on Committee for enquiry into the above Statement of E H & Co

P. Crawford Bruce Geo. Simpson Patrick Hadow G.W.Shellinson
J.P.Cockerell Thos.P.Hampson Ralph Sycester

24 Jan 1810 Thomas Crawhall to John Charlton

[Note: undated but in sequence between 23rd and 31st January]

Mr John Charlton Middleton Teasdale near Barnard Castle Durham

Wrote him to draw on Mr Morrison for 59-14- -the amount of his Bill for Expenses due during Elections TC

31 Jan 1810 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 31st January 1810
Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Enclosed you will receive 8 Bills value £42,255-7-4 for Account of Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge. I am etc

1809 14 Oct	Thos Preston & Sons	5 Months	due 17 March 1810	£6500
	Ditto	6	due 17 April	6440 4 2
	Ditto	7	due 17 May	6500
20 Octr	J Locke & Co	5	due 23 March	6250
	Ditto	6	due 23 April	6274 6 6
	Ditto	7	due 23 May	6250
19 Sepr	J <K Picard>	6	due 22 March	2013 3 4
23 '	ditto	6	due 26 '	2027 13 4
				£42255 7 4

1 Feb 1810 Martin Morrison to Caleb Angus

Newcastle 1st Febry 1810
Mr Caleb Angus Coachmaker Newcastle

I have by this Post a Letter from Colonel Beaumont informing me that he had received one from you dated the 26th Ult. containing Caleb Angus & Sons Bill on Inglis

Ellice & Co at 2 months date for £150 which sum you are desirous to pay as the Balance of Account for Lead purchased on the 15th April 1790; I therefore credit your Account accordingly which Balances the sum in principal money, and am Sir etc
MM

3 Feb 1810 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 3 February 1810

Mrs Beaumont
addressed to Col. Beaumont – Portman Square

I beg to inclose copy of Mr Williamsons opinion* respecting the cross vein working by the Lead Company in Middlehope and from the perusal it appears the right of Colonel Beaumont to this vein will be a matter of great difficulty to prove. – for the present Mr Emerson is making a trial to discover the direction of the vein and if he is successful in the attempt, the plan then will be to endeavour to obtain the Companys consent to refer the business to the decision of experienced Miners, but until the trial is accomplished, and in a way to strengthen your claim, it is my opinion that the investigation of right had better be delayed. – Herewith you will also be pleased to receive Mr Dickinson's report of the Mines and annexed the particulars of Bills remitted to Messrs Glyn & Co last month amounting to £69,758 – 6 – 3. I am etc

*I have perused a Lease dated 3 Decemr 1697 from Sir Wm Blackett to Geo: Bland Henry Wallas and John Wilkinson of certain Lead Mines in the parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham and I think that the Lead Company (who claim under these Lessees) having in the course of working the demised veins discovered the cross vein in question are entitled to work such cross vein for their own benefit, unless it is a vein belonging to any old working of the Lessor or his Representatives which has been what in <mining> is called wrought by the Old Man and unless also it can be won without the aid of the Lessees Levels. That the cross vein lately discovered is in the above situation and consequently excepted out of the Mines which the Lessees are authorised to Work is a fact which must be proved by those claiming under the Lessor, and as the nearest old working belonging to them is (as I am informed) at the distance of two Miles or thereabouts from the cross vein the proof of any connection between it and the cross vein seems to be attended with considerable difficulty, and the <mode> to be adopted for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information as to this presumed Connection must be left to the consideration of mining agents

The Company have an undoubted prima facie right to proceed in working this Cross vein and cannot be prevented from doing so 'till the circumstances above mentioned are fully established by satisfactory evidence. –

Rt Hopper Williamson
Newcastle 3rd February 1810

2 Mar 1810 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Dodd

N[ew]castle March 2 1810

Mr Thos Dodd Nenthead

Sir

I am desired by Mr Morrison (now in London) to hand you as below the quantity of Ore raised in Mr Beaumonts Mines in Weardale for the year ending the 30th Sept 1809 – and have to request you will be pleased to favour me with an Account of the quantity of Ore raised in the Govenor & Co Weardale Mines <.> to the same period, in order that the proportion of Compositions etc due from the Company may be estimated, and the amount paid at or previous to Mr Beaumonts Lead Pays on the 12th Inst. I presume you may have heard of the Lead House

Of Messrs <Preston> & Sons London having stopped payment

I am etc TC

Ore raised in Weardale in the year ending Sept 30th 1809 14,204 Bings ½ Horse

9 Mar 1810 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Dodd

N[ew]Castle March 9/1810

Mr Thos Dodd Nenthead

Sir

I received your favour of the 5th Inst. with amount of Ore raised p the Governor & Co in Weardale in the year ending 30 Sept 1809 and enclosed <hand> your Statement of Account with them for Rents, Compositions etc paid by Col. Beaumont. – I observe it will not be convenient to discharge the amount before the 15th or 16th

I am etc TC

13 Mar 1810 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

Newcastle 13th March 1810

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers - London

I beg to advise of having this day drawn upon you four Bills the particulars stated below, amounting to £45,000 on acc[oun]t of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr; to which I request your attention and am etc MM

Dated

13 March payable to Loraine & Co at	10 days date	£11,250 - -
13 ' to ditto	15	11,250 - -
13 ' to ditto	25	11,250 - -
13 ' to ditto	30	11,250 - -
		£45,000 - -

27 Mar 1810 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 27 March 1810

Mrs Beaumont
addressed Cl Beaumont Portman Square

I am favored with your Letter of the 21 inst enclosing one from Lord Strathmore; the reply to which in my opinion is, the situation of the proposed Bridge and the road leading to it, being so distant from the Weardale Mines as totally to preclude its being of the least use in facilitating the Carriage of either Lead or Ore. I beg now to enclose in this and another cover Lead Sales for January & February and Cash Account for the latter month. – I had not heard of the report communicated to you by Lord Percy, nor can I think it at all serious. If Sir Chas Monk's expectation of representing the County is founded on no surer ground than the pecuniary assistance to be afforded by his friends, he will continue an inoffensive opponent. – No communication has been made to me of Messrs Preston's affairs since leaving London where <any> is made, my first duty will be to transmit the particulars for your information.

Mr Blackett's health is somewhat improved; I have mentioned the Security necessary to be given having been disappointed in the money expected to be obtained by Mr Thomas, he intends disposing of his Interest in Seaton Brewery and Houses in Newcastle which will enable him to pay the £5000 due to Cl Beaumont, but if he cannot accomplish this intention he proposes to give Security upon Wylam Estate valued at £20,000 and upon which is borrowed £6000, - the weak and veritable state of his health and mind prevented Mr Thomas and myself urging him to an immediate Conclusion. - I am sorry to state that his loss with Messrs Prestons cannot be less than £4000. –

MM

11 Apr 1810 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers – London

Newcastle 11th April 1810

Enclosed you will receive Loraine & Co's Bill on Vries & Co for £375 for Account of the Revd Henry Hardinge, being the amount of a quarter of a Y[ea]rs Composition for

Tithe Ore in Weardale due this day from Colonel Beaumont; - the rec[eip]t be pleased to acknowledge to Gent[leme]n

Yrs etc MM

1 May 1810 Martin Morrison

[Note: undated but the document lies between letters dated 27 March and 11 April 1810. The note added in the margin is dated May 1810. The memo may have come from Robert Hopper Williamson, given the note written in the margin of the document.]

Middlehope Fell

On a division of this Common under Act of Parl[iamen]t, the Boundary was lately set out by <Whilfd> Harrison of Chapel, the Commissioner for dividing d[itt]o – it so happened that none of the Parties interested in the Lintzgarth Common attended this Bounder riding and the Commissioner included a part of Lintzgarth Fell with that of Middlehope by drawing direct lines from one Bounder Mark to another; whereas this Boundary has invariably been determined by the fall of the Waters, and which would give more surface to Lintzgarth Common than is set out by the Commissioner. – No part of this Common has yet been divided into Lots. – The Commissioner has been applied to, to revise his Plan which he refuses, saying he is not authorised by the Act so to do, without the general consent of the Proprietors of Middlehope Fell. The Lead Companys Scarr Sike Vein intersects this encroachment in the part of Middlehope Fell Proprietors, and should the Lead Co in prosecuting their Vein, adopt the line of Boundary as at present marked out on the surface (which it is presumed they will do) they will work more extent of Vein than they are entitled to, which may be cause of litigation hereafter.

[Marginal note:]

Mr Williamson is of opinion that nothing can be done to remedy this – that the Boundary as at present set out, is conclusive & binding

May 1810

3 May 1810 Thomas Crawhall to M Lee

May 3/1810

Inclosed Mr M. Lee Hexham, Cheque for £16. 16. – to pay ½ a y[ea]rs Duty on Clerks at Mines etc to 5 Apr 1810 TC

19 May 1810 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 19th May 1810

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed Cl Beaumont Portman Square London

In this and another cover I beg to enclose Cash Account for last month, and Mr Dickinson's Report of the Mines. – Mr Baker has not fulfilled his engagements by the repayment of the money advanced on Security of Stanton Estate, Mr Pearson however continues to expect to obtain it soon, and I shall endeavour, in the interim to arrange with him for what be required for the monthly Subsistence of the Workmen of the Mines & Mills – etc am etc

MM

1 Jun 1810 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 1 June 1810
Mrs Beaumont
Enclosing Cash Acc[oun]t for last month and Lead Sales for April & May.

16 Jun 1810 Martin Morrison to Thomas Masterman

Newcastle 16th June 1810
Thomas How Masterman Esqr
White Hart Court - Gracechurch St London

I beg to avail myself of your obliging <promises> when in London, to request information respecting the affairs of Messrs Preston & Sons and to know in what state of forwardness the Sale of the Premises and Trade are in. – It is necessary for me to point out to you how much the interest of the Miner is concerned in the re-establishment of this House on the most respectable footing; but it may be proper to intimate, that if something of this nature is not accomplished soon, the small Miners must come to market and dispose of their Lead on any terms, by which the price will be reduced and prove extremely injurious to the Lead Company and Colonel Beaumont. I am etc MM

28 Jun 1810 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 28 June 1810
Mrs Beaumont addressed to Col B[eaumon]t Thorpe near Marton

I am honored with your Letter of the 24 inst and Mr T Crawhall will repair to Bretton whenever Mr Wood intimates to him, that he requires his assistance to arrange the mineral specimens lately purchased of Mr Sheffield. – The money advanced to Mr Baker will not I apprehend be soon repaid and it is to be regretted that he has failed in the performance of his engagement, as at this time money is wanted for the Subsistence of the Mines and nothing doing in Lead Sales to supply the means; - the situation of the Lead Trade indeed, is productive of increased anxiety, as the Trustees to Messrs Prestons have not yet accomplished the Sale of their Premises etc and the reason alledged is, that the Party's wishing to possess them are deterred purchasing by the apprehension of the great weight and <overweaning> influence of Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co, rendering advantages to be derived from this line of business, very precarious; the export of Lead this year however has been considerable & as new Sources of demand may open by the revolution in So[uth] America hopes may be entertained that Sales will be effected at no considerable reduction in price. – Presenting my respectful Compliments to Col Beaumont I am etc

MM

30 Jun 1810 Martin Morrison to Thomas Masterman

Thomas How Masterman Esqr
London

Newcastle 30th June 1810

I duly rec[eive]d your obliging Letter of the 28 inst and having this day seen Mr Foster, the Receiver to Greenwich Hospital and other Gentlemen Creditors of Messrs Prestons, I imparted to them the Substance of its contents. – As We are all deeply impressed with the necessity of this Concern being re-established, our opinion is that a meeting of the London Creditors should be called for the purpose of extending the time to the Trustees to enable them to continue the business until they can obtain, what in their opinion is an adequate price for the Premises and Trade, and that the Solicitor acquaint the Creditors in the North (by Letter addressed to each under Cover to Mr C Blackett) with the result and to request their Concurrence to the measures necessary to adopt. – It is thought here, that the time, if limited at all, should not be less than six months, under the persuasion if the Partys who have already appeared to treat, are in earnest: that it will not only abate the hopes they may have entertained from a Public Sale and incline them to a more immediate determination, but that it may induce others to come forward, when the Trustees can clearly demonstrate by their own transactions, the advantages to be derived from the business conducted with discretion and competent means. – Whether every individual Creditor may be inclined to an extension of time, I am incompetent to state: I think I can answer for those in the North; but, if a dividend of 2/6 in the Pound could, with the view of continuing the Trade, be conveniently made, I presume all would concur. – Persuaded you will pardon this intrusion on account of the important Interests at Stake I am etc MM

11 Jul 1810 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11th July 1810
Messrs Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

You will be pleased to pass to the Credit of the Revd Henry Hardinge the enclosed Bill of £375 being $\frac{1}{4}$ of a years composition for Tithe Ore due this day to him as Rector of Stanhope from Colonel Beaumont and acknowledge the receipt to Gent[leme]n – Y[ou]rs etc MM

11 Jul 1810 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Newcastle 11th July 1810
Thomas Bowes Esqr Darlington

Enclosed you will receive the amount of Coll Beaumont's Profits arising out of the Weardale Mines on an average of five years. – The deficiency of Produce for the last three years, and the great increase in price, and quantity of materials consumed in the Mines, have reduced the Profits materially. I am etc MM

12 Jul 1810 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 12 July 1810
Mrs Beaumont Thorpe near Malton
Enclosing Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month

14 Jul 1810 Martin Morrison to Robert Tippler

Mr Robt Tippler,
Secretary to the Gov[enor] & Co for Smelting down Lead Ore London

N[ew]Castle 14th July 1810

Sir

I am this day favored with your letter of the 12th Inst. and beg to inform you that Coll Beaumont will be at Newhouse in Weardale on Tuesday the 14th of August next and will be happy to meet on that day, or the day following, as they may appoint, the

Gentlemen deputed from your Court on the business relating to the Mine in Middlehope. I am MM

20 Jul 1810 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 20th July 1810

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Enclosed you will receive four Bills value £13,883-15-1 for account of TRd Beaumont Esqr, the rec[eip]t of which be pleased to acknowledge to G[entle]me[n]. Y[ou]r etc MM

Walkers Ward & Co on Walkers Maltby & Co dated	14 Apl @7 Mos	£3682 16 4
Ditto on ditto	12 May @7 ‘	3400 6 3
Ditto on ditto	9 June @7 ‘	3400 6 3
Ditto on ditto	20 July @7 ‘	3400 6 3
		£13883 15 1

25 Jul 1810 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 25 July 1810

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill – London

By the London Waggon I have this day forwarded to you a piece of fine Silver containing 1467oz for which I shall draw upon you as usual, on stating the best price you can afford for the same. I am etc MM

25 Jul 1810 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 25th July 1810

Mrs Beaumont

Madam

I beg to inform you that I have waited upon Mr Pearson respecting the loan to Mr Baker and have received assurances that every exertion will be made to repay it, and I do hope from the various sources which Mr Pearson has pointed out likely to obtain money from, that it will not be long before the business is settled. I am etc MM

20 Aug 1810 Martin Morrison to Mr Bainbridge

Newcastle 20th August 1810

Mr Bainbridge Attorney at Law – Alston

It having occurred to me that the best mode of preparing the deed of Agreement between Colonel Beaumont and the Lead Company for fixing Boundaries etc to the Mines in Weardale is for Mr Tilson to send the Draft to you that it may be laid before Mr Hopper Williamson for his perusal and approbation on behalf of Colonel Beaumont and then returned to Mr Tilson to be engrossed. I think this was suggested to Mr Tilson at our meeting on the 17th inst, but I will thank you to remind him of it and am etc

MM

31 Aug 1810 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Newcastle 31st August 1810

Thomas Bowes Esqr Darlington

I am favored with your Letter of the 29th inst & in conformity thereto you will receive enclosed Loraine & Co's Bill upon Veres & Co for £1716.1.0 the amount of duty charged on Coll Beaumont for Profit from Lead Mines in Darlington Ward for the year ending the 5th of April last, which you will please to acknowledge by the Customary receipt. I am etc

17 Sep 1810 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 17th Sept[embe]r 1810

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell

I have this day forwarded to you by the London Waggon Carriage paid a piece of fine Silver containing 1580oz; on rece[ipt] of which you will advise <G[entle]m[n]> Yrs etc

MM

19 Sep 1810 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

Newcastle 19th Septem[be]r 1810

Messrs Glyn, Mills & Co Bankers - London

Enclosed are 8 Bills value £45,060-13-10 for Account of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr, the rec[ei]pt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge to Gent[le]m[n] etc

MM

31 Oct 1810 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 31 October 1810

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

Remitting them £375 ¼ a yrs Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due to Revd H. Hardinge the 11 inst

28 Dec 1810 Martin Morrison

Memo December 28 1810 – Mr Morrison this day purchased of Mess: Preston's Trustees, for the Account of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr, the whole of the Lead Works of Thomas Preston & Sons including the Machinery Leases & Fixtures together with the Benefit of the Trade from 31st Decem[be]r 1810 for the Sum of £26,000 - - -

3 Jan 1811 Thomas Crawhall to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

[Note: Letter is dated 1810, but given its position in the letter book (between 31 Oct 1810 & 12 Jan 1811), the year should read 1811]

Jany 3/1810 Sent Rundell & Co a p[iece] fine silver q[uan]tity 1583oz & advised Do
TC

12 Jan 1811 Thomas Crawhall to Gosling & Sharp

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe London

Janry 12/1811 Remitted them £375 - ¼ a years Comp[ositio]n for Tithe Ore of Weardale due Revd Hy Hardinge 11 Inst. TC

5 Mar 1811 Martin Morrison

Memo – 5 March 1811

Charges on Allenheads Mines as p[e]r the Quarterly Accounts for Year ending 30 Septem[be]r 1810 £20,445-9-6

Bings Ore raised in 1810 and delivered to the Mills 5002 3/4

D[itt]o weighed over at Mines but not delivered 930 1/2

5933 1/4

5,933 1/4 Bings @ 69s/p Bing = £20,469-14-3

Charges of Coalcleugh Mnes as p[er] the Quarterly Accounts for Year ending 30 Septem[be]r 1810 20,553-2-6

Ore raised in 1810 & d[elivere]d to the Mills 4470 1/4

D[itt]o weighed over at Mines not d[elivere]d 524 3/4

4995

4995 Bings @ 82s/6d pBing = £20,604-7-6

Charges of Weardale Mines as p[er] the Quarterly Accounts for Year ending 30 Septem[be]r 1810 69,072 7 11

Add paid Bishop of Durham 4 000 0 0

Rector of Stanhope 1 500 0 0

74,572 7 11

Ore raised in 1810 & del.d to the Mills 12,828 1/8

Do weighed over at Mines not dd 3 400

16,228 1/8

16,228 1/8 @ 92s/pBing = £74,649-7-6

5 Mar 1811 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

Newcastle 5th March 1811

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers London

This serves to cover three Bills value £12,000 – for Account of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr, - the Rec[eip]t of which be pleased to acknowledge to Gent[leme]n etc
MM

5 Mar 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 5th March 1811

Weardale Lead Mine Pay £38,013- 6-6

Allenheads ditto 11,667- 6-6

Coalcleugh ditto 11,641-13-3 1/2

61,322- 6-3

Mill Pays about 4,800- 0-0

Lead Carriage Pay to Newburn 2,500- 0-0

68,622- 6-3

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square

I beg to transmit for your information amount of the Pays to be made next week as above, for which Bills are to be given upon Messrs Glyn & Co in equal proportions at 10,15,20 & 25 Days from the 12th inst; - the quantity of Ore Raised (27,156 ½ Bings) this Year is certainly large, but it is equally certain that the expence of working the Mines is become enormous and more than doubled within the last ten years. – I have this day remitted Messrs Glyn & Co three Bills drawn upon J Locke & Co amounting to £12,000 & in this and another cover you will be pleased to receive Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month.

I am etc MM

7 Mar 1811 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 7th March 1811

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill – London

I beg to advise of having forwarded to you by the London Waggon carriage paid, a piece of fine Silver containing 1388 Oz; the value I shall draw for account, on being informed by you of the amount and am etc MM

12 Mar 1811 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

Newcastle 12 March 1811

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co

Gentlemen

I beg to advise of having this day drawn upon you four Bills amounting to £70,000 on Thomas Richd Beaumont Esqr's account; the particulars of which are at foot & am etc

MM

1 Bill p[aya]ble to Loraine & Co at 10 d[a]ys due 25 March	£17,500
1 ditto to ditto 15 ' 30	17,500
1 ditto to ditto 20 ' 4 April	17,500
1 ditto to ditto 25 ' 9	17,500

22 Mar 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 22nd March 1811

Mrs Beaumont
address to Cl Beaumont Portman Square

I am honored with your Letter of the 19th inst and previous to the great Lead Pay I applied to Mr Pearson for payment of the Loan to Mr Baker and since my return from the Mines have again urged him that I may be enabled to make the Ore Carriage Pay at Blanchland on the 6th of next month amounting upwards of 10,000£ to avoid the necessity of drawing upon Messrs Glyn & Co for the amount. – Mr Pearson expects to have the money on the 20th April, but will not give any positive assurance that I can have it to apply to the above purpose. – The great Pays and monthly Subsistence amounted to the enormous sum of £71,886–9–7 ½ arising independent of the increased quantity and enhanced price of materials, from the large proportion of Ore raised at the high price p[er] Bing, and expensive Trials particularly at Middlehope Shield & Sedlin, which Mines are now producing a great increase of very fine Ore. –

The Ore resting at the Mills last Christmas will give them employment for nearly a Year, the quantity exceeding 19,000 Bings and which will receive an augmentation by the approaching Carriage of 25,000 Bings. – The quantity of Lead to be produced to 31 Decem[be]r next cannot be estimated at less than 100,000 pieces and I am at this moment enabled to dispose of, (exclusive of 10,000 p[iece]s sent to the London works) 25,000 pieces, provided an adequate price could be obtained, which my utmost exertions are applied to accomplish. –

Had the situation of the Country been encouraging of its Commerce a considerable surplus in Bills might have been in your Bankers hands by the Sales of last year; but you are aware Madam of the difficultys that have been encountered, and indeed the good fortune in point of price, of effecting the Sales that were made. – It has long been a source of great anxiety to me and to which I have often had the honor of calling your attention, the great and increasing expence of working the Mines, at a time particularly ill calculated to bear any excess, when the Commerce of the Country has become from bad to worse and is at this moment almost reduced to the extremity of distress I have given directions to Mr Dickinson to reduce as much as is practicable and proper, the Expences of his Department and am etc MM

23 Mar 1811 Martin Morrison to Brandram Templeman & Co

Newcastle 23rd March 1811

Messrs Brandram Templeman & Co London

Gent[lemen]

In reply to your favour of the 21st inst I beg to state that my price for WB Refin[e]d Lead delivered here, is 28£ p[er]Fo. of 21Cwts six months Credit, and for Litharge £33 p[er] Ton for a quantity not less than 50 Barrels. – I beg also to state for your information, that Mr Thomas Preston gent to Coll Beaumont, is prepared to deliver you any quantity of each at Markett price, from Tooley Street, should you prefer being supplied in London. MM

9 Apr 1811 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

9 April - Remitting them £375 - - for Tithe Ore due 11 inst to Revd Hy Hardinge

15 May 1811 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London

15 May - Advising the transmission of a piece of fine Silver of 1505 Oz by the Waggon

17 May 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 17 May 1811

Mrs Beaumont addressed to Coll Beaumont Portman Square

I have the honor of enclosing in this & another cover Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month and to inform you, that I have rec[eiv]ed the amount of Mr Bakers debt & interest from Mr Pearson the rec[eip]t for which is also here enclosed, in order that it may be signed by Coll Beaumont & returned to me. I am etc

1 Jul 1811 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London

1 July 1811 – Advising them of a piece of fine Silver containing 1480 Oz being sent pWaggon.

12 Jul 1811 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Messrs Gosling & Sharpe London

12 July 1811. Remitting them £375 for ¼ of a yrs Compo[sition] Tithe Ore of Weardale, due to Revd Hy Hardinge the 11 inst.

22 Jul 1811 Martin Morrison to Mills & Trower

Messrs Mills & Trower

Sol[icito]rs Ely Place London

N[ew]Castle 22 July 1811

I acknowledge the Rec[eip]t of your letter of the 19th Inst informing me that you are now prepared to satisfy Col Beaumonts Solicitor with respect to the Titles to the several premises purchased by him of Messrs Prestons Trustees, with the exception of the Letters Patent granted to Bundy to which you have discovered that no legal Title can be made. – Mr Escourt has long been in possession of directions to expedite the Conveyances, but of course, he will be satisfied that Col Beaumonts Security is full and complete. – I am aware that the Machinery constructed under Bundys Patent has cost a large Sum of Money and that Bullets have been made by it. – That ingenuity may obviate its present defects and supply what is wanting, and that in other hands Col Beaumonts exclusive Right in the Patent Bullets may be destroyed and his Interest thereby materially injured. – Under these circumstances Coll Beaumont will not be disposed to extinguish his right to a legal Title to the Letters Patent, unless, the Trustees are, on their part, prepared to offer an equivalent

I am etc MM

2 Aug 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 2nd August 1811

Mrs Beaumont addressed to Col Beaumont. Bretton

In four Covers I beg to transmit Cash Account & Lead Sales for the last three months, which Mr Beaumonts improved health, I trust, enables you to receive at Bretton. – It is with regret that I continue to notice the depressed state of the Lead Trade and that I have considered it expedient to accept an offer Messrs Wm James & Co made this day for 10,000 pieces at £24 p[er] f[odde]r for Refined. –

In the event of the Kings demise, a new Parliament must of necessity be summoned within Six months; The situation of his Majesty renders his Recovery almost hopeless and I beg to suggest the propriety of immediately retaining a certain number of Respectable Attorneys should it be Col Beaumonts determination to continue the Representation of Northumberland.

3 Aug 1811 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill. London

Forwarding them pWaggon a piece of Silver cont[ainin]g 1199Oz – 3 Aug 1811

10 Aug 1811 Martin Morrison to Thomas Mills

Thos Mills Esqr

Sol[icito]r Ely Place London

N[ew]castle 10th August 1811

I am favoured with your letter of the 6th Inst and assure you that I am prepared and anxious to fulfil engagements on the part of Col Beaumont whenever the Trustees fulfil what they are bound to do. Bundy's Patent and the Apparatus now constructing are different in principle as well as in operation and therefore are totally distinct. – What the Trustees cannot give a legal Title to, cannot surely prevent those who possess the Right of using it whenever they can bring it to bear and find it their Interest to pursue the Manufacture of Bullets. – It is against the possibility of interference which I would guard, and the responsible situation which I am placed in, that my desire arises, to have every tittle of the Agreement fulfilled.

I am etc MM

16 Aug 1811 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

N[ew]Castle 16 August 1811

Thos Bowes Esq Darlington

The enclosed two Bills & Cheque amounting to £1242-9-9 ½ You will receive in full for Col Beaumonts Property Tax for Weardale Mines to 5 April 1811 and for which be pleased to transmit to me the customary Receipt.

I am etc MM

24 Aug 1811 Martin Morrison to Thomas Mills

N[ew]Castle 24th August 1811

Thomas Mills Esq Sol[icito]r – Ely Place – London

In reply to your Letter of the 20th inst, desiring me to state what I will deem a sufficient abatement from the Purchase money as an equivalent for the Patent I have to observe, that provided the Trustees will pay the charge for finishing the apparatus constructed by Lyne for making Bullets; and Messrs Lloyd & Ostells demand for putting up the new Engine at Limehouse I will represent the same to Col Beaumont and obtain his Sanction to omit Bundy's Patent in the purchase entirely

I am etc MM

26 Aug 1811 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London

advising of having forwarded 2p[iece]s of fine Silver containing 2701 Oz – 26 Augst 1811

2 Sep 1811 Martin Morrison to Mills & Trower

Newcastle 2nd Septem[be]r 1811

Messrs Mills & Trower Sol[icito]rs Ely Place London

I have to acknowledge the rec[ei]pt of your Letter of the 29th ult; having at your request named the terms for the omission of Bundy's Patent in the Deed of Sale for Messrs Preston's premises & Machinery I concluded that if these terms were not conceded to by the Trustees, they in their turn would have named a sum so that some progress might be made towards bringing the business, so desirable, to a conclusion. – If I had required to be allowed what the Machinery of this Patent has Cost, it might have been considered excessive, but in demanding what I have, it appears to me as the guardian of Col Beaumonts Interest, to be in the Spirit of extreme moderation. – I agree with you that the Machinery in its present State is ineffectual, but I am decidedly of opinion that Col Beaumont, failing the ability of the Trustees to grant an indemnity, is entitled to an equivalent for the injury he may sustain, by this Patent becoming efficient in other hands. – The Reasoning You assume on this subject, permit me to remark, is not to the Point, as no doubt was entertained by either Party of any difficulty occurring, to a legal Title being made. Anxious that this unpleasant occurrence should be disposed of, and a further dividend to the Creditors be made, I am prepared to be in London at a few days notice & in the interim, you will oblige me, by ascertaining when Mr <Estement> can finish the deeds (in the event of an Agreement with the Trustees) so that a final settlement for the Purchase may take place. I am etc MM

[marginal note:]

NB. It being found that a Legal Title could be given to this Patent, it & the Premises at Limehouse Tooley Street & Montague Close have been conveyed to Col Beaumont - 16 Oct 1811

16 Oct 1811 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Messrs Gosling & Sharpe London

16 Octr 1811 – Remitting them £375 for ¼ of a Yrs Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due 11 inst to Revd Hy Hardinge as Rector of Stanhope

28 Oct 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 28 October 1811

Mrs Beaumont addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

Previous to the failure of Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co you will Remember, that Mr Burdon applied to Col Beaumont, to delay the purchase of Stock for which orders had been given, to be made out of money resting in their Bank and which on his representation was agreed to be postponed. – The motive for my calling this transaction to your recollection is to ascertain whether you are in possession of any written document on the subject from Mr Burdon making himself responsible for the purchase of the Stock at a future time; or, that the request was only verbal and without any distinct personal responsibility on his part. – Previous to the failure, Mr Burdon obtained pecuniary assistance from his relation Mr Rowland Webster of Stockton under a written assurance that he would be personally responsible for its repayment and upon this a claim is made against Mr Burdons private Estate by which twenty shillings in the Pound will be obtained on the amount of the Debt. – I am therefore anxious immediately to know the precise circumstances under which you were induced to delay the purchase of the Stock in question as no time is to be lost to prove the amount against the private Estate should you be so fortunate to possess a <similar> document to that now held by the representative of the late Mr Webster.

I am etc MM

29 Oct 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 29 October 1811

Mrs Beaumont addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

I have now the honour of enclosing in this and another cover Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month; also Mr Dickinson's Report of the Mines for the quarter ending the 30th Septem[be]r. I am sorry to remark the Report is not favourable and that the price of Lead does not compensate for the poverty of the Mines. – Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co have taken the Ordnance Contract at £22-2-6 and Lead has been sold here at £22 six months Credit. – I have handed Messrs Rudduck's Letter to Col Beaumont relating to the removal of the Alms House at Hexham, to Mr Thomas who will enquire into the circumstances and report thereon.

I am etc MM

31 Oct 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 31 October 1811

Mrs Beaumont addressed to Col. Beaumont Bretton

I have had an interview with Mr Percival Fenwick this morning and he recommends that a few principal Attorneys residing in different parts of the County should immediately be retained; the number he thinks need not exceed six or eight. – He considers this measure indispensable under the persuasion that when the Prince Regent attains to unrestricted power and an Election takes place, Lord Ossulston will offer himself to represent the County in Parliament. – Mr Fenwick writes to Col Beaumont by this post on the subject and I beg to suggest that it will be for the Colonel's Interest to adopt with promptness his recommendation. I am etc MM

2 Nov 1811 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Nov 2d 1811 – advised Rundell Bridge & Rundell having this day sent them a p[iece] fine silver contain[ing] 1133 Oz Pr MM

4 Nov 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 4 Novem[be]r 1811

Mrs Beaumont addressed to C[o]l B[eaumon]t Bretton

I am honored with your Letter of the 2nd inst and in consequence have seen Mr P Fenwick who considers it expedient to retain two professional Gentlemen at North Shields, two at So[uth] Shields, two a Newcastle, one at Morpeth, one at Alnwick One at Hexham & one at Berwick, which he will accordingly do.

Enclosed you will receive extracts of Letters from Mr Blackett to you and Col Beaumont relating to the intended investment of Stock, out of the money laying in Surtees's Burdon & Co's Bank in February 1803. – The Alderman is now at Sir Wm Blacketts, nor is it important to the establish[en]t of your claim against the private Estate of Mr Burdon that he should possess any Letters from you on the subject, for nothing less than Mr Burdons written engagement, making himself responsible for the investment of Stock to the amount, thus delayed, can avail you in the least. – Proofs of debt can be made against Mr Burdon's Estate for a month to come & at farthest to the 16 Decem[be]r when a dividend will be declared. – If you possess in London any pledge from Mr Burdon of a nature to establish a claim, my personal exertions to procure it are at your disposal. –

In two other Covers you will be pleased to receive Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month & I am etc MM

12 Nov 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 12 Novem[be]r 1811

Mrs Beaumont addressed Col B[eaumon]t Bretton

I duly rec[eive]d your Letter of the 9 inst containing Mr Burdons Letter to Mr Bowns on the subject of the Stock intended to be purchased in 1803. – However active Mr Burdon appears by these Letters to be to induce you to postpone the purchase, nothing contained therein renders his private Estate liable to make good the loss sustained by you in complying with his solicitation. – Mr Williamson is in London, but I have consulted Mr P Fenwick who is clearly of Opinion that unless you possess an engagement bearing Mr Burdon's own signature, making himself responsible for the purchase of the Stock in question, you must fail in establishing your claim. – Such an engagement, I fear, you do not possess and therefore you will only receive from the Effects of the Bank which on the approaching dividend will it is supposed, produce 5s/ in the Pound. – On Saturday I sold 5000 pieces of Common Lead to Mr Henry Hewitson @ £23 p[er]fo[dde]r. – a Sale I was the more anxious to make on Account of the necessity of providing for the Mines monthly Subsist[en]ce and to avoid encroaching upon your limited Funds in London. – I am etc MM

4 Dec 1811 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 4 Decem[be]r 1811

Mrs Beaumont – Forwarding Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

23 Jan 1812 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

[Note: Year not given, but clearly 1812 from letter book sequence]

Jany 23 Advised Rundell & Co of D[ra]ft to Loraine & Co @ 10<M[onths]/d[ate]> - for £1015-13-4

24 Jan 1812 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

[Note: Year not given, but clearly 1812 from letter book sequence]

Jany 24 Remitted Messrs Goslings & Sharp Loraine & Cos D[ra]ft on Veres & Co @ 10 <M[onths]/d[ate]> for £375 - - to pay Comp[ositio]n to Rector Stanhope

19 Feb 1812 Thomas Crawhall to Glyn & Co

Feby 19/1812

Remitted Messrs Glyn & Co D[ra]ft Hewitson on Chapman 17 August 1811 @ 6
<Mo[nths/d[ate]> for £1500 to place to Credit of Col Beaumont's Account with them
T.C

20 Feb 1812 Thomas Crawhall to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Feb. 20 1812

Advised Rundell Bridge & Co of a p[iece] fine Silver sent them this day – q[uan]tity]
1411 Oz TC

14 Mar 1812 Martin Morison to Glyn Mills & Co

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co London

March 14 1812

Remitted them, Bills

No1327 MM on Picard 24 Dec 1811	@8mo due 27 Aug	2966 13 4
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9 do do do	10Mo 27 Oct	2966 13 4
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7 do do 19 Jan	5Mo 22 Jun	3989 16
8 do do 31 Jan	6Mo 3 Aug	3989 16
1342 MM on Marsh Creed 2d March	4Mo 5 Jul	3841 17 7
		£24,711 5 9

16 Mar 1812 Martin Morrison to Thomas Emerson

NewCastle 16th March 1812

Mr Thomas Emerson Newhouse Weardale

In consequence of its being found expedient this year to defer the Mine Pays until the first Week in May- Featherstone Brown of Weardale and William Liddle of Coalcleugh deputed by the Miners have waited upon me, to represent the inconvenience which they labour under by this measure, and also, that it is understood by them that the Pays in future years are to be made in this month, - I am therefore to request you to make it known to the Miners in Weardale, Allenheads & Coalcleugh, that the Pays will be made next year on or about the first week in March as usual, and so on in every subsequent year; and as I understand dissatisfaction has been expressed by the Men at the present prices for raising Ore, I am to request you & the other Mine Agents in conjunction with Mr Dickinson whom I last week wrote to upon the subject, to make some small advance at the ensuing Bargains, bearing in mind at the same time the

extreme distressed state of the Lead trade, and the little prospect there is of any advance taking place in the price of lead. The deferring of the Pays has given me great concern I propose going to London the moment I am able to travel and if practicable (of which however I see no chance) to send the means down to make the Pay a week or two earlier, but I certainly do not mean, by this observation, for you to give rise to expectation that they will be made before the first week in May – You will of course communicate this letter to Mr Crawhall & to Mr Little

16 Mar 1812 Martin Morrison to Thomas Dodd

N[ew]Castle March 16/1812

Sent Mr Dodd the Governor & Cos Acc[oun]t of their proportion of Rents etc for Weardale £1082-17-10

20 Mar 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to Col Beaumont London

N[ew]Castle 20 March 1812

Mad[am]

In consequence of Lord Percys elevation to the House of Peers Sir C Monck comes forward to succeed his Lordship in the representation of the County. – The enclosed address to the Freeholders is to be inserted in the Weekly Papers of this evening. – What the intentions of the Duke of North[umberlan]d are, have not transpired further than he does not espouse the Interest of Sir Charles. – Col. Reed had been sent for express to Alnwick for the purpose it is said of prevailing upon him to offer himself, but which he declined. – If his Grace does not interfere on this occasion on account of the short duration of the present Parliament but reserves the exercise of his influence for the next – Sir Charles will now of course be returned; a circumstance in its results I fear of great importance as affecting Col B[eaumon]t - for Sir Charles it may be presumed once possessed of the object of his ambition, will be more determined to retain his Seat at the General Election, than he would be in the attempt to obtain it, provided the opportunity only occurred there, of offering himself to the County –

I am etc

MM

11 Apr 1812 Thomas Crawhall to Goslings & Sharp

Goslings & Sharp London

Remitted Loraine & Co D[ra]ft on Veres & Co @ 10d/St for £375 – to pay $\frac{1}{4}$ a yrs
Comp[ositio]n for Tithe Ore due this 11th April 1812 TC

4 May 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn & Co

N[ew]C[astle] 4 May 1812

I have to advise of drawing upon you this day for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t four Bills amount[in]g to £26,000, particulars below, to meet which I am to request you will be pleased to discount the Bills remitted on the 14th March last. – I am also to request that you will receive the dividend to be paid at GuildHall on the 23rd Instant upon John Ellills Effects; the amount £12,256-13-1 was proved by you as holders of three Bills & exhibited on the 17th Oct[ob]er 1809

I am etc MM

6,500 @5 D[ay]s to Loraine & Co
6,500 @10 do
6,500 @25 do
6,500 @2Mo do
26,000

4 May 1812 Martin Morrison to John Hopkins

8,500 @5days p[aya]ble to Sir C Loraine & Co dated 4 May
8,500 15 do do
8,500 40 do do
8,500 2 Mo do
34,000

Mr John Hopkins
No 8 Tooley Street London

N[ew]Castle 4th May 1812

Dear Sir

I have this day drawn upon you four Bills amount[in]g to £34,000 as above stated, which you will accept at Frazer & Co and give them the usual previous notice as they become due. I am MM

4 May 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 13 May 1812

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co London
Remitting 7 Bills value £1470-2-0

12 May 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 12 May 1812

Mrs Beaumont London

Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for the months of March & April

21 May 1812 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 21 May 1812

Rundell Bridge & Rundell London

Advising of forwarding a piece of fine Silver cont[ainin]g 1574Oz. – MM

Messrs Brown & Brinde Foster Lane – Cheapside London

Ditto Ditto cont[ainin]g 1531Oz MM

25 May 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers – London

NewCastle 25 May 1812

I am duly favored with your Letter of the 23rd inst and enclosed you will receive the three Bills you request amount[ing] to £12,256-13-1, proved against the Estate of J Ellill. – Be pleased to advise on rec[eip]t of the dividend and state when another may be expected I am etc MM

30 May 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co

Newcastle 30 May 1812

Bankers London – Remitting them 2 Bills amount £3479 – 11 – 4

1 Jun 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle – 1 June 1812

Sir R C Gyn Bt & Co

I duly rec[eiv]ed your Letter of the 29 ult. stating that the Solicitors to Mr Ellill's Bankruptcy, refuse to pay the Dividend on the Debt due to Col Beaumont, notwithstanding the proof is formally made by his Affidavit (transmitted as I

understand by him to you) and admitted by the Commissioners. Concerning that the Solicitors are not authorised in refusing payment, and that another affidavit is unnecessary I am to request you will apply for a copy of that by which the proof was established, and transmit it to me, in order that steps may be adopted to obtain Redress

I am etc MM

6 Jun 1812 Martin Morrison to Tilson & Preston

Col Beaumont

Birchin Lane 2nd June 1812

Sir

We beg to acquaint you that the Solicitors to the Commission of John Ellill have now offered to pay the Divid[en]d on the Sum Of £10.856-13-1 being £1400 less the Sum amount proved by you against his Estate, they alledge that the Sum of £1000 has been paid to yourself and £400 to Messrs Veres & Co for your use. – Should you deem it expedient to receive the Dividend upon the lesser Sum you will have the goodness to transmit us an Order directing Messrs Tilson & Preston Solicitors to the Commission, to pay us the amount on your Account

Original claim proved £12,256 13 1

Less Amount since recd 1,400

£10,856 13 1

Messrs Tilson & Preston

Newcastle 6 June 1812

Gent[lemen]

The foregoing is Copy of a Letter addressed by Messrs Glyn & Co to Col Beaumont, and I am to request you will favour me with an explanation of the nature of the deduction of £1400 which you have made from the Sum of £12,256-13-1 proved against the Estate of Mr Ellill by Col Beaumont, as I am not aware that the Sum of £1000 has been paid to himself & £400 for his use to Messrs Veres. – Your letter to Messrs Loraine & Co of the 2d Inst. is before me and appears to have originated in misconception – Mess. Veres & Co their Bankers, held two acceptances of Mr Ellill at the time of the Bankruptcy, the one for £311-19-8 and the other for £102-2-8, which they proved at Guildhall on the 19th Sept 1809, as they were entitled to do, being distinct claims, from the above Sum of £12.256-13-1 Mess. Veres & Co are desired to present those Bills for your satisfaction and with the hope that you will not continue to refuse payment of the Dividend due upon them I am etc MM

PS Intending to be in London next month I trust you will have the papers prepared for signature of the Lead Co & Col Beaumont relating to the arrangement agreed upon, of the Mines in Weardale.

6 Jun 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 6 June 1812

Madam

I am honoured with your letter of the 2d inst. and have wrote to Messrs Tilson & Preston Solicitors to Mr Ellills Bankruptcy requesting of them an explanation of the Lett off which they make ag[ains]t Col Beaumont's claim on Mr J Ellills estate. – I apprehend Mr Tilson has heard something of Messrs Nichol & Ludlows responsibility on the Bills they drew upon Mr Ellill for the Lead purchased on his Account and have made this attempt to come to the knowledge of the amount, but which cannot avail them in establishing a deduction to Col Beaumont's claim against the Bankrupts Estate, because the arrangement with Messrs Nichol & Ludlow as drawers of the Bills was a subsequent transaction. – I consider the conduct of the Solicitors on this occasion extremely irregular and originating in sinister motives.

I am etc MM

30 Jun 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

30 June 1812

Sir R C Glyn & Co - Bankers London - Remitting them 2 Bills for £3778.11.1

2 Jul 1812 Martin Morrison to Thomas Lee

[Note: The recipient of this letter could be Messrs Thomas Lee & Brothers who are mentioned in a subsequent letter dated 10 July 1812 to Mrs Beaumont]

Lee

N[ew]Castle 2d July 1812

Leeds

I now have the pleasure of replying to your esteemed letter of the 29th Ult and to annex a Copy of the weight p[er]foot of Milled Lead and No's of Shot pointed out by Mr R L Lee as suitable to the American Markett. – I feel every initiative to consign these articles to your Brother, whenever a prospect of advantage induces, the intercourse with America secured by the recognition of the two Governments, and Col Beaumont gives me directions to make shipments. So this business is quite new to Col Beaumont's establish[en]t and if done at all, more with the view of fixing upon a permanent & beneficial outlet to Lead, than, with any desire to derive a temporary Profit: You will admit, acting as I do for another, the propriety of proceeding with caution and with full authority. – I shall at all times be happy to testify the respect with which

I am etc MM

Duty 1Cent p/lb

PigLead is now Selling at \$8 pCwt

<Shut> \$12.50 do

Red \$11 do

Duty 2Cents plb

White Dry \$15.50 do

Ground in Oil \$17 do

Marks & Nos for Shot

BB If a larger Size is made than is generally marked with 2 B's it will answer to

B <send> same, as they never have been able to get Shot large enough –

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8 These No's are the least in demand

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10 Jul 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

N[ew]C[astle] July 10 1812

Madam

I am honored with your l[ett]re of the 6th Inst & in this & another Cover you will receive Cash Acc[ount] & Lead Sales for last Month. I have yet the unpleasant task of stating that the price of Lead is low and the demand dull; but would gladly hope that the relaxation of the Orders in Council regarding America, & the state of the <Bathill> will be productive of an increased Commerce & a consequent enhancement in the price of Lead. – Mess. Thos Lee & Brothers are with other American Merchants, making large consignments of Goods to that Country, of which they have informed me, & recommending Manufactured Lead, pointed out by Mr R L Lee of New York as suitable to that Markett, to be immediately forwarded -- possessing no directions from Col Beaumont to send Lead to Mr Lee & unacquainted with your determination on this subject I shall defer taking any steps therein until I am favoured with your commands,

addressed to me in London, where I propose going on Sunday by the Mail. – I have been at the Mines, they are generally poor, the Bargains at Allenheads & Coalcleugh are concluded, those in Weardale are now going on and the highest price given for raising Ore this quarter Is 42/- pBing a Sum more than equal to the depressed state of the Lead Markett but which is barely sufficient to support the Workmen, taking into consideration the enormous price of Corn. – a subscription in Weardale & Allendale having commenced to supply Bread Corn at reduced prices to necessitous families, I judged it, after consulting with the Agents, expedient for Col Beaumont to subscribe £50 to each, and in addition to the popularity of the Act, I am persuaded it has been productive of beneficial effects in letting the Bargains. – I shall attend to your directions on the subject of Mr Parson's letter. – Mr Ferguson of Dalton House near Hexham is a native of Scotland, an Advocate, is recently married & has taken a Lease for six years of his present residence. I rejoice to hear so good an Account of the young Gent[leman] particularly of Master Richard, whose situation on the Coast of Spain renders him an object of uncommon interest & with my respectful Compl[iments] to Col B[eaumont]

I am MM

11 Jul 1812 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 July 1812

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London
Remitting them £375 – ¼ of a Yrs Comp[osition] for Tithe Ore due this day to
R[everend] Henry Hardinge Rector of Stanhope

4 Aug 1812 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Newcastle 4 August 1812

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlington

I now enclose Statement of Colonel Beaumonts Average Profits for five Years from his Weardale Lead Mines in Darlington Ward and also Bill as under for the amount, conformable to your request when I had the pleasure of seeing you last month on my way to London. I will thank you to send me a Stamt Rec[eipt] for this payment & am etc MM

600 Morland
14-10-0 Veres
614-10-0

4 Aug 1812 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

Messrs Brown & Brinde Foster Lane Cheapside London
Forwarding a piece of Silver (Carr[iage] p[ai]d) cont[ainin]g 1477 Oz – 4 August

8 Aug 1812 Martin Morrison to John Crace

Newcastle 8th August 1812

Mr John Crace
59 Duces Street Lincoln Inn Fields London

Informed by the Receivers of Greenwich Hospital that you purchased their Lead Fume ground in oil, and that you are desirous to have a larger quantity. I am to request on behalf of Col Beaumont whose Lead Smelt Mills are <in> information of the quantity you are inclined to purchase with the price & Credit delivered here. I am etc MM

10 Aug 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 10th August 1812

Mrs Beaumont – Thorpe

Madam

I have had the honor of duly receiving your Letter o the 7th inst and of executing the directions it contains – The enquiries after Col Beaumont have been numerous and my answers uniform that his health required a prolonged residence at the Sea. The Assizes are well attended and among the Company is Lord Percy and Sir Charles Monck foreman of the Grand Jury. – This Letter is principally intended to convey the enclosed, announcing the death of your agent Mr Thomas Crawhall; the attention necessary in conducting the Mines will be ably supplied by his son William, a young man of great promise until you and Col Beaumonts pleasure is known respecting a permanent successor. – I am etcMM

25 Aug 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London
Remitting to them three Bills value £13,288-12-2 25 August 1812

28 Aug 1812 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

Brown & Brinde Foster Lane Cheapside London
Forwarding a piece of Silver containing 1247 Oz – 28 August 1812

14 Sep 1812 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 14 Septem[be]r 1812

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London
Forwarding them a piece of Silver containing 1630 Oz & stating the price of of the last sold to be 7s/Oz

15 Sep 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: Undated but in sequence between letters dated 14 September & 16 October]
Mrs Beaumont

Hexham Abbey – With Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for August

16 Oct 1812 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

Newcastle 16 Octo[be]r 1812

Messrs Brown & Brinde Foster Lane Cheapside London
Forwarding them a piece of Silver containing 1307 ½ Oz –

20 Oct 1812 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

Newcastle 20th October 1812

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers London
Remitting them 5 Bills value £10,312-10-3 for T R Beaumont Esqr Acc[oun]t MM

5 Nov 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 5 Novem[be]r 1812

Mrs Beaumont – Bretton

Enclosing Cash Account and Lead Sales for last Month and transcript of Sir Wm Blackett will respecting St Andrews Charity School etc etc

7 Nov 1812 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 7 Novem[be]r 1812

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill London

Forwarding to them a piece of Silver containing 1654 Oz

Messrs Brown & Brinde Foster Lane – Cheapside London

Ditto Ditto containing Oz

19 Dec 1812 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 19 Decem[be]r 1812

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t, Lead Sales, Expenses so far as paid, of the Election at Alnwick on 23 Oct[o]be[r] and a list for her signature, of the Boys to be admitted into St Andrews' Charity School at the town

23 Dec 1812 Martin Morrison to Joseph Dickinson

N[ew]Castle 23d Dec 1812

Joseph Dickinson Esq of Dufton at Coalcleugh

I am favoured with your letter of the 18th Inst. & hope this will meet you at Coalcleugh in perfect health. – Influenced by the glorious news from Russia many enquiries are making after Lead and I have sold largely at £23 p[er]foer Com[m]on, Six Mo[nths] Credit.- & fortunately for Europe Bonaparte's career is soon at an end & peace restored, old England will again flourish & the price of Lead experience, no doubt, an advance, but all this is yet to come to pass & the result uncertain. The high price of Bread Corn forbids any diminution to be made in the Bargains for raising Ore, & the late & present Sales of Lead equally forbid any addition to be made to them as you yourself must think; my opinion therefore is, that the highest price for raising Ore, should continue the same at the ensuing Bargains as in the last quar[ter] – Viz 42/ p[er]Bing.- Hoping you will find the Mines in a good state & promising I am etc MM

6 Jan 1813 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

N[ew]Castle 6 Janry 1813

Messrs Brown & Brind Foster Lane – Cheapside London

advising of having sent 2p[iece]s of fine Silver & requesting them to state the w[eight] of each piece.

7 Jan 1813 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

[Note: letter is between letters dated 6th & 11th January 1813.]

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill – London advising of having sent 1 piece of fine Silver containing 820 Oz

11 Jan 1813 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 Jan[ua]ry 1813

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London
Remitting them £375 – ¼ of a years Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due this day to
Rev[eren]d Henry Hardinge Rector of Stanhope

2 Feb 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 2nd February 1813

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London

In this and another Cover you will receive Cash Account and Lead Sales for the month of December, and I have much pleasure in stating that I have this day sold to Messrs J Locke & Co 7000 pieces of Lead at £27 p[er]fo[the]r for Refined, being an advance within the last two months of £3p[er]fo[the]r. – I am etc MM

5 Feb 1813 Martin Morrison to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col Beaumont MP
Portman Square London

N[ew]Castle 5th Feby 1813

Dear Sir

I am honoured with your letter of the 1 Inst. & am much gratified by the information it affords of your Naval Officer, who I hope, by the time the <French> possess another Navy, will be an Admiral and serve them, if occasion offers, the second <part> of Trafalgar. – I am also happy to hear Mrs Beaumont is so delightfully employed in preparing for Miss Beaumonts presentation to Court on the Birthday.

I beg to transmit (in this & another Cover) for your information a copy of the intended representation to Governm[en]t for obtaining a diminution on the export of Piglead, & hope, as you are so greatly interested in the success of the measure, that it will be aided by your influence. The representation, Mr Hall transmitted to me, & it is an important object, not less so to the Merchant, than to the Miner, that Government should comply with the request, & recommend to Parliament to reduce the Tax to the original imposition of £1 p[er]Ton. I am however not sanguine of success. – The additional Tax was a measure of Mr Pitts & carried in opposition to the united influence of the Mining interest, who held meetings, Memorialized Treasury & represented their situation to Members of both Houses of Parliament; the representation therefore is incorrect as you will perceive by the passage underlined with pencil, and which of course will be amended, or omitted, when laid before Ministers: - the urgent calls Government are under for Money, the opening of the Baltic & perhaps of the Continent will be opposing reasons for not abandoning at this period one of the means for raising the supplies, and if the Tax is ever reduced, it will be in more affluent times, and by proofs more convincing, than what are urged in this Representation. – The application at this time, to Treasury, is not the less diminished by these considerations – it may be remembered hereafter, & if the Tax should never be reduced, Government may in justice to the British Miner, be induced to purchase the exemption on Scotch Lead, & equalize by the duty, the Lead exported from The united Kingdom –

I am etc MM

The increased and increasing price of Labour in this Country and the rise of every Article required for the Working of its Leadmines, falls so heavily on all engaged in that pursuit, as to render it necessary for the undersigned, who have expended a large Capital in the Counties of York Durham and Northumberland, to lay their own case, and that of Lead Owners in general before Government. – Previous to the year 1784, when the Duty on the export of Lead was only £1 p[er]Ton, the exportation amounted annually to nearly 20.000 Tons – Additional duties were then successively laid on by Mr Pitt, amounting with the original £1 to £3-10- But as every thing during that period was very moderate, and as it was not possible for Foreigners to produce Lead at a cheaper Rate than £20 or £21 p[er]Ton, the price at which the Lead Owner could then afford it, no opposition was made to the increase, and no inconvenience for sometime was sustained – In consequence however of augmented Taxes, and of the rise of Labour, Lead by degrees has come to cost the Owner so dear, that it is no longer in his power to pay these duties, and to meet the Foreign Miner on equal terms abroad – The Export has so much declined, that it hardly at present amounts to more than 5,000 Tons p[er]Annum, including all that is sent to our own Settlements; and altho[ugh] this reduction would have taken place to a considerable extent, whether the additional duties had existed or not, it is certain, that even if at present the Markets of the Continent and of America were reopened, the French, Spanish, German, and American Lead Owners can afford their Lead at so low a rate, and the prosecution of their Mines

has been so much stimulated by the want of the usual supply from England, that very little benefit would result to this Country from that event, if the present Duties on exportation were to continue –

The undersigned therefore venture to propose to Government the reduction of the Duty to £1 p[er]Ton, the original amount before the additions were imposed by Mr Pitt, and they are inclined to believe, that the exportation would in consequence be so much augmented, even during the War, that the difference in the receipt would be made up in some degree by the increase of quantity, independantly of the indirect <revenue> which an additional produce of Lead and employment of Labour would occasion. One fact may be adduced – the East India Company, whose exportation was once between 3 and 4,000 Tons in the Year, now find themselves unable to obtain a price in China sufficient to repay even the present reduced price in this Country with the Duty, and their Export of this Season has not exceeded 1,000 Tons, altho[ugh] Lead, which sold for £21 twenty five years ago, was offered to them at £21-15- -, an increase of price very disproportionate to the increased expence of its production, which during that period has nearly doubled. – In proposing this diminution to government, it is hardly necessary to call their attention to the great value of Mining pursuits to the Nation, nor to the propriety of their receiving encouragement. – The Lead Owners themselves have given ample proof, that they are not disposed to claim that attention on light grounds. The increased Duties were imposed, not merely without any representation on their parts, but even with their approbation, as they believed at that time, perhaps too hastily, that no Country could enter into Competition with England in supplying the World with Lead, and that it was good policy to make Foreigners pay a Tax to the State for what they could not procure elsewhere. The alteration in the value of Labour now <focus> different views upon them, and different language; and they trust Government will feel with them, that it is no longer <political> to continue a Duty on the Export of Native Labour, when the article is already so enhanced in value, that it rather requires a Bounty to enable it to contend with Foreigners on equal terms. Other Countries are not inattentive to this great source of National Wealth. – It is needless to detail the encouragement given to such pursuits by the French Government, or what may one day be done in Spain, should the activity of her Inhabitants become proportionate to the Riches of her Mines, or the heavy Duties on the Importation of English Lead, by which the Infant establishments of America are annually protected. But the undersigned must state, that a large Exportation is necessary to the prosperity of the Lead trade of this Kingdom, and that the continuance of the present Duties will inevitably have that effect, of directing the Industry of other Nations to the better Working of their own Mines, a measure which it is evidently the policy of this Country to retard, rather than to accelerate. – These Duties are a Bounty to the Foreign Miner on the Lead which he produces, and an incitement to his efforts which it would be wise to take away. – The only consideration indeed, which can at all weigh with Government against the various good effects of this measure, is the extent to which the Revenue may be injured by its adoption, but on this point, the

Undersigned beg leave to observe, that the increase of the Duties upon Lead has so much contributed to reduce their produce, as to render the proposed alteration of little Financial importance. The Duty on the export of Lead did not amount last year to much above £18,000 exclusive of the Convoy Duties. If Government were to reduce it to £1, the whole reduction would be only about £13,000 a Sum for which it is not worth hazarding the prosperity of the Lead Mines of the Country, and which the restoration of the Export to its former extent would more than explain. Supposing however, that one half of every Sum paid for Labour reaches Government by indirect Taxation, and that the expense of making a Ton of Lead is £22 - - a Supposition, taking the average throughout the Kingdom, probably not far from the truth, the Exportation, and consequently the production of every additional thousand Tons of Lead procured by this reduction, will yield to the State an indirect Revenue of £11000 - - There is another consideration which is perhaps not unworthy of Notice. - The Lead raised in Scotland is Duty Free, and it was several years ago the intention of Government, as the present Chancellor of the Exchequer will probably remember, to purchase the Scotch exemption, and to place all the subjects of the Country, as if possible they ought to be, on an equal footing. - Altho[ugh] this has not yet been affected, and Government were for some time inclined to think, that the exemption in Scotland did not extend to the Duties imposed by Mr Pitt, The Undersigned are persuaded, that the propriety of the measure is too apparent for it to be abandoned, and should it be necessary to purchase the exemption, it will cost the Country much less, if what the Scotch Proprietor saves by it is only £1 p[er]Ton, than if it were £3-10- On these grounds they venture to submit their proposal for a reduction of the Duty upon Lead to His Majesty's Ministers. They will only shortly add, that there is perhaps no branch of National Industry that better deserves the fostering care of Government. It is wholly the produce of Native Labour, It tends to breed a strong and active Race of Men for the service of their Country, It affords the means of payment for a part of those articles, which in Peaces as well as War must indispensibly be purchased from Abroad, and the Undersigned feel persuaded, that the advantage of making such payments in the produce of our own Soil, rather than by farther exhausting supplies of Bullion already so inadequate to the demand, will powerfully recommend the measure to the favour of Government.

23 Feb 1813 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 23 Febr'y 1813

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill London
Forwarding them a piece of Fine Silver containing 1159 Oz. -

Messrs Brown & Brinde Foster Lane Cheapside Lo[ndon]
Forwarding them a piece cont[ainin]g 1556 oz & requesting them to state their w[igh]t

1 Mar 1813 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 1st March 1813

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Advising of having drawn upon them in favour Messrs Reed Batson & Co 3 Bills for £7000 each at 10,20 & 30 days

1 Mar 1813 Martin Morrison to J Hopkins

[Note: This letter is written alongside a letter to Sir R C Glyn Bart. & Co dated 1 March 1813. The 'Dittos' refer to this latter letter and reads as follows: 'Advising of having drawn upon them in favour of Messrs Reed Batson & Co'.]

Mr J Hopkins - WB L[ea]d Works 8 Tooley St London

Do in favour of Do 4 Bills for £7500 each at 10, 30, 50 & 70 days.-

11 Mar 1813 Martin Morrison to Tilson & Preston

Newcastle 11 March 1813

Messrs Tilson & Preston Solicitors Chatham Place London

I am favored with your Letter of the 2nd inst and intending to be in London in the course of a few weeks I shall then bring the agreement between the Lead Company & Col Beaumont for the purpose of being engrossed by you and completed, - in the interim I beg to recommend that the Companys Mine Agent, in conjunction with Col Beaumonts, lay down a plan of the Middlehope Vein, specifying its Boundary and Side workings for the purpose of inserting, or affixing the same to the agreement. - I am etc
MM

17 Mar 1813 Martin Morrison to Joseph Dickinson

New]C[astle] 17 March 1813

Joseph Dickinson of Dufton at Coalcleugh

Dear Sir

I rec[eiv]ed your letter of the 12th Inst & am concerned to find that the indisposition of your family prevented you leaving home during our great Lead Pay; I hope they are now better and that no impediment will arise to prevent you personally attending the Bargains at the time you propose to let them. - The late Sales of Lead at an advance

upon the former low price appear to have originated more in the expectation of a demand for Lead than of any having actually taken place by the change of circumstances on the Continent. – It is said that in the late arrivals of the Mails from Gottesburgh, few or no orders have been received in this Country for the shipment of Lead, and untill orders do arrive & a brisk permanent demand puts it beyond a doubt that the communication with the Continent is securely established, much stir in the Market by the Lead Merchants will not be made. – If however on ascertaining the state of the Mines you find them to continue generally poor you will of course exercise your discretion – and if need be – advance the price for raising Ore, a shilling or so p[er]Bing – I shall hope to see you in Weardale for the purpose of conversing with you on the state of the Mines; the propriety of resuming trials, that have been suspended, of commencing others & of making arrangements respecting them & I think it my duty to point out what has occurred to me in looking over the Pay Bills since my return from the Mines that what is wrong may be corrected, or if right, that I may be satisfied of its being so – I observe in the Coalcleugh Acc[oun]ts for the last Year ending 30 September, the very large Sum of £1.147-2-3 earned by two different partnerships both under the name of Joseph Walton, for raising Ore , driving Levels & Dead Work that this person has (including Subsistence) actually received for his annual Earning not less than £1376-16-7; - the quantity of Ore raised by these two partnerships is 439-5 b of which 422-5 b is charged at the highest price of 42/- p[er]B[in]g I select this as the most prominent in order that you may be aware of, and enquire into, the circumstances before you enter upon letting the Bargains at Coalcleugh, Allenheads & Weardale and if neglect or error exist, that they may be put a stop to – I am etc MM

19 Mar 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 19 March 1813

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square
Enclosing Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

19 Mar 1813 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

[Note: undated but it appears between letters dated 19 March & 10 April 1813]

Messrs Brown & Brind London
Forwarding them a piece of Silver pWaggon Carr[ia]ge paid

10 Apr 1813 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

[Note: letter was not sent]
Newcastle – 10 April 1813

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers London – Remitting Bill 3780£ not sent – cancelled

10 Apr 1813 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

[Note: Given the context, the letter appears to have been written on 11 April 1813. The 'ditto' refers to part of the previous letter (dated 10 April 1813) which reads as follows 'Bankers London'.]

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe do
Remitting them £375 for ¼ a yr Comp[osition] of Tithe Ore due to R[everen]d Hy
Hardinge the 11 inst

24 May 1813 Martin Morrison to Joseph Little

Mr Joseph Little at Coalcleugh
<pr favour> of Mr Geo Crawhall

Newcastle 24th May 1813

Sir

I have received directions from Col & Mrs Beaumont to inform you, that your Services as their Agent at Coalcleugh are to be discontinued and that Mr George Crawhall is appointed to succeed you – In complying with this painful duty I am anxious that your leaving Coalcleugh may be attended with as little inconvenience to you as the circumstance admits of, and Mr Crawhall in taking possession of the situation is requested to meet your wishes in that respect. I am Sir yrs &c MM

5 Jun 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 5 June 1813

Mrs Beaumont Portman Squ[are]
Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for April & May

5 Jun 1813 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

[Note: Letter is between letters dated 5th & 14th June 1813.]

Messrs Brown & Brind Foster Lane Cheapside Lo[ndon]
Forwarding a piece of Fine Silver

14 Jun 1813 Martin Morrison to Joseph Dickinson

Mr Joseph Dickinson

Newcastle June 14th 1813

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 11th Inst and the intelligence you have received Of Mr Joseph Little's discharge is true, but I am surprized from his connexion with you, that you have not heard it from himself. Col & Mrs Beaumont have long been of opinion that in point of knowledge & Industry, Mr Little unequal to the important charge of Coalcleugh Mines, and a due regard to their own Interest, determined them to appoint Mr George Crawhall to the situation, in whose abilities and application, they place greater Confidence. Col & Mrs Beaumont also consider, - that from your infirmities, and the distance of your residence, preventing you at all periods giving constant attendance at, and inspecting minutely all the Mines, have determined to discontinue your appointment, and to rely upon their resident Agents only, to perform the duty's of their situations

I am yours etc MM

19 Jun 1813 Martin Morrison to Thomas Emerson

N[ew]Castle 19 June 1813

Messrs Thos Emerson, Geo Crawhall & Wm Crawhall

Sirs

Col & Mrs Beaumont having determined that Mr Dickinson of Dufton's appointment shall be discontinued I am to desire that you will proceed to inspect your respective Mines and afterwards let the Bargains for the ensuing quarter. – In the confidence thus reposed in you, the exercise of your best judgement & application in working the Mines is expected; to avoid in every instance partiality by observing an equal consideration towards all the Workmen and to discontinue the improper practice, which has been exercised at Coalcleugh contrary to the positive injunctions laid down for your Regulation, of employing Hirelings when it can possibly be avoided. – To those regulations I request you direct adherence, which in no instance will a departure from, be tolerated. With respect to the price to be given for raising Ore you will determine upon, after knowing the state of the Mines; but from the present depressed state of the Lead Markett and the little prospect of disposing of Lead to advantage I am of opinion that the highest price ought not to exceed that of last Quarter. If Mr Dickinson should attend the Bargains you will present this letter to him as your Authority. I am Sirs Yr etc MM

19 Jun 1813 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 19th June 1813

Messrs Glyn & Co – Bankers London
Remitting two Bills upon Lock & Co value £5350 - -

22 Jun 1813 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 22 June 1813

Messrs Rundell & Co - London – Forwarding a piece of Silver - 1103 ½ Oz

Messrs Brown & Brind – Do – Ditto 1456 – “

24 Jul 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 24 July 1813

Mrs Beaumont Thorpe near Malton
Enclosing Lead Sales & Cash Acc[oun]t for last month & stating the impracticability of selling Lead at this time on any terms

27 July Do Do Enclosing the Agents Report of the state of the Mines

9 Sep 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Hexham Abbey Newcastle 9 Septem[be]r 1813
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

14 Sep 1813 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

Messrs Brown & Brind Newcastle 14 Septem[be]r 1813
Foster Lane – London – Forwarding to them a piece of Silver 1196 oz MM

16 Sep 1813 Martin Morrison to William Stephens

Mr Wm Stephens Newcastle Sept 16/1813
Collector of Taxes Darlington

I have rec[eiv]ed your letter of the 13th Inst & enclosed you will receive two Bills value £933.15.3 tog[ethe]r with the above cheque upon Messrs Reed Batson & Co

Bankers, in this town for £56-1-4 – making in the whole £989-16-7 being the amount of Col Beaumonts Property Tax on Leadmines etc in Darlington Ward for the year ending the 5th of April 1813. – You will on the receipt hereof transmit to me a Stamp Receipt for the same & it will in future be satisfactory to me, to have the Receipt delivered on parchment being made by some authorized person as I suppose it is an object to you not to have it paid to the Receiver Generals Office here. – I am etc

MM

17 Sep 1813 Martin Morrison to Thomas Maltby

Thos Maltby Esqr
Lead Merchant London

Newcastle 17 Sept. 1813

Your esteemed letter of the 14 Inst. found me preparing for my periodical visit to your City where I hope to arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday first, & I shall then take the earliest opportunity of seeing you on the subject of your communication (to purchase 20 <m ps> Lead) I am etc MM

18 Sep 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Hexham

N[ew]Castle 18 Sept 1813

Madam

I beg to inform you that I have sold 8,000 f[odde]r Lead, 3000 of which is to Messrs Walkers Ward & Co @ £23 p[er]F[odde]r or Com[mo]n, & 24£ p[er]f[odde]r for ref[ine]d & that I propose to pay my periodical visit to London by the Mail Coach tomorrow morning where I shall avail myself of any favourable opportunity that may occur, to dispose of more Lead. – I have fixed with the Agents the price to be paid the Workmen for raising Ore in the ensuing Quarter at a Reduction from former prices of 2/- p[er]Bing & lower it was thought advisable not to go & I am etc MM

18 Oct 1813 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharpe

Newcastle 18 Octo[be]r 1813

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London
Remitting £375 on Acc[oun]t Rev[eren]d H Hardinge for Tithe Ore due 11 inst.

30 Oct 1813 Martin Morrison to Tilson & Preston

Messrs Tilson & Preston
Solicitors Chatham Place London

Newcastle 30 Octo[be]r 1813

I am favored with your Letter of the 19 inst and have now to inform you, that the Agreements between the Lead Co[mpan]y and Col Beaumont are executed and will be forwarded to you by the Mail Coach which conveys this Letter & the one part as soon as executed by the Company, you will of course Return to me. – I have paid Mr Hopper Williamson in two payments Eight Guineas for perusing etc the original draft and the present Agreements – I am etc MM

13 Nov 1813 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

Newcastle 13 Novem[ber] 1813

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers London
Remitting them 2 Bills value £3262-15-6 on T R Beaumont Esqrs Account

14 Nov 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 14 Novem[ber] 1813

Mrs Beaumont Bretton
Enclosing Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for the months of Septem[be]r & Octo[be]r

17 Dec 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 17th Decem[ber] 1813

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

In this and two other Covers you will receive the Agents Reports of the State of the Mines, previous to letting the Ore Bargains for this quarter, by which you will perceive that the Mines are generally poor, altho[ugh] the quantity of Ore raised this Year, will I apprehend exceed that of the former Year. - Since my return from London I have made an Agreement with Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co to deliver them 2500 pieces of Lead monthly, for twelve months to come, at £30 p[er]fodder for Refined. This Agreement I consider favorable to your Interest and carrying with it the probability of maintaining this price at least - if not more – for any further quantity of Lead you may have to dispose of within the above period, provided the Export to the Continent in the Spring, equal the expectations of the Merchants. – I am etc –

MM

18 Dec 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 18th Decem[be]r 1813

Mrs Beaumont

Bretton - Enclosing Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month

21 Dec 1813 Martin Morrison to Thomas Emerson

Mess: T Emerson Geo.& Wm Crawhall

Newcastle 21 Dec[ember] 1813

As the time is now arrived when you will be inspecting the Mines preparatory to letting the Ore Bargains, I do hope that you will think that the highest price P[er]Bing given last quarter will be sufficient for the ensuing quarter & that an advance in the price of Lead will be amply compensated by the great reduction in the price of Grain. – It is desirable to avoid fluctuations in the prices for raising Ore during the Year, unless called for by circumstances unusual & extraordinary & unless the general practice of the Country makes it necessary – Whatever Trials you have commenced I wish to be proceeded in with increased exertion and that you will apply your attention to any situation likely to produce Ore, to meet in the event of Peace & extended Commerce, a greater consumption for Lead I am etc MM

24 Dec 1813 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers London

N[ewcastle] Decem[ber] 24/1813

Remitting them 21 Bills amount £47,350 – 12 – 1

27 Dec 1813 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 27 Decem[be]r 1813

Madam

I am this moment honoured with your letter of yesterday enclosing one from the Revd M Charlton of Tynemouth & to which I beg the favour of your replying; it will be much better done by a Letter from yourself, than by any thing I can say. – I beg to enclose for your signature a list of Boys to be admitted this Xmas into St Andrews Charity School, they are the most eligible & include all the farmers sons who are candidates.

Lead I hope will not only maintain its present <but> by a large demand, reach a higher price; A very large demand however will be necessary to take off the quantity purchased by the Trade, and in the hands of the speculators, the latter of whom in this Port alone, do not hold less than 50,000 pieces, anxious to sell at any price & cannot.

Aware of the desire of the various holders and of the very large quantity that was ready to be offered for Sale, even on terms inferior to what I obtained: I cannot but consider the transaction with Messrs Walkers, Maltby & Co as pregnant with beneficial results

I have the Honour to remain etc MM

I return you M Charltons letter presuming that you may wish to have it, to answer

3 Jan 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 3 January 1814

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co Ludgate Hill London
Advising of sending them pWaggon Carr[iage] p[ai]d – a piece of Silver of 1605 Oz

Messrs Browne & Brind Foster Lane London
Do - Do of 1207 Oz

11 Jan 1814 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 Jan[ua]ry 1814

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers - London
Remitting them Bill for £375 – ¼ of a y[ea]rs Comp[osition] for Tithe Ore due Revd Hy Hardinge this day

22 Jan 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]C[astle] 22 Jan[uar]y 1814

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Advised them a p[iece] Silver q[uan]tity] 1419 Oz

31 Jan 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 31 Jan[ua]ry 1814

Mrs Beaumont Bretton
Enclosing Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

4 Feb 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 4th Feb[ruar]y 1814

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Madam

In this & two other Covers I beg to transmit the Agents Reports of the State of the Mines & of the Bargains for the present Quar[ter] ending the 31st March 1814. – The Mines are poor & wrought, with few exceptions, at the highest price of 42s/- p[er]Bing; - but as the attention & exertions of the Agents are directed to new Trials & to putting the old Workings into a state of Repair where the Ore can be raised at the present prices I do not apprehend any material deficiency in the general annual produce.

MM

8 Feb 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 8 Febr[uar]y 1814

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Enclosing Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

1 Mar 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 1st March 1814

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising them of a piece of Silver containing 1342 Oz

2 Mar 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 2d March 1814

Mrs Beaumont

In this & ano[ther] Cover I beg to transmit Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last Month & to inform you that the Mine Pays commence at Allenheads on Wednesday the 9th Inst. & the Ore Carriage Pay on Monday the 4th of April; the whole tog[ethe]r with the Monthly Subsistence amounts to about £74,000 - - to meet these payments I shall draw upon Messrs Glyn & Co three Bills at 10, 20, & 30 days from the 7th Inst. for 8,000£ each; upon Mr Hopkins for £26,000 and the remaining £24,000 I have collected and shall collect in Bills here. – The Ore raised this last year in Weardale is 15,331 7/8 Bings – Coalcleugh 5,678 5/8 Bings, and at Allenheads 4,899 3/8 Bings, exceeding the quantity raised in the previous year 2,100 Bings. – Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co have recently purchased all the Greenwich Hospital Lead to the extent of seven thousand pieces at

£29 p[er]F[odde]r for Common & they have also purchased largely of other holders on similar terms. I sincerely hope that the demand from the Continent & the expected reconciliation with America may assist them in advancing the price of Lead which as they are now in possession of a very large stock, it becomes their interest to enhance the value of as much as possible. I am MM

3 Mar 1814 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle 3d March 1814

Sent Mr Dodd under Cover to Mr Stagg, Stanhope Hall the Governor & Cos Acc[oun]t of their proportion of Rents etc for Weardale £942 – 15 – 6

4 Mar 1814 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

Messrs Brownes & Brind

N[ew]Castle 4 Mar 1814

By the Waggon I have forwarded to you Carr[ia]ge paid a p[iece] fine Silver contain[ing] 1370 Oz for Account of T.R.B[eaumont] Esq. – I have been paid lately by Messrs Rundell & Co 7/5 p[er]Oz without any deduction for waste, for what Silver I have supplied them I am etc MM

7 Mar 1814 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

N[ew]Castle 7 March 1814

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers London

Advising of this day drawing 3 Bills at 10, 20 & 30 days for £8,000 ea[ch], p[ay]ble to Reed Batson & Co

13 Apr 1814 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N[ew]Castle 13 April 1814

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers - London

Remitting them £375 - - for ¼ a Y[ea]rs Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due Revd Hy Hardinge the 11 inst

15 Apr 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 15 April 1814

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill – London

Advising them of sending pWaggon a piece of Silver containing 1286Oz.

