

**27 Sep 1728 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

[Note: the first three letters in this collection, and the first part of the fourth, are from the first leaf of the original document, now held at the British Library as Add MS 27,420. It was not included in the copy volume at Northumberland Archives]

Mr Armstrong Allanheads

Sent him 27 yards  $\frac{1}{2}$  broadcloth at 10s 6d p yard for himself, Rob Armstrong, Rich Allgood, Fra Salkeld, John Vickars, & 11 yards to be sent Mr Peart & Son, being 5 yards to each to be made up by themselves, & to attend the Funerall. Sent pr <Mr> Dodds 27 Sept 1728

**30 Sep 1728 Joseph Richmond to Edward Blackett**

Newcastle 30 Sept 1728

Sir Edwd Blackett Barrt at Hexham

Hon'd Sir

On the melancholy Occation of Sr Wm Blackett's Death I am Directed by the Trustees to Acquaint you that they have Order'd five yards &  $\frac{1}{2}$  superfine Cloth for your morning [sic] wch will be Deliver'd to your Order by Mr Wm Ainsley Clothier in this Towne if you please to accept thereof, or if it will be more Convenient to take it off any where Else it will be paid for; The Funerall is Intended to be solemnize'd on Munday the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct when your Company is Desired as a Close Mourner

I am yrs &c J.R.

The Same Writt to Mr Wm Davison & Mr Thos Davison

**30 Sep 1728 Joseph Richmond to John Blackett**

Newcastle 30 Sept 1728

To Mr Jno Blackett

Sir,

On the melancholy Occation of Sr Wm Blackett's Death who Departed this life the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant at 8 in the Evening I am directed by my Lady Barbara & the Trustees to Acquaint you that they have Order'd five yards &  $\frac{1}{2}$  superfine Cloth for your morning [sic] if you please to Accept thereof wch will be Deliver'd or the Charge thereof paid to your Order the funeral is Intended to be solemnize'd on Munday the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct when your Company is Desired as a Close Mourner

I am yrs &c J.R.

Sent Inclosed to the Post Mas.r of Burrowbridge

The same writ to Sr Willm Wentworth

1 Oct 1728    Joseph Richmond

Newcastle 1 Oct 1728

Sir,

My Lady Barbara & the Extors of Sir Wm Blackett Intending to Solmnize his funeral on Monday the 7 Inst Direct me on this Melancholy Occation to Signify that your Company is Desired that day at 2 A Clock to Accompany his Corps from his home in Newcastle to St.Nicholas Church the place of his Intermt  
Yrs & c JR

The above was writ to the following Persons viz

Mr Henry Ellison	Jno Reed
Geo Bowes Esq	The Revd Mr. Sharpe
Maj Nichols	Char. Howard Esq
Mr Tho Allan	Ra. Witherington Esq
Mr Jno Shaftoe	Wm Charleton Esq
Mr Wm Bacon	Tho Riddell Esq
Mr Rob Bewick	Revd Mr Eden
Mr Tho Robinson Senr	Mr Ainsley Gally hill
Mr Tho Robinson Junr	[struck out: Sir Jno Swinburne]
Rob Coatsworth Esq	Mr Math Swinburne
Sent pr Jack the Buttlr	Mr Thp: Swinburne

Gaven Ainsley  
Shafto Vaughan  
Rob Vaughan  
Revd Mr Fenwick  
Mr Ainsley <Heelilees>  
<Fen.k> Bowman  
<Forster> Charleton  
Inclos'd to Wm. Robson

Sent pr Wm Winship	Sent pr the No. Post
Sr Wm. Middleton	Revd Mr Stodard
Rob Bonner	Jno Forster Esq
Mr Boyne	Edw. Grey
Mr Forster <Leighaindikes>	Hen Ogle
Mr Chr Teasdle	Wm Taylor
Wm Potