

**8 Oct 1794 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

[Note: Thomas Crawhall senior. Subsequent letters in this collection are from his son, who was appointed to the post in the office in Newcastle under John Erasmus Blackett]

Coalcleugh Octor. 8th 1794

Sir,

Not receiving Mr Straker's letter of the 29th Sepr. 'till the 5th Inst. prevented me for getting you any Game in time, have sent you a brace by Jams. Johnson, which you'll Please to accept. As I understand that Mr Isaac Hunter have left your Office at Newcastle, shall make free to request the favour of my son succeeding him, have sent you Inclosed a Specimen of his Writing, which if approved off, I doubt not but his other abilities will give satisfaction if you'll please to make a trial of him you will very much oblige.

Sir Your Most Hble & Obedt. Servt.  
Thos. Crawhall

[addressed to:] J E Blackett, Newcastle

**10 Jul 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

Newcastle 10th July 1798

Sir

I received yours & gave Mess. Walker's Fishwick &C. the order also acquainted Mr. C. Blackett of the same. W. Hewitson is out of Town but shall acquaint him at his return. Mr Bell the surveyor called at the Office yesterday, wanting a Plan that he made of Harehope Gill Leadmine, which he says, would be particularly useful in making others from, & would save him the trouble of making one as he has seven or eight Copies of them to make, & as there are some remarks in Mr. Casson's, he says it may be useful also. Mr Heron, Mr Surtees & he having had a meeting about the above business, I believe the above Plans are in the large Bookcase which you have the key of, if not, please to inform me where, & I can get them for him.

Mr Purvis just now called, who desires to know if you have had any answer from Mr Cockshut. There has been no enquiries at the Office for Lead &c. I called at Mr Hall's he is in the country & they cannot tell when you may have the hay 'till he comes home tomorrow, but they have plenty . Your hay is fit for stacking, there is nothing doing to it today – There has been nothing wanted at your own house since you left it.

I am Sir Your Most Obedient Hble. Servt.  
Thomas Crawhall

Wm. Forster's Wife died this Morning at the Office

[addressed to:] J E Blackett, Old Gate, Morpeth

**11 Jul 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

Newcastle 11th July 1798

Sir,

I have just now seen Mr M. Hewitson, who desired me to acquaint you that he would take 5,000 ps. Lead on the same conditions as Messrs Walker's Maltby & Co. (Viz) ½ Refd. with the usual quantity of Slag Lead @ £14 ½ P For. to be paid for in Bills due in Six Months, also if you wish he will take 500 ps. Slag Lead at the same time. There has been no enquiries for Lead or Litharge since you left home.

I am Sir Your Most Obedient Hble Servt.

Thomas Crawhall

If you don't inclose Mr Hewitson an Order for the Lead, he will wait 'till you return

**12 Jul 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

Newcastle 12th July 1798

Sir

I received your letter inclosing Mr Hewitson's Tickett, also yours last night with the Key of the Bookcase, have examined the Bookcase but cannot find the Plans wanted. I called upon Mr Bell, who says it is not very much matter as he is going, by Mr Heron's order, to Wolsingham on Sunday to take a fresh survey &c. shall acquaint Mr Mulcaster of the Sale of Lead to Mr Hewitson. I called at Mr C. Blackett's this morning. Mr Blackett was not in Town, but G. Burnet would let him know to send you the Bills to Morpeth, he said he could not tell what quantity of Lead they would take as they had not yet received an answer from their friends in London. – Your hay is stacking this day, it would have been stack'd yesterday but John had not any Straw – as soon as the Providence Capt. Bailes arrives the goods will be immediately sent up to your house & unpack'd &c. as you desire. – I had a Lre. this mornng. from Mr Straker, in which he says "I have been very poorly for 3 or 4 days of a Complaint in my Bowels which has thrown me much back, as I was getting strength very well before".

I am Sir Your very Hble Servt.

Thos. Crawhall

[addressed to:] J E Blackett, Old Gate, Morpeth

**14 Jul 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

[Note: possibly from Thomas Crawhall senior]

Allenheads July 14th 1798

Sir,

Against the 24th Inst. shall want for subsistence &c for the workmen at Allenheads £450 and £50 more for wood cutters, & two small wood payments.