16 Apr 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 16 April 1814

Mrs Beaumont Portman Sq. London

Transmitting Cash Account for last month

7 Jun 1814 Thomas Crawhall to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle June 7 1814

Messrs Rundle Bridge & Co London

Adv[ising] a p[iece] Silver 1588 Oz sent pWaggon 3d Inst TC

28 Jun 1814 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

N[ew]Castle 28 June 1814

Messrs Browne's & Brind London

Adv[isin]g a piece Silver 1126Oz – sent pWaggon 25th inst MM

30 Jun 1814 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

N[ew]Castle 30 June 1814

Thos Bowes Esq Darlington

Conformable to your request by Letter of the 28 inst I herewith enclose two Bills value £1020-4-9 in payment of Col Beaumonts Property Tax for Weardale Mines to the 5 Ap[ri]l 1814 Be pleased to transmit to me in course of Post a stampt rec[eip]t for the same & am etc MM

8 Jul 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 8 July 1814

Col Beaumont MP Portman Square London

Madam

In this, and two other Covers, I beg to enclose the Cash Acc[oun]t for the last three months, which owing to my long absence in London, have unavoidably been delayed till now. The Acc[oun]t of Sales of Lead for the same period will be transmitted in three Covers tomorrow. – I have nothing to add on the subject of the Lead Trade, more, than that a Reduction in the price has taken place.

I remain etc MM

11 Jul 1814 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 July 1814

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

Enclosing Bill for £375 on Acc[oun]t of Revd Henry Hardinge for ¼ of a years
Comp[ositio]n for Tithe Ore due this day

22 Jul 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 22 July 1814

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co London

Adv[isin]g a piece Silver 1631Oz sent pWaggon 19 Inst MM

22 Jul 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle July 22/1814

Mrs Beaumont Ryde Isle of Wight

Madam

I have the honor to ack[knowledge] the rec[eip]t of your letter of the 17 Inst. & have intimated to Mr Thos Ridley & to Mr Harrison (the friend of Doctor Trotter) the success of the applications made on their behalf; I have also explained to Mr Harrison the mistake relating to Mr John Davison & have shewn to Mr Blackett the letter to satisfy him that this person has not been forgot. – Mr Archibald Reed is not at home, & therefore I have not yet the opportunity to convey your Comp[limen]ts to Admiral Dickson as you desire, but I will see Mr Reed on his Return & communicate the subject of that part of your letter to him. – I have this day remitted to Messrs Glyn & Co 12 Bills (particulars on the other side) amount[in]g to £44,211-6-8 on on Acc[oun]t for Lead sold to Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co. – Kelso Races I am informed will be on or about the 16th Septemb[er], the precise day I believe is not yet fixed, but it will not vary from his date more than two days. – With <most> respectful Comp[limen]ts to Col Beaumont

Etc MM

22 Jul 1814 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

July 22/1814 Remitted Messrs Glyn & Co 12 Bills Amount £44211-6-8

1 Aug 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 1 August 1814

Mrs Beaumont addressed to the Colonel Ryde – Isle of Wight
Transmitt[ing] Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

12 Aug 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 12 August 1814

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Avis[ing] a p[ie]ce of Silver of 1288Oz sent pWaggon 9th inst.

22 Aug 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle Aug 22d 1814

Transmitted to Mrs Beaumont at Bretton
the Midsummers Reports of State of the Mines P[p] MM

1 Sep 1814 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

N[ew]Castle 1st Septem[be]r 1814

Messrs Browne & Brind
London – Advising a p[ie]ce of Silver 1612Oz pWaggon 31st Ult

3 Oct 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 3rd October 1814

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell
London – Advising a p[ie]ce of Silver 1236Oz pWaggon 28 Ult.

4 Oct 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 4 October 1814

Mrs Beaumont

Hexham – Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

10 Oct 1814 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N[ew]Castle 10 Octr 1814

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London

Remitting £375 - - for ¼ th a y[ea]rs Composition for Tithe Ore due 11 inst to Revd Hy Hardinge

15 Oct 1814 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

N[ew]Castle 15 Octr 1814

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co

Bankers – London – Remitting them 7 Bills value £22,998-1-9 for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t. – MM

15 Oct 1814 Martin Morrison to Brown & Brind

N[ew]Castle 15 Octr 1814

Messrs Browne & Brind London

Advising a p[ie]ce Silver 1290Oz pWaggon 14th inst

22 Oct 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 22nd Octor 1814

Mrs Beaumont Hexham –

Madam

I beg to inform you that I remitted Messrs Glyn & Co Seven Bills value £22,998-1-9 on the 15 inst for Colonel Beaumonts Account & am etc

28 Oct 1814 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 28 October 1814

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill – London
Adv[isin]g a piece of Silver 1075Oz pWaggon 27 inst

15 Dec 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: the letter is signed per pro Martin Morrison. This letter appears to have been written in the letter book out of its date order – as it appears amongst correspondence dated 1813.]

Dec 15/1814 Transmitted the Cash Acc[oun]t & Sales of Lead Ac[count] in Nov[embe]r under Cover to Col Beaumont <Mrs> <Beaumont> p MM

31 Dec 1814 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 31 Decem[be]r 1814

Mrs Beaumont – Bretton

Madam

In two Covers I beg to transmit for Col Beaumonts signature, the memorial for the repeal of the export duty on Lead. You will observe that this is a different Memorial from that which I had the honor of sending you from London. – Mr Summer M.P. who I understand feels much interested in the subject, has drawn out this paper which appears to him more likely to strike the attention of Government. – at all events – as all the Facts are preserved in it that are stated in the paper of which you have the Copy, He may take the more pains to ensure its success. – Be pleased to return it signed by Col Beaumont in course of Post, that no delay may occur in obtaining the Signatures of all Partys concerned. – The American Peace combined with the success of this proposed measure, will I hope improve the price of Lead.

I am etc MM

To the Right Hon[ora]ble the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury

The Memorial of the undersigned Proprietors and Workers of Lead Mines and thus engaged in the Trade of Lead in England and Wales

Sheweth That your Memorialists feeling themselves under the double pressure of a heavy & accumulated stock and a progressively diminished demand, in the year 1813 represented to His Majestys Ministers the State of the Trade in Lead in England & Wales, and prayed for a Repeal of the Duty on its Exportation, as the only measure by which it was in the power of his Majestys Government to afford relief to the difficulties of their situation, & were directed to send a Copy of their representation and make

further application to our Lordships. That the prospects of peace were at that time daily improving, and your Memorialists were induced to hope that when its return should have thrown open the accustomed Channels of Commerce, the improvement in the demand and prices of the article of their particular Trade, would be such as to render the renewal of their application unnecessary. In this expectation they have been wholly disappointed, & your Memorialists have learnt with extreme regret that owing probably to the long continued interruption of supply from this Country, the industry of Nations on the Continent has been directed to Mining pursuits, & the quantities of Lead raised, and the lower prices of Labour at which it has been raised, has been such as to leave them little hope of being able to enter into competition with those Nations in the Market of an article of which prior to the last War they enjoyed almost to a Monopoly the supply to the Continent of Europe. – The renewal of commercial intercourse which has been so beneficial to almost every other branch of Trade, has to the dealers in Lead been productive of present disappointment and of but little hope of amelioration of their future condition. Your Memorialists beg leave to state that prior to the year 1793 the Average Price of Lead was £18 p[er]Ton nor was that price considered much more than adequate to repay the risk & expenses of the adventurers. – At that period the Wages of the working Miners were s1/2d p[er]day the price of Horses & of their keep (which form so considerable a part of the expense of Mine establishments) & the prices of Iron, Leather, Tallow, Gunpowder, & the various Articles necessary to the conduct of the Miner's Trade, were proportionally low - & with these advantages the English Mines feared no competition. – Need your Memorialists point out to your Lordships the change which a long expensive struggle and the increased taxation of which it has necessarily been productive, has wrought in their situation – The Working Miners Wages tho[ugh] in some degree reduced since the Peace, are now s2/6d p[er]day – the price of Horses has trebled since that period while that of their keep and of every article used in their Trade cannot be said to be less than doubled – such is their situation at home, while in the Foreign Market the War not having produced the same effects either on the prices of labour or their articles, they find the prices which the Consumers are willing to give, and at which they can be supplied with Continental produce, little exceeds that which they obtained in the same Market twenty years ago, as will appear from the annexed return of the state of Foreign Markets.

The aggravated distress experienced by your Memorialists from an accumulated stock, will be best seen by your Lordships by the Returns of the Stock of Lead at Newcastle, Stockton, & at Hull, at the former of which are 160,000 pigs, and at the two latter 70,000 and 40,000, or about 20,000 Tons, besides not less than an equal quantity lying at the Mines & Smelting Houses, & which will not be sent down to the Ports of Shipment till some prospect offers of its becoming saleable – While the diminished demand will best appear by an inspection of the Custom House Entries. Before the War the Continent took annually 20,000 Tons of Lead from this Country value £500,000 the first nine months of the present year exhibit an Export not exceeding 3,500 Tons from the Ports of London, Liverpool, Newcastle and Hull, a considerable portion of which has been exported for the supply of our own Settlements.

Your Memorialists feel it unnecessary for them to dilate upon the importance of a due encouragement to the English Miner – on that point they are persuaded your Lordships can have but one impression. – The foregoing statement of their Case as it has been affected at Home by the late War and its expensive consequences, they trust has been sufficient to prove the necessity of every relief being afforded to them which it may be in the power of Government to give. – But the statement they have felt it their duty to subjoin of the present prices of Lead in the principal Marketts of Import on the Continent, & of what they will respectively yield (after deducting all Charges) to the English Miner cannot fail to convince your Lordships of the impossibility of your Memorialists being longer able to meet the Foreign Miner in the Marketts of the Continent, unless the Tax on the Export of Lead be repealed – a measure the policy of which will the better recommend itself when it is recollected that the Tax was imposed at a moment when Great Britain having a Monopoly of the supply of Lead to Europe, the Revenue it produced was levied upon the foreign Consumer while from the recent and successful competition in the Foreign Markettit must now operate as a prohibition of all Export, and compel so many of our Mines to be shut up as have heretofore produced the excess beyond our own consumption and furnished the Export of an article of the annual value of £500,000. –

Your Memorialists cannot help adverting to the difference between their fellow subjects in Scotland and themselves. The prices which can now be obtained at Foreign Marketts for Lead can yield but a slight profit to the Miner of that Kingdom, who pays no duty, while to the English Miner it is a losing Trade. But experience shews the effect of this exemption to be rather to enable the Scotch Miner to undersell the English abroad, & to lower the general price of Lead upon the Continent, than to be productive of a direct benefit to himself which to your Memorialists is an additional injury – And tho[ugh] they are aware that Scotland enjoys this priviledge under an Article of the Union, & cannot & ought not to be deprived of it, yet a distinction so partial and operating so prejudicially to the interests of your Memorialists, adds great weight to the grounds upon which they solicit the repeal of the Duty altogether.

And further your Memorialists are desirous of pressing this measure upon the consideration of your Lordships at a moment when it is known that the views of the French Government are directed with more than ordinary solicitude to this important branch of National Industry. Lead which at the present price of Labour costs full £20 p[er]Ton is charged on its entrance to that Kingdom with a Duty of £3 p[er]Ton, calculating the Freight & Expenses at £2 more, the addition of the English Export Duty makes an amount of near 45 p[er]Cent. on its value – increase to the French consumer on the Sea Coast – and to that extent operate as a Bounty to the Industry & adventure of the French Miner, to the injury & ultimate ruin of the Capitals which your Memorialists have been induced to embark in this important branch of Trade.

Statement of the present prices of Lead at the principal Markets of Import on the Continent and of the price which they respectively yield to the Miner in this Country after the charges are deducted. Octr 30th 1814

Lead sold at Petersburg p[er]Ton		£27 10
Freight & Insurance	£1 10	
Expenses of Sale	2 5	3 15
		23 15
Deducting the Duties in this Country		4
There remains to the Miner p[er]Ton of Lead		£19 15
Lead sold at Hamburgh p[er]Ton		£22 15
Freight & Insurance	£1 5	
Expenses at Hamburgh	1 15	3
		19 15
Deducting the Duties in this Country		4
There remains to the Miner p[er]Ton of Lead		£15 15
Lead at Amsterdam p[er]Ton		£25 10
Freight & Insurance	£1 5	
Expenses at Amsterdam	2	3 5
		22 5
Deducting the Duties in this Country		4
There remains to the Miner p[er]Ton of Lead		£18 5
Lead at Rouen p[er]Ton		£28 16 8
Freight & Insurance	£1 10	
French Duty on Import	3	
Expenses of Sale at Rouen	2	6 10
		22 6 8
Deducting the Duties in this Country		4
There remains to the Miner p[er]Ton of Lead		£18 6 8
Lead sold at Leghorn pTon		£31 5
Freight & Insurance	£3 6	
Expenses at Leghorn	3	6 6
		24 19
Deducting the Duties in this Country		4
There remains to the Miner p[er]Ton of Lead		£20 19

It must be observed that the Exchanges in Hamburgh Amsterdam, Paris and Leghorn are taken in these calculations at the present rates, which are 10 p[er]Cent above the par on those places but in any permanent view of the subject the exchange must be considered as at par, in which case the produce to the English Miner will be diminished to that extent. Lead at Hamburgh appears to sell at a price much below that of the other markets, which is owing probably to its vicinity to the Mines in the

Hartz Mountains and a fair idea may therefore be formed of the price at which the German Miner can afford to deliver it.

13 Jan 1815 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 13 January 1815

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

Remitting £375 for ¼ of a Years Composition for Tithe Ore due 11 inst to Revd Hy Hardinge. – MM

16 Jan 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 16 January 1815

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London

Advising of 2 pieces Silver of 2773 Oz – per Waggon 14 inst MM

1 quantity 1264 Oz

1 quantity 1509

2773

4 Feb 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 4 February 1815

Mrs Beaumont

Bretton Hall – Transmitting quarterly Reports of the Mines

4 Feb 1815 Martin Morrison to John Griffiths

Mr John Griffiths Solicitor Durham

Newcastle 4th February 1815

Sir

In consequence of Messrs Hopper & Ward having waited upon me respecting the reparation of the Road from Stanhope thru' Edmund Byers etc & they agreeing to the annexed clause I promised them to communicate to you my determination thereon. – I therefore beg to state that no opposition on the part of Col Beaumont will be made to the intended Bill and that he will subscribe £100 towards the Sum, provided this Clause is inserted and made part of the Bill. Messrs Hopper & Ward were desirous to have the Clause omitted, assuring me that they would fulfil it, but did not press the point further than was satisfactory to myself. Considering the Bill permanent & their lives

uncertain, I must make its insertion the condition of Col Beaumonts acquiescence & Subscription to the measure.

I am etc M Morrison

‘And be it further Enacted that the Lead Carriers employed by Thos Rd Beaumont Esqr his heirs & Successors and using the Ancient Carriage Road being only a part of the said intended new Road shall not be charged more than one fourth part of the said Tolls collected upon the whole extent of the said Road used by them likewise that it shall and may be lawful for said Trustees to Compound for said Carriage with the Agents or Carriers of the said Thomas Richard Beaumont Esqr his Heirs and Successors.’

6 Feb 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 6 Febr[uar]y 1815

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London

Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for the months of December and January
MM

7 Feb 1815 Martin Morrison to John Griffiths

Jno Griffiths Esq Sol[icitor]r Durham

Newcastle 7 Feby 1815

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of yesterday, & am satisfied with the Clause you propose to introduce into the Bill, that Col Beaumont shall be charged only One fourth of the Toll between Edmund Byers & Greenhead imposed by the intended Bill. – Colonel Beaumont will arrive in London tomorrow & on your producing this letter to him at his residence in Portman Square, & satisfying him that the proposed Clause will make a part of the Bill I feel assured that he will sign the Subscription paper for One Hundred Pounds

I remain etc MM

‘Provided always and be it further enacted, that no more than one fourth part of the Tolls, hereinbefore granted and made payable, shall be demanded or taken for the passing of any Carriages Horses or other Beasts, either laden or unladen when employed in or for the carrying of Lead or Lead Ore to be obtained or brought from the Mines or Smelting Mills within the said Parish of Stanhope, which now do or for the time being shall belong to or be wrought by or under the demise or authority of Thos Rd Beaumont Esq his Heirs or Assigns, in all cases, where any such Carriages Horses or other Beasts, when so employed as

aforesaid, shall travel upon or use that part only of the said Road, which lies between West – End of the Village of Edmundbyers aforesaid and the Termination thereof, where it enters into the said Corbridge Turnpike Road near Greenhead aforesaid.'

17 Feb 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 17th Febr[uar]y 1815

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill London
Advising a p[ie]ce Silver of 1429Oz pWaggon MM

6 Mar 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 6 March 1815

Mrs Beaumont Portman Sq: London
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales etc for last month

11 Mar 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 11 March 1815

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill London
Advising a piece of Silver of 1580 Oz pWaggon. – MM

20 Mar 1815 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

NewCastle 20th March 1815

Sir R C Glyn Bart & Co Bankers London
Advising of having this day drawn the following Bills in favor of Reed Batson & Co
Viz – 1 Bill at 7 days for £9000
1 ' @ 25 ' 6000
1 ' 40 ' 6000
and enclosing for the Credit of Colonel Beaumonts Account Bill on Walkers Maltby & Co for £5000 MM

28 Mar 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 28 March 1815

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co Ludgate Hill – London

Adv[isin]g a p[ie]ce Silver of 1551Oz pWaggon MM

4 Apr 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 4 April 1815

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London

Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t and Lead Sales for last month. MM

5 Apr 1815 Martin Morrison to Richard Consitt & Co

Messrs Richd Consitt & Co
Merchants – Hull

Newcastle 5th April 1815

I am favored with your letter of yesterday's date stating your desire to abandon the purchase of 700ps Lead made of me. – From the present situation of the market I feel a difficulty respecting the price and therefore prefer your removing and paying for the Lead, nor would I be inclined to cancel the Bargain under £2 p[er]fodder which for this quantity would amount to One Hundred Pounds. – I am etc MM

6 Apr 1815 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 6 April 1815

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

Remitting Bill for £375 – ¼ a yrs Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due to Revd Henry Hardinge the 11 inst.

19 Apr 1815 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 19 April 1815

Sir R.C.Glyn Bart & Co Bankers – London

Remitting 3 Bills value £8100 for Colonel Beaumonts Acc[oun]t – MM

24 Apr 1815 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlington

Newcastle 24 April 1815

Enclosed you will receive the Return of Average Profits arising from Colonel Beaumonts Lead Mines in Weardale for the five years ending the 5 April last MM

27 Apr 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 27 April 1815

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London
Advising of a piece of Silver of 1249 Oz pWaggon 26th instant MM

2 May 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 2nd May 1815

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a piece of Silver containing 1439 Oz pWaggon on the 1st inst. MM

2 May 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 2nd May 1815

Mrs Beaumont Portman Squ[are] London
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month; also the quarterly Reports of the Mines MM

8 Jul 1815 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Bowes

N[ew]C[astle] July 8/ 1815

Thos Bowes Esq Darlington
Remitted Reed & Co D[ra]ft on Pole & Co £1,018-6-7- @ 30d[ay]/d[ate] to pay y[ou]r
Tax on Weardale <.> up to 5th April last TC

17 Jul 1815 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Goslings & Sharp Bankers London
Remitting Bill for £375 – ¼ a y[ea]rs Composition for Tithe Ore due to the Revd Henry Hardinge the 11th Inst. P[p] MM

2 Aug 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 2nd August 1815

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co Ludgate Hill London

Adv[isin]g a piece Silver of 1166Oz pWaggon 1 inst MM

2 Aug 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 2nd August 1815

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales for the three last months, also the Agents quarterly Report of the State of Mines <.> MM

10 Aug 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 10 August 1815

Messrs Rundell & Co

Ludgate Hill London. Advising a p[ie]ce Silver of 1313 Oz pWaggon 10 inst
MM

9 Sep 1815 Martin Morrison

Sept 9 1815

Shipped Seven Boxes of Spar pHull packet Gardner to be forwarded to Bretton Hall

23 Sep 1815 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Sept 23rd 1815 – Advised Messrs Rundell & Co having sent 2 p[ie]ce[s] Silver 19th Inst

Blaydon 1497

Allen 1123

2620 Oz P[P] MM

26 Sep 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 26 Septem[be]r 1815

Mrs Beaumont

Bretton. – Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month MM

26 Sep 1815 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 26 Septem[be]r 1815

Sir R.C.Glyn Bart & Co

Bankers London – Remitting them for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t Walkers Maltby & Co
Bill £5000 - MM

2 Oct 1815 Martin Morrison to G & T Alderson

N[ew]Castle 2nd October 1815

Messrs G & T Alderson Lead Merchants – London

In reply to your request thro[ugh] Mr Hopkins I am to inform you that my price for one Thousand Pieces of Refinded Lead is £21 p[er]fo[dde]r and for one Thousand pieces of Common including 1/10th Slag £20 p[er]fo[dde]r six months Credit, but that on no account can I consent to sell Common Lead without the usual proportion of Slag being included. – I am etc MM

12 Oct 1815 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N[ew]Castle 12th October 1815

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

Remitting them £375 for ¼ a y[ea]rs Composition of Tithe Ore due the 11 inst to Revd Henry Hardinge – MM

14 Oct 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

N[ew]Castle 14 Octo[be]r 1815

Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month MM

15 Dec 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 15 Decem[be]r 1815

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month MM

28 Dec 1815 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle Dec 28/1815

Madam

In three covers, I beg to transmit Copy of a Memorial presented last year to the Treasury, praying for a Repeal of the export duty on Lead Or[e] and also the form of a Letter to be written by Col Beaumont to Lord Liverpool urging the same to his Lordships consideration. It is indeed <most> desirable that Government adopt measures soon, for the relief of the Miner otherwise the consequences will shortly be felt, and none however large their fortune, will be exempt from difficulties resulting from the depressed state of the Lead Markett. I have had a Meeting with the Mine Agents and every practicable reduction in the prices for raising Ore, and of labor will be forthwith adopted, but unless the relief sought for in the repeal of the Duty, is accorded, I despair of any benefit being derived from the Mines. – If it were possible to ascertain Lord Liverpools intention on the subject of the Memorial it would be of moment to your concerns. - I am etc MM

My Lord

I take the liberty of transmitting to your lordship, Copy of a Memorial presented to his Majestys Government last year, and I earnestly call your Lordships serious consideration to the representations therein contained, confirmed in the fullest extent by the present further depression in the price of Lead abroad, & the consequent depreciation in the price at home. My Lord, when it is ascertained that the export of Lead, during last year did not exceed 1/8th part of the quantity produced in the Kingdom, & that the export 20 years ago, equalled one half: it is conclusive of the great difficulties under which the English Miners Labor, & of the small degree the revenue is benefitted. – The most serious injury to the fortunes of the Rich, & ruin to the less opulent Miners, must be the inevitable consequence, unless Government interposes by Repealing the export Duty, and thereby enabling the English Miner to meet the Foreign Miner; and also of placing him upon a footing with the Scotch Miner, whose exemption from the duty enables him to undersell & exclude his English competitor & fellow subject from the Market. – I will not further intrude upon your Lordships time, by enlarging upon the distress which must befall a numerous and peaceable body of Workmen, by being thrown out of employment, and which already, in many instances throughout the Mining districts, has taken place. – It is sufficient for your Lordship to know Truths, to appreciate the consequences, politically and individually.

6 Jan 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]castle 6 Jan[ua]ry 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hil London
Adv[isin]g a piece of Silver of 1442 Oz pWaggon 4 inst

11 Jan 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 11 Jan[ua]ry 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill London
Advising a p[ie]ce of Silver of 1250 Oz pWaggon

12 Jan 1816 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N[ew]Castle 12 Jan[ua]ry 1816

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London
Remitting them £375 – ¼ of a y[ea]rs Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due the 11th inst to
Revd Henry Hardinge – MM

31 Jan 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 31 Jan[ua]ry 1816

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall
Transmitting quarterly Reports of the Mines MM

6 Feb 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 6 Febr[uar]y 1816

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London
Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for the month of December and on the 13th
those for January – MM

7 Mar 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 7th March 1816

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London
Adv[isin]g of 2 pieces Silver containing 2631Oz pWaggon MM
1148
1483
2631

12 Mar 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 12 March 1816

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square
Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month MM

16 Mar 1816 Martin Morrison to Newton Lyon & Co

Newcastle 16 March 1816

Messrs Newton Lyon & Co Liverpool

I have to inform you that our Bankers here, have this day returned me James Page & Co's Bill on Wm Clayton & Co for £425-10 dishonored, with expences as under & which is here enclosed; and I am to request, you will in course of Post put me in possession of value for the same. – I am etc – MM

Bill & Noting	£425 11 6
Exchange & Comm[ision]	4 5 0
Postage	0 4 0
	430 0 6

9 Apr 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 9 April 1816

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square
Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month MM

9 Apr 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 9 April 1816

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London
Adv[isin]g a piece Silver of 1330 Oz pWaggon 8 inst MM

11 Apr 1816 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N[ew]Castle 11 April 1816

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London
Remitting £375 on Acc[oun]t Revd Hy Hardinge for ¼th of a y[ea]rs Compo[sition] for
Tithe Ore due this day MM

29 May 1816 Martin Morrison to Christopher Blackett

N[ew]Castle 29 May 1816

Chris Blackett Esq

Dear Sir,

The price of Gunpowder having been reduced on the 26th Inst to £5 pC<wt> with 10 pCent <due> on 12 Mo[nths] Cred[it] I take this opportunity to express my hope that Messrs Peyon & Co will Conform to those terms for the Gunpowder required for the Use of Colonel Beaumont's Mines, so long as the same may continue – I am etc MM

29 May 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 29 May 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co

Advised a p[ie]ce fine Silver sent 25 Inst q[uan]tity 1142Oz P[P] MM

1 Jun 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 1 June 1816

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London

Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for the months of April & May MM

15 Jun 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 15 June 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Adv[isin]g a piece of fine Silver containing 1155Oz pWaggon 12 inst MM

1 Jul 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 1 July 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Adv[isin]g a p[ie]ce of fine Silver containing 1118Oz pWaggon 29th ult MM

8 Jul 1816 Martin Morrison to Matheus & Son

Newcastle upon Tyne 8 July 1816

Messrs Matheus and Son – Rouen

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Ultimo; and feel obliged to you for the information it contains. – When your Mr Matheus junr did me the favor to call I stated to him, that it was not the custom of this office to export Lead on its own Account; for as Miners, the practice had hitherto been to supply, and not to interfere with the exporters of Lead. Desirous however, after so long a suspension of intercourse with France, that WBlackett Lead should be extensively known, and its quality ascertained, in situations of great consumption in your Kingdom I am disposed to consign Lead to you to the amount of Bills you may send me upon Messrs Reed Irving & Co, Mr Sam[ue]l Williams of London, or any other equally respectable House in that City drawn at six months, or at any other period within that date and for which Interest after the rate of five pounds p[er]Cent p[er]annum will be allowed for the difference of time; - that is – for Bills drawn and accepted at dates less than six [struck out: weeks] months. I am aware that this mode may be a deviation from your practice, as exporting Lead on our own Account is a deviation from ours; but as it will open a communication, and be productive of a more intimate and desirable knowledge of each other, I am prepared to ship you a parcel of Lead, on our own Account, provided you will put me in possession of approved Bills. – I m etc MM

12 Jul 1816 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N[ew]Castle 12 July 1816

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London
Remitting £375 on Acc[oun]t Revd Henry Hardinge for ¼ of a y[ea]rs Composition for
Tithe Ore due 11th inst. – MM

19 Jul 1816 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 19th July 1816

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers – London
Remitting 5 Bills value £20,000 - - for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t MM

26 Jul 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 26th July 1816

Mrs Beaumont Scarborough
Inclosing Agents quarterly Report of the Mines MM

29 Jul 1816 Martin Morrison to Matheus & Son

N[ew]Castle July 29/1816

Messrs Matthews & Son Rouen

Gent[lemen].

I am this day favored with your letter of the 19th Inst; & having stated to you in mine of the 8th Inst the reasons which influenced my Conduct I beg that you will remove from your Minds, the feeling you appear to entertain, of distrust on my part. – Strangers as we are to each other that distrust had it ever been entertained by me, would have readily been removed by the respectable inference you give. The hesitation of exporting Lead arises from the lowness of the price in your market, and of its being unusual in this office to export on its own Account. – I have however determined to send you One Hundred Tons as soon as I can procure a Vessel, and will, as you direct, draw upon Messrs Reed Irving & Co of London for two thirds of the Amount at three months date, on transmitting to them Bill Lading, and orders to execute the Insurance, and if the sale of this parcel answers my purpose I shall consign to you a further supply

I am MM

3 Aug 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 3 August 1816

Mrs Beaumont Scarborough –

Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month

3 Aug 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 3rd August 1816

Rundell & Co London

Advising a piece Silver of 1408 Oz pWaggon 2 inst

10 Aug 1816 Martin Morrison to Reed Irving & Co

N[ew]Castle 10 August 1816

Messrs Reed Irving & Co London –

I was duly favoured with your letter of the 26th Ult enclosing one from Messrs Matheus & Son of Rouen; and in consequence have consigned to them a parcel of Lead, as you will perceive by the inclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading. You will be pleased to effect the Insurance thereon & if that can be done without my name appearing on the Policy I shall prefer it as I am desirous not to be publicly known as an exporter of Lead.

– The Beaver, Captain Scott will be ready for Sea this day, and as the wind is now fair, she is expected to sail to morrow. You will have the goodness to transmit the Invoice to Messrs Matheus & Son adding the Premium of Insurance and to accept the enclosed Bill & return it to me, being 2/3 rds of amount of the Lead and charges here, conformable to your Letter. I am etc

14 Aug 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 14th August 1816

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London
Adv[isin]g pWaggon a p[ie]ce of Silver of 1239 Oz MM

3 Sep 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 3 Septem[be]r 1816

Mrs Beaumont Bretton
Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month

4 Sep 1816 Martin Morrison to Thomas Emerson

N[ew]Castle 4 September 1816

Messrs Thos Emerson, Wm & Geo Crawhall

The time is approaching when the annual Accounts of the Mines will have to be closed; and it becomes my duty to call your serious attention to the low price at which Lead has been sold and the little prospect there appears to be of any amendment taking place soon. At £15 p[er]fo[dde]r considerable Sales have been made; but even on those terms, so small is the demand, that two Houses only are purchasers, and no more business has since been done. At the next quarterly Bargains, which also, commence a new year, measures and regulations must be adopted in the expenditure so as to reduce the loss in working the Mines in the ensuing year to a less an amount than what is incurred in the present. – The only plan which occurs to me to enable Col Beaumont to continue the Mines & give employment to the men, is to reduce the subsistence to £1 p[er]Man p[er]Month & the highest price p[er]Bing to 30s/-; and to reduce all other Laborage and carriage in the same proportion. This step is painful, but it is dictated by imperious necessity, and is adopted with the desire of giving employment to the workmen in the different Mines rather than throw them destitute upon the country

I am etc

MM

24 Sep 1816 Martin Morrison to Daye Barker & Co

N[ew]Castle 24 Sept 1816

Messrs Daye Barker & Co

Gunpowder Manufacturers Low Wood near Cartmel Lancashire

Gent[leme]n

I have this day rec[eive]d an Acc[oun]t of the quantities of Gunpowder delivered at Col Beaumonts different mines by you; and enclosed transmit you a Bill for £400 at three months date in payment for the same, the rec[eipt] of which be pleased to acknowledge – It being the custom to deliver the Gunpowder at our Mines, free of any Charge, I cannot make the allowance you intimate & am Gent[lemen] etc

MM

25 Sep 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 25 Septem[be]r 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co

London – Adv[isin]g a p[ie]ce of Silver cont[ainin]g 1250 Oz pWaggon 24 inst MM

30 Sep 1816 Martin Morrison to Matheus & Son

N[ew]Castle 30 Septem[be]r 1816

Messrs Matheus & Son – Rouen

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 24 inst, enclosing Bill for £106-17-7 Sterling, which is passed to your Credit. If I understand you correctly this sum balances the Sale of Lead which I consigned to you; if so, the produce is attended with so much loss, as to prevent me consigning at present, any further quantity. I therefore wait for your next Letter with the account Sales, in order that I may possess correct information, to enable me to determine upon future proceedings. I am etc MM

7 Oct 1816 Martin Morrison to Matheus & Son

N[ew]Castle 7 October 1816

Messrs Matheus & Son – Rouen

I acknowledge the rec[eip]t of your Letter of the 30 Ult enclosing a Bill for £288-8-6, which is passed to the Credit of your Account. The Nett proceeds of my consignment has fallen so short of my expectations and so much below the cost price, that at present,

and until your markets improve and continue without depression, there is no inducement to export. At 62 francs the 100 Kilograms which you first quoted, an adequate return would have been realized; but at 52 francs the loss is too serious to attempt doing more. – I am etc

11 Oct 1816 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N[ew]Castle 11th October 1816

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London
Remitting £375 on Revd Henry Hardings Account for ¼ years Composition for Tithe Ore due this day

15 Oct 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 15 October 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a piece of Silver 1352 Oz pWaggon 1 inst MM

29 Oct 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 29 October 1816

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall
Transmitting quarterly Reports of the Mines etc MM

9 Nov 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 9 Novem[be]r 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a piece Silver of 1257 Oz pWaggon 8 inst MM

20 Nov 1816 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 20th Novem[be]r 1816

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising 2 pieces of Silver containing 2468 Oz pWaggon this day MM

22 Nov 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 22nd Novem[be]r 1816

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month – MM

27 Nov 1816 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

N[ew]Castle 27 Novem[be]r 1816

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers London

Remitting 5 Bills value £10,878-18-2. MM

3 Dec 1816 Thomas Crawhall to William Ford

Mr Wm Ford Leith

NewCastle Dec[embe]r 3rd 1816

Sir

Mr Morrison having set out for London on Sunday morning last without leaving your <...> Bill with me, or stating the Amo[unt] of Charges thereon, I can not exactly state them to you, but acknowl[edg]e the rec[eipt] of your two D[ra]fts in lieu thereof, am[oun]t £68-13-1 to your Credit in Account with TRB <by>.

On Mr Morrisons return the D[ra]ft on Harding will be sent you – I believe the Charges thereon to be £1-5- besides some postages TC

20 Dec 1816 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

N[ew]castle 20th Dec[embe]r 1816

Thos Bowes Esq Darlington

Sir

In consequence of a letter rec[eiv]ed f[ro]m Mr <Rand..> dated the 17th Inst requesting a Statement of Profits on an average of five years, up to the 5th April 1816 for Col B[eaumon]ts Weardale Lead Mines, to be delivered to you, I beg to transmit the annexed & am Sir etc MM

26 Dec 1816 Martin Morrison to Thomas Richard Beaumont

N[ew]castle Dec 26 1816

Col Beaumont MP

P MrsB

The enclosed Papers have sent to me this morning and I hope this Letter will arrive before the deputation intended to be sent to Bretton by the Miners. to lay before you & Col Beaumont their complaints and to solicit redress – The allowance of 30/- p[er]B[in]g the highest Price for raising Ore cannot be increased, without augmenting the loss already sustained in working the Mines Weardale Mines, at the present price of Lead; nor will it be practicable to conduct those Mines with peace and order for the future if the Men are given way to on this occasion They are at the commencement of every Quarter of a year, free to accept or refuse the price the Agents, under due consideration of all circumstances, fix upon the different workings, nor can I think it safe to depart from this Rule of Conduct. – I am informed the Lead Co allow 40s/- p[er]B[in]g but under such regulations, I am also informed, as are incompatible with the extended Works, under the management of your Agents. – With respect to supplying the Miners with Corn from Newcastle the subject had full consideration at the time & from the little satisfaction which was expressed by them on a former occasion, it was not deemed expedient to interfere with the various establishments and dealers in Corn, that supply them, and who in receiving their Monthly Subsistence in Money could it was supposed purchase on equally good terms, whatever their consumption required. – The Lead Co have of late made many new arrangements in their Concerns, all which I think impracticable as to any good purpose, as applied to yours; and very probable will not prove of benefit to themselves in the end. I propose meeting the Agents on Saturday & will endeavor to obviate every reasonable complaint, if any exist, but I must recommend that when the Bargains commence, the present price for raising Ore be adhered to, & as the Men are quite at liberty to decide for themselves, they may feel the consequences of their own conduct.

30 Dec 1816 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]castle 30 Dec 1816

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

I have this moment rec[eive]d your letter & since I had the honor of writing to you on the 26th Inst I have been waited upon by two delegates with a petition (which I herewith beg to enclose) from the Weardale Miners. I have told them that every consideration for their situation weighs most feelingly on the minds of their employers & with the intention of benefitting them, employment at a great loss from the low price of Lead has been & is open to them, by which they may support their families, a blessing which in many parts of the Kingdom numbers were deprived of & which happily for themselves they were in the enjoyment of. – On my stating to the delegates that no additional advance to the price given for raising Ore would at this time on any account be made, they said it was the determination of the Miners for them to proceed to Bretton & lay their complaints before Col & Mrs Beaumont & also that they wo[ul]d

not take their Ore Bargains at the approaching letting I told them that under the present depressed state of the Lead trade they would not be doing their employers a greater benefit than desisting to raise Ore for three Months to come & the only regret that w[oul]d arise by their so doing wo[ul]d be the distress they themselves would feel & the impoverishment which it would produce to the Country. This observation appeared to surprise & stagger them & they then asked me if I w[oul]d do nothing for them in the way of Corn for that which they were supplied with was both very dear & unsound I expressed my readiness to adopt, with the concurrence of the Mine Agents, every measure to remedy this complaint that was practicable by purchasing Rye in N[ew]castle & supplying them with it at <..> Cost this gave them satisfaction as conferring a benefit & they returned home to impart the result of their Mission to the Miners. – The Lead Co by the introduction of new measures into their concerns have caused all this dis content amongst the Men, they wanted, the delegates said to be put upon the same footing as the Companys Men were but this I told them was impossible not because they were in a worse situation for none of them I was sure wo[ul]d leave Col B[eaumont]s employment to go to that of the Company's, but because the extension of our Mines rendered the Companys mode of reckoning highly objectionable, nor was it reasonable that the Comp[an]y who possess only one Working Mine in Weardale should regulate Col Beaumonts which were so numerous – On Saturday I met Geo & Wm> Crawhall at Hexham & some complaints having been made of the quality & dearness of Corn in Allendale it was determined to supply them with part Money & part Corn for the Monthly Subs[istence] so long as the Men should desire it & from a purchase of Rye which I had secured the offer of will the Agents are of opinion will prove acceptable as being cheaper & of better quality than can be obtained in the Country

1 Jan 1817 Martin Morrison to George Crawhall

Fifty Pounds Reward

Whereas divers illdisposed persons have lately assembled in a riotous manner & attempted to seduce the Workmen at Allenheads Coalcleugh to leave their employment This is to give Notice that any endeavour to seduce the said Workmen to desist from their work will be punished to the utmost severity of the Law & a Reward of Fifty Pounds is hereby offered to any person who will give information of such offence so as the Offender or Offenders may be convicted thereof

January 1st 1817

The above Notice was sent to Mr Crawhall to be posted at Allenheads & Coalcleugh Mines
Janry 1/1817

6 Jan 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

NCastle 6 Janry 1816 7

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill London
Advg of 2 pieces of Silver weighing 3130 Oz pWaggon MM

6 Jan 1817 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

NCastle 6 Janry 1817

Mrs Beaumont Bretton
Transmitting Cash Acct & Lead Sales for Novemr MM

11 Jan 1817 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

NCastle 11 Janry 1817

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe London
Remitting £375 on Revd Hy Hardinge's Acct for ¼ yrs Composition for Tithe Ore due this day. MM

17 Jan 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

NCastle 17 Janry 1817

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising of a Pce of Silver containing 1130 Oz pWaggon MM

5 Feb 1817 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

NCastle 5 Feby 1817

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London
Transmitting Agents quarterly Report of the Mines MM

12 Feb 1817 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

NCastle 12 Feby 1817

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London
Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales for December & January and enclosing an offer of 1 @ 2 hundred Tons of Lead at £18 pfr for Common, six months Credit. To Mr Paris MM

22 Feb 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

NCastle 22 Februry 1817

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill – London
Advising a pce Silver of 1141 Oz pWaggon 21st inst MM

22 Feb 1817 Martin Morrison to Archibald Paris

Archd Paris Esqr
Melton-Mowbray-Leicestershire

NCastle 22 Februry 1817

I am this day honored with your Letter of the 18th instant; & beg to inform you that Col Beaumont will consent to ship 200 Tons Lead to St Petersburg on joint Account; but that he cannot take less than £18 Newcastle fodder, six months Credit, for Lead. – the Credit to commence from the date (if accepted) of your reply.

I am etc MM

25 Feb 1817 Martin Morrison to Daye Barker & Co

NCastle 25 Februry 1817

Messrs Daye Barker & Co
Low-wood near Cartmel-Lancashire

Inclosed you will receive a Bill for £87-10 in payment for twenty five Barrels of Gunpowder supplied Colonel Beaumonts Lead Mines in Weardale last December. -- & am etc

3 Mar 1817 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

NCastle 3rd March 1817

Messrs <Paris> McCausland & Co
No 40 Broad Street Buildings – London

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 1st instant & have noted down 200 Tons of WB Lead to be shipped to St Petersburg at £18 pfodder 6 Mos Credit from 28 Februry on joint Account with Col Beaumont & yourselves, only remarking that We do not <put> the Lead free on board, but are to Charge whatever is incurred. – As the Triad standing A1 <Copper> & 226R Tons will probably sail from hence to St Petersburg in

about fourteen days I have agreed to give 5/ per Ton & 5 pcent in lieu of Port charges for the delivery of the Lead at Cronstadt & I shall attend to your directions respecting the number of Pigs and weight being indorsed on the back of the Bill Lading and signed by the Shipper. – When the lead is shipped I conclude it will be proper to transmit the documents to you for the purpose of effecting Insurance & advising your <Firm> thereof at St Petersburg; and I beg to add, whatever transactions on joint Account originate here that the Accts may be sent to me & those which have taken, or may take place in Tooley Street be delivered to Mr Hopkins. – I am etc

11 Mar 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 11 March 1817

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill - London

Advising two ps Silver, one on the 6th of 1444 oz & the other this day containing 1060 oz – pWaggon – MM

18 Mar 1817 Thomas Crawhall to Paris McCausland & Co

NCastle, March 18 1817

Mess Paris McCausland & Co London

I have the pleasure to enclose your Bill of Lading for 1100p WB Com Lead <q> 1504.1.14 shipped on Board the Triad Turner for the address Messrs Paris Ware Harvey Co St Petersburg – The Vessel will proceed on her Voyage this even[ing] or tom[orrow] morning – the Capt has been furnished with our Bill of Lading & <.> transmitted to Mess Paris, Harvey & Co and a <cover for> the ship – On the other <.> <sheet> you have the Charges of shipping the same & I am TC

19 Mar 1817 Martin Morrison to Reid Irving & Co

Newcastle 19 March 1817

Messrs Reid Irving & Co Merchants – London

Conformable to the request of Messrs Matheus & Son of Rouen I herewith enclose a Bill for £100-4-6 for their Account, being a Balance due to them; the Rec[eip]t be pleased to acknowledge to <.> MM

21 Mar 1817 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

Newcastle 21 March 1817

Messrs Paris McCausland & Co London –

I am duly favored with your Letter of the 18 inst; and it is my desire that you will effect the Insurance on Col Beaumonts proportion of the different shipments of Lead on joint Account to St Petersburg Your objection to the stipulation in the Bill Lading of the Triad, for the Lead to be discharged in seven days <.> shall be attended to & the clause omitted in future Shipments. There are several marks stampd upon our Lead, but none of them are particularized in the margin of the Bill Lading; and the letter TK on the back of the Bill (but not on the Lead) are the same as on the Docket passed at the Custom House, being the initials of the name of the Officer, Thomas Kaye, who transacted the business. If this is an error, it is committed by the shipping Broker employed on the occasion; and I will be obliged to you for particular directions how to proceed, that we may be right in future. – Another Vessel will take a further quantity of Lead in the course of the ensuing week & I am etc MM

31 Mar 1817 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

Freight of Lead to Dantzic about 8/pTon with

5 pCent in lieu of Pilotage and Port Charges	£ 0 8 5
duty and Entry on Lead to Dantzic – Pton	0 1 10
Town dues and Bill of Lading	do 0 0 6
Waterage on Board	do 0 1 3

1817 March 31

price of a Ton of Lead at Newcastle this day	18 0 0
Insurance of ditto – to Dantzic – about	0 6 0
	£18 18 0

Thomas Wentworth Beaumont Esq St Petersburg

N'castle 31 March 1817

Mrs Beaumont having transmitted to me your Letter, dated Warsaw the 27 February 1817, I beg in consequence to send you the above statement of the price of a Ton of Lead here, and enumerating the charges of Freight Insurance etc, what it will amount to at Dantzic, exclusive of the internal duty, charged by the Prussian Government there; and you will please to observe the Statement is founded on the supposition, that a purchase of Lead is made this day, as the price of Lead may not remain stationary, and the purchaser (if any purchase is made) must take upon himself the risque of any variation in the price that may hereafter take place in the market. In commercial transactions with the Government of, or with an Individual in, a foreign Country, the mode of business is to have recourse to an approved reputable mercantile House in London, who is authorised by the foreigner to satisfy the english dealer; and as in the present case, before the Lead is shipped must guarantee the payment of the amount,

and this essential and indispensable point once established no difficulty will remain in the Lead being regularly supplied.

I am etc MM

2 Apr 1817 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

Newcastle 2nd April 1817

Messrs Paris, McCausland & Co

I was favoured in course with your Letter of the 25th Ult. and the Triad having proceeded on her voyage, as mentioned in a former Letter, the alteration you required in her Bill of Lading, became impracticable. I have now the pleasure of enclosing Bill Lading of 900 pieces pFortitude, to clear this day and proceed to Sea. I leave to you to advise your House at St Petersburg, having only sent under cover, by the Captain a duplicate of the Bill Lading. The remainder of the 200 Tons of Lead is shipping, and on being completed, the amount of each shipment and charges will be transmitted to you. No Vessel having offered going up to Petersburg Tower and if there had, I am informed a much greater freight must have been paid, than to Cronstadt. You will please give directions that every despatch be given to unloading the vessels on arrival & am etc MM

5 Apr 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Newcastle 5 April 1817

Advising a pce of Silver containing 1489Oz pWaggon this day MM

11 Apr 1817 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 April 1817

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe London

Remitting £375.-.- for Acct Revd Hy Hardinge, the amount of 1/4th of a Years Compo: of Tithe Ore due this day

12 Apr 1817 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

Newcastle 12 April 1817

Messrs Paris McCausland & Co

No 40 Broad Street Buildings London –

Inclosed you will receive Bill Lading of 900 pieces of Lead P Spring, expected to sail this evening or tomorrow morning; and annexed is the particulars of the three Shipments, one moiety of which is for Thos Richard Beaumont Esq's Account. I am etc

13 Jun 1817 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 13 June 1817

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square-London-
Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for the months of April and May

17 Jun 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 17 June 1817

Messrs Rundell & Co London
advising a piece Silver of 1490Oz pWaggon the 16 inst MM

21 Jun 1817 Martin Morrison to Bosquet & Brothers

NCastle 21th June 1817

Messrs Bosquet & Brothers – Lisle

I have received your esteemed Letter of the 12 instant, and you would before this time, have received an offer of Lead from me, according to my promise in London, had I on my return from thence, found our Stock increased, so as to have been enabled to do it. – Under the present deficiency I can not offer you more than 100 Tons of WB Lead at £19 pfor of 21Cwt payable by a Bill at 3 months date from Shipment or acceptance, upon an approved House in London; and this exclusive of Shipping charges which amount to about £3/9s per Ton. The freight from hence to Dunkirk and Rouen I am informed has been 20s/ p Ton and 2/3<sd> port charges, but there is a difficulty in getting Ships to load Lead without a portion of Coals as part of the Cargo. – the Tonnage of those usually freighted varying fom 80 to 120 Tons.- The offer I now make you of 100 Tons, or a less quantity if it suits your purpose better I engage to deliver on receiving your answer in course of Port, and which can be shipped in a French vessel on her arrival at this port, provided I am informed of your acceptance of the Lead, a few days before the docs arrive. –

I am etc

MM

28 Jun 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N'Castle 28 June 1817

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London
Advising a pce Silver of 1307 oz pWaggon MM

5 Jul 1817 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N'Castle 5 July 1817

Mrs Beaumont London
Transmitting Cash Acct & Lead Sales for last month MM

11 Jul 1817 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N'Castle 11th July 1817

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London
Transmitting Bill for £375 for Revd Henry Hardinges Acct compo: of ¼ yr Tithe Ore
due this day MM

12 Jul 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N'Castle 12 July 1817

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London
Advising a pce Silver of 1112 Oz pWaggon 10th inst MM

12 Jul 1817 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

N'Castle 12 July 1817

Messrs Paris McCausland & Co London –

I beg to advise of having drawn upon you at 2 Mos date from the 28 June for £1702-2-11
being the amount of the moiety of two thousand nine hundred pieces of Lead
purchased on the 28 Febr'y last at six months Credit; and shipped on the joint Account
of yourselves & Coll Beaumont, to St Petersburg. I am etc MM

1 Aug 1817 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

N'Castle 1 August 1817

Messrs Paris & Co

I am favored with your Letter of the 29 Ult & have noted down 50 Tons of Lead at £19 pFor for Acct of Arch.d Paris Esqr. There are several small vessels here, going to St Petersburg Town with Grindstones @ 10s pTon and 2/3 Port charges, at which Lead may be freighted & I am informed 6s/pTon Is asked for Cronstadt. I will thank you to inform me to which place you give the preference. – I Credit your Acct £18.16.10 pd into Messrs Pol & Co

I am etc MM

4 Aug 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 4th August 1817

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell

London - Advd a pce Silver containing 1468 Oz pWaggon MM

6 Aug 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 6th August 1817

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London

Advd a pce Silver containing 1267 Oz pWaggon – MM

25 Aug 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 25 Augst 1817

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London

Advd a pce Silver of 1149 Oz pWaggon 23 Inst MM

2 Sep 1817 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

Messrs Paris McCausland & Co

Newcastle 2nd September 1817

I beg to hand you the above Invoice, to enclose Bill of Lading, & to acquaint you that the Newcastle is cleared for Sea & will sail either this evening or to morrow morning, wind permitting. By the Captain a duplicate Bill of Lading is enclosed to Messrs Paris Warre Harvey & Co St Petersburg and nothing better Could be done to get the conveyance of the Lead on lower terms The Newcastle I am informed is a new Ship & this, her first voyage. – I am etc MM

15 Sep 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 15 Septemr 1817

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a Pce Silver of 1303 Oz pWaggon 13 inst MM

Newcastle 24th Sept 1817
Ditto Ditto 1281Oz pWaggon 23 inst

10 Oct 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London Newcastle 10th Oct 1817
Advg a piece of Silver of 1048Oz – pWaggon this day

11 Oct 1817 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 Oct 1817
Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London
Enclosing £375 for Revd H Hardinges Acct ¼ yrs Comp: of Tithe Ore due this day

18 Oct 1817 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 18 October 1817
Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers London
Enclosing 5 Bills value £15,000 for Col Beaumonts Acct MM

31 Oct 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 31 October 1817
Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a Pce Silver of 1393 Oz pWaggon

11 Nov 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London Newcastle 11 Nov 1817
Advising a p fine Silver q. 1210 Oz pWaggon

10 Dec 1817 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 10 December 1817

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Adv 2 pieces Silver q 1242 & 1482 Oz pWaggon 5 & 8 inst

26 Dec 1817 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 26 December 1817

Messrs Glyn & Co

Bankers London – Enclosing 5 Bills value £3830-18-9 for C Beaumonts Acct
MM

26 Dec 1817 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 26 Decemr 1817

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Enclosing Cash Acct & Lead Sales for Oct & Novemr & Stating posting of the
remittance of this day to Messrs Glyn & Co

1 Jan 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 1 Janry 1818

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Ludgate Hill – London – Advising a Pce Silver of 1377 Oz pWaggon MM

7 Jan 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 7 Janry 1818

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Ludgate Hill London – Advising a pce Silver of 1387 Oz pWaggon 3 inst MM

31 Jan 1818 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 31 Janry 1818

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe

Bankers London – Remitting £375 on Acct Revd Henry Hardinge for ¼ a Yrs Compo: of
Tithe Ore due the 11 inst

4 Feb 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 4 Febry 1818

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Ludgate Hill - London. Advising a pce Silver of 1426Oz pWaggon this day
MM

13 Feb 1818 Martin Morrison to Paris McCausland & Co

Newcastle 13 Febry 1818

Messrs Paris McCausland & Co Broad Street Buildings

I beg to transmit the above for Lead shipped to St Petersburg on A. Paris Esqr's Account, due the 1 instant, and to request the favour of the amount being paid to Sir P. Pole & Co in London for my Account with Messrs Reed & Co, Bankers here. I am etc
£914 – 2 – 2

6 Mar 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 6 March 1818

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill – London

Advq 2 ps Silver of 1504 & 1293 Oz pWaggons of the 28 Ult and 4th instant

11 Apr 1818 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 April 1818

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe

Ludgate Hill London – Remitting £375 in payment of Revd Hy Hardinge's Compo: of Tithe Ore for ¼ a yr due this day

11 Apr 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 11 April 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advq a pce Silver of 1377 Oz - pWaggon 10 inst

18 Apr 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 18 April 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Adv a pce Silver of 1654 Oz pWaggon this day

18 Apr 1818 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 18 April 1818

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square London
Transmitting Cash Accounts & Lead Sales for December, Janry, Febry & March; also
Quarterly Reports of the Mines

29 Apr 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 29 April 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Adv a pce Silver contg 1264 ½ Oz – pWaggon

6 Jun 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 6 June 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Adv a Pe Silver containing 1428Oz pWaggon

16 June 1818

Ditto do containing 1180 oz pWaggon

30 Jun 1818 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 30th June 1818

Mrs Beaumont Hastings - Sussex
Inclosing Cash Acct & Lead Sales for May & June. MM

2 Jul 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 2nd July 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a Pce of Silver containing 1410 Oz pWaggon 30 Ult

10 Jul 1818 Martin Morrison to Watkins Maltby Parker & Co

Newcastle 10 July 1818

Messrs Watkins Maltby Parker & Co
Lead Merchants – London.-

I am favored with your esteemed Letter of the 10th instant; and the paper delivered to me, by Mr Parker, to which you allude, remains in my possession. – I beg to observe that the Purchaser of Slag, or hard Lead, Knows it to be of an inferior quality, and pays accordingly a less price for it, nor can I admit that the Mines or the Merchant ought, under the knowledge of this fact, be made accountable for the accidental inferiority (not to be avoided) in the quality of some pieces: at the same time I am desirous to be understood that I shall ever be ready to receive within a reasonable time, any Lead which may be objected to, and replace it with some of the same description but which may be thought of better quality. – We have never given assurance of the good quality of this Lead, for we know it is inferior, & it has hitherto been purchased as suitable for the India & China markets without any objection being made to it there, that I have ever heard of, until lately. In the paper signed by the Merchants, procured by Captain Hamilton for the purpose of obtaining an abatement or allowance in the price of the Lead in question, I observe, the quantity of each mark complained of, is not specified; a circumstance essential if his application is to be successful. – I am etc MM

11 Jul 1818 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 July 1818

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London
Remitting £375, in payment of ¼ yrs Compo: for Tithe Ore due this day to Revd Henry Hardinge.

20 Jul 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 20 July 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a Pce of Silver containing 1318 Oz pWaggon

6 Aug 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 6 August 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a pce of Silver containing 1159 Oz pWaggon 4 inst

17 Aug 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 17 August 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a pce Silver of 1441 ½ Oz pWaggon 11 inst

29 Aug 1818 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 29 August 1818

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers London

Enclosing 5 Bills value £17,627-14-1 for Col Beaumonts Account. ---MM

16 Sep 1818 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 16 September 1818

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Inclosing Cash Acct & Lead Sales for last month

20 Sep 1818 Thomas Thompson et al to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

[Note: undated but presumably of much the same date as that sent to Crawhall, c. 20 September]

T W Beaumont Esq M.P.

Honoured Sir

We the Miners in Weardale having long laboured under the greatest distress, have felt ourselves obliged to petition for an Advance of Wages. We find that our present subsisting Money, which is only 7/6 a Week, much too little to purchase the necessaries of life, we have therefore petitioned for 10/- a week - our requests have not yet been granted . - Mr Morrison has made us an offer of 5/- pBing more than we have had, but it is too little, as those places which wo[ul]d have the 5/- advance cannot be worked under 10/- to enable Men to make a sufficiency to support themselves & family, and unless the Subsisting Money be advanced to 10/- a Week, it will be impossible for the greatest number of us, to get the necessaries of life, as our Credit is entirely gone – We have taken the Liberty of enclosing the petition, which we sent to Mr Morrison and humbly beg the favour of you to interfere in our behalf. We hope that your influence will prevail on your worthy Mother, to grant us our requests. – We feel fully assured

from your known generosity & benevolence, that you will do whatever is in your power to render our Situations more comfortable than they have been.

Thos Thompson Dyke

John Peart Close End

22 Sep 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 22 Septemr 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a Pce of Silver containing 1295 Oz pWaggonMM

24 Sep 1818 Martin Morrison to George Crawhall

[Note: The original petition forwarded by Crawhall is attached to the Morrison letter to Mrs Beaumont dated 25 Sept 1818]

NCastle 24 Sept 1818

Mr Geo Crawhall New house Weardale

I this morning rec[eive]d your two letters of the 22d Inst. – One enclosing a paper entitled ‘An Address to the Miners in Weardale’. I cannot sufficiently recommend the good sense and firmness which you have displayed in the interview with the nine delegates, sent by the Miners to you, demanding an advance of 10/- P.Bing in the price for raising Ore, and to be allowed 40/- PMo[nth] Subsistence Mony instead of 30/- the Sum at present paid.- In establishing 35/- PB[in]g as the highest price for raising Ore, with some extra allowance for situations which in your opinion required it, I am persuaded that due consideration has been entertained towards the Miners, compatible with the trust repose in Us by our employers; and certainly more than the poor & exhausted State of the Mines justify. The advance in the price for raising Ore, within the last twelvemonth exceeds Sixteen pCent upon the previous years earnings; whilst the Price of Lead during that period, has not fluctuated more than 20/- to 30/- PFodder. New and expensive Trials to discover Mines, were never more numerous; at a time too, when the workings from their general poverty are scarcely defraying the Expenses they incur. – To give employment to the Workmen - by far too numerous for this Situation – is one stimulus to the exercise of your Knowledge and Industry and with such intentions I consider their present conduct unreasonable; and the language contained in The ‘Address’ mischievous & altogether unjustifiable

Convinced that no description of Workmen generally are better paid, it is my determination to adhere to what I consider our duty, and to make no alteration in the terms of the Bargains for the ensuing Quarter as settled with you in Weardale. – You will proceed with viewing the Mines; and to give all the protection you can, to such

Men as are willing to take Bargains and making all the use of this Letter you may deem nec[e]sary

I am & c &c M Morrison

PS If nothing prevent me I propose being at Alston on Monday, to return in the afternoon to Blue Back & home on Tuesday.

25 Sep 1818 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 25th Sept 1818

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Yorks

Madam

The calamitous occurence of the destruction of greatest part of the Abbey by Fire yesterday, has produced the most distressing sensations Mr Crawhall being NCastle when the intelligence arrived immediately set off for Hexham, and when he reached the place a little before 12 o'clock at night, the flames had ceased raging, but with the destruction of the front and West side of the house, except the Walls which are standing. – I understand Mr Dobson has communicated the particulars to Mr Beaumont of this sad event, by this morning's Post of which you will no doubt be informed.

By what cause this great misfortune has been produced is not yet sufficiently accounted for; but it is supposed that the flues in a heated state, by some means not discovered (altho' Mr Dobson asserts this was guarded against) had ignited the old Timber in the Building, become highly inflammable by its extreme dryness.

In addition to this clamity, I regret to state that the Miners in Weardale are demanding an Increase of Wages, and also of Subsistence Money, for the ensuing quarter, and have expressed their determination not to work, unless their demand is complied with. – In consequence of no improvement in the price of Lead, the Ore Bargains for this last [struck out: quarter] year have been advanced 16£ pCent on the former years earnings; but not content with this, which redeems your promise to give more wages when lead became higher, they now require 10/- pBing additional for raising Ore and 40/- pMonth Subsist: Money: A demand so unreasonable cannot be complied with, and I have decidedly objected to making any advance this Quarter, and whilst the Men continue in the determination not to go to Work – On writing thus far, I have been waited upon by three Men from Weardale with the enclosed petition, I repeated to them in substance what I have above stated – they then desired me to forward the petition to you, which I engaged to do, but assured them that the present poverty of the Mines would not allow you to afford the relief they sought for; or, indeed any modification of it, even if the Mines were in a more prosperous state, whilst the Men acted upon this determination of not going to Work. – I promised to inform them the result of your determination and advised them to return peaceably to their

Work, that if any advance Could be given them next quarter I would endeavour to do it, but on the express condition of their returning peaceably to work. I am greatly distressed, in this moment of heavy affliction to you, to be under the necessity of making this unpleasant communication and have the Honor to remain etc etc

MM

To Martin Morrison Esqr

The humble petition of the Miners in Weardale – Sheweth that your petitioners are suffering and have long suffered the greatest distress owing to the pressure of the times, and the low price given for raising Ore. – this they have endured with great patience and fortitude in expectation of better times. – We have continued working a long time confiding in Lady Beaumont's promise that our Wages shall be advanced, as soon as the price of Lead advanced. Lead has considerably advanced since that period, but we have only received five shillings more pBing - and that only for the poorest parts of the Mine, great numbers of us are not making our Subsistence Money, & have been under the necessity of seeking relief, upwards of 400 of us (including their Families) are on the Parish. Mr Crawhall says he has not power to give more at present, our Strength and Spirits are gone, numbers of us nearly without food and raiment suffering extreme poverty. – We feel ourselves obliged from these distressing circumstances to humbly request that you will have the goodness to advance the price for raising Ore not less that 10/- pBing and other work in proportion; in order to enable them to make 15/- or 16/- pWeek and to advance our Subsistence Money to 40/- pMonth – from your <wonted> goodness & generosity We humbly hope you will grant our reasonable request & Your Petitioners will ever pray etc

29 Sep 1818 Martin Morrison to Thomas Richard Beaumont

[Note: There is no addressee on the letter but it is assumed to be to Col. Beaumont]

Sept 29/1818 Shipped on Board the Thomas, Rich & Saul for Hull – 5 Boxes of Spar directed for Col Beaumont Bretton Hall Yorks

2 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: enclosed with this letter is a letter drafted by Morrison & dated 30 Sept 1818 to Rev Wm Wilson for George Crawhall's signature]

Newcastle 2d October 1818

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Madam

Since I had the honour of last addressing a Letter to you I have been in Weardale whither I went at the solicitation of Geo. Crawhall who became alarmed, by the menacing & tumultuous proceedings, of the largest assemblage of Miners ever before seen there. - When I arrived, it was intimated to the Miners, that I was at Newhouse and ready to hear any representation they had to make; after some hesitation whether they would come or not, first saying I might come to them if I had a proposition to make, this however when they understood I was about to leave the place, they gave up, and six of the Men waited upon me. They said, all they had to state was to require 10/- pBing advance & 40/- pMonth Subsistence Mo[ney];, & that if it was not given them, the Men would not go to Work, having entered into a written engagement, one and all, to abide by that determination. I told them at once that 40/- pMonth would never be acceded to; but that with the intention of not affording them the smallest pretext for complaint and to preserve the peace of the District, I would give now, the advance of 5/- pBing which I meditated to give at the commencement of the new Year, provided they returned peaceably to their Work. This proposition being communicated to the body to the Miners, who insisted upon having their own terms, I prepared to come away, first informing the deputation, they must be aware that they were acting [sruck out: unlawfully] illegally & cognizable to the Laws of their Country & that as what I had now proposed was solely for their good and upon my own responsibility It was only left to me openly to announce, that as many were desirous and did actually return to their Work every protection would be given to them, that the civil power would afford. - I then prepared a Letter a Copy of which is enclosed, for Mr Crawhall's signature to the Revd W Wilson - a Magistrate - in the court of the Men not returning to Work. - To attempt more will answer no good purpose, to recall the Men to their duty, and after the answer which a deputation received from Mr Beaumont of his determination not to interfere while the Men discontinue their Work, I am not without hopes that they will soon be sensibly Of their error and return to Work it -- enclose Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month & am etc MM

The Revd Wm Wilson
Wolsingham

Newhouse Septr 30th 1818
Weardale

Sir I beg to inform you that the Men still continue off work notwithstanding every exertion on the part of the Agents has been tried to recall them to their duty and to give a peaceable direction to their Minds which I regret to say appears to be instigated to passion and I fear to violence by wicked council. - Liberal offers of an increase of Wages in order to leave no possible ground open for complaint, and to preserve the peace of the Country, have been made to the Men and certainly far beyond what the general poverty of the Mines justify; but their demands are so exorbitant and dictated with so improper a spirit that if yielded to, an end to all subordination <would> be the consequence. - Where the Mines have been commonly productive the Men have <earned> reasonable & good Wages; but the misfortune is

that the population of the district is too extensive for the Mines, altho there never was a period when more new and expensive Trials were made in Weardale, than at this time, to discover Mines and to afford employment to its numerous Inhabitants. – I am inclined to think that the majority of the Men are well disposed and anxious to continue their Work; but are prevented and intimidated by threats of violence of the Turbulent and Illdisposed.- I think it my duty to give you, as a Magistrate, this information & am respectfully

Sir Yr most hble S[ervan]t Geo. Crawhall

A copy of the above Letter was sent at the same time addressed to – Faber Esqr
Bp Auckland

3 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to George Crawhall

Newcastle Octo 3/1818

Mr Geo Crawhall Newhouse

D[ear] Sir

I have rec[eive]d your L[ette]re & I regret to observe that the Workmen continue in so bad a spirit. – What I proposed to do for them was upon my own Responsibility, unauthorized by any directions from Col & Mrs Beaumont, who by a letter received in answer to the petition, which conformable to the promise I made to the first deputation at N'castle was forwarded to Bretton, have expressed their Resolution not to attend to their Petition whilst the Miners act in an illegal manner and refuse going to Work. Having however of my own accord advanced the price 5/- pBing on condition of the Men going to Work I pledge myself that condition shall be confirmed. – Whatever has passed between the Men deputed, [struck out: to wait upon] and Mr Beaumont at Hexham is a matter I cannot speak to, as MrB[eaumon]t yet does not interfere therefore neither will nor can give directions respecting the Mines; but I did understand from him that he had recommended them to return to their Work, if they expected their complaints to be attended to; that he did not know that I had made an advance to them, he has since told me himself, & on the whole he considered himself as having nothing to do with the business, but only to give his recommendation to the Men for their own benefit to return peaceably to work. – Under all the circumstances you & all reasonable Men will be convinced I have done all that I can do or ought to do & that whatever measures the Workmen may adopt, is upon their own responsibility, - If they determine to go to work on the terms of last Quarter Bargains, in the expectation of having their demands complied with in the quarter commencing with the Year I distinctly declare that I cannot make them any promise that so much will be conceded. – If they do go to work it is a matter between themselves & Col. Beau[mon]t but without any promise being made by the latter. In the event of the Men being so misguided as to proceed to the commitment of injury to the property of their

Employers it must fall upon the Country & of course themselves to repair the damage that is done, besides the punishment which the Law inflicts upon the perpetrators of Injury – <On> the whole your communication impresses me with the opinion that the Men will return to their Work soon & that an apparent indifference on your part to their proceedings may have a good effect I am MM

6 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Octo 6/1818 Shipped on Board the Thomas, Rich & Saul, for Hull 5 Casks of Lead <Fume> for Col Beaumont Bretton

12 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

N'Castle 12 October 1818

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London

Remitting £375, the amount of Revd Hy Hardinge's ¼ Yrs Comp: for Tithe Ore due 11 inst. MM.

12 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

N'Castle 12 Octor 1818

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers – London

Remitting 2 Bills value £1911 – 4 – 2 for Colonel Beaumonts Acct – MM

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15 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

Newcastle 15 October 1818

Thos W Beaumont Esqr MP Hexham Abbey

The Miners having returned to work, and the last quarter expired for which the Ore Bargains were taken, It becomes necessary, to enter into a new agreement with them for the present quarter ending with the year: In consequence Mr Geo: Crawhall came down yesterday from Weardale to to fix upon the highest price pBing, proper to be given for raising Ore, and we determined that an advance of 5/ pBing on the former price of 35/ should be offered for this & the following Quarter; but that no alteration in

the subsistence or lent money on account of the Yearly earnings could be made; and which is to be continued after the rate of 30/ pMan per month as heretofore. – I take the liberty of making this communication to you, in the event of the workmen continuing to expect their own unreasonable demands to be complied with; and again applying to you for that purpose, . – I am etc MM

20 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Griffith & Son

Newcastle 20 Octo 1818

Messrs I Griffith & Son Sol[icito]r Durham

I am favored with your letter of the 17th Inst. I hope soon to be enabled to reply more particularly to it, but in the mean time request that you will proceed in the appeal against the poor Rates assessed Mr Hardinge in respect of the Tithes of Lead-Ore in the parish of Stanhope, which I am well assured cannot be sustained.

I am Sirs etc MM

24 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

Mr Beaumont Esqr M.P. Hexham

Newcastle 24 Octo 1818

Sir

I am this morning honoured with your l[ette]re of Thursday night, and at same time rec[eive]d the detail of proceedings of the Weardale Mines at <Allenh[eads] & at Coalcl[eugh]>. The most direct Method would have been for Mr Crawhall to have laid an information against Geo. Robinson & <Jhn> Stephenson before Mr Richmond who is a Magistrate & who was with him at Hexham on Thursday in this omission I have tho[ugh]t it best, and Mr Williamson coincides in the opinion, to issue at the Mines the enclosed Hand Bill, and if it does not produce the effect of making the Men desist from obstructing those who are inclined to work, the information then can be laid against Robinson & Stephenson; which as it would place Mr Crawhall, were he alone to inform, in a situation hazardous to his safety. I would recommend a Magistrate (if he could be prevailed upon) to receive at Allenheads the depositions of other persons who witnessed the illegal proceedings. Mr Faber the Revd W Wilson & Doctor Fenwick all Durham Magistrates have been acquainted with the occurrences in Weardale, but I am unacquainted with any, active & firm who will move without an actual information being laid and I fear procuring a sufficient number of special Constables to act with effect in Weardale Is impracticable. – I trust the Hand Bill may produce the desired effect & render unnecessary more rigorous measures; at all events the trial, if it fails, will not produce much delay I have the Honor to be etc MM

26 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to George Crawhall

Newcastle 26th Octo 1818

Mr Geo Crawhall Weardale

Col. Beaumont having taken into consideration the late illegal and disgraceful conduct of the Workmen in Weardale, to whom under the late disastrous circumstances of the times, he has authorized work to be given to every extent possible, far beyond what the states of the Mines precedently warranted, feel justly offended; and altho[ugh] he is inclined to believe the greatest part of the Men have been influenced in their late behavior, by some evil disposed persons among them, he is willing to pass over the offence in the hope that similar disgraceful scenes will never occur again, yet it is with the exception of those persons who have been the chief instigators in the late transactions who are not to be employed again in his Works whenever you can discover or identify their Persons

I am etc MM

28 Oct 1818 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: enclosed in this letter is a letter from Mr Williamson & an extract from a letter from Mr Newburn solicitor of Darlington]

NCastle 28 Octr 1818

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Madm

I beg to enclose a letter received from Mr Williamson this day with an extract from one rec[eive]d from Mr Newburn Sol[icito]r at Darlington, respecting the None payment of £4000 property Tax to Government, in consequence of the Mony rec[eive]d by the Collector there, being deposited in the Bank of Messr Mowbray & Co at the period of their failure. – If on Mr Newburn furnishing Col Beaumont with Copies of the petitions or memorials to any of the official Departments, steps could be taken to induce the Lords of the Treasury to direct the withdrawing the Exchequer Process issued against the Inhabitants of Darlington to make good the <a...> deficiency, it would be a relief from a situation apparently unjust, and certainly a great hardship, and which if proceeded in by the Exchequer, you Madam, as a principal Contributor to the Property Tax in that Township, may be the greatest sufferer. – Had Mr Beaumont taken his Seat In the Ho[use] Commons and entered upon public business, His assistance in obtaining the relief sought for, might have been effectual; but as the opportunity of his doing so, has not yet occurred perhaps your application to Mr Arbuthnot may be of service

I remain etc MM

Whickham 23 Octo 1818

Martin Morrison Esq

Dear Sir

On the other side of this sheet I have sent you an extract of a letter which I have received from Mr Newburn a respectable Solicitor in Darlington, and which you will perhaps think it right to communicate to Col & Mrs Beaumont. I fear it is rather an hopeless affair, as the remission <of taxes> is a request that can hardly expect a very favourable reception from Governm[en]t in the present situation of the Country – However as the case is one of great hardship and as I fear that Col Beaumont will ultimately be liable to contribute to the deficiency, it may perhaps be thought adviseable to comply with Mr Newburns request so far as to procure some Friend of Col & Mrs Beaumont now in Town to apply formally to the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes, or to the Treasury, upon the subject: I rather think that a representation to the Treasury should have been made in the first instance. – I have suggested to Mr Newburn the propriety of furnishing Col Beaumont with Copies of such petitions or memorials as He may present to any of the official Departments in this business. – I am Dear Sir

Yrs very <..> <Rt Hopper> Williamson

On the failure of Mowbray & Co Stephens (our Collector of Income Tax) had deposited £4000 property Tax in their Bank, and after a lapse of 3 years we are now called upon to repay it & an exchequer Process is issued against the Inhabitants of this place, to recover that Sum. It appears that Col Beaumont, the London Lead Comp[an]y and several others at the commencement of the Income Tax, solicited to be Assessed in the Township of Darlington, with which the Commisioners complied. - Their Income Tax was regularly transmitted to the Clerk of the Commissioners and by him paid over to the Collector. Now of the £4000 those Gentlemen had paid £2868 which with the residue was deposited in Mowbray & Co Bank & lost on their failure. It has been deemed advisable here to present a petition to the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes, and as the <aid> of those who stand well with the Government is of the utmost importance, I beg leave to ask the favour of you to ask Col Beaumont if he will be obliging enough to assist us in this unfortunate affair in or application to the Commissioners for relief. –

2 Nov 1818 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Newcastle 2d Nov 1818

Robt Stagg Esq Ryhope near Sunderland

Sir

The Vestry of the Parish of Stanhope having assessed the Revd H Hardinge, Rector, to the Poor Rates; against which he has appealed to the Quarter Sessions; I am to acquaint you, that in the event of the Rate being established (which however is not at all probable) the amount will fall upon Col Beaum[on]t as Tenant to the said Rector; and of course the Lead Co will have to bear their Share according to the proportion of Ore raised by them in the Parish. – This information you will receive as private and confidential <&> that you may be aware how far your Employers are implicated in the proceedings now pending. – Mr Bainbridge of Alston I am informed is the Solicitor employed by The Vestry. – I am etc MM

9 Nov 1818 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 9 Novemr 1818

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising 2 pSilver w[eighin]g 1104 ½ & 1686 Oz pWaggon 7 inst

11 Dec 1818 Martin Morrison to Griffith & Son

Newcastle 11 Dec 1818

Messrs I Griffiths & Son Sol[icito]r Durham

Gentl[emen]

I am favoured with your letter of the 9 Inst & if in another poor Rate to be made this Month by the Vestry of Stanhope, one, is made against the Rector for Tithe Ore; You will of course lodge another Appeal against this & the other Rates made between the last and next Sessions. On my return last Saturday I wrote to Mr Geo Crawhall Newhouse Weardale, to receive your directions & to give all the information, in his power, to your enquiries. I have not since heard from him, but in consequence of your Letter I again wrote to him yesterday. – I have seen Mr Williamson & perused the Copy of his Opinion, & am confirmed in my Opinion of the necessity of proceeding with the Appeal – if the Vestry persist – in Mr Hardinges name –

Etc etc MM

15 Dec 1818 Martin Morrison to Griffith & Son

Newcastle 15 Decemr 1818

Messrs I Griffiths & Son Durham. –

I am favored with your Letter of the 12th, enclosing Copies of yours to Messrs Bainbridge of Alston, and of their answer. I agree with you that the Appeal should be

adjourned over from next Sessions to the following Easter Sessions; and in this Opinion Mr Williamson Concurr. – I observe the request of Messrs Baibnbridge to you, for any information that you can properly give as to the nature of the Agreements between the Rector <etc> and Colonel Beaumont. – On this subject I am sure you will think with me that We cannot be too reserved, or too much upon our guard; and I mention this, under the impression that in your Communication to Messrs Bainbridge to admit as Evidence, the execution of Leases or Agreements for Leases from Mr Hardinge to Col Beaumont of the Tithes of the latter's mines etc, it might not have been more guarded to have said Instruments generally; but this remark you will have the goodness to receive as arising from my fears of Messrs Bainbridge's readiness, under a correct Sense of Duty, to avail themselves of information to enable them to proceed against, and render liable, Colonel Beaumont for the Payment of the Poor Rates I am etc

MM

31 Dec 1818 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 31 Decem 1818

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales for Novembr MM

7 Jan 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 7 Janry 1819

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Adv[isin]g 3ps Silver of 1592, 1456, & 1097 Oz pWaggon MM

12 Jan 1819 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 12 Janry 1819

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe London

Remitting £375 on Revd Hy Hardinge's Acct in paym[en]t For ¼ yrs Compo: of Tithe Ore due the 11th instant MM

10 Feb 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 10 Feby 1819

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a piece of Silver weighing 1272 Oz – pWaggon MM

25 Feb 1819 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: A second letter dated 02 Mar 1819 is included with this as it is written as 'ditto']
Newcastle 25 Febry 1819

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square London
Transmitting Cash Acct & Lead Sales for Decr & Janry

Ditto Do Do N[ew]Castle 2 March 1819
for Febry

6 Mar 1819 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 6th March 1819

Madam

Annexed is a Copy of Certain Resolutions entered into by the Lead Comp[an]y and published last Week in the Durham Newspaper So the Comp[an]y have thus given publicity to their proceedings, and as the proposed Contribution of Four Hundred Pounds is in aid of the Bishop of Durham's intention of establishing Schools in Weardale, where your Interest is paramount to all others, I have considered it my duty, to transmit the same for your information. – If in the Resettlement of your Estates it should be your intention to include the Leasehold property in London; you will be pleased to give directions to Mr Hopkins to have the necessary abstracts made from the Deeds in his possession. – I beg to remark that the premises in Montague Close are of no use to the Tooley Street establishment & endeavours have been made to dispose of them in consequence of the communication I made to you on the subject sometime <since> but no one, altho[ugh] applications have been made to purchase has yet been found inclined to give the price demanded for them, Perhaps therefore you may not think it expedient to include those premises in the arrangement now contemplated.

I am etc MM

13 Mar 1819 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 13 March 1819

Sir R C Glyn & Co Bankers – London
Remitting two Bills value £10,360-12-7 for Col Beaumonts Account. –

15 Mar 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 15 March 1819

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a pce Silver pWaggon of 1131 Oz

MM

20 Mar 1819 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle 20 March 1819

Rob Stagg Esq

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 17 Inst and annexed transmit you the statement for Ore raised in Weardale in the Year ending the 30th Sept. amounting to £1246-11-10 due from the Lead Company to Col Beaumont. – the advance made by Col B[eaumont] by the quarterly payments in London to the B[isho]p Durham & Rector for Lot & Tithe Ore I have charged Int[eres]t upon, considering that the charge is equitable, conformable to the Conditions of Sale of the <Partn[ershi]p> Mines; & against which no reasonable objection can be made I am etc MM

27 Mar 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 27 March 1819

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Advising a pce Silver of 1331 Oz pWaggon this day MM

29 Mar 1819 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Rob Stagg Esq
Middleton House Barnard Castle

N[ew]Castle 29th March 1819

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 27 Inst announcing to me that the Gov & Co decline paying their proportion of Rent, Comp[ositi]ns etc for the [struck out: Mines] Ore raised in Weardale last year, because Interest is charged on the advances made in the quarterly payments to the Bishop & Rector, which they are pleased to assert is 'incorrect'. If your Employers doubt the fact of the periodical payments being made, Mr Mills the Banker, and one of their Body, can satisfy them of the payment to the Bishop of Durham, as also can Messrs Goslings & Sharp of that to the Rector of Stanhope, and it is no justifiable reason for refusing to pay this charge because it is new and has hitherto been overlooked or omitted. – I demand on Col Beaumont's behalf the Dues, & beg to repeat that the Charge of Interest is equitable and not 'incorrect'; for surely the

Company cannot expect & ought not to require Col Beaumont to make advances on their Account. – I take this opportunity to acquaint you that Mr Geo Crawhall is prepared to settle with you the charge for Shift Work incurred by the Use of your Level in Middlehope; you are aware the very long time the Company had the use of Coalcleugh Level without any charge being made, & which I hope will induce you to abate the Sum you proposed to demand. I am etc

MM

13 Apr 1819 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 13 April 1819

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London

Inclosing Bill value £375 – „ - „ for ¼ Yrs Composition for Tithe Ore due Revd Hy Hardinge on the 11 inst MM

16 Apr 1819 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Newcastle 16 April 1819

Rob Stagg Esq Middleton House

Sir

I have delayed ackn[owledgin]g the Rec[eip]t of your Letter of 31 Ult in the hope that the Lead Comp[any], to whom you intended to submit my Letter of the 29 would on more mature consideration have acquiesced, because founded in equity, to the charge of Interest on the advances in the quarterly payments made to the Bishop & Rector, for Rents Comp[ositio]n etc in lieu of Lot Ore & Tithe Ore; & that the Comp[an]y would have recalled their harsh expression of 'incorrect' as applied to that charge, and derogatory, I must say, to the transactions of Col B[eaumon]ts Office. – So I have not heard from you in consequence of the transmission of the above Letter, I conclude, from the time which has elapsed since, that as directions for the payment of Interest have been received by you from the Comp[an]y; and that I must, for the present, submit to accept, on your tendering the money, the amount of Rents, Comp[ositio]n etc less the charge of Interest, but in doing so I shall consider Col Beaumonts just claim upon the Comp[ositio]n to remain unsatisfied, untill the Interest is by them to him paid. I take this occasion to state that the quarterly payments to the Bishop of Durham are made on the 31 Dec. 31 March. 30 June & 30 Sept; & to the Rector of Stanhope on the 11 Jany 11 April 11th July & 11th Octr. & that two quarters have been paid to each, on <Acct> of the said Rents etc by Col B[eaumon]t for Ore raised & to be raised in Weardale for the present year end[in]g the 30th Sept, in Order, that if the Comp[an]y are averse to allow <Int[erest]> on the Sums advanced by Col B[eaumon]t, they may have the opportunity of contributing an estimated Proportion of those quarterly

payments, at the periods above stated. I beg to trespass a little more upon your time, to mention a circumstance, by which the parties concerned have expressed themselves aggrieved. – In driving the Level intersecting your workings in Middlehope, our Miners raised a certain quantity of Ore in your Ground, and for which they have been allowed by the Company's Agent, only 4/6 pBing! I state the fact to the best of my recollection, as communicated to me, in the hope of upon investigation, you find it correct, that you will not withhold from them a fair remuneration for their labour.

I am etc MM

9 Jun 1819 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle 9 June 1819

Rob Stagg Esq

Sir

Informed by the Secretary of the Lead Company that the Com.y had sometime since given you directions to pay the proportion of dues for Ore raised in Weardale for last year including the Interest on the advances made by Col Beaumont, and also to pay an estimated proportion in future on the quarterly payments as they become due, I am to request the same may be settled, and conclude you will consider from £250 to £300 reasonable at which the quarterly proportions ought to be estimated –

I am etc MM

16 Jun 1819 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 16 June 1819

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London

Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales For April and May. --- MM

21 Jun 1819 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 21 June 1819

Mrs Beaumont

Madm

I am this day hon[oure]d by the Rec[eip]t of yr Letter of the 18th Inst. It appears by the Books of this Office, that in Sept & Octr 1795, you were at Bretton Hall, and left it, so as to be in Portman Square on or before the 1st Nov following. – and that on the 23d Sept 8 Octr & 20 Octr 1796 Letters were addressed to Col Beaum[on]t at Bretton Hall

& on the 21 Dec 1796 a Letter was addressed to him at Portman Sq: where it appears he continued to June 1797. I can find no traces of any circumstance relating to Tweedale's transaction nor is it probable, whatever the nature of it may have been, that it would have been known or noticed in this Office. – The run upon Backhouse & Cos Bank have I understand ceased. – It is said that the many establishments they have <formed> in the County of Durham and in this Town & Shields have excited dissatisfaction in the public mind and occasioned the run upon them. The N[ew]Castle Banks had in consequence a slight run, but confidence is again restored & all are at peace. – The <sd> case of Col Reeds papers cannot of course involve You in any Expense I am etc
MM

24 Jun 1819 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Newcastle 24 June 1819

Rob Stagg Esq

I am favoured with your Letter of the 22d Inst and in replying to it have to confirm mine of the 8th Inst that I am desirous to receive the Comp[osition] <.. Prop[ortion]> of dues for Ore raised in Weardale last year conformable to the Statement transmitted to you on the 20th March last; and certainly it is not my intention to charge Interest for the past; or for the future provided the estimated quantity paym[ent]s by the Company are, as the become due, regularly made. – If the quantity of Ore raised by you falls short this Year, I am certain the quantity we shall raise will in a greater proportion be less; and therefore in my Opinion £250 pQuar[ter] is a more equitable Sum than £200 to be paid by the Company. – Whatever you may on this point determine upon, I am at least to request you will not longer delay payment of the Companys proportion for last year. -- I am etc MM

26 Jun 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 26th June 1819

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a Pce of Silver containing 1227 Oz pWaggonMM

30 Jun 1819 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle June 30/1819

Rob Stagg Esq

I am favoured with your letter of the 28th Inst with an Order upon Sir W.W.Ridley & Co for £2014-11-10 being so much due (as under) from the Lead Comp[an]y to Col Beaum[on]t for Rents, Compositions etc for the Weardale Mines; and for which is here enclosed the required seperate Receipts.

I am etcMM

1264 11 10 for Rents etc in full to 30th Sept 1818
750 for – do - on Acct to 30 Sept 1819
2014-11-10

6 Jul 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 6 July 1819

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a Pce of Silver containing 1532 Oz pWaggon MM

13 Jul 1819 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 13 July 1819

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London

Remitting <them> £375-,,-, for Revd Henry Hardinge's Acc[oun]t in payment for ¼ Yrs Compo[sition]: of Tithe Ore due 11 inst MM

30 Jul 1819 Martin Morrison to J Bourdelain Esq

Newcastle 30 July 1819

J. Bourdelain Esqr – London

I am favored with your Letter of the 28th instant; and in reply inform you that my price for Lead at the Wharf is £24 pfo[othe]r of 21 Cwt, six months credit from the day of purchase. - I beg to add that it is not the custom of this Office to ship Lead, which is done by the person on the spot, appointed by the Purchaser for that purpose; but having an establishment at No 8 Tooley Street for the Sale of WB Lead I beg to refer you to Mr Hopkins there, should you be inclined to purchase and prefer transacting the business in London. – French Vessels seldom arrive at this port and therefore am unable to state any regular rate of freight, by them, to France; but when the opportunity does occur, I understand it is lower than by an English Vessel

I am etc MM

23 Aug 1819 Martin Morrison to Mather Parker & Co

Messrs Mather Parker & Co Liverpool

Newcastle 23 August 1819

In reply to your Letter of the 21st instant, I beg to inform you that my price for 5,000 pieces of Lead, or a less quantity, is £24 pfo[the]r for Refined, and £23 pfo[the]r for Common, in the proportion of 1/3rd of the former, and 2/3rds of the latter.

– I am etc. – MM

11 Oct 1819 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 October 1819

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London

Remitting £375 for Revd Hy Hardinge's Acc[oun]t in paym[en]t for ¼ Yrs

Compo[sition]: of Tithe Ore due this day.- MM

12 Oct 1819 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Rob Stagg Esq

Newcastle 12th Octo 1819

Sir

Permit me to remind you that on the 30th of last month an instalment became due from the Govr & Co, on Account of the quarterly paym[en]t to the B[isho]p of Durham & Rector of Stanhope for Lot & Tithe Ore; & to request the favour of a remittance. – Those quarterly payments, I beg to repeat, are on the 31st Decr 31st March – 30 June & 30 Septem.

I am Sir etc MM

18 Oct 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Mess[rs] Rundell, Bridge Lond[on]

N[ew]Castle 18 Octr 1819

Sir Advised a p[iece] fine Silver <of> 1464 Oz <.> MM

27 Oct 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Ditto [Messrs Rundell, Bridge, <London>]

27 Oct

adv[ise]d a Piece Silver --- 1128 Oz –pMM

28 Oct 1819 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 28 Oct 1819

T W Beaumont Esqr MP.<Orpington>

Transmitting Reports of Allenheads & Coalcleugh Lead Mines for last quarter; also duplicates to be forwarded to Mrs Beaumont at Bretton. ---MM

8 Nov 1819 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 8 Novemr 1819

Mrs Beaumont Bretton.

Transmitting Cash Account & Lead Sales for last month MM

16 Nov 1819 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 16th November 1819

T W Beaumont Esqr MP Bretton

Transmitting Weardale Mines Report for himself and Mrs Beaumont. – MM

27 Nov 1819 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 27 Novemr 1819

Sir R C Glyn & Co Bankers London.

Remitting 8 Bills value £22,132 ..10..11 for T R Beaumont Esq's Account. - MM

28 Dec 1819 Martin Morrison to George Crawhall

Newcastle 28 Decemr 1819

Mr George Crawhall New House. – Weardale. -

I am this morning favored with your Letter of the 25th inst. by Brown the Carrier, informing me of the Revd Mr Newby being lately in your neighbourhood viewing the new Schools and of his communicating to you that the Bishop of Durham had endowed them with £2000 to be vested in Government Security's and to be apportioned to the different Schools under the direction of a Committee appointed for that purpose; and that it was his/Mr Newby's Intention to apply to Col Beaumont for a donation in aid of those Establishments etc. You are already acquainted with Col Beaumonts intention to contribute an annual sum to this object and therefore any

meeting of the Inhabitants to petition for what is already determined upon, would prove as useless as improper. – If Mr Newby will Call at this Office any time Business brings him to Newcastle; or, meet me in Weardale at the lead <..>, Col Beaumonts intentions will be explained, and the application of his donation, I doubt not, Satisfactorily arranged. – Col Beaumont and family are not yet gone to London, nor will they I apprehend leave Bretton before the middle of February; and it will save trouble to all party's for Mr Newby to apply at once to me. - You are now on the eve of entering upon your Bargains for the ensuing Quarter, and have only to add, that I am not aware of any circumstances connected with the Lead Trade, which authorise a deviation, from the present prices, for raising Ore.

MM

29 Dec 1819 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 29 Decemr 1819

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a pce Silver of 1733 Oz pWaggon. — MM

4 Jan 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 4 Janry 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a pce Silver of 1588 Oz pWaggon MM

11 Jan 1820 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11th Janry 1820

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers – London

Remitting £375 in paym[en]t to Revd Hy Hardinge for ¼ yrs Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due this day MM

29 Jan 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 29 Jany 1820

Madam

I had yesterday the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 27th Inst and in conformity with your request herewith transmit, in this and two other Covers, Copy of Bank Acc[oun]t kept in my name with Messrs Reeds & Co from the 29th Sept 1812 the period

of its commencement to the 21st Inst. — The Monthly Subsistance for the Mines will be paid this day, and including the Sundry <Xmas> Bills will amount to near £6000. — My Cash Acc[oun]t to the 31st Dec will also be transmitted to you, as soon as I receive the Blaydon <Ref[iner]y> and Lead Accounts from Mr Mulcaster. — I have the Honor etc
MM

31 Jan 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Newcastle 31st Janry 1820
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t for Novemr Decemr & Janry under three Covers
addressed to T W Beaumont Esq MP

Ditto - Lead Sales for ditto - & Febry

3 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

Thos W Beaumont Esq MP Bretton Newcastle 3 Feb

Sir

Having heard that the enclosed Bill was in hands, of the Printer & wo[ul]d be distributed today, I have obtained it from him in time to save the Post, & which I think of importance sufficient to forward for your information. - Who the new Candidate for the County may be, or who is meant to be applied to, to come forward, I am unable to surmise

I am etc MM

4 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

Thos W Beaumont Esq N[ew]Castle 4th Febry 1820

Sir

I have just time to save the Post to inform you that the Handbill which I had the Honor of transmitting to you yesterday, was sent from Alnwick Castle to Mr Davidson who had a number printed & distributed throughout the Town. - I enclose in this & another Cover the Quarterly Reports of the Weardale Mines, & have the Honor etc

MM

4 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle Feby 4th/1820

Madam

I duly rec[eiv]ed your letter of the 1st Inst & in this & another Cover, have the Honor to transmit the Quarterly Reports for Allenheads & Coalcleugh Lead Mines. – Mr Beaumont will have informed you of the occurrences which have arisen in consequence of the late Kings demise. – A Contest for the County is in the general opinion, inevitable; and the hand Bill which I sent yesterday to Mr Beaumont is ascertained to have come from Alnwick Castle. Conjecture is at work respecting the new Candidate & Mr Brandling & Mr Ord of Nunnykirk have been mentioned; the latter I cannot think the Duke would give his Interest to; but do not entertain the same opinion with respect to Mr Brandling were to be disposed to come forward. – I have not heard of Mr Liddells name being once mentioned, but a short time will develop the views of all Partys & it is to be hoped Sir Chas Monck may retire & leave the Election undisturbed to Mr Beaumont. – All the Coals consumed at Limehouse & Blaydon are furnished by Mr Blackett & the amount applied to the Reduction of his Debt & Int[eres]t; nor can more Coals for any useful purpose be taken from him: the House he once occupied in Westgate Street he sold to Mr Isaac Cookson. - the Premises belonging to him in Morley Street are let to several Tenants & were He to dispose of them, would be demanding a Sum beyond what is necessary for you to give for an Office, which however I shall endeavour to ascertain.

It will afford me great pleasure to arrange the Bank Acc[oun]t for the disbursements of your Mines in the way most satisfactory to yourself & Mr Beaumont – the Acc[oun]t is kept at present precisely in the manner as I found it; & as it was directed to be kept when I entered your service & which I am told originated in consequence of the failure of Messrs Surtees B B by whom you lost upwards of £40,000 I cannot entertain any desire respecting this Account but what is consonant to your satisfaction & security. -

I rejoice in the prospect you entertain of an end being put to the dispute with Mr Swallow - the Lease you are inclined to grant him, will no doubt be so secured by the responsibility of the parties to be concerned in the Undertaking & other precautions as to render unnecessary any further interposition of the Law. – The Box containing Spar from Weardale is put on board the Rockcliffe Taylor for Hull, & directed to be forwarded to Bretton. Inclosed are the Ages of the partys In the Lease for Lives of the Weardale Leadmines. The Lease of Killhope & Wellhope is in the possession of Mr Thomas & I shall mention to him your desire to have the names.

I am etc MM

Saturday Morning 5th Feby - Mr Brandling has declared himself a Candidate for the Representation of the County; & inclosed, in the other Cover, is his address. – An Express was sent by Mr Pearson to Sir Charles Monck last night, announcing this occurrence

5 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to George Newby

Revd Geo: Newby
Witton le Wear Durham

Newcastle 5th February 1820

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 2d Instt the subject to which it refers I sometime since submitted to Col & Mrs Beaumont, and I am authorised in giving you this assurance that it is their intention to contribute towards the support of the Schools in Weardale, so benevolently commenced & liberally endowed by the B[isho]p of Durham. – I apprehend Col & Mrs Beaum[on]t will pay a Sum annually in aid of the proposed establishments, and as I have to be in London in May, they will then determine upon the amount to be applied; of which I shall take the earliest opportunity afforded me, of communicating to you. I am etc MM

7 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont, Bretton

Newcastle 7th February 1820

Madam

I take the earliest opportunity afforded me, to inform you Sir Chas Monck has declared his intention to decline the Representation of the County at the Approaching Election. – I saw a letter yesterday from Sir Chas to Mr Pearson to this purport. – On Saturday Mr <Brandling> went to Alnwick and was most cordially received by the Duke who espouses his Interest with all his influence. His Grace was also willing to support Sir Chas Monck if he would come forward; but of the latters interference there is an end, so that I anxiously hope Mr Beaumont will be returned unopposed. – Mr Brandling afterwards Canvassed Alnwick & it being Markett day was generally & enthusiastically received & yesterday he called upon his Friends in this Town. – It appears that his visit to Alnwick had been previously known there, for the populous met him on his approach, took the Horses from the Carriage and drew him into the Town.

Not knowing where Mr Beaumont is at present, I will leave to you to communicate, if necessary, this intelligence to him, indeed as Lord Grey has avowed his support to Mr Beaumont, not only Sir Charles's resignation, but also his intention to resign, may not be unknown to him. – Mr Thomas went early this morning to Hexham, to arrange the Sales of the Tithes, and having nothing in addition to communicate on the subject here stated, thought it unnecessary to trouble you or Mr Beaumont with a letter, and desired me to say so

I am etc MM

8 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to William Crawhall

Mr Wm Crawhall Allenheads

NewCastle 8th Feby 1820

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed the Reports of Alenheads & Coalcl[eugh] Lead Mines, for the quarter ending the 31st Decr last. -- & the Branch Level which you recommend to be taken from Keirsley Row Mines in a South direction for the purpose of discovering Bateshill, Greenly Cleugh & other Veins, I am of opinion should be adopted; and request that you will proceed therewith with all convenient speed dispatch.

I am etc MM

21 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 21 February 1820

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square London

I am honored with your Letter of the 19 inst. The Lives in the leases for the Weardale Lead Mines with the particulars you required are inserted on the otherside; and those for the Inclosures etc will be transmitted by Mr Thomas who possesses the Leases. – The subject of Mr Blacketts Letter dated April 5th/1807 has frequently engaged my thoughts, and you will be pleased to recall to Memory a Proposition to the Bishop of Durham being made to exchange one of the Old Lives, when Richard Seniors name was, in 1808, inserted in the Leases on the death of [struck out: Wm] Chas Wilson; and that his Lordship after affecting to decline negotiating, on the ground of not interfering with the interests of his Successor, at last consented to accept an equivalent for an Exchange of One of the Lives, referring the quantum to be paid, to Mr Morgan the then Actuary to one of the Annuity Offices in London. This was not proceeded in and the Lives still continue in the Leases. The Application to the Bishop was made, in the hope, as he had received so large a sum in consequence of the issue of the Chancery Suit respecting the Original Agreement for Lot Ore, that he would have exchanged one of the Lives on moderate terms; but as his Lordship showed no such disposition, you were not inclined to continue the negotiations – If Mr Beaumont is disposed to ascertain the Bishops Sentiments on the point, the Result, one way or other would be desirable for you to know.

I am etc MM

The Lives inserted in the Leases for Weardale Lead Mines.

Names	what year	By whom	The Sum	Years Old
Inserted	inserted	inserted	paid	in 1820

John Trevelyan	1771	Sir Wr Blackett	1000 Gs	59
Jonh Depledge	1783	Sr Thos Blackett	1250 Gs	59
Richd Senior	1808	Col & Mrs Beaumont	15000	19

26 Feb 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 26 Febry 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill London. –
Advising a Pce of Silver of 1296 Oz pWaggon MM

17 Mar 1820 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Newcastle 17th March 1820

Mr Robert Stagg Middleton House

Annexed you have statement of payments for Ore raised in Weardale in the year ending the 30 Septem[be]r 1819 by which the Company's Proportion amounts to £799-17-3. Having received from you £1000 on Account of the same, the Balance due to the Company is £200-2-9, which sum Is to <their> Credit & applicable to the payments for the present year
I am etc MM

20 Mar 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: Letter has two dates – 20th & 21st March 1820]

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 20 & 21 March 1820

Portman Square London

Transmitting in two Covers Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month & stating remittance to Messrs Glyn & Co of 10,120.17.5 for T R Beaumont Esqrs Acct MM

21 Mar 1820 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 21 March 1820

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers London. –
Inclosing three Bills value £10,120.17.5 for Thos Rd Beaumont Esqre's Account – MM.

21 Mar 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 21 March 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co London --

Advising a Pce of Silver of 1224 Oz pWaggon the 14 inst MM

27 Mar 1820 Martin Morrison to George Horsington

Mr Horsington Bretton

Newcastle 27 March 1820

Mrs Beaumont some time since mentioned to me that you had applied to her on behalf of a person in your neighbourhood to supply the Leadmines with Bend Leather. — The quantity consumed in all the Mines amounts in value to about Two hundred pounds annually and the supply has hitherto been from persons residing in Bishop Auckland and in this Town all Tanners and who in the article have given satisfaction. — On your friend stating his Terms at which he will supply the Best Bend leather to be delivered to Mr Geo: Crawhall Newhouse Weardale Durham and to Mr Wm Crawhall Allenheads - Northumberland and if equally reasonable with others He shall receive an Order when any is wanted — You will observe that the Leather must be all of the Back.
I am Sir Yours etc MM

7 Apr 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 7 April 1820

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square. —

Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month MM

11 Apr 1820 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11 April 1820

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London. —

Remitting £375 on Acc[oun]t Revd Henry Hardinge for ¼ Yrs Compo[sition] for Tithe Ore due this day MM

15 Apr 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 15 April 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co London --

Advising a Pce Silver of 1250 Oz PWaggon this day

19 May 1820 Martin Morrison to William Raine

May 19 1820 Advised Mr Wm Raine, Bretton of 40p <Ref[ined]> WB Lead Shipped p. Lively <Insis> of Hull – for Mr <N> Backhouse, Wakefield

30 May 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 30 May 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co London. –

Advising a pce of Silver of 1469 Oz pWaggon 27 inst MM

2 Jun 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: below this letter were written a name and address: Mr James Scholefield, Boynhill, Near Wakefield, Yorkshire. This does not appear to be related to this or the subsequent copy letters]

Mrs Beaumont

35 Portman Square London

N[ew]Castle 2d June 1820

Madam

I have had the Honor of receiv[ing] your letter of the 30 ult. The reason why Mr Fenwick was not paid on Mr Beaumont's first Election, the Usual fee as Under Sheriff was, that, He demanded Fifty Guineas, being the Sum, he said, presented to him when he held the same situation by Lord Percy on his Election. – The usual Fee has been Twenty five Guineas for each Member, given for the ostensible purpose of defraying charges for Stamps on the Return, preparations for the Election and for his trouble on the occasion. I acquainted Mr Beaumont at the time with Mr Fenwicks demand, who understanding that Sir Chas Monck never gave more than Twenty five Guineas, did not think it right, and very properly, to exceed what the Senior Member thought a sufficient remuneration. Mr P. Fenwick it appears is now willing to accept Twenty five Guineas which Sum will be paid whenever you sanction the measure by your approbation & directions.- I now in two Covers beg to transmit Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last Month, by the former you will perceive I opened immediately on my return, conformable to your desire, the Bank Acc[oun]t with Messrs Reed & Co in Col Beaum[on]ts name; by the Acc[oun]t of Lead Sales, as well as the prices, I hope to contribute to your satisfaction and to have merited your approbation. I am very sorry to hear Col B[eaumon]t does not improve in health & am etc MM

17 Jun 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont 35 Portman Square London

N[ew]C[astle] 17 June 1820

Madm

I am this day honored with your letter of the 15 Inst & have looked through the files of Letters for the years 1789 & 1790 & there is not a letter, contained in them, from Sir Thos Blackett to the Alderman, nor does Mr Crawhall recollect ever seeing one from Sir Thomas.-- The enclosed letters from Luke Noble & Wm Tweedale were received during the above periods by which It appears Luke Noble did not write to this Office after 22 Dec 1789. – On the 26th Feb 1790 Mr Blackett remitted £2000 to Richard Noble for Sir Thos Blackett's Account, the receipt of which Rich[ar]d acknowledges, & the remittances were sent to him until the 31 Decem[be]r 1790 & afterw[ar]d to Mr Wm Tweedale, but in all the correspondence between the Alderman & them no allusion is made either to the health or situation of Luke Noble.

The Lead Trade has again become languid & no Sales are at present made. – On Wednesday I returned from the Mines & am happy to say the Weardale Mines are likely to be productive of Ore this Year -- Allenheads will yield the accustomed quantity; but Coalcleugh will be greatly deficient without much prospect of permanent future amendment. – I did not omit to request Mr Geo Crawhall to endeavour to procure all the Cubes of Green Spar he could lay his hands upon, and am certain that he will exert himself to meet your wishes on your visiting the Mines; altho' the existence of this Spar in the workings has long since ceased – I am etc MM

22 Jun 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

June 22 Sent Mrs Beaum[on]t Extracts from letter Book of Letters written to Bretton in 1789 1790, 1791 & 1792 by which it appears the last remittance made to

Luke Noble, was in Decem 1789
the first to – Richd Noble was in Jany 1790
& which continued until Decem 1791
the first to Wm Tweedale was in Feby 1792

Thos Crawhall did not enter Col & Mrs Beaumonts Office in Newcastle untill <Xmass> 1794. he never had any knowledge of Mr Luke Noble, Richd Noble, nor Wm Tweedale, nor has he any means of judging when any change took place at Bretton, otherwise than from the correspondence & Accounts herewith are all the Letters received from Bretton Hall in the above years, that were put upon the Office Letter Files

29 Jun 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont 35 Portman Squ[are]. London

Newcastle 29 June 1820

Madam

I have the honor of receiving your letter of the 26th Inst & in another Cover in conformity to your desire transmit copy's of Bills remitted for Sir Tho: Blackett's use from Jan[uar]y 1790 to Jan[uar]y 1791. – The Letter of Sir Tho Blackett dated 3d of June 1791 relating to the Bishop of Durham is not in this office, nor does it appear, if Mr Blackett did receive any from Sir Thomas, that they were deposited here, I herewith enclose a Note from Mr Cookson respecting Glass for a Hothouse & when you have determined upon the quantity required, & whether it is to be sent cut, or otherwise, I shall see that your commands are strictly complied with.

The letters & Receipts transmitted to you, are of no manner of use, so far as regards this Office, & they may be disposed of or remain in your possession as it pleases you to determine. I have not yet heard that the Meeting in Weardale respecting the Schools has been held. – Mr Crawhall when it does take place, will attend & your subscription is to be regulated in its application accordingly as the other Subscribers determine to apply their contributions, so as to equalize, as nearly as possible, with the Bishop's endowment, the annual payments to the various establishments. – I have great pleasure in adding that I have made another Sale of Lead to Messrs Walkers & Co of 5000ps @ £23.10. p f[othe]r for Refd & that they have the option of taking five or ten thousand p[ie]ces more in the same terms, to be determined in course of <port> -- I am etc MM

29 Jun 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 29 June 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co London --

Advising a Pce of Silver of 1243 Oz pWaggon. –

MM

3 Jul 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 3rd July 1820

35 Portman Square – London. –

Madam

In this and another cover I beg to transmit Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month; and to acquaint you that I have this day made a further Sale of Five Thousand pieces of Lead to Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co at £23.10.pfor for Refined, to whom the

Receivers of Greenwich Hospital sold on Saturday 5000 pcs of similar quality at £23 pfor. – I am etc MM

11 Jul 1820 Martin Morrison to Gosling & Sharp

Newcastle 11th July 1820

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe Bankers London. –
Remitting £375. 1/4th of a Years Composition for Tithe Ore On this day to Revd Hy Hardinge. – MM

13 Jul 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 13th July 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co London. –
Adv[isin]g a piece Silver of 1443 Oz pWaggon – <1> inst MM

22 Jul 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 22nd July 1820

Messrs Rundell & Co London. –
Adv[isin]g a Pce Silver of 948 Oz pWaggon – 19 Inst MM

5 Aug 1820 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 5 August 1820

Sir R. C Glyn Bart & Co. -Bankers – London. –
Remitting 9 Bills value £22,604-4-9 for Colonel Beaumonts Acc[oun]t – MM

10 Aug 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 10 August 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month with particulars of the above Remittance to Messrs Glyn & Co. – MM
W[i]th also Quarterly Reports of Allenheads & Coalcleugh Lead Mines

11 Aug 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 11 August 1820

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London. –
Advising a Pce of Silver 1612 Oz pWaggon 9th inst MM

14 Aug 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 14 August 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall. –
Transmitting (addressed to Mr Beaumont MP) Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month. – MM

22 Aug 1820 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

Newcastle 22nd August 1820

T W Beaumont Esqr MP.
Warrens Hotel Waterloo Place London. –
Transmitting Quarterly Reports of Weardale Lead Mines, one for himself, and another for Mrs Beaumont to be forwarded to her at Bretton. – MM

24 Aug 1820 Martin Morrison to John Bell

Mr John Bell Hexham Newcastle 24th Aug: 1820

Mr Beaumont is desirous that you will search in the Manor Office for the Aft of a Deed or any other papers relating to the House and other attached property in this Town sold by Sir Thos Blackett to Mr Geo: Anderson about the latter end of the year 1783; the conveyance of which may be dated, [struck out: soon after] in that year or early in the following – If you are successful in finding any paper relating thereto, have the goodness to forward the same to me

MM

24 Aug 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont - Bretton Hall Newcastle 24th August 1820

I have had the Honor of receiving your letter of the 23rd Inst. The Bills last remitted to Messrs Glyn & Co will be discountable in Nov[embe]r and I have no doubt, if required, your Bankers will readily discount them. Whenever it suits your convenience to visit the Mines, the time will be equally so to your Agents here; - the Amounts are all ready for examination. Major Anderson is not in this Town at present; from his Solicitor I

learn that any applications to him to inspect the Deeds of the property sold to his father by Sir Thos Blackett would not be attended with success; but He has promised whenever occasion gives him the opportunity of inspecting the Deeds he will acquaint me with the particulars of the conveyance. I have written to Mr John Bell of the Manor Office to search for the Counterpart of the Deed, for as I had the Honor of stating to you before, there is nothing of the Kind in this Office. Mr Beaum[on]t having set off for London before I was aware He had left Allenh[ea]ds I directed to him, under cover for you, the last quarterly Report of the Weardale Mines, from whom in a few days, you will no doubt receive it.

MM

15 Sep 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 15 Septemr 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

Madam.

It is with great concern I announce to you that the Revd Hy Hardinge, Rector of Stanhope, died at Ketton near Darlington last Saturday (the 9th Inst) – This event so important in it's consequences to your Interest I was only acquainted with last night, and have no information yet who is to be his Successor; the probability is that Lord Barrington will obtain the Living, <on> the compromise of the Chancery Suit with the Bishop, attempts were then made by Lord B. to induce Mr Hardinge to resign, but which He declined – I shall take the earliest opportunity to inform you of the occurrences that may arise out of this unfortunate event and adopt no step in any arrangement respecting the Tithe Ore without your sanction and first obtaining all the information and advice which so momentous a transaction requires. It is seriously to be apprehended that the future Rector whoever He may be, will not accept a less Composition for the Tithe, than what the Bishop now receives for his Lot Ore. Perhaps He may demand more, or insist upon drawing the Tithe in Kind, and if such should unfortunately be his determination, the consequences will to You, be most disastrous. – When more is known it will be my duty to submit for your decision the conditions upon which it may be proper, to found the basis of a future agreement

I am etc MM

19 Sep 1820 Martin Morrison to John Griffiths

John Griffiths Esqr
Soicitor – Durham

Newcastle 19th Septemr 1820

The death of the Rector of Stanhope makes me desirous to obtain early information who is to be his Successor. If you can give me any You will oblige Yrs etc MM

22 Sep 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

NewCastle 22 Sept 1820

Madam

Nothing as yet has transpired, of who is to succeed the late Mr Hardinge to the Rectory of Stanhope. – Lord Barrington is talked of, but all is conjecture, the Bishops determination not being publickly known. – Whatever I hear, tends to confirm me in the opinion, that the Views entertained by the Clergy of the Diocese of the value of the Living are of the most exaggerated description, and that they are impressed with the idea that Mining (both Lead and Coal) is the source of exhaustless wealth to the possessor. – The Dean and Chapter of Durham have lately received from Lord Stewart £40,000 for the renewal of the Lease of his Colliery which the late Sir Henry V. Tempest allowed nearly to expire, & which has had the effect, I am told, of that Body <setting> no bounds to the benifits they expect to derive from their Mineral property. – With such dispositions collectively & individually entertained, I beg to recommend that whatever agreement is made for the Tithe Ore, that it may be entered into for the Bishop's life only; unless, which is hardly to be expected, the Rector is moderate in the <Sum> he demands for a Composition. – The Year for the settlement of the Mine Acc[oun]t ending the 30th inst directions have been given to have all the Ore taken out of the Workings; and that none more be wrought till that is done, and this proceeding will have the two-fold result of avoiding any dispute respecting the Tithe, and of letting it do forth into the Country, which will soon be known at Durham, that we are working less Ore

I am etc MM

26 Sep 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 26 Sept 1820

Madam

I am this morning informed that the Rectory of Stanhope has been conferred on the Rev H. Phillpotts who will shortly be inducted. – He vacates his Stall at Durham. – I propose going over tomorrow to wait upon him, and if I find at Home, will take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you with the Result of the interview – I am etc

MM

28 Sep 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

N[ew]Castle 28 Sept 1820

Madam

I yesterday went to Durham & had an interview with Revd Mr Phillpotts who expressed his readiness to enter into an Agreement of Comp[ositio]n for the Tithe Ore of the Parish of Stanhope. The <.....> to the valuable preferment he should give up in accepting the Parish of Stanhope; a Stall in Durham the next in emolument to Lord Barringtons (which is the best) and also the living of Crossgate in that City besides foregoing the certain prospect of obtaining something valuable in the South thro[ugh] the interest of Lord Eldon, which his prebendary would have enabled him to hold, but which the present arrangement precludes, under those circumstances he looks for and expects that his new situation will prove more than adequate in benefits to the sacrifices he has thus made. before therefore he could come to any conclusion to accept any terms as a Composition for his Tithe, he urged the necessity of being in possession of an Account of the Ore raised in the Parish; or if this was objected to, that a proposal by Col. Beaumont be made of the Annual Sum he would give –

I mentioned merely as a fact, the Composition paid to Mr Hardinge which he said he knew and also what the Bishop received – the Sum paid to the first he should never accept, and what was paid to the latter I remarked was upon an Agreement entered into for the two parishes of Stanhope & Wolsingham and when Lead was at £38 per fother but which was now selling at from 22 to 23 £ pfr a price considered high In Peace, and that it was quite clear unless moderate Compositions were entered into , enterprize must be restricted, labourage diminished to the great distress of the population and to the eventual injury of all parties <connected> with and dependent upon the Mines .- with these observations and with reiterating his Demand for an Account of the Ore raised or receiving the Offer of an Annual Sum either for the Bishop's life, or his own possession of the living, the essential part of our conversation ended. It now becomes a subject of serious consideration for your determination and whether it would not be advisable to offer at once Mr Phillpotts £3000 p[er]An[nu]m for the Tithe Ore during the Bishop's life for it is most certain that he will not take less of even that Sum, and under the circumstances which would distinguish this offer from the Agreement with the Bishop it may not appear one of great fairness. – Mr Phillpotts was very civil talked of having the Honor of meeting with you in Company at Mr Askews and requested that I would not fail to convey to you his respectful Compliments

7 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Allenheads

N[ew]Castle 7 Octr 1820

On my arrival yesterday at Durham from Allenheads; I had an interview with Mr Phillpotts respecting the Composition, in lieu of Tithe Ore, for the Parish of Stanhope.

Mr Phillpotts repeated his Readiness to accept a Composition but requested an offer to be made for it, and hoped that I was empowered to name the Sum that would be given. I replied that I was prepared upon two Conditions being conceded to offer him £3000 p[er]An[nu]m. Viz that the Agreement was to continue during the Bishop's life, or possession of the See, provided he continued Rector as long, and that you were to be exempt from payment of Poor Rate, should a Rate be established in the Parish, making the Tithe Ore liable. – He did not object to an agreement for the Bishops life etc; but he waved the subject of the Poor Rate, <remarking> that it need not make a Condition in the Agreement and might be left, should a Rate ever be established, to legal decision. – Having now, He said received an offer, He would desire Mr Fenwick (of Dipton) to whom he should communicate his determination, to take an early opportunity to wait upon me for the purpose of endeavouring to conclude an Agreement. I do not entertain sanguine hopes that he will consent to exempt you from the liability to Poor Rates upon Tithe Ore, should a Rate ever be made to operate; but in urging it as a condition, it is something to concede, and may serve as a Lett-off, should he demand a larger Sum for a Composition, than what I have offered.

I am etc MM

11 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Newcastle 11 Octor 1820

The Revd Henry Phillpotts College Durham. –

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterdays date, and cannot on the grounds you so considerately mention, have any objection to meet Mr Fenwick. – In the offer I made on Friday for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope, it was with the intention of excluding any Statement of Accounts or Representations which by possibility might expose, as in the case of the Bishop of Durham, Colonel & Mrs Beaumont to serious Responsibility. – I have no authority to do more; but shall take an opportunity of laying your Letter before Mrs Beaumont who will be in Newcastle in the early part of next week. – I am etc MM

14 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 14 October 1820

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co Ludgate Hill – London –
Advising a pce Silver of 1236oz pWaggon 3 inst MM

20 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 20 October 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

I yesterday went to Durham, according to appointment to meet Mr Phillpotts. I found him greatly displeased and hurt, at a Report which had circulated in Weardale last week that He had refused to accept £3000 a year for his Tythe Ore and which had been represented to him of having such an effect upon the workmens minds as to render his appearance at Stanhope a step of personal danger and that in consequence he had been deterred going as he intended, to perform his duty there on Sunday. – I assured him that what he told me was now only known to me for the first time and I expressed my belief that no Confidential Agent of Col B[eaumon]ts could or would allow himself even to hint at the sum proposed to be given for the Tythe Ore. That various Reports no doubt would be in continual circulation in the present uncertain state of things, nor was it to be wondered at, where the inhabitants were deeply interested in an event which so materially affected all their hopes of future comfort, - that of an Agreement between Colonel Beaumont and himself. – admitting the truth of all I said, He could not however look upon the Report in any other light, than a threat, and that the circumstance of the identical sum being mentioned, must have originated from a party concerned & with the view to produce intimidation but he could assure me, that no such effect would be produced in his mind as to abandon his right and that altho[ugh] He had not before refused the offer of £3000 He now declared that He would not accept that sum for his Tythe Ore. After repeated assurances that no such motives as he attributed to the Party Concerned, existed I endeavoured to draw his attention to the business of my visit, and I <even> found his estimation of the value of the Tythe Ore enormous. I explained to him the immense expenditure of dead work incurred, in perpetuating the Weardale Mines, showing him the amount. He then required the quantity of Ore produced, which under his repeated assurances of its being Confidential I exhibited for the Year 1817, 18 & 19. On which He observed if I would give him twenty minutes to make his Calculations, He would state the terms [struck out: upon which] he would agree to accept for his Tythe Ore. – I retired and returned at the time appointed. – He observed that having taken an average Of the pr[o]duce of the Mines for the three Years He would accept the value of 250 Tons of Lead annually, at a price to be Regulated by our Sales, or, a money Composition of £5000 a Year. – To such an exorbitant demand, I told him, I could not reply, and seriously urged him to weigh in his own mind the consequences of persisting to require it. I have not time to save the post to detail all the views he took of the quantity and value of his Tythe Ore, but He owned his opinion of the produce of the Mines was lessened by the Acc[oun]t I had exhibited. – He parted with an Understanding that He would put down in writing his Ultimatum & in doing so He would take the Evening to reconsider it and inform me by Letter in the morning. – The post has arrived, but no Letter Is come, and I write this in great haste, thinking you will be anxious to know what is passing. –

I am etc etc MM

21 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle Octr 21 1820

Annexed I beg to transmit Copy of a letter I received this morning by Post from Revd Mr Phillpotts and am <...> to observe that he has entirely shifted his ground from the proposition he made to me on thursday; his letter now calls for your most serious consideration as to the measures you will have to determine upon. It is my opinion that all reference to the price of Lead should be avoided whatever steps you take, it is certain great sacrifices will of necessity have to be made and the question is, what are the most prudential to adopt in this most unfortunate situation. – Whether to pay the Money Composition or that he draw his Tythe in Kind. With the engagement that you are under to the Bishop no proceedings can be adopted to lessen the quantity of Ore to be raised in the Weardale Mines without incurring serious loss to yourselves; and therefore whether untill the Bishop & Rector are in a situation to be met upon equal grounds an offer of a Specific Sum of 4 or 5000 p[er]ann[um] had not better be made to Mr Phillpotts

I am etc MM

21 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison

Octo. 21st Three large Boxes of Spar from Allenheads Mines for Bretton Hall – were shipped P Thomas, Jas Thompson for Hull the weight 5cwt 2qr 3<st> – they arrived at Hull –

24 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Revd Henry Phillpotts
College Durham

Newcastle October 24/1820

Sir

On the receipt of your letter of the 20 Inst, I lost no time in transmitting a Copy of it to Col & Mrs Beaumont, & I am directed by them to inform you, that after the most mature consideration upon the subject they are compelled by <pass..fal necessity> to decline the terms you demand for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope. – That they may however not incur the imputation of a <....> of feelings for the Interests of a population depending upon them for employment, and for the continued enjoyment of comforts unparalleled in other Mining districts, I am authorised to offer you Four Thousand Pounds per Annum for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope during the present Bishop Of Durham's life, or possession of the See, provided you continue so long Rector of the

parish; the payment of this Sum to be made Quarterly – Viz £1000 on the 10th Decr next, £1000 on the 10th March Follow[ing] and so on during its continuance.

Permit me to observe that comparing the smallness of the Expenditure at which the Mines were wrought and the price (£38 pFo[the]r) Lead sold for at the time the Bishop of D[urha]m accepted £4000 per Ann[u]m for his Lot Ore for the two Parishes of Wolsingham & Stanhope with the immense expense at which they are wrought & the price of Lead at present, that the offer now made to you will I should hope leave no ground for imputation that either liberallity or a considerate feeling for the interest of others, have on this occasion been wanting on the part of Col & Mrs Beaumont. permit me further to observe that I cannot admit that Fines p[ai]d to the B[isho]p of Durham for the renewal of Lives for the Mines as at all analogous to the situation of the Rector. – In fact the two situations are quite distinct on this point, and they are only so far concerned together in drawing their Lot & Tithe Ore in the proportion of 1/9th & 1/10th parts, and which in the most favourable point of view for the Rector can only be equal to what the Bishop receives.

I have Mrs Beaumonts assurance that no allusion of the Sum of £3000 proposed to you was ever mentioned, except confidentially by her, and that it is only an act of justice to suppose her incapable of wishing to excite the ill-will you allude to. With respect to the allusion you make in your letter of the 20th Inst 'if refusal or suspension on the part of Col Beaum[on]ts Agents of their former Lettings to some of the Miners' I beg to state that no Lettings whatever have been made to any of the Miners since the expiration of the year end[ing] the 30th of last month and I feel assured you will be enabled to re call to your recollection that I expressly stated both at our first & second interviews, that the knowledge of your determination on the subject under discussion was desirable, in order that we might be regulated in our proceedings of working the Mines in future; and I again beg to repeat that upon prudential reasons alone, this determination must be adhered to, untill the negotiation is finally settled between you & Col Beaumont. – The intimation you give of other parties who are ready to take your Tythe Ore is a sufficient reason of itself why this determination ought to be adhered to, for to you, it will be obvious, that the immense Capital employed in sustaining those Mines & with an enterprize only limited by the boundaries of the district, that Col Beaumont must of necessity oppose by every means in his power, an interference of a party, so inimical to his Interests.

I am etc MM

25 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Bretton

Newcastle 25th October 1820

Madam

I herewith transmit copy of a letter to & from Mr Phillpotts. His rejection of the offer of £4000, & the manner of doing it, leaves no room for hope, I fear, that a further offer of

£500 more would induce him to enter into an Agreement; rather on the contrary induce him to be more tenacious in adhering to his most unreasonable demand; and which if acceded to by you, will be used as a precedent in future Agreements for the Lot & Tythe Ore. Mr Phillpotts's remarks respecting his eights, compared with those of the Bishops, are so obscure, that to me they are unintelligible; but it is quite clear that he presumes upon your engagement with his Lordship, as an important circumstance in aid of attaining his ends. – From the late period of the year, it is evident that the Tythe Ore cannot in any great quantity be drawn before the months of May and June next, and the consideration which this circumstance suggests, is, whether it would not best promote the object of influencing the mind of Mr Phillpotts to moderation – to adopt at once with firmness a temporary plan of Reduction in working the Mines; & throw upon him the deserved odium, of all the distress which must necessarily ensue throughout the district. – The adoption of this measure will undoubtedly be productive of great calamity; but no candid person can impute blame to you, after the liberal offer made to Mr Phillpotts for his Tythe. – You will have to participate largely in the injury that this measure must occasion during the Bishop's life; but it is only anticipating what will happen on his demise, who from his great age cannot be expected to live long. - The late agitated question of the Poor Rate on Tythe Ore will again be resumed and I see no end to the mischief that Mr Phillpotts' conduct is calculated to produce. - You have by your unfortunate situation in the Weardale Mines, nothing but a choice of Evils, and to act in a manner so as to avoid the greatest and choose the least, is indeed, a matter of great difficulty

I am etc MM

26 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co London

Newcastle 26 Octbr 1820

Advising having sent a pce Silver of 1362 Oz pWaggon the 25 inst MM

30 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

The Revd Henry Phillpotts College Durham

Newcastle 30 October 1820

Sir

Having transmitted a Copy of your letter of the 24th Inst to Col & Mrs Beaumont, I yesterday received a letter from them, directing me to ascertain from you, whether they are to consider the proposition contained in yours of the 20th Inst, as your alternative, on which you will enter into an Agreement for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope. The knowledge of this information is desired, that they may take no steps without being fully assured of having used every means within their power to effect an Agreement. I have with conscientious intentions endeavoured to promote the Interests of all parties

concerned, by an Agreement between yourself & Col Beaumont on fair and equitable terms, the only effectual basis, I am persuaded calculated to perpetuate them; and no man will more deeply deplore, than myself, the disastrous consequences that will result from the failure of this negotiation. I am etc MM

31 Oct 1820 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

The Revd Hy Phillpotts Durham

Newcastle 31st October 1820

Sir

I am by this morning's post favoured with your letter of yesterday's date; and if I have not referred to the estimation of Value of your Tythe Ore & the deductions you had made therefrom, it was because in our conversations I had before urged that it could only be upon Compo[sition]s with the Bishop and Rector for the Lot & Tythe Ore that the Weardale Mines could be worked to advantage by the Lessee; and also that I might avoid a discussion which in its tendency could not be admitted to apply conclusively to the subject of Negotiation: precisely for the same reason did I decline noticing the remarks you were pleased to make on the Sum paid to the Bishop for a new life, as a ground for demanding more for your Tythe, than was accepted by his Lordship for his Lot Ore, notwithstanding the price of Lead and the situation of the Mines at that time, were placed under much more favourable circumstances, than at present; nor could I admit the validity of the distinction you drew, between the Bishop and the Rectors right. - I am very sorry to observe what you state respecting a duty of one seventh, being strongly commended by me for its liberallity; an expression, without intending offence, I declare I could never use in reference to the Weardale Mines, leased of the Bishop. The remark I made on this topic was to reply to your observation that you had ascertained a duty of one Sixth had been paid in other Mining districts; to which I replied, the duty was various according to Agreements; and (..) the Dean & Chapter of Durham, being paid one seventh and on the expression of some doubt by you, Brandon Walls Mine was pointed out where that duty was received. This discrepancy of recollection, in the application of our conversation has caused me much pain and regret, for by it, I am exposed to imputations which I am convinced, I do not deserve. - The modification of your former proposition, which you now propose to accept for your Tythe Ore, I candidly at once state cannot be agreed to by Col. Beaumont, but actuated by an earnest desire to arrive at an amicable adjustment between you and him, I am ready to take upon myself the responsibility that you shall receive Four thousand Guineas a Year as a certain Rent for the Tythe Ore during the Bishop's life in order that discussion may be closed and the agitated state in which the minds of the Inhabitants of the Dale are thrown may be appeased; by accepting this offer the question of Poor Rates and all angry dispositions will be set at rest. Your own and the interests of all parties will be most effectually secured and you will enjoy the

satisfaction resulting from the blessings of a population hitherto industrious and happy. –

2 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

The Revd Henry Phillpotts Durham

Newcastle 2nd Novemr 1820

I am favored with your letter of yesterday's date; and that I may Contribute by every means within my power to promote an Agreement between you and Col Beaumont, I do not object to your shewing, the Statement which I delivered to you, to Mr Fenwick, who I shall be happy to meet here [struck out: tomorrow] this evening if it suits his convenience to come. – The words you impute to me respecting the Dean & Chapter's Mine, I certainly did not use: I observed, as far as my Recollection serves, that the duty exacted by that Body was more encouraging to the adventurer than that mentioned by you, but that I spoke of it 'in terms of strong Commendation of its liberality' I cannot conscientiously admit, or that the observation should be applied to the Bishops Mines when the Account of the enormous expenditure in working them has been laid before you, and which if adverted to is sufficient I should presume to remove from your mind all uncertainty on the subject.

3 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 3 Novemr 1820

Madam

By yesterdays post I transmitted to you copies of Letters to & from Mr Phillpotts & now have the Honor to send annexed Copy of another received from him this morning. Mr Fenwick cannot be expected here before tomorrow and what will be the result of our interview, coming from Mr Phillpotts, is difficult rightly to conjecture. – The Cash Acc[oun]t and Lead Sales for last month are drawn out; and also the Reports for Allenheads and Coalcleugh Lead Mines for last Quarter am I to transmit them direct by post to you, or through Mr Beaumont in London? The water at Coalcleugh has abated, but not in a great degree. – I am etc

4 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 4 Novr 1820

Annexed is copy of a Letter from Mr Phillpotts del[ivere]d to me this day by Mr Fenwick; and notwithstanding the reliance which Mr Phillpotts professes to <repose>

in Mr Fenwick, I did not find that the latter was invested with the least power to conclude, upon any terms, an Agreement. I however entertain hopes We shall at last bring this evasive and unreasonable Gentleman to terms. I found Mr Fenwick the very opposite of his Employer fair and candid, for on exhibiting to him statements of our situation in the Weardale Mines he concurred in their correctness and before he left the Office acknowledged the offer made for the Tythe Ore liberal. He is to see Mr Phillpotts on Monday and I hope good will result from the interview. It is pretty evident that Mr Phillpotts furnished Mr Fenwick, only with such Data for calculations as suited his own purpose. – I am etc MM

10 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 10 Novemr 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton.

Mr Fenwick called yesterday afternoon for the first time since Saturday, and came unauthorised by Mr Phillpotts to Conclude any Agreement. – He was sent, no doubt, to sift and draw me into a new project on which to negotiate, by intimating that Mr Phillpotts might be induced to accept 4000 G[uinea]s for the Tyth[e] of Your Ore, provided the produce of the Lead Company's was given up to him; - to this – I gave a decided negative, as prejudicial to your Interest and dishonorable towards the Company. – I must do Mr Fenwick justice and believe him anxious to effectuate an Agreement: with this intention he sees Mr Pillpotts this day and is to be with me again to morrow; when I hope, but am not sanguine, that as satisfactory a conclusion will be made, as circumstances admit, to this most anxious and difficult negotiation and which if left to Mr Fenwick, as proposed by Mr Phillpotts he would do, I am persuaded, ere now, would have been terminated, upon the terms offered, which he acknowledges to be fair and liberal! – In this and another I transmit Cash Acc[oun]t and Lead Sales for last month. The quarterly Reports of Allenheads & Coalcleugh Lead Mines will be forwarded by a subsequent post. Three Boxes of Spar from Allenheads [struck out: and Coalcleugh Lead Mines] for Bretton were sent by the Thomas James Thompson mas[te]r and have arrived at Hull

I am etc MM

11 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 11 Novemr 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

Mr Fenwick has been here this day, authorized by Mr Phillpotts to accept £5000 p Annum certain Rent during the Bishops Life for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope; and I have

told him that I am not empowered to accede to so unreasonable a proposition. – Mr Fenwick is again to see Mr Phillpotts and endeavor to persuade him to reduce his demand to £4500 so as to come nearer to my offer and lessen the difficulty that stands in the way to an Agreement. He thought he could not communicate anything to me on the subject before next Tuesday. If after perusing the correspondence detailing this most distressing and difficult negotiation, you are pleased to give any directions for the government of my conduct, there will be time to receive a Letter from you previous to my again seeing, or hearing from, Mr Fenwick, I now enclose in this and another cover the Reports of the Mines mentioned in my last. – I have etc etc MM

14 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

N[ew]Castle 14 Novr 1820

Revd Hy Phillpotts College Durham.

I have this morning rec[eive]d your Letter of yesterday's date informing me, that you accept the certain Rent of £4500 per ann[u]m during the present Bishop of Durham's Incumbency for your Tythe Ore in the parish of Stanhope; and having by this days post received authority from Col Beaumont to exercise my discretion in the matter, I hereby on his behalf agree to the same, the payments to be made quarterly as stated in my letter to you of the 24th last month & for which you will be pleased to furnish a regular acquittance on the day they become due. – The Agreements for a Lease for the respective signatures of yourself and Colonel Beaumont will forthwith be prepared. –

I am etc MM

14 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 14 November 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

The immediate departure of the Post only gives me time to say that I have rec[eive]d your Letter of yesterday; and have concluded an Agreement with Mr Phillpotts for his Tythe Ore during the Incumbency of the present Bishop of Durham for £4500 a Year! – I am etc

15 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Thomas Wentworth Beaumont

T W Beaumont Esqr M.P.
107 Pall Mall - London. –

Newcastle 15 Novemr 1820

In this and another cover I beg to transmit the Quarterly Report of the State of Allenheads and Coalcleugh Lead Mines; and to inform you that the treaty with Mr Phillpotts for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope is concuded, by an Agreement to pay him for it £4500 a Year, during the present Bishop of Durhams Incumbency.

I am etc MM

23 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 23rd Novemr 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

By the Telegraph Coach which goes from hence to Leeds to morrow morning, I have forwarded to Col Beaumont's address the Lease and Indenture with Mr Phillpotts for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope, to be signed by you and Col Beaumont and afterwards to be returned to me. – the Lease to be retained in this Office & the Indenture to be delivered to Mr Phillpotts. –

Cwt st lbs

Three Boxes of Spar from Weardale weighing 6..0..12 have been shipped for Hull in the Lively, Captain Wm Innes, to be forwarded to Bretton. – I am etc MM

25 Nov 1820 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 25th Novemr 1820

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

I have given you Credit in my Cash Acc[oun]t for £15 of Reed & Co's Notes rec[eiv]ed in your Letter of the 16th inst. – The water at Coalcleugh is somewhat abated, sufficient to see a little more into the Vein, but not enough to form any correct opinion as yet of its probable productiveness. Respecting the <day> Level suggested by Wm Crawhall to be driven from the side of West Allen River. I beg to observe it is the only Trial in that district likely to intersect Veins known to exist in, and bearing East from the Alston Moor side of the Boundary. – If the Mines now extensively explored and exhausted, are to be perpetuated it is only to be effected by a judicious application of Dead work and had this not been the case for years past, the produce of Ore at this day would have been reduced to a small quantity indeed both in the Northumberland & Durham Mines. The Expense of the proposed Level will cost three or four hundred pounds a Year for about four years and were it my own I should instantly proceed in the work. – I can assure you, Madam, of my perfect conviction that your Mines are conducted with every attention to economy possible, and with a success that ought to preclude any doubt either of the Zeal or ability of the Agents employed. – I have had George

Crawhall with me and the Bargains in Weardale have commenced: to diminish the necessary dead work and thereby in a short time, lessen the produce of Ore, would not, after the Agreement to pay so large a sum to Mr Phillpotts be a mode calculated to indemnify you against this additional charge, or enable you to meet the other heavy payments, with which those Mines are burthened. – I have had no views from the commencem[en]t of my Services which have not tended to the security of your property, and the advancement of your [struck out: property] Interest; and experience impresses upon my mind, the conviction that your Mine Agents are in ability well qualified for their situation, and highly respectable for integrity of Character; should however you and Mr Beaumont conclude, that a person from the Cornish Mines strongly recommended, altho[ugh] the produce of Lead there is comparatively small, is more competent to conduct with greater advantage, Mines in Northumberland & Durham in all respects different and of which He can have no practical (the most essential) knowledge, it will then be a subject for your determination, and how far the change, from a system hitherto successful, may in its application affect important Interests at Stake, is a consideration which claims and undoubtedly will engage your most serious attention. – I am etc MM

9 Dec 1820 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill Newcastle 25th Novemr 1820
Advising of having sent pWaggon a Pce Silver of 1224Oz -21 inst MM

9 Dec 1820 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Revd Henry Phillpotts Durham Newcastle 9th Decemr 1820

I herewith enclose £1125 being the amount of 1/4th of a Years Composition for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope due to You on the 10th inst from T R Beaumont Esqr. You will be pleased to return me an acknowledgement for the am[oun]t specifying the nature of the Payment etc

MM

£155 - „ - „ Cheque on Reed & Co
_970 - „ - „ Arkindale Co
1125 - „ - „

14 Dec 1820 Martin Morrison to I Griffiths Esqr

Newcastle 14 Decemr 1820

I Griffiths Esqr Durham.

Having this day on behalf of Col Beaumont agreed with Mr Phillpotts for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope during the present Bishop of Durhams Incumbency, provided Mr Philpotts continues so long Rector; I will thank you to proceed with the Agreement for a Lease to be signed by the Respective Parties. - The terms a certain Rent £4500 a Year to be paid quarterly. Viz on the 10 December, the 10 of March, the 10th of June & the 10th of September in each Year by Even and Equal proportions. It was understood between Mr Phillpotts and myself no condition referring to a Poor Rate should be inserted in the Agreement & therefore the words 'clear of all manner of deductions whatsoever' as in that with Mr Hardinge, which I here inclose must be omitted, but to include every other clause. - You will be pleased to expedite this business by obtaining Mr Phillpotts' signature to the Agreem[en]t & then transmit them to me to be forwarded to Col B[eaumon]t at Bretton Hall. I am etc MM

10 Jan 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London Newcastle 10 Janry 1821
Advising a pce of Silver 1421Oz pWaggon this day MM

12 Jan 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 12 Janry 1821
Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for Nov[embe]r; also Quarterly Report of Weardale Lead Mines for <.> last Quarter. - MM

15 Jan 1821 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 15 Janry 1821
Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers - London
Remitting 3 Bills value £7921 - 15 - 7 for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t. - MM. -

15 Jan 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: This letter refers to the letter of same date sent to Sir R C Glyn Bart & Co]
N[ew]Castle 15 Janry 1821

Mrs Beaumont
Bretton Hall. - Advising of having made the above Remittance MM

18 Jan 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 18 Janry 1821

Mrs Beaumont & T W Beaumont Esqr Bretton Hall
Transmitting to each the Report of the State of Allenheads & Coalcleugh Lead Mines
for last Quarter MM

Newcastle 6 Feby 1821

Mrs Beaumont & T W Beaumont Esqr London
Do – the Report of Weardale Lead Mines for last quarter MM

10 Feb 1821 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Robert Stagg Esq
Melmerby Hall Penrith

Newcastle 10th Febr 1821

D[ear] Sir

Above I beg to hand you the Statement of Balance due from the Govr & Co for Ore raised in Weardale to the 30th Sept last. – You will observe by the inclosed that we have deducted 1/13th in our Calculation, from the quantity of your last years produce to the 31st Oct[obe]r; in order to assimilate the periods, and to bring the proportion of the produce, Of the Governor & Co & Col B[eaumon]t, as near as can be estimated, and to which I trust you will entertain no objection. – The payment to the present Rector for the Comp[ositio]n of his Tythe Ore is 4,500£ p.Annum of which one quarter £1125 was paid on the 10th Dec. & another quarter will be due on the 10th of next Mo[nth].

I remain etc MM

12 Feb 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 12th Feby 1821

Mrs Beaumont 35 Portman Square. London.
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for Decem[be]r and January last. – MM

17 Feb 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London Newcastle 17th Feby 1821
Advising of having sent a pce Silver of 1796Oz pWaggon this day MM

5 Mar 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 5th March 1821

Madam

I am duly honored with your letter of the 2nd Inst and having determined to withdraw your Acc[oun]t from Sir F Blake Reed & Co Bank in June or July next, it will be my business, at a proper time to give them Notice of your intention. – Mr Wilson Rector Of Wolsingham has been applied to, previous to <commencing> the contemplated Level of Pikestone, to know the terms he would accept for his Tythe Ore. His demand is one twelfth of the produce; which considering the <largeness> of the previous expense, and the uncertainty of the result, has not been complied with; and in consequence the commencement of the Level is deferred until he becomes more reasonable. I authorised Mr Geo Crawhall to offer him one sixteenth, but which he rejected; and the hope I entertain is, that by an apparent indifference We shall hereafter be enabled to negotiate with him for better terms than he is at present disposed to accede to. – It is undoubtedly desirable, beyond the mere consideration of this mine, to establish a moderate duty for the Tythe Ore in Weardale, as the attainment of it, might establish a precedent importantly beneficial to your Interests in the Parish of Stanhope; and indeed this consideration is one inducement to the projected Trial at Pikestone. – I remain etc MM

Enclosed at same time Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for Feb 1821

[a loose-leaf summary account relating to Blake Reeds & Co was found a few pages later in the letter book, and given here as this is the only letter mentioning the Beaumont's bank account with them:]

Sir F Blake Bt Reeds & Co Dr

For <Acc[oun]t> of their Bank Debts	£406,164 16 9
By Various Assets	£229,798 17 1
Bank Deficiency	£176,365 19 8

Jno Reed Esqr Priv Effects £180,000

Sir F Blake Bts – do - 100,000

	£280,000
Surplus	£103,634 0 4

24 Mar 1821 Martin Morrison to John Griffiths Esqr

John Griffiths Esqr Solicitor - Durham

Newcastle 24 March 1821

Informed that a Trial in search of Lead Ore is making at Black Bank situated below Wolsingham and the same being Copyhold and in the parish of Wolsingham, I take the liberty of mentioning the circumstance to you, in order if an Error exists contravening Colonel Beaumonts rights as Lessee under the Bishop of Durham, that the Trial in question may forthwith be stopped. – I am etc MM

2 Apr 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 2 April 1821

Messrs Rundell & Co

London. – Adv[isin]g of having sent a pc of Silver of 968 Oz pWaggon 28 Mar MM

Newcastle 11th April 1821

Messrs Rundell & Co London Ditto

of 1584Oz pWaggon

7 Apr 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 7th April 1821

35 Portman Square London

Madam

In two other Covers I beg to transmit Cash Acc[oun]t & Sales of Lead for last month; and in this, a letter from Mr Geo Crawhall, by which you will have the satisfaction to find, that the Bargains have commenced without interruption on the part of the Workmen. To the wholesome severity exercised on the last occasion, may be attributed the present peaceful progress of the Agreements for the ensuing Quarter. – I regret to state that the Lead Trade continues extremely dull. – Mr Forster, the Receiver of Greenwich Hospital died this morning. I have the Honor to remain etc

MM

9 Jun 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 9 June 1821

Mrs Beaumont 35 Portman Square London

Transmitting (pThomas) Cash Account and Lead Sales for the months of April & May.

– MM

9 Jun 1821 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

The Revd Henry Phillpotts Durham

N[ew]Castle 9th June 1821

I beg to inclose a Bill on J Hopkins value £1125 in payment for $\frac{1}{4}$ a Years Composition for Tithe Ore due to you the 10th instant as Rector of Stanhope in Weardale, from Colonel Beaumont. – I am etc MM. –

14 Jun 1821 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

The Revd Henry Phillpotts Durham

Newcastle 14th June 1821

Having only returned from the Mines last night, I have been prevented acknowledging sooner, the favor of your Letter of the 11th Inst. The plan which you suggest of extending the present Agreements for Lot & Tithe Ore, three months after their expiration will not I apprehend be objected to, by Col & Mrs Beaumont, <..> at the period, they and the then Incumbents, are desirous to renew them in future. – With respect to the serious inconvenience sustained by the Miners in the interruption of their work, during the late Negotiation for your Tithe Ore; I am not aware of any other having happened, than what was represented to you at the time; and if in your visits to Weardale since, any additional circumstance has come to your knowledge, I beg to refer you to Mr George Crawhall the resident Mine Agent who will not hesitate, on this occasion, to give every explanation, so as to enable you to judge correctly of facts; and I also beg to observe, which I do with great deference, that nothing is more likely to produce erroneous impressions, than lending an Ear to partial Representations. I am etc MM

16 Jun 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 16 June 1821

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London

Advising having forwarded a pce Siver 1323Oz pWaggon. – MM

19 Jun 1821 Martin Morrison to Thomas Maltby

Newcastle 19 June 1821

Thomas Maltby Esqr Lead Merchant – London

D[ea]r Sir

In reply to your esteemed favor of the 16 Inst I beg to inform you that 10,000ps of Lead are at your service at £23 p fo[the]r for Refined, and £22 pfo[the]r for Common Lead including 1/10th Slag, in the proportion of 1/3rd of the former and 2/3rds of the latter,

and which under all circumstances I apprehend places this offer upon an equality with Lead Co[mpan]y's Sale to Messrs Locke & Co last Thursday at £22 & 21 – I am etc

19 Jun 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 19 June 1821

Mrs Beaumont 35 Portman Square. London.

Since I had the Honor of writing to you by Mr Thomas, I have visited the Mines and it is with satisfaction I am enabled to state, that the produce of Ore this year, compared with that of the former, will be considerably greater. – I also have accomplished the Agreement with Mr Wilson Rector of Wolsingham for Ore to be raised at Pikestone in that Parish at a duty of one-fourteenth, this duty compared with the tenth he is entitled to, is very low, and in addition to the benefit thus derived should the Mines be productive, may prove of essential Service in the future Agreements for Lot & Tithe Ore in Weardale. The Level to make an effectual Trial of the Vein will immediately Commence. In the midst of this prosperity in the Mines, a further depression in the price of Lead has again occurred, by the Lead Comp[an]y having last Thursday sold 5000 pieces to Messrs Locke & Co at £21 pfo[the]r for Common and which tends materially to fix it at this low depression. I was however yesterday enabled to dispose of 2000ps to a Liverpool House on the terms at which I sold to Messrs Walker & Co in London – viz £23 & 22 pfo[the]r. – etc MM

23 Jun 1821 Martin Morrison to John Parker

Newcastle 23rd June 1821

John Parker junr Esqr 25 Throgmorton St London.

I am favored with your Letter of the 20 Inst, containing one of your Circulars relative to consuming Smoke under Steam Engine Boilers etc. Before I can take upon myself the responsibility of recommending your plan for the Lead Works at Limehouse, I must obtain more personal knowledge than I at Present possess, of the general efficacy of its application; & whether the time expended in preparing the apparatus, the increase of Laborage, the possible <diminution> in the power of the Engine & the eventual Expense of the apparatus itself with the remuneration you demand, may not exceed the advantage to be derived by its adoption.

I am etc MM

6 Jul 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Newcastle 6 July 1821
Advising having sent a piece of Silver of 1552Oz - pWaggon. – MM

9 Jul 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 9 July 1821
Messrs Rundell & Co London.
Advice of a pce of Silver 1102Oz – pWaggon. MM

4 Aug 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 4 August 1821
Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

In this and another Cover I beg to transmit the quarterly Reports of the Mines, and when I can obtain additional Franks the Cash Accounts and Lead Sales for the two last months will also be transmitted. I regret to state that the Lead Trade has become extremely dull, and the few Sales of Lead which have been effected, are in consequence, at lower prices. To this situation of depression I have in part deemed it expedient to Conform and to accept of Messrs Walkers & Co for 15000 pieces of Lead 22pfo[the]r for Refined and which I trust will prevent the price from going lower, - a circumstance I have entertained serious apprehension of, if Stocks by not settling, were allowed to accumulate. - I have obtained Mrs Blackett's Bond for £3000, to which Sum the debt, by a supply of Coals to Limehouse will forthwith be reduced. – The Acc[oun]ts of this Office for last Year are ready for auditing. – I hope on arriving at Bretton Hall you found Col Beaumont well & that your own health is re-established by the use of the Cheltenham Waters.

I am etc MM

15 Aug 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 15th August 1821
Messrs Rundell & Co London
Adv[isin]g of having on the 11th & 14th Inst sent 2 ps Silver of 1285 & 1228Oz
pWaggon. MM

27 Aug 1821 Martin Morrison to John Ross

Newcastle 27 Augt 1821

Mr John Ross Glasgow.

I am favored with your Letter of the 25 Instant. The price of WB Litharge at present is £24 pTon at the Wharf and six months Credit; or 3 p[er]C[en]t discount for money or Bankers Bill on London at 40 days date. I beg to observe that this Office does not Ship any Orders that may be given for Lead or Litharge by a non-Resident; the practice in such cases being for the purchaser to employ a person here, to perform that business. – As I have not the pleasure of knowing you, if you think it proper to remit me a Banker's Bill for nearly the amount of <15> Casks (about 90 Cwt) of Litharge, it shall be immediately delivered to your Order.

I am etc MM

3 Sep 1821 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 3rd Septemr 1821

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

Transmitting in two Covers, Cash Acc[oun]t for June & July & advising of the subjoined remittance to Messrs Glyn & Co amount[in]g to £15,906.8.3

MM

Messrs Glyn & Co

Newcastle 3rd Septemr 1821

Bankers London. Remitting for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t 5 Bills value £15,906.8.3

MM

3 Sep 1821 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn & Co

Newcastle 3rd Septemr 1821

Bankers London. Remitting for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t 5 Bills value £15,906.8.3

MM

26 Sep 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Newcastle 26th Septemr 1821

Advising a pce of Silver of 1233 ½ Oz pWaggon 25 Inst

MM

26 Sep 1821 Martin Morrison to Mrs Hardinge

T R Beaumont Esqr

To The Exc[ecuto]rs of the late Revd Hy Hardinge – Dr

1820 Septemr 9th For 60 days Composition for the Tithe Ore of Stanhope Parish from the 11 July last to this day at the rate of £1500 pAnnum - £246-11-6

Newcastle 26th September 1821

Mrs Hardinge – Ketton House nr Darlington

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 25 Inst, and above you have a statement of the amount due to the late Mr Hardinge for the Tithe Ore of Stanhope Parish, which sum will be instantly paid here, or remitted to Messrs Goslings & Sharpe, in London as may be preferred, when a Rec[eip]t conformable to Mr Hardinge's testamentary appointment, is presented at this Office. MM

2 Oct 1821 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 2nd Octr 1821

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advice of sending a pce of Silver <w[eig]hts> 1553Oz – pWaggon 29 Sepr MM

2 Oct 1821 Martin Morrison to Mrs Hardinge

Newcastle 2 Octr 1821

Mrs Hardinge Ketton House nr Darlington

I am favored with your Letter of yesterday's date, inclosing a <Rec[eip]t> for £246-11-4, the amount due to the late Mr Hardinge, as Rector of Stanhope, for Tithe Ore, and in return transmit the above Cheque upon Sir M Ridley & Co in discharge of the same & am Madam etc MM

23 Oct 1821 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

Newcastle 23 October 1821

I have received your Letter of the 20 Inst. – The Stocks of Lead in this Country are unusually small for the time of Year and are nearly all sold, and the only offer I can, in consequence, make you is from 200 to 2000 pigs of WB Refined Lead, deliverable at the Wharf, at £23 pfo[the]r six months Credit in London, or £3 pCent discount for Money. I beg to observe that it is not the custom of this Office to ship Lead and where purchasers are non-Residents, an Agent, by them, is appointed to perform that business. The Two Tons of Litharge which you require, at the price of £24 pTon, will be delivered to your Order. – I am etc MM

6 Nov 1821 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

Newcastle 6 Novemr 1821

Having given to Messrs Nichol & Ludlow Wharfingers in this Town the Ticket for the delivery of the above Lead and Litharge, they are in expectation of receiving your directions for its shipment, and I now hand you the weight and amount, that you may, if you choose, remit the amount (less 3 p[er]C[en]t discount) by a Bankers Bill on London falling due two months from the 29th of October, the day of purchase Conformable to your Letter of the 26th. – I am etc MM

13 Nov 1821 Thomas Crawhall to Cox Poyser & Co

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

Newcastle 13th Novr 1821

Mr Morrison having left home on Sunday for London where He may be detained for some time, In his absence I beg to acknowledge Receipt your Letter of 10th Inst addressed to him, inclosing Wm Cox & Sons D[ra]ft on Smith Payne & Co London dated 29th Oct. at 2 months for £1347.6.0 on acc[oun]t for Lead sold you and I remain etc Thos Crawhall

10 Dec 1821 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Newcastle 10 Decemr 1821

Dr Phillpotts Durham.

Inclosed I beg to transmit a Bill upon Mr John Hopkins London value £1125 -/-, being the amount of ¼ of a Years Composition for Tithe Ore due to you this day, as Rector of Stanhope in Weardale, from Colonel Beaumont: - The Rec[eip]t of which be pleased to acknowledge <to, Sir> etc MM

5 Jan 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 5 Janry 1822

London – Having forwarded 3ps Silver of 1348, 1624, & 1150Oz pWaggon
MM

7 Jan 1822 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 7th Janry 1822

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

Transmitting (thro[ugh] Mr Beaumont at Bradley) Cash Account & Lead Sales for November. MM

19 Jan 1822 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers - London

Newcastle 19 Janry 1822

Remitting 2 Bills value £7888 – 4 -,, for Col Beaumonts Account --- MM

12 Feb 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 12 Feby 1822

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising a pce of Silver of 1360Oz pWaggon MM

13 Feb 1822 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

Newcastle 13 Feby 1822

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

I am favored with your Letter of the 11th Inst; and in Reply offer you 2 <to> 3 thousand pieces of Lead at £23 pfo[the]r for Refined and £22 pfo[the]r for Common, six months Credit in London from the date of your answer; or allowing 3pCent discount for your own, or Bankers, Bill upon London at One Months date. In making this offer, it however must be subject to one condition, vizt, that my Engagements to deliver Lead (about 20,000pcs) must be first completed, before I can undertake to deliver any which you may agree for; and which from the smallness of Stocks, and taking it from the Mills as the Ore is smelted, will at the shortest period, be two months. – I am etc MM

19 Feb 1822 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 19 Feby 1822

Mrs Beaumont 35 Portman Square – London

In this and another Cover I beg to transmit thro' Mr Beaumont the last Quarters Report of Weardale Lead Mines; that for Allenheads and also for Coalcleugh will be forwarded, thro' the same medium, by to morrow's post, and afterwards the Cash Accounts and Lead Sales for the last two months. The Mines with the exception of

Allenheads, are at present not so productive as the last Quarter but I trust the defalutation is temporary and that the years produce will be equal to an average of former years. – The Trial below the Scar Limestone At Slitt in Weardale, you will observe is not yet proved, but expectations of its productiveness continue undiminished. – Much Injury has been sustained in Weardale in Weardale by the late Floods, exceeding any which have happened for the last 30 Years. – We fortunately escaped the loss of Ore; the Injury done in Water Courses, Washing Conveniences and Waggon Ways is considerable; but are now again replaced & thoroughly repaired

I am etc

26 Feb 1822 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Dr Phillpotts Durham.

Newcastle 26th Februry 1822

I am favored with your Letter of the 25th desiring that I will pay to Sir M Ridley & Co on your Acc[oun]t, the next quarterly payment, when due, for the Tythe Ore of Stanhope; which shall be punctually completed with. Intending to be in London in the course of six weeks I shall then submit to Colonel and Mrs Beaumont the proposition which you suggested respecting the continuance of the present Compositions for a Quarter of a year, after the expiration of the present Agreements; and hope, on my return, to be enabled to communicate to you, their d determination

& am etc MM

27 Feb 1822 Martin Morrison to Thomas Radford

Mr Thomas Edward Radford Merchant - Hull Newcastle 27 Februry 1822

I am favored with your Letter of the 26 Inst; and in reply beg to inform you, that such have been the extent lately of my Sales of Lead, that I could not engage to deliver the quantity of Lead you require before the expiration of two months at least. – If I do make a Sale to commence delivering at the end of that period, my terms for 2000 pigs of Common Lead, at the wharf, are, for a present Bankers Bill, at 2 Months date, £22..5..0 pfother of 21 Cwt, allowing 3pCent discount on payment and subject to your answer in course of Post. – I am etc – MM

9 Mar 1822 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 9 March 1822

Mrs Beaumont 35 Portman Square London

Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month MM

14 Mar 1822 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Robt Stagg Esqr Middleton House by Barnard Castle Durham

Newcastle 14th March 1822

Annexed is the Annual Statement for Ore raised in Weardale, and also Balance of payments for Compos[ition] etc to B[isho]p of Durham & Rectors of Stanhope & Wolsin[gham], by which it appears the Sum of £347.17.10 is due from The Governor & Co to Col Beaum[on]t for last year – As the Compositions amount now to a large Sum I hope your remittance will be proportionally so, to meet the usual quarterly payments and am D[ea]r Sir etc MM

25 Mar 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London

N'Castle 25 March 1822

Advising of sending a piece of Silver 1179Oz pWaggon this day MM

6 Apr 1822 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers London

N[ew]Castle 6th April 1822

– Remitting them for Col Beaumonts Account three Bills value £9489..7..7- MM

18 Apr 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London

N[ew]Castle 18 April 1822

Adv[isin]g a piece of Silver of 1473Oz pWaggon 15th Inst MM

13 Jul 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co

N[ew]Castle 13 July 1822

London. – Adv[isin]g a piece of Silver of 1306Oz pWaggon 6 Inst MM

N[ew]C[astle] 18 July 1822

Ditto Ditto 1293Oz pWaggon – 17 Inst MM

24 Jul 1822 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co London

Newcastle 24 July 1822

Remitting them 3 Bills value £10,032 ..18..4 for Cl Beaumonts Account. – MM.

26 Aug 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Newcastle 26 August 1822

Adv[isin]g of forwarding a pce of Silver cont[ain]s 1355Oz pWaggon of this day

31 Aug 1822 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 31 August 1822

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

Forwarding Mr Herringtons Annual Acc[oun]ts examined; and also Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month. MM

18 Sep 1822 Martin Morrison to William Crawhall

Newcastle 18 Sep 1822

Mr William Crawhall Allenheads

I have this morning rec[eive]d your Letter, inclosing one from Mr Moor, stating Mr Ord's determination to Let all the Lead Ore veins contained in White Walls farm, and that if you are desirous of taking the same for Mr Beaumont, it is His (Mr Ord's) wish to make you the first offer. – From the conversation I have already had with you upon this subject, it appears no access can be had to these veins, except thro' the medium of Col Beaumonts ground, without incurring an expense, that can hold out no inducement for any other Person, to undertake. – The Trial, in your opinion, being an eligible one for Col B[eaumon]t to make; You are hereby authorised to communicate to Mr Ord, that Col B[eaumon]t will take the Mining ground in question, provided the Terms are such as may hold out a prospect of reasonable remuneration. Your mode of proceeding in my judgement, is simply to make a Communication to Mr Moor to this purport, requesting to know Mr Ord's lowest Terms; [struck out: 'to which an early reply will be given'] If Mr Ord should demand a fifth duty; it may, from what you before observed, be thought too high, and therefore time must be taken for Consideration; but if a seventh or a sixth duty will satisfy him and you consider the Lease desirable on either of these terms, I recommend you to conclude, at once, the bargain; - which I shall be ready to confirm. I am etc MM

19 Sep 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 19th Septemr 1822

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver containing 1308Oz – pWaggon 18 Inst

12 Oct 1822 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 12 October 1822

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for last month –MM

15 Oct 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 15 October 1822

Messrs Rundell & Co London.

Forwarding a pce of Silver containing 1284 Oz pWaggon this day. –MM

2 Nov 1822 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 2 Novemr 1822

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

Transmitting in four Covers, franked by Mr Beaumont, Cash Acc[oun]t. & Lead Sales for last month; also Quarterly Reports of Allenheads and Coalcleugh LeadMines. MM

5 Nov 1822 Martin Morrison to William Ord

Newcastle 5 Novr 1822

Wm Ord Esqr MP Brighton Sussex

Your Letter of the 25th of last month addressed to Mr Wm Crawhall at Alenheads has been, by him transmitted to me, and to which I beg to reply. The proposal, on behalf of Col Beaumont, to take the Veins in White Walls ground, at a sixth duty, was made in reference to the situation of the ground itself, the uncertainty of the Strata in which the proposed Level will have to be driven, and the distance before a Vein may be cut; and Certainly with the intention and also with the impression, all Circumstances considered, that the offer was liberal. – Permit me to observe that a fifth duty is the largest, and is only given in districts abounding with veins and known to be productive of Ore; and that the duty varies from a fifth to a sixth seventh and even to an eighth

according to situations etc. – Should Col Beaumont become your Lessee of White Walls ground an effectual Trial will be made to discover the Veins it may contain, so as to satisfy the mind of his Mine Agent, of the propriety of proceeding in, or relinquishing his operations. – The indications will govern the expenditure; but I consider it my duty to advise Col Beaumont to decline the stipulation you require of engaging, at all events and under every discouragement, - for it comes to that, - to expend the sum of £3,000. I have the Honor etc MM

13 Nov 1822 Martin Morrison to William Ord

Newcastle 13 Novr 1822

Wm Ord Esqr MP Brighton Sussex.

I am this day honored with your Letter of the 10th inst, by which you agree to accept the offer, made on behalf of Col Beaumont, of one sixth duty, for all the Ore raised in White Walls ground. In consequence I shall forthwith give directions to Mr W Crawhall to arrange the several Conditions with Mr Moor, conformable to the proposal originally made for this Undertaking.
I am etc MM

14 Nov 1822 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 14 Novr 1822

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

Transmitting, in two Covers franked by Mr Beaumont, the quarterly Report of Weardale Mines dated 30 Sept 1822 MM

16 Nov 1822 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co

Newcastle 16 Novemr 1822

London. – Forwarding a pce of Silver containing 1395 Oz - pWaggon 13 Inst MM

4 Jan 1823 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 4 Janry 1823

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.

Transmitting in two Covers, franked by Mr Beaumont, Cash Account and Lead Sales for November. – MM

11 Jan 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co London
N[ew]Castle 11 Janry 1823
Adv[ise]s of Forwarding three ps Silver of 1011, 1313 & 1061 Oz pWaggon. – MM

29 Jan 1823 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 29 Janry 1823
Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall.
Transmitting in two Covers, thro' Mr Beaumont, Allenheads & Coalcleugh Reports for
March Quarter MM

6 Feb 1823 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bart & Co
N[ew]Castle 6 February 1823
Bankers London. –
Inclosing 3 Bills value £10,122..9..6 for T R Beaumont Esqrs Account. – MM

22 Feb 1823 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 22 February 1823
Mrs Beaumont Portman Square London.
Transmitting Report Weardale Lead Mines for March Quarter MM

1 Mar 1823 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 1st 3rd & 4th March 1823
Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London. –
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t and Lead Sales or Decr Janry & Febry last MM

8 Mar 1823 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle 8 March 1823
Rt Stagg Esqr – Middleton House

I was duly favored with your Letter of the 27 Janry and annexed you have the annual
Statement of Ore raised in Weardale & Compositions etc paid for the Year ending 30

Sepr last; by which the Balance due from the Govr & Co to Col Beaumont amounts to £336-7-11. – You will please to observe that in the quantity of Ore raised by Us, is included all the Tontale Ore, from whatsoever source obtained, and I take it for granted you also include it, in the statement of the Quantity raised by you.

I am etc MM

15 Mar 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 15 March 1823

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Adv[isin]g having sent a pce of Silver 1463 ½ oz pWaggon MM

7 Apr 1823 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

N[ew]Castle 7 April 1823

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby.

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 4 Inst. – I could not engage to deliver 5000ps of Lead in less than three months, in consequence of late Sales and the small Stocks of Ore at the Smelting Mills. – My price for the above, or a lesser quantity, in the proportion of ¾ th Common and ¼ th Refined, to be delivered at the expiration of three months, or sooner, if in my power, is £23 p f[othe]r for the former, and £24 p fo[the]r for the latter, six mo[nth]s Credit in London, or 3 pCent discount for two months Bills from this date in consequence of the remote period of delivery. –

I am etc MM

11 Apr 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 11 April 1823

Messrs Rundell & Co Ludgate Hill – London.

Forwarding a pce of Silver containing 1506 Oz pWaggon this day MM

16 Apr 1823 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

N[ew]Castle 16 April 1823

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby.

In reply to your Letter of the 12th Inst beg to inform you, that I accept your offer of £22..10 pfodder for 3000ps Common & £23.10 pf[othe]r for 1000 ps of Refined Lead, six

months Credit, or to allow 3 pC[en]t disc[oun]t for two months Bills on London, and the delivery of the Lead to commence three months hence, conformable to my Letter of the 7th Inst. – I am etc. MM

17 Apr 1823 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

N[ew]Castle 17 April 1823

I am favored with your Letter of the 15 Inst; and mine of yesderday's date would inform you, that your offer of £23..10 & £22..10.. Pfo[the]r for 4000 ps Refined and Common Lead was accepted. It therefore only remains for me to say that it will not suit me to allow two months discount on the proposed payment, as Bills at that date from the 7th Instant will answer my purpose, as well as Cash. – I am etc

23 Apr 1823 Thomas Crawhall to Cox Poyser & Co

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

Newcastle April 23/1823

Sir

Mr Morrison left this place for London on 19th Inst since which your letter addressed to him enclosing Bills amounts to £4,855-4-1 came to my hands f[or] w[hi]ch I ackn[owledge]d the rec[eip]t of to you. – I have now to acknowledge your further letter of 25th Inst enclosing five more Bills on the same acct am[oun]t £1272-10- to your Credit for WB Lead of which the following are the estimated Weights

1000p Ref[ine]d Lead	q 1500	@23 1/2 pfr	£1,678-11- 5
3000p Com do	q 4160	@22 1/2 do	4,457- 2-10
			£6,135-14- 3

Should you wish to address Mr M. - a l[et]t[er] to him at 8 Tooley Street will reach him
JC

26 May 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 26 May 1823

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver containing 1300 Oz – pWaggon MM

4 Jun 1823 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 4 June 1823

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square London

Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t and Lead Sales for the months of April & May

19 Jun 1823 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 19 June 1823

Sir R. C. Glyn Bart & Co Bankers London.

Remitting two Bills value £5336-6-0 for Col Beaumonts Account.MM

23 Jun 1823 Martin Morrison to Jamet Jeune

Monsr Jamet – jeune – Saumur

Newcastle upon Tyne 23 June 1823

In reply to your Letter of the 13 Inst. which I had the Honor of receiving this morning, I beg to inform you that the price of WBlackett Lead is for Refined £24-10 Sterling pfo[the]r and for Common £23b-10 pfo[the]r. The Stock of Lead in this market is very low, by reason of its being nearly all sold to the various Lead Merchants and which prevents me making any offer exceeding one thousand, or fifteen hundred pieces upon the above terms. – I have etc – MM

3 Jul 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 3 July 1823

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding 2p Silver of 1481 Oz & 1196 Oz pWaggon 2 Inst MM

28 Jul 1823 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Newcastle 28 July 1823

Dr Phillpotts (of Stanhope) at Durham.

I am this morning favored with your Letter of yesterdaysdate. – West Allen high Chapel (the name of the Chapel requiring consecration) is about seventeen miles from Stanhope and from the Chapel to Hexham Is nearly the same distance. Mr George Crawhall will be prepared to attend the Bishop of Oxford and conduct his Lordship by the best road through the Country, and also will transmit to the resident Clergyman such directions as you may be pleased to favor him with. – I am apprehensive that his

Lordship will not be able to proceed in a Carriage beyond the Summit of Killhope on the Alston Road, where Saddle Horses, if wanted, will be in readiness to carry his Lordship and attendants down West Allen to Whitfield, and where the Carriage going round by Alston, can meet him and go on to Hexham.

I am etc MM

4 Aug 1823 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 4 August 1823

Mrs Beaumont No 7 Pelham place Hastings.

Transmitting Quarterly Reports of Allenheads and Coalcleugh Lead Mines etc. – MM

13 Aug 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 13 August 1823

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1103 ½ Oz pWaggon on the 9th Inst MM

20 Aug 1823 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 20 August 1823

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

Transmitting Quarterly Report of Weardale Lead Mines etc MM

4 Sep 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 4 Septemr 1823

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver 1454 ½ Oz pWaggon – 3rd Inst MM

22 Sep 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 22nd Septemr 1823

London – Forwarding a pce of Silver 1364 Oz pWaggon. – 20 Int MM

8 Oct 1823 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

Newcastle 8 October 1823

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

I am this morning favored with your Letter of the 6 Inst and accept your favor of £22-15 pfo[the]r for 3000 pigs of WB Common Lead, allowing the usual discount of 3 pCent for payment in money. As I am going to London on Saturday next and intend to remain there till the 24th inst, any payment you may please to make me in London, or any remittance here, in Bills upon London at 20 days date will in either case, be entitled to the discount; more I cannot allow as the Lead will be ready for delivery, as fast as you can take it away. At present it is not in my power, in consequence of existing engagements, to spare the 1000 ps Refined Lead, which you request to have. – I am etc

P.S. - my address in London is No8 Tooley St, Boro'

4 Dec 1823 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 4 Decr 1823

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwardd 2 pieces of Silver of 1273 & 1436 Oz – pWaggon

24 Dec 1823 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

N[ew]Castle 24 Decemr 1823

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

With their Acc[oun]t and declining at present to make an offer for the Sale of Lead. – MM

24 Dec 1823 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 24th Decemr 1823

Sir R.C. Glyn Bt & Co Bankers – London.

Remitting 3 Bills value £9173-10-2 for Colonel Beaumonts Acc[oun]t. – MM –

8 Jan 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 8 Janry 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding 2 ps of Silver of 1461 & 1431 ½ Oz pWaggon the 7 Inst MM

20 Feb 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 20 February 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co

London. – Forwarding 1 pce of Silver of 1199 Oz pWaggon 19 Inst. –

6 Mar 1824 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 6 March 1824

Sir R.C.Glyn Bart & Co Bankers London

Remitting 2 Bills value £6583-18-11 for Col Beaumonts Account --- MM

10 Mar 1824 Martin Morrison to George Horsington

N[ew]Castle 10 March 1824

Mr George Horrington Flockton Hall – nr Wakefield

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 8 Inst requesting me to send you 1500 or £2000 towards the payment of an Estate which you have purchased for Col & Mrs Beaumont and inclosed you will receive a Bill for £1573-6-2 which I hope you will experience no difficulty in applying to that purpose I do not go to London sooner than the latter end of next month and if I can will take Bretton in my way and pay my respects to Col Beaumont whom I am most happy to hear enjoys such good health. – Be pleased to acknowledge the Rec[eip]t of the inclosed Bill and also inform me what tidings you have of Mrs Beaumont, her present residence, and when expected to return to England – etc MM

15 Mar 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 15 March 1824

Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver cont[ainin]g 1616 Oz pWaggon 9th Inst MM

1 Apr 1824 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

Newcastle 1 April 1824

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

I am favored with your Letter of the 29th Ult. this morning; & on the delivery of the last parcel of 3000 ps of Lead being completed, your Acc[oun]t Current shall be transmitted as desired. – Having to fulfill my engagements, upwards of 35,000 ps yet to deliver I do not apprehend much reduction in the price of Lead as likely to happen here, so extensively is the forthcoming supply anticipated. – Anxious however to cultivate Your connexion I here offer you three to five thousand ps of Lead in equal proportions of Refined and Common at £23-10 & £22-10 pf[othe]r six months Credit or £5pCent p annum disc[oun]t for money, - the delivery of the Lead to commence six weeks hence. – Waiting your reply I am etc MM

7 Apr 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 7 April 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver cont[ain]s 1294Oz pWaggon the 5 Inst MM

23 Apr 1824 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

N[ew]Castle 23 April 1824

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

I am favored with your Letter of the 21st Inst covering four Bills value £244-10-6 which Balances your Account for Lead to this period. – The difference of 5/pfo[the]r shall not on this occasion prevent us dealing, & therefore I accept your offer of £23-5-.. pfo[the]r for 2000ps Refined and £22.5... for 1000 ps Common Lead; but it will be more convenient to us if you can equalize the quantities by taking 1500 ps of each or 2000 of the former and 2000 of the latter. – a Bill at 1Mo[nth] on London being remitted in course of Post will entitle you to the discount of 2 ½ pCent on the amount purchased & am etc MM

28 Apr 1824 Martin Morrison to George Crawhall

Newcastle 28 April 1824

Mr George Crawhall – New House Weardale

Under the impression that the Lead Company are working in the Copyhold Ground at Stanhope, I recommend that you lose no time in mentioning the circumstance to the Company Agents, also to Mr Rippon, and that you will exert yourself to obtain all the information possible from the old Inhabitants and Workmen, of the names of the situations described in the Surrender, so that the Boundaries may be as accurately

defined as can be. I am of opinion that you should employ legal assistance (any Respectable person whom you know residing in the neighbourhood) to take the depositions of such people whose testimony would tend to establish correctly the point in dispute and then if the Partys concerned are not convinced of having exceeded the <just> limits and do not make compensation for the trespass, a notice discharging them from proceeding farther ought to be served. – Such documents are most desirable possessions, to reflect any future innovations, and ought when obtained to be carefully preserved, for it is clear, from past neglect and the lapse of time, that they are the only evidence by which the Copyhold rights are to be ascertained. – I am etc MM

9 Jun 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 9 June 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a piece of Silver containing 1598Oz – pWaggon

12 Jun 1824 Martin Morrison to Thomas Maltby

Newcastle 12 June 1824

Thomas Maltby Esqr

4 Laurence Pountney Lane Laurence Pountney Hill London

I beg to acknowledge the rec[eip]t of your favor of the 9 Inst. and should have been happy had your offer been £23 & 22 for 5000ps of Refined and Common Lead, as it would have enabled me at once to commence business with your new Firm; as it is I shall hold myself prepared to accept for the above quantity the price here mentioned, provided you think proper to give it, in course of Post. – You mentioned to me when in London, that you would require some Litharge; but did not state the quantity; which on your reply to this Letter detailing the number of Casks, can very soon be forwarded – the price of course will be £24 pTon. – I am etc MM

16 Jun 1824 Martin Morrison to Thomas Maltby

N[ew]Castle 16 June 1824

Thomas Maltby Esqr Etc London

I am favored with your Letter of 14 inst & have given Mr Crawhall a Ticket for fifty Casks of Litharge which he will lose no time in shipping for you. – the price of this Litharge to be determined by my next Sale of Lead. Having yet nearly 30,000ps of Lead to deliver, which will require five or six months to complete, and having also, recently

sold to Cox, Poyser & Co 3500ps at £23.5 & £22.5 I do not, under the circumstances, feel at liberty to take less than the price already named to you – Viz - £23 & 22 for 5000ps, the Credit to commence from the period of its first delivery. – I am etc MM

15 Jul 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 15 July 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1389Oz pWaggon 12th inst
MM

31 Jul 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 31 July 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1063Oz - pWaggon – MM

5 Aug 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 5 August 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1563 ½ Oz pWaggon this day MM

23 Aug 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 23rd August 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1326 Oz pWaggon 21 Inst.-

13 Nov 1824 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 13 November 1824

Sir R.C.Glyn Bart & Co Bankers – London.
Remitting 3 Bills value £9090-15-10 – for ClBeaumonts Acc[oun]t. MM

18 Nov 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 18 Novemr 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1590 Oz pWaggon – 17 Inst MM

24 Nov 1824 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 24 Novemr 1824

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1530 Oz pWaggon – 20 Inst. – MM

N[ew]Castle – 4 Decr 1824

Do -- Forwarding Do 1073 Oz pWaggon – this day

8 Jan 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 8 Janry 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding on the 4th a Pce Silver of 1529 & the 5th a Pce of 1577 Oz – pWaggon MM

27 Jan 1825 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 27 & 28 Jany 1825

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall

Transmitting in five Covers quarterly Reports of Allenheads and Coalcleugh Lead Mines, Cash Acc[oun]t for Nov[embe]r and Lead Sales for Novem[be]r and December.
– MM

19 Feb 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 19 Feby 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a Pce of Silver of 1270 Ounces pWaggon this day

4 Mar 1825 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

N[ew]Castle 4 March 1825

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co

Gentlemen. I am favored with your Letter of the 2nd Inst covering Bill for £853-7-.. which is to your Credit. – Satisfied by the annexed that we are right in the Weight of Lead last delivered to you, I cannot consent to any compromise by receiving less than its value, and should our transactions continue I must beg that your Agents here, superintend the weighing of the Lead in future when delivered from our Wharf. It is not the value of the difference between Us I so much object to, as to the establishment of a precedent, which indeed would be quite new and which in the absence of principals, the required appointment of an Agent on the Spot is intended to obviate. – I cannot really say that I could deliver you Lead before the last month of the year, but if enabled to do it sooner your wants shall have my attention : so <riterated> 1 or 2000 pigs each of Refined and Common Lead at £27 & £26 pfo[the]r are at your Service if accepted in course of Post & as the delivery is remote I will allow the usual disc[oun]t of 2 ½ p[er]c[ent] for Bills at 2 Months date and am etc

17 Mar 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 17 March 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a Pce of Silver of 1682 ounces pWaggon on 16 Inst MM

17 Mar 1825 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle 17 March 1825

Rt Stagg Esqr Middleton House

Not having received the usual account of the quantity of Ore raised by the Lead Company in Weardale for the Year ending in October last, you will oblige me, by transmitting it at your early convenience. - & am etc MM

23 Mar 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 23 May 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a Pce of Silver of 1754 Oz pWaggon – 21 Inst MM

11 May 1825 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 11 May 1825

Mrs Beaumont London

Transmitting in several Covers Cash Accounts and Lead Sales to 30 April – also quarterly Reports of Allenheads and Coalcleugh Lead Mines – MM

11 May 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 11th May 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a Pce of Silver of 1575 Oz pWaggon this day

14 May 1825 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 14 May 1825

Mrs Beaumont London

Transmitting in 2 Covers the Report of Weardale Mines for the present Quarter. MM

25 May 1825 Martin Morrison to William Huskisson

N[ew]Castle 25 May 1825

Rt Hon[ra]ble Willm Huskisson Esq Etc London

Sir

As agent to Colonel Beaumont, owner & an extensive occupier of Lead Mines I have learnt with the utmost alarm that it is intended to lower, almost to nothing, the duty now payable on the importation of Foreign Lead and Ore. – as this measure appears to [replaced: me] us fraught with injury to the Lead Mines and to the numerous people now usefully employed in parts of the Country which admit of no other occupation, and believing it to be highly injurious to the general interests of the Country, beg leave to state the grounds on which I We deprecate the adoption of the measure.-

The Expense of making Lead consists almost wholly of the amount of labour employed: the Capital laid out in Shafts and Levels and Machinery is in fact only so much labour indirectly consumed.

It is obvious therefore that in every country the expense of obtaining Ore and making Lead, will bear an exact proportion to the cost of Subsistence where provisions are cheap and wages low, Lead is raised at comparatively little expense: everything that enhances the price of labour adds to its cost. It would then be a waste of time to prove that in a country where subsistence is raised to twice its natural rate, Lead cannot be made for the same expense that it is made for, in countries where provisions are cheap. So long as the price of [struck out: provision] subsistence in England did not exceed that of other Countries, the [struck out: great] superiority of English Skill, the greater exertion of her labourers enabled this Country to supply half the Continent

with Lead. Indeed their geographical position and the facility of Water communication, under the North of France, the Netherlands, a great part of Germany and Russia the natural markets for British metals. The cheapness of foreign labour compared with our own has now driven the English Mines from his market abroad, and it will not long leave him that of his own country, if foreign Lead is allowed to be imported at one half of the present duty: – many of our Mines must then be shut up and our Miners driven to emigrate and their Industry lost to the Country. – The events that have taken place in the few weeks that have elapsed since this measure was first agitated shew that these alarms are not without foundation. – Persons who are supposed to be the Agents of the Spanish Government have in two months sold 4,000 Tons of Lead and continue to offer more; and there is now arrived an Agent from the Emperor of Austria to sell the produce of the Imperial Mines in Carinthia at prices destructive to the English Mines. – The undersigned feels that he should not have discharged his duty to his Employer and to the 30,000 families whose very existence is at stake and to whom this measure will leave no alternative but the choice of banishment or the Workhouse, if he had not raised his Voice against its adoption.

I have the Honor to be etc etc MM

1 Jun 1825 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 1st June 1825

Mrs Beaumont Portman Square – London

Transmitting Cash Account and Lead Sales for the month of May. MM

4 Jun 1825 Thomas Crawhall to Richard Pullen

Newcastle June 4 1825

Richd Pullen Esq 12 <Sergiants> Inn London

Sir

I have been requested by MM who is unavoidably absent to transmit you the petition or Memorial of Miners in this neighbourhood against the proposed Reduction of the duty on foreign Lead imported. The Receivers of the Greenw[ich] Hosp[ital.] would have signed the above but that their Board had already taken some steps at the Treasury – however should you think it adviseable may apply to them.

I remain etc TC

30 Jun 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 30 June 1825

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1782 Oz - pWaggon. – MM

2 Jul 1825 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 2 July 1825

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers London
Remitting them 5 Bills am[oun]t[in]g to £14,778-7-3 for Colonel Beaumonts Acc[oun]t. –
MM

6 Jul 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 6 July 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1524 Oz – pWaggon 4 Inst

18 Jul 1825 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 18 July 1825

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall
Transmitting Cash Acc[oun]t & Lead Sales for last month

23 Aug 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 23rd August 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1685 Oz pWaggon 22 Inst MM

27 Aug 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 27 Augst 1825

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1819 Oz – pWaggon – MM

27 Aug 1825 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 27 Augst 1825

Messrs Glyn & Co London. – Remitting them 2 Bills value £6,000 for Col Beaumonts
Acc[oun]t MM

29 Aug 1825 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle 29 August 1825

Rt Stagg Esqr
Marton House – Appleby

Measures are in progress to apply to Parliament next Session, to obtain an Act for a Turnpike Road from Cows Hill in Weardale, down Allendale to join the Turnpike above Hexham, in which is included a branch road from it, at Allendale Town, leading up West Allen past Coalcleugh & to join the Turnpike at Nenthead. – As this branch will shorten your Lead Carriage from Nenthead Mill downwards and give other facilities advantageous to your Establishments, may I hope Your Company will subscribe a sum towards completing so desirable an object – Colonel Beaumont has subscribed £5000 and others have Contributed under the impression that the Tolls will yield, upon the Estimate of the Cost, an Interest of 4 ½ p[er]c[ent] p[er]ann[u]m; but We are still short of the sum required by Parliament on the introduction of the Bill, which is 2/3rds of the amount. –

I shall be happy to receive your favorable answer, and to afford, thro' Mr W Crawhall, any further information that you may require.

I am etc MM

6 Nov 1825 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle 6 & 7 Novr 1825

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall
Transmitting Quarterly Reports of the Mines and Cash Acc[oun]t For September and October. – MM

17 Nov 1825 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 17 Novr 1825

Messrs Glyn & Co London
Remitting them 2 Bills value £7321-6-2 for Col Beaumonts Acc[oun]t MM

26 Nov 1825 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 26 Novr 1825

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London
Forwarding a pce Silver of 1948 Oz pWaggon

N[ew]Castle 30 Novr 1825

Ditto Forwarding – Ditto – of 1364 Oz – pDitto this day MM

6 Dec 1825 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 6th Decemr 1825

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall
Transmitting Lead Sales for three months ending the 30 Ult. and Cash Account for
Novemr. – MM

6 Jan 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 6 Janry 1826

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London
Forwarding 2 pce's of Silver 1532 & 1555 pWaggon on the 3rd & 5 Inst

6 Feb 1826 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

N[ew]Castle 6 Feby 1826

Mrs Beaumont Bretton Hall
Transmitting Lead Sales, Cash Acc[oun]ts for December & Janry also Quarterly Reports
of the Mines.

14 Feb 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 14 Feby 1826

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London
Forwarding a pce of Silver 1277 ½ Oz – pWaggon 11 Inst

25 Mar 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 25 March 1826

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce of Silver 1808 Oz – pWaggon 22 inst

27 Mar 1826 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Newcastle 27 March 1826

Sir R.C.Glyn Bt & Co Bankers – London

Observing in the London papers rece[ive]d here this day the death of the Bishop of Durham; and having myself to be absent from home for a week, I am to request, if the news is authentic, that you will withhold the payment of £1000 on the 31 inst, to Messrs Drummonds for his Lordships Account. – I am etc MM

29 Mar 1826 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Rt Stagg Esqr

New House Weardale 29 March 1826

Marton Ho[use] nr Appleby

The intelligence of the B[isho]p of Durham's death being confirmed, and in consequence the Agreements for the Compo[sition]s of Lot and Tithe Ore in Weardale have Ceased, It therefore becomes necessary, until those Agreements are Renewed, with the new Bishop and the present Rector of Stanhope, that all the Lead Ore wrought by your Company under the Moor-master's Lease granted by the Bishop of Durham, should from and after the 25th instant be set apart and an Acc[oun]t thereof accurately Kept. – I am etc MM

1 Apr 1826 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

N[ew]Castle 1st April 1826

Dr Phillpotts 52 Harley St London

I was last night favored with your Letter of the 27 Ult on my return from Weardale. – The death of the venerable B[isho]p of Durham I had heard of, previous to going to the Mines on Tuesday morning, and our Quarterly Bargains with the workmen for raising Ore etc being expired, I gave directions to clear the Mines of all the Ore wrought to the 25th of last month, the day of the Bishop's death & by which event the agreements for Lot and Tithe Ore under the See of Durham and the Rectory of Stanhope expire. The future workings in those Mines will be kept distinct, for the purpose of awaiting the decision of the new Bishop and yourself, as to drawing the Lot and Tithe Ore in kind, or of entering into an Agreement for them by the payment of an annual sum of money, as hitherto has been The custom. –

I propose being in London in the course of ten days, and if the appoint[en]t of the Bishop be then made, it will be satisfactory to receive from his Lordship and yourself a communication of your intentions on this point. – May I take the liberty of requesting the favor of being informed as to the probability of meeting with you in Town, & of his Lordship being there and for what length of time.

I am etc MM

5 Apr 1826 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]castle 5 April 1826

Messrs Glyn & Co – Bankers London

Remitting them 3 Bills value £10.000 for Thos Rd Beaumont Esqrs Account. - MM

8 Apr 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]castle 8 April 1826

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver 1317 Oz – pWaggon – 8 Inst. – MM

18 Apr 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Fenwick

Mem[orandum] given to Mr Fenwick Agent to Bishop of Durham – 18 April 1826

The Duty on foreign Lead imported previous to 5 July 1826 was 20 pCent ad valorem so that if the price of Pig Lead was at £22 pTon, the am[ou]nt would be £4.8 pTon. The Duty charged since 5 July 1825 is £2 pTon without reference to value 2. Difference £ 2 8

The protection given to English Mines having ceased, by the high duty being withdrawn; the importation of foreign Lead last year, exceeded in quantity that of any former one, and amounted to upwards of 3500 Tons or 70,000 Pigs and by which a reduction in the price of English Lead has since July 1825 taken place, of at least 20 pCent; and if this encouragement to the importation of foreign Lead and Lead Ore is continued, of which judging of the proceedings of the Legislature, there can be no reason to doubt; it is difficult to say the extent of injury and distress that await the English Lead Mines. – Recently Lead has been sold at Stockton at £19, 18 and even so low as £17 pF[othe]r of 22 Cwt –

The Duty on foreign Lead Ore, previous to the 5th July 1825 was £1.16. .. pTon; the duty since the 5 July 1825 is ten shillings pTon, and according to information recently obtained, the quantity of Lead Ore imported into Liverpool since the adoption of this low duty, has been 2000 Tons, a great part of which has been smelted into Lead. –

The Surrenders in Weardale, the Suit in Chancery with Mr Rippen for Trespass. – other Trespasses have been committed, notices to discontinue are disregarded. –

Import Duty

before the 5th July 1825

Pig Lead £20 pCent Ad valorem

Lead Ore £1-16- p Ton

since the 5th July 1825

Pig Lead £2 – p Ton

Lead Ore – 10/- p Ton

Custom House 17 April 1826

J S Soper

3 May 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Fenwick

London 3rd May 1826

Mr Thos Fenwick (of Dipton) in London

Sir

In consequence of your interaction that it was the wish of the Bishop of Durham to receive an offer, in money payment, for the Lot Ore in Weardale; I beg to inform You that having communicated this morning, with Col & Mrs Beaumont, I am authorized by them to give Four Thousand Pounds per Annum in lieu thereof; provided Dr Phillpotts, as Rector of Stanhope, agrees to accept the same Sum for his Tithe Ore; and with this clear understanding that on the death or removal either of the Bishop or Rector, the payment of this Composition is then to cease with both. – When it is considered, that the protection which the Legislature has hitherto guarded the Interest of the [struck out: British] English Mines, has by an Act of last Session, been withdrawn – the consequent large importation since, of foreign Lead & Lead Ore, and the great depreciation in the price of English Lead arising out of that measure, it will, I trust, be admitted that this offer is made in the spirit of perfect fairness and liberality; and also, as it really is with an anxious desire, to be enabled to afford continued employment to a numerous & increasing population, who depend upon the Mines alone, for their support. – I beg to add, that no advance will be made upon this offer, and that it is desirable to ascertain his Lordship And Dr Phillpott's determination, as soon as it accords with their conscience.

I am etc MM

4 May 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

[Note: sequenced between 3rd and 26th May 1826]
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26 May 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Fenwick

N[ew]castle 26 May 1826

Mr Thos Fenwick Dipton.

As I have not received any reply to the offer I made in London, thro' you to the Bishop of Durham, for the Lot Ore in Weardale; I take the liberty of enquiring when I may expect to receive his Lordships determination upon it, the ascertainment of which, being daily more desirable, as two months now have lapsed, since the late Bishop's death, and the working of the Mines impeded by the accumulated produce remaining in them, necessarily kept apart from that which has been wrought, previous to that event, and in reference to measures, the adoption of which, will be influenced by the knowledge of his Lordships intentions. – I am etc MM

30 May 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Fenwick

Newcastle 30 May 1826

Mr Thos Fenwick Dipton

I beg to enclose copy of a Letter received this morning from Dr Phillpotts and as he therein states that Mr Dolphin is fully empowered to treat for his Tithe Ore, I hope you will be enabled to take an early opportunity of appointing a meeting with Mr Dolphin for the purpose of our endeavouring to conclude an Agreement for the Lot and Tithe Ore due to the Bishop and Rector from Col Beaumont. – I am etc – MM

Copy of Dr Phillpotts's Letter

To M. Morrison

Stanhope 27 May 1826

Dear Sir

I arrived at Stanhope on Wednesday, but have not been able to see Mr Dolphin till today. He is obliged to go from home on Monday, but will return in the middle of the week. – If you will address a Letter to him at Ruffside House Hexham, he will meet you at any time and place which you may appoint. He is fully empowered to treat for me, and I will fulfil any agreement he may make for my Tithe of Lead Ore due from Col & Mrs Beaumont. I conclude that before that time Mr Fenwick will have received

his final instructions from the Bishop of Durham, I heartily wish that he and Mr Dolphin may settle some plan, by which one or other may be enabled to treat with you for both the Bishop and myself. I am etc Hy Philpotts

10 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Newcastle 10 June 1826

Dr Phillpotts – Stanhope

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 8 Inst and have this morning paid to Sir M Ridley & Co for your acc[oun]t £184..18..7, the am[oun]t of your Compo[sitio]n for Tithe Ore in the parish of Stanhope due from Col & Mrs Beaumont from the 10 to the 25 March last – which sum I hope you will find correct. – I regret not to have heard yet of Mr Fenwick and Mr Dolphins meeting for the purpose of arriving at some conclusion respecting the Lot and Tithe Ore; as the continued delay of an interview with these Gent[leme]n and myself is augmenting our difficulties in regard to working the Mines. – I am etc

14 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to John Dolphin

N[ew]castle 14 June 1826

Mr John Dolphin Ruffside – Hexham

I am this morning favored with your Letter; and lose no time to request that you will be so obliging, if practicable, to be here to morrow for the purpose of coming to some understanding upon the subject to which you refer. – I am sorry to give you this trouble, which, had not the state of my health prevented me leaving home, I would have obviated, by meeting you half-way. – I am etc

14 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Fenwick

N[ew]castle 14 June 1826

Mr Thos Fenwick Dipton

I am much disappointed that I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing you, according to the intimation contained in your Letter of the 2nd inst. – I have this morning heard from Mr Dolphin, who gives me reason to expect that he will be here to morrow, authorized by Dr Phillpotts to treat for the disposal of his Tithe Ore; and I send this to you, by Express, in the hope that you also will give Us a Meeting at this Office, for the

purpose of concluding an Agreement on behalf of the parties concerned. – Pray let me hear from you by the Bearer & believe me etc – MM

15 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison

Thursday 15 June 1826

Mr Dolphin Agent to Dr Phillpotts came to the Office this morning, for the purpose of coming to an understanding as to the future arrangement in regard to the Tithe Ore. – Mr Dolphin commenced by saying, that before he entered upon particulars, He was instructed by the Dr. to state that any Agreement he entered upon with Col Beaumont must be for the ore raised by the Colonel alone, distinct from that raised by the Lead Company for which a separate agreement with them would have to be made. To this communication I expressed regret as in its nature it was unreasonable and indeed impracticable, the Lead Company being in no other than sub-Lessees to Col Beaumont – to whom they accounted for the produce of their Ore and contributed their proportion of Compositions paid to the Bishop and Rector for the Lot and Tythe. To this unexpected proposition and after so much delay, I had no other remark to make than to express my surprise, and inability to comply with it. Mr Dolphin observed that as he now understood the situation in which the Lead Co[mpan]y stood with respect to Col Beaumont, He w[oul]d see the Doctor, state to him his opinion and endeavor to prevail with him to forego this preliminary. Mr Dolphin intimated that he probably w[oul]d write me to morrow, or the following day; but having to be at Alston next week and to remain there till the Wednesday he should not again be in Newcastle before next Saturday week, on which day he w[oul]d call at the Office, if he had any other propositions to make –

16 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison

Friday 16 June 1826

Mr Fenwick agent to the B[isho]p of Durham came to the Office to inform me that he had not yet received his Lordships final instructions respecting the Lease for the Lot Ore, and that he had sent to Mr Faber, my Letter of the 26 May, which he supposed would be forwarded to the Bishop in London accompanied with one from himself, urging the necessity of come to a conclusion on the business. – Mr Fenwick said he had to be in Newcastle to morrow (Saturday) and would again call at the Office. – NB Mr Fenwick did not call.

17 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to Burley & Sons

N[ew]castle 17th June 1826

Messrs Burley & Sons Lincolns Inn – London

Your Letter of the 14 inst addressed to Col Beaumont demanding payment of £1000 due on the 30 March last to the late Bishop of Durham for Lot Ore, has been transmitted to me. – His Lordship having died on the 25 of March, I make the amount due to his Executors £920 – 10 -11 which sum Messrs Glyn & Co will be instructed to pay, when I hear from you, & on your producing to them a proper receipt. – I am etc

19 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

Newcastle 19 June 1826

Rt Stagg Esqr - Agent to the Lead Co[mpan]y
Marton House – near Appleby. –

I think it right to intimate to you that some Difficulty is likely to arise in the treaty with Dr Phillpotts for his Tythe Ore – He has postponed communicating his intentions till last Thursday on the pretence of being from home and not having personal access to his Agent, who I now find is a Mr Dolphin – agent to Messrs Halls in the Derwent Mines thro’ this person he has intimated his desire to accept a Composition to be hereafter named; but as a preliminary to an Agreement being entered into, stipulates that the Ore raised by your Company is not to be included and for which a separate Agreement is to be made. – To this proposition I gave a decided refusal, on the ground, that as the Company were working under Col B[eaumon]ts Lease of the Weardale Mines no separate Agreement would be submitted to etc etc
I am etc MM

22 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to John Dolphin

Newcastle – 22 June 1826

Mr John Dolphin – Ruffside – Hexham

I am this morning favored with yours of the 21st inst – The terms Dr Phillpotts demands for his Tythe Ore – namely 1500 Bings of Ore Yearly from Col Beaumont, & 250 Bings from the Lead Company & (see Letter) being quite unusual and unexpected. It becomes my Duty to transmit to Col & Mrs Beaumont, the communications you have imparted, for their information, and to obtain in consequence, their further instructions for my Government. – I am etc – MM

23 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to Burley & Sons

Newcastle 23 June 1826

Messrs Burley & Sons Lincolns Inn

I beg to acknowledge the favor of your Letter of the 20th Inst. the sum due to the late Bishop of Durham is precisely what I have already Stated it to be – viz £920–10– 11– the number of days in this year for which the Lot Ore is due are 84 – If therefore – 365 days give £4000 what will 84 give – exactly the sum abovementioned. Entertaining no wish but to give facility for the payment of this money, and relying upon your authority to receive it, if you concur in the correctness of my calculation & inform me, I will direct Messrs Glyn & Co to pay the amount upon your receipt being produced. – I am etc – MM

29 Jun 1826 Martin Morrison to John Dolphin

Newcastle 29 June 1826

Mr John Dolphin – Ruffside –

Whenever it suits your convenience to be in Newcastle, I shall be ready to treat with you for Dr Phillpotts' Tythe Ore, on the basis stated in your Letter of the 21st inst and to conclude an Agreement provided the Doctor will consent to accept a lesser annual quantity of Ore from Col Beaumont than you have named. - I am etc – MM

3 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to Burley & Sons

Newcastle 3rd July 1826

Messrs Burley & Sons London

I received your Letter of the 27 Ult. & regret the difference of opinion between Us as to the sum due to the late Bishop of Durham for Lot Ore. - To be correct is the wish no doubt of both. – If his Lordship had died in the longest instead of the shortest Quarter of the Year We should have taken the number of days as they occurred and proportioned the payment accordingly. The simple fact is, the sum agreed for the Lot Ore was £4000 p annum to be paid Quarterly, I contend therefore that the date of my calculation, and the calculation itself; are both correct and by which I mean to abide. Dr Phillpotts who in this instance, is good authority has received the sum due to him for the broken term under his agreement, in this way, calculating the amount himself. – I am etc

6 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to John Dolphin

Memo

Copy of Offer made this 6 July to Mr Dolphin for Dr Phillpotts's Tythe Ore Viz – 1100 Bings of Ore annually during his Incumbency, deliverable Quarterly or as it is washed. The Lead Company to make an Agreement for themselves. Or In money £4000 p[er] annum p[er] Quarter without the Lead Company – or £4500 including the Company – notwithstanding the low price of Lead and encouragement given to foreign Importation by the reduction of Duty. –

8 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 8 July 1826

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1977 Oz – pWaggon of the 7 Inst.

10 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to Burley & Sons

Newcastle 10 July 1826

Messrs Burley & Sons Lincolns Inn London

I am favored with your Letter of the 7 Inst; and enclosed you will receive Sir M Ridley & Co's Bill on Sir W Curtis & Co for £920-10-11 being in payment for Lot Ore due from Col Beaumont to the late Bishop of Durham from the 1st Jan[ua]ry to the 25th March 1826. – I am etc – MM

13 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to George Crawhall

N[ew]castle 13th July 1826

Mr Geo Crawhall

Sir

As no specific Agreement is yet made with the Bishop & Rector I must request that you will suspend Letting any <Ore> Bargains until that is accomplished, or until it is known the footing, we are in future to be upon, with them. – I think the above will be a proper reason to assign to the Men for delaying the Bargains; and more I would not recommend you to say. – at the same time if you can reduce the workings by employing fewer Men for a time or until <we> can come to some conclusion with the Bishop and Rector, it appears to me desirable – I am etc MM

13 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to John Dolphin

N[ew]Castle 13 July 1826

Mr John Dolphin – Ruffside

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 12 Inst inclosing Memo from Dr Phillpotts that he is willing to accept one-fourteenth of Ore on the average produce of the Weardale Mines for the last three Years, in lieu of his Tythe Ore. I have already declined to furnish an account of the past produce of the Mines and to this determination I must be permitted to adhere. – Considering the large expenditure of money that will be required to uphold the produce of these Mines, I should hope as the Lead Company's produce is surrendered to Dr Phillpotts, that he will deem 1/16th of the Ore got by Col Beaumont as a fair equivalent for his Tythe. – Upon those terms I am ready to conclude an Agreement to be confirmed as soon as the Bishop is agreed with, for his Lot Ore. – I am etc MM

15 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]castle 15 July 1826

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1609 Oz – pWaggon 13 Inst.

20 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to John Dolphin

Newcastle 20 July 1826

Mr J. Dolphin – Ruffside. –

I am this morning favored with your Letter of the 19th Inst, inclosing two from Dr Phillpotts to yourself, the assumed quantity of Ore produced from the Weardale Mines during the last 3 Years, I neither admit nor deny, and as We are treating for the future and not for the past, I do not feel called upon to say more respecting it. – By Dr Phillpotts Drawing Ore for his Tythe, - the question is, what in fairness the proportion ought to be, to enable Col Beaumont to work the Mines to the extent they have hitherto been wrought. The Dean & Chapter of Durham let at a seventh duty. The Revd Mr Wilson of Wolsingham at the same, receiving from Col Beaumont, as Rector, one-fourteenth of Ore, <on its> value in money, and Dr Phillpotts himself has admitted, more than once, that the Weardale Mines cannot be wrought to their present extent, if a 5th Duty is exacted. – What proportion then, of the future produce of the Mines in his parish will satisfy him? – That produce may be more, or less, than it has hitherto been;

but there is one material consideration, and I should hope Dr Phillpotts will give it its due weight – the certainty that the expenditure of money necessary to obtain a large produce of Ore, can never be less, and will be more. – I beg to add it will be satisfactory to me, that our future communication upon this subject be by personal interviews, and not by Letters, for I am anxious to avoid giving the slightest offence to Dr Phillpotts, who by the stile and tenor of his last Letters, appears displeased. – I hope this will find you better & am etc MM

21 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Faber

Newcastle 21 July 1826

TH Faber Esqr Durham

I acknowledge the favor of your Letter of the 20th inst, and in reply beg to inform you that I am prepared to treat with my Lord B[isho]p of Durham's Agent for a Compo[sitio]n in money to be paid to him for his Lot Ore of the Weardale Mines. It is obviously most important to Col Beaumont that in an Agreement with the Bishop, an Agreement at the same time should also be made with the Rector of Stanhope for his Tythe Ore; for to be bound to his Lordship in the fixed annual payment of a sum so large, and during his Incumbency, whilst Dr Phillpotts is at liberty to exact his full Tythe, would be a measure of great hazard and possibly injury. It is an acknowledged fact that these Mines cannot be wrought to the extent they have been, but under payments of a Composition in lieu of Lot and Tythe Ore; - for to exact the full duty in kind would in the end prove disadvantageous, both to the Lessors and Lessee, and also the ruin of the district, by the necessity induced, of discharging from their employment, a great portion of the industrious population. I beg however to observe that I am at liberty to treat with his Lordship alone, and am ready to wait upon you for that purpose and day – Tuesday next excepted – that you may be pleased to appoint. – I am etc MM

26 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison

Memo. -

July 26th 1826

Went to Durham, by Mr Faber's appointment, to treat for the Bishops Lot Ore. – renewed the Offer to give £4000 p[er]ann[u]m for his Incumbency – after conversing with Mr Faber in the presence of Mr <Davison> (the Bishops Land Agent) and Mr Fenwick (of Dipton) I was introduced to the Bishop himself who at first demanded £4500 during his Incumbency but finally proposed to accept £4000 p[er]ann[u]m for three years – His L[or]dship expressed a desire for a Compo[sitio]n for his Incumbency & that in offering to take £4500 – he hoped it w[oul]d be thought that he treated the

business with due consideration to all Circumstances – I then took leave & promised an answer to the propo[sitio]n of £4000 for 3 years – MM

28 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]castle 28 July 1826

Rt Stagg Esqr – Middleton House
near Barnard Castle. –

I have this morning rec[eiv]ed your favor of the 26th, - a pleasure I have for some time been expecting in consequence of the subjoined communication from Mr Dolphin contained in a Letter to him from Dr Phillpotts, - and also of his having rec[eive]d the D[octo]rs directions to apply to your Company upon the subject.-

Stanhope 17 June 1826

I have only to say that my resolution is taken, I am ready to negotiate with each party for whatever may become due from that party; but I will not Let one negotiate for the other. If Mr Morrison refuses to acquiesce in this course I am sorry for it; but his refusal will have no effect on my determination – As to the whole being included in one Lease from the Bishop of Durham, that may for aught I know, be a good argument to use with the Bishop, but it has nothing whatever to do with me who am no party to that Lease. I think it would be well for you to take an early opportunity of communicating to the Lead Company my readiness to treat with them for the Tythe of their Ore raised in the Bishops Royalty in this parish –

I am etc Hy Phillpotts'

Our negotiations with the Doctor remains in Statu Quo, nor do I see how We can prevent him drawing his Tythe if he persists in the determination to do so. – Our Ore Bargains continue suspended; the only measure to bring the Dr to reason, next to discontinuing the employment of our present establishment of Men, which must be done if he adheres to his immoderate demands. – In stating this I am not desirous to influence the course your Company may think proper to adopt, for if they choose to make a Bargain with the Dr for his Tythe I am not aware of any right Col Beaumont has, to object to their doing so. – It is but justice to the B[isho]p of Durham to state, that his L[or]dship appears disposed to act with fairness, and with whom an Agreem[en]t w[oul]d now have been concluded, were it not to leave Us still more to the mercy of the Doctor. – I am etc MM

31 Jul 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Faber

N[ew]Castle 31st July 1826

T. H. Faber Esqr Bishop Auckland

In reply to your favor of the 29th Inst. I beg to inform you that I have given directions to Mr George Crawhall of New House in Weardale, to meet the Bishop of Durhams Agents and to arrange with them the attendance at the perambulation appointed by Lord Darlington. - For this purpose I recom[m]end that the Agents be at Chappel on Wednesday the 9 Aug where they will be met by Mr Crawhall and accompanied by him and other competent persons on the following morning to a situation between Crookbourn head and Scaith-head where the Bishops and Lord Darlington's Manors join -The enrollments of former perambulations will perhaps be necessary to prevent Encroachments, if attempts are made. - Widdy Bank where the perambulation commences divides the boundarys of Lord Darlington and the late Lord Strathmore's Manors. Mr Fenwick called at this Office on Saturday and I at once acceded to the terms offered by the Bishop of Durham for his Lot Ore. - namely to pay his Lordship £4000 p[e]rann[u]m for 3 years - a longer period would have been desirable, but after the very satisfactory reception I met with at the Castle, I could not allow myself to urge one word more for a prolongation of the term. - I did state to Mr Fenwick that as his Lordship had expressed the wish for an Agreement during his Incumbency that I would give £4200 after the expiration of the three years, in order that the business might be finally concluded and one Legal Instrument suffice; and which if his Lordship accedes to I am prepared to confirm. - etc am etc MM

5 Aug 1826 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bart & Co

NewCastle 5th August 1826

Gent[le]me[n]

I am to request that you will pay on receipt hereof, One Thousand Pounds to Messrs Coutts & Co Bankers for the Account of Dr Mildert present Bishop of Durham, and that you will continue to pay a similar Sum on the 25th of Septem[be]r, 25th of Decem[be]r, 25th March and 25th of June and so on quarterly until further directions. - Charging these payments to Acc[oun]t of Thos Richd Beaumont Esq
I am etc MM

5 Aug 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Faber

Newcastle 5 August 1826

T. H. Faber Esqr - Bishop Auckland.

I last night on my return from Stanhope had the pleasure of receiving your Letter of the 3rd inst. – The payments to Messrs Coutts & Co for the Bishop of Durham's Account is this day ordered – namely £1000 immediately the amount of a ¼th of years Composition for Lot Ore due on the 25 June last and so on quarterly at the periods stated in your Letter. In making the offer of £4200 p[er]ann[um] for the Lot Ore after the present Agreement for 3 Years, I did so in consequence of his Lordship expressing a desire for an Agreement during his Incumbency and also to avoid the necessity of making another. – Under existing Circumstances and the consequences that may arise out of them, it does not appear to me that Col Beaumont will have much inducement to increase the amount of the present payment. It has on former occasions been customary for the Bishops Secretary to prepare the Agreement for Lot Ore, which, if the Custom is continued, I will with pleasure conform to. – etc am etc - MM

5 Aug 1826 Martin Morrison

Memo – Newcastle 5th August 1826.
This day agreed with Dr Phillpotts Rector of Stanhope, to deliver to him 1200 Bings of Bouse Ore annually during his Incumbency, in lieu of his Tythe Ore

11 Aug 1826 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]castle 11th Augst 1826
Robert Stagg Esqr Middleton House – Barnard Castle

In reply to your Letter of the 9th Inst, I beg to inform you that the Agreem[en]t with the Bishop of Durham, includes the Lead Co[mpan]ys Mines – the sum £4000 p[e]r ann[u]m payable Quarterly for three years. There the matter stands at present; but may be a subject to a small advance if the Bishop will make an Agreem[en]t for his Incumbency

I was no less anxious to include the Company in the Agreem[en]t with Dr Phillpotts and offered more to induce him, than is given to the Bishop; but he was obdurate and adhered to his determination to negotiate separately, as you know. The Dr possessing the right, it was thought proper to accede, what indeed c[oul]d not be legally secured & to agree to deliver him, a fixed amount quarterly of Ore in lieu of his Tythe for the Mines worked by Col Beaumont alone – I am etc

12 Aug 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 12th August 1826
Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1848 Oz – pWaggon this day MM

14 Aug 1826 Martin Morrison to Henry Phillpotts

Newcastle 14 August 1826

Revd Dr Phillpotts Stanhope

I beg to acknowledge the favor of your Letter of the 12 Inst, and to offer my best thanks for the information it imparts. – I have often been surprised at the <supineness> of the Officers of the Bishops Manor Courts in the slight notice they take of Encroachments upon the rights of the See, at once injurious to the Lessees and ultimately deteriorating the Interests of future Incumbents. – I shall not fail to reiterate my complaints to the Bishop's Secretary on this fresh aggression of Mr Rippon's, at Fatherly Hill; but in so doing, you may with confidence rely, that I shall not implicate your name in the representation I shall make. – etc am etc MM

15 Aug 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Faber

N[ew]castle 15 August 1826

T. H. Faber Esqr Bishop Auckland

I herewith beg to return the D[ra]ft of Agreement between my L[or]d Bishop of Durham and Col & Mrs Beaumont, approved on their behalf, by Mr Hopper Williamson. It is a pity that this Agreement is not for his Lordship's Incumbency. it would then have given us ardour to Enterprize and satisfied the minds of the Inhabitants of the Dale, whose Sole hope and dependence is on the extensive and permanent working of the Mines. –

I beg to state, from information I can rely upon, that Mr Rippon who has lately purchased the Estate of Rogerly, to which a small Manor is annexed, has been exercising Acts of Ownership at Fatherly Hill, on the Moor North of Stanhope and where it can, I have reason to believe, be made to appear that he has no legal right whatever. These repeated Encroachments have already proved of serious injury to Col & Mrs Beaumont as Lessees under the See of Durham, and which in the end will materially affect the rights of the See itself, unless prompt and decided <incurrences> to put a stop to them are not adopted, by the Officers of the Bishops Courts.

I am etc MM

5 Sep 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 5 Septemr 1826

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London
Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1734 Oz – pWaggon 2nd Inst

11 Sep 1826 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 11th Septemr 1826

Messrs Glyn & Co Bankers – London
Remitting 10 Bills value £33,545-1-10 for Colonel Beaumonts Acc[oun]t. –

14 Sep 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Faber

N[ew]Castle 14 Septemr 1826

T.H.Faber Esqr Bishop Auckland

I duly received the Leases you mention which would have been sent to Bretton Hall for Col & Mrs Beaumonts signature, but that the latter being from home made it inconvenient to effect the execution of them. – Mr Horrington the Steward of Col Beaumont is now here: he returns into Yorkshire in about a fortnight, will take them with him, and see that they are regularly executed: - When returned I will do myself the pleasure to transmit them to you with a Cheque for Messrs Griffiths Law charges, and also for the Sum of ten Guineas, the amount of a Fee, paid on a former similar occasion to the Secretary of the then Bishop of Durham. – I am etc MM

21 Oct 1826 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Faber

N[ew]Castle Oct 21 1826

T H Faber Esqr Bishop Auckland

Mr Morrison on leaving home desired me to transmit you when executed by Col & Mrs Beaumont the accompanying Lease and Counterpart from the Lord Bishop of Durham to them for the Lot Ore of Weardale Lead Mines and to state that he would write you on the subject at his Return which I expect may be in a week or ten days from this date. I am etc T Crawhall

11 Nov 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 11 Novemr 1826

Messrs Rundell & Co London
Forwarding a pce Silver of 952 Oz – pWaggon. MM

13 Nov 1826 Martin Morrison to Thomas Faber

N[ew]Castle 13 Novemr 1826

T H Faber Esqr – Bishop Auckland

I beg to acknowledge the rec[eip]t of the Lease for the Lot Ore in Weardale. –Informed that the Lead Company under a Lease from Mr Rippon are continuing to work the Lead Mine in the Bishop of Durham's copyhold in the parish of Stanhope; I request the favor to know if any directions are given by his Lordship to the Gentlemen holding his Manor Courts, to adopt measures to preserve from Trespass, the Rights of the See, not only in this instance, but in other situations, where attempts are made.

I am etc MM

20 Nov 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 20 Novemr 1826

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1471 Oz – pWaggon. MM

4 Dec 1826 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 4 Decr 1826

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding 1530 ounces of Silver pWaggon 30 Ult

23 Dec 1826 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

N[ew]Castle 23 Decemr 1826

Messrs Glyn & Co London

Remitted them 6 Bills amount £19,095-11-7

6 Jan 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 6 Janry 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding 2 pieces of Silver of 1610 & 1121 Oz – pWaggon.

20 Feb 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]castle 20 Febr'y 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1775 Oz – pWaggon

13 Mar 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]castle 13 March 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1296 Oz – pWaggon – MM

20 Mar 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]castle 20 March 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1822 Oz – pWaggon. MM

10 Apr 1827 Martin Morrison to Robert Stagg

N[ew]Castle 10 April 1827

Robert Stagg Esqr Marton House nr Appleby

I beg to inform you that the quantity of Ore raised by Col Beaumont in Weardale for the year ending the 30th Sepr last is 20,245 Bings 2 cwt. - at your leisure will be obliged for the quantity raised in that district, by the Lead Company last year, - distinguishing the produce to the 25 March 1826, - the day on which the late Bishop died, and the Agreement with Dr Phillpotts, for his Tithe Ore, ceased. The Composition for 3 yrs with the present Bishop, being the same as that paid to the former Bishop, the computation, as regards him, will be similar. – I am etc MM

12 Apr 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 12 April 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1417 Oz – pWaggon 11th inst MM

16 Apr 1827 Martin Morrison to Glyn Mills & Co

N[ew]Castle 16th April 1827

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co Bankers - London

Remitting 8 Bills value £28,365-8-4, for Thos Richd Beaumont Esqrs Account. MM

21 Apr 1827 Martin Morrison to R Furness

N[ew]Castle 21st April 1827

R H. Furness Bridlington Yorkre

I am this day favored with your Letter of yesterdays date and in reply beg to inform you, that the price for Litharge is £22 pTon, 6 Mon[th]s credit, and that, on these terms I am ready to supply you from our depot at Blaydon with 5 or 10 Tons as you may require. Having considerable demand for our Litharge it would not be an inducement to Us to enter into an Agreement to dispose of it upon any other terms, than those long established; and therefore have only to state, if the quantity you will consume of Litharge is large, that We shall be disposed to place you on the most favored footing. – I am etc MM

P.S. – the Litharge will be Scaley and not mixed with Lumps.

24 Apr 1827 Martin Morrison to R Furness

N[ew]Castle 24th April 1827

R.H.Furness Bridlington

In reply to your Letter of yesterdays date I beg to state that we have only one price for Litharge, it is always packed sifted nor would sending it in Lumps be any inducement to Us to reduce the price. – The depot at Blaydon is by Water four Miles up the River and there is daily communication with it by passage Boats: the charge of conveyance for Shipment is about s 1/3d pTonI am etc MM

1 May 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 1 May 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 992 Oz pWaggon

9 May 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]Castle 9 May 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Forwarding a pce of Silver of 1693 Oz pWaggon

14 Jun 1827 Martin Morrison to Cox Poyser & Co

Newcastle 14 June 1827

Messrs Cox Poyser & Co Derby

Having made a Sale of 1200ps of Lead at £18-10 p[er] fo[the]r for Common Lead, I beg to make you an Offer of 5 to 10,000ps of Refined and Common at £19 & 18 p[er] fo[the]r six months Credit. In thus making you the first offer upon reduced, and upon my lowest terms, I hope it will be received as a proof of my desire to extend dealings with your respectable House & am etc MM

7 Jul 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 7 July 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Adv[isin]g of 3ps Silver of 1830, 1308 & 1210 Oz pWaggon. MM

21 Aug 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Newcastle 21st August 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Advising 2p Silver of 1878 & 1280 Oz – pWaggon. –

1 Oct 1827 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

N[ew]castle 1 Octor 1827

Messrs Rundell & Co London

Adv[isin]g a pce Silver of 1197 Oz –pWaggon this day MM

N[ew]castle 4 Oct 1827

Ditto - Adv[isin]g 2 pieces of Silver 1649 & 1101 Oz – pWaggon this day

18 Oct 1827 Thomas Thomson to John Mulcaster

Mr John Mulcaster Blaydon House
Near Newcastle upon Tyne

Glasgow 18th Octr 1827

Dear Sir

I have just finished the examination of your White Lead & I have been a good deal surprised at the result, It contains 4 foreign substances; Viz. Silica, Alumina, Iron & Manganese. The first three are present in very minute quantity. But the manganese in the state of Carbonate is so abundant that I succeeded in separating it & weighing it. To its presence I ascribe the bad colour of your White Lead. I cannot devine how the manganese found its way into the Lead, as I am not aware of any Ores of Manganese in your mines – I see no method of improving your White Lead except getting a purer Lead to operate on

I am etc Thomas Thomson

1 Nov 1827 Michael Faraday to John Mulcaster

[Note: There is no addressee on this letter, but it was probably written to John Mulcaster as it is a similar letter (with similar subject matter) to the previous one in the letterbook from Thomas Thomson to Mulcaster dated 18 Oct 1827]

Royal Institution Nov 1/1827

Having carefully examined the specimen of discoloured white Lead sent to me for that purpose I find that the tinge is produced by the presence of a small quantity of the <Sulphinet> – The quantity of <Sulphinet> present although of no importance as to its weight (being but an exceedingly small proportion of the whole) is still nevertheless sufficient owing to the intensity of its brown colour & its intimate diffusion through the whole to occasion the discoloration observed. It is occasioned by the presence of Sulphur in some of the materials or vessels and probably in the Lead itself.

M. Faraday

13 Nov 1827 Thomas Crawhall to Diana Beaumont

Newcastle Novemr 13th 1827

Mrs Beaumont

Madam

It is with my sincere feelings of regret I have the painful duty of announcing to you the melancholy death of your invaluable Agent Mr Morrison, who expired suddenly yesterday evening – he had been occasionally unwell for sometime past, but

particularly so since his last return from London, having experienced a very violent attack in his breast the morning after coming home; he however continued to take exercise in a Carriage or on horseback but could not bear walking with[ou]t suffering excessive pain. he was better than usual yesterday & went 5 or 6 Miles into the Country & continued well until going to Bed about 10 O'clo[ck] after which he slightly rung his Bell, when his Servant found him in the Agonies of death. Medical Aid was immediately procured but could be of no avail. – His complaint was Angina Pectoris under which he had laboured for years past rendering life very precarious & with which he was strongly <impressed>. I can only add my unfeigned condolence on his loss (not easily replaced) and to assure you that every care will be taken for the protection of your important Concerns in this quarter until your pleasure is known as to the future – and have the honour to remain Madam your faithful & Obed[ien]t Serv[an]t Tho. Crawhall

26 Dec 1827 Thomas Crawhall to Walker, Parker, Walker & Co

Newcastle Dec 26 1827

Messrs Walker, Parker, Walker & Co
Elswick Newcastle

Sirs

I have received your favour of this days date covering Bills as under

24th Decr 1827	@ 3 Mos/d[ate]	£ 3380 - -
	@ 5 Mos/d[ate]	3380 17-7
10th Decr 1827	@ 4 Mos/d[ate]	3380 - -
7th do	5 Mos/d[ate]	3380 - -
		£13520 17 7

being the amount for 10.500 ps Lead and 100 Casks WB Litharge sold your House in August last. & I remain

Your most Obed[ien]t Serv[an]t Pr Thos Rd Beaumont Esq
Thos Crawhall

9 Jan 1828 Thomas Crawhall to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Jany 9/1828 Adv[ise]d Rundell & Co a p[iece] Silver sent yesterday q[uan]tity 1606 Oz & a p[iece] – do – today – q[uan]tity 1633 Oz both in Col Beaum[on]ts a/c
TC

14 Jan 1828 Thomas Crawhall to Robert Stagg

Newcastle Jany 14/1828

Robt Staggs Esq
Marton House Appleby Westm

D[ea]r Sir

I supp[ose] the reason why the Acc[ount] of the Lead Cos dues pay[ab]le for their Mines in Weardale was not sent you at the usual period last year might be that there remained nothing owing from them upon it, as p[e]r the Annexed Statem[ent]. – the amount overpaid by you last year may be settled in the Acc[oun]t for 1827: to enable me to make out such, I will feel obliged by your furnishing me with your produce for that year, and the Statement shall be sent you soon as Col & Mrs Beaum[ont]s quantity in that district can be ascertained

I am etc TC

19 Jan 1828 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Steel

N[ew]Castle Jany 19 1828

Mr Thos Steel Rookhope

Sir

Having communicated your wishes to Mrs Beaumont I am happy to say she approves of your appointment at Rookhope Smelt Mills as the successor to Mr Smith at the same time desires me to impress upon you the greatest attention, exertion, sobriety & Regularity all of which I am sure you will find its your interest to adhere to most strictly you will now remove into the House & premises recently occupied by Mr Smith and any further information you may require will be given you by Mr Mulcaster the bearer of this letter. Wishing you health in your new situation

I am Sir your most Obed[ien]t Ser[vant].

Thos Crawhall

19 Feb 1828 Thomas Crawhall to Henry Phillpotts

Newcastle Feby 19th 1828

Revd Dr Phillpotts, 16 Clarges St. London

Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 15th Inst and in reply beg leave to state the following particulars. The duty on foreign Lead imported previous to the 5th July 1825 was 20 per Cent ad valorem, and upon the Lead Ore it was £1-16-0 per Ton, since the 5th July 1825 these rates have been reduced to £2 per Ton on Pig Lead and 10s/per Ton on Lead Ore – this latter arrangement, if I am correct in my information, offers great

inducement to the importation of Lead Ore, as at the assumed produce of 4 ½ Bings to a Ton, the duty will not exceed 18s/ per Ton when smelted into Lead. – The protection of the British Mines having been thus withdrawn, it could not be matter of surprise that the Consequent large importation of foreign Lead and Ore, should immediately depreciate the price of English Lead. – The hardship consequent on the above measure, has been severely felt, and various applications made to Government for relief, but without the desired effect; and from the answers of Mr Huskison, in my humble Opinion, any further attempt at present, would not be attended with better success.

In respect to your ore, from the the present Aspect of Affairs connected with the Lead Trade, I do not know if Mrs Beaumont would be desirous of purchasing, but should you have any specific proposition to make on that head shall be happy to make the Communication and convey her Answer.

Mrs B[eumont] – purposes being in Town about the end of this Month.

I have the honor etc etc Thos Crawhall

19 Feb 1828 Thomas Crawhall to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridges & Co London

Sirs, I yesterday forwarded you on Col Beaumont's Acc[oun]t a piece fine Silver containing Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Nine ounces, which be pleased to acknowledge receipt of as usual at your best price, and oblige Sirs etc

Newcastle 19th Feby 1828

Thos Crawhall

21 Feb 1828 Thomas Crawhall to Walker & Co

Messrs Walker & Co
[struck out: London]

Newcastle Feby 21st 1828

Sirs,

I am obliged by your favor of the 20th Inst covering 5 Bills Am[oun]t £14,880-2-0 being payment for 11,000 pieces Lead & 240 Casks Litharge due to Col Beaumont for whose use the same is received by Sirs

Yours etc Thos Crawhall

I shall attend to the various Samples of Lead you wish from Mr Mulcaster. TC

3 May 1828 Thomas Crawhall to Sauerland & Co

Messrs C.M Sauerland & Co

Newcastle May 3d/1828

Attona nr Hamburg

Sir

In consequence of the death of Mr Morrison your L[ett]re addressed to him of the 26th ulto. is come to my hands as agent for the WB Lead Concerns (Col & Mrs Beaumonts) here. therefore beg to transmit you the present price of WB Litharge £20. sterling p.Ton. It is not however the practice of this establishment to make shipments, these are generally done by a resident Agent employed by the purchaser and who arranges for the payment etc. the usual Credit is Bills on London @ 6 Mo[nth]s date from purchase, with disc[oun]t allowed at the rate of 5 per Cent p.ann[um] for Shorter payments – There are not any Manufacturers of <.> of Lead in this place Messrs Walkers & Co James & Co & Messrs Locke, Blackett & Co make Red & White Lead, the former also Rolls Sheet Lead, the price quoted 21£ -

I am etc

TC