I am Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Thos. Crawhall

**16 Jul 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

Newcastle 16th July 1798

Sir,

Mr L. Atkinson & Son just now applied for an order for 300 ps. Comon Lead, which I told them I could not give 'till I heard from you, on which accot. they desired me to write you as the ship they want it for is waiting – have delivered Mr C. Blackett's letter & acquainted Mr Mulcaster of the Sales &c. Mr Fawcett called this morning for Mr Beaumont's Benefaction to the Sons of the Clergy of £2-2s-d, as it appeared by the Cash Book to have been paid 4 or 5 years, I paid it him

Mr Dickinson says, in his letter recd. this day, he will want £450 against the 24th Inst.

I am Sir Your most Obedt. very Hble. Servt.

Thomas Crawhall

**29 Sep 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

[Note: appears to be from Thomas Crawhall senior]

Allenheads Sept. 29th 1798

Sir,

Inclosed have sent you accot. of the Lands &c (that's in my Rental) Charged with the Land Tax for this year, as it stands in the Collector's assessment; have not put in the Cottage Houses &c that is not charged with the Land Tax, which you'll see by comparing the Inclosed by last years Rental, Allenheads Smelt Mill & Limekill was never assessed before this year, so do not intend paying it till I am better advised, If you would wish to have it made out in any other forme you'll Please to let me know, I am

Sir Your most obt. Hble. Servt.

Thos. Crawhall

**22 Nov 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blckett**

Newcastle 22nd Novr. 1798

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a Lre from Mr Emerson which is all that I have got for you since Sunday except one from Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads, Sheffield which I opened to know if they accepted of the P[iec]e of Silver at 5-5 3/4 P Oz. which they did & I have sent it accordingly by the Leeds Waggon, they paying the Carriage and will remit you a Bill at One Month for the Amount which is £330-18-10, immediately on its arrival – since that another P[iec]e Silver has come from Allen Mill & as Mr Langlands did not want any have sent it to Brown & Brind London – Mrs Collingwood would inform you by her Lre of last Sunday of poor Wm. Forster's death, he died last Sunday morning & the funeral was on Monday evening, quite private, as he desired – none of his relations have come for any of his effects yet, but if they do, shall follow your directions & deliver up nothing till your return.

Betty Scott has slept in the House since his death and will continue to do so <..> come home, when you may appoint who you think proper There has been no enquiries for Lead since you left this place, or Litharg except 18 casks for R. T. Shortridge & Co. which is charged at £17-10- P Ton. there has been nothing particular wanted yet. L Atkinson & Son have paid for a Parcel of Lead.

Your Newspaper has come regularly here since you went away I suppose by mistake.

I am Sir Your Most Obedt. very Hble Servt.  
Thomas Crawhall

**24 Nov 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blckett**

Newcastle Novr. 24th 1798

Sir,

By Mrs Collingwoods desire I have sent you your Paper, which has come here since you went away. Mrs Collingwood & the family are all very well, she intends writing to you on Wednesday first, against which time will get a Frank & another for the Sunday following – old John has been ill this Week, but is now a good deal better – There are no Letters come for you since I wrote you – there has been no applications for Lead yet – Mr Mulcaster came to Town today to wait upon Mr Heron about Mr Silvertop's Agent's refusing to receive the Rent of him for 1/16 part of a Pasture at Winlaton (now in the occupation of T Robson) but Mr Heron was from home & Mr Mulcaster did not see him. Mr Mulcaster has desired Robson to pay nothing & in case they distrain upon his goods &c to let him know

Mr Hood has received the like Rent on the part of Miss Simpson – Betty Scott continues to sleep in the Office since W. Forster's Death, 'till we know what you wish to be done

I hope by this time you are a good deal better & remain

Sir Your very Hble. Servant

Thomas Crawhall

**2 Dec 1798 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett**

Sir,

I received your Lre. of the 29th Ult. Mr Mulcaster did not see Mr Heron himself, but he left the Receipts with me to shew Mr Heron, who says all that Mr Mulcaster can do is to make a legal tender of the Rent to Mr Silvertop & not to his Agent as he did before, of which I have acquainted Mr Mulcaster – I am glad that you approve of what was done respecting the Silver. Mess. Browne & Brind have wrote this day that they have received the P[iec]e sent them, but have only charged it as 5s/5d P.oz. Inclosed you will receive Mr Mulcaster's Lead account of yesterday – I have called upon Mr Bainbrid[ge] as you desired in your letter to Mrs Collingwood, about redeeming your Land tax when he informed me that I could do nothing relating to it 'till you came home, unless I had a description of the Farm & knew the number of Acres in Arable, Meadow &c Land but that if you were at home it might be done in five minutes – There has been no applications for Lead yet.

I am Sir Your Most Obedient very Hble Servt.

Thomas Crawhall

N.Castle 2d. Decr. 1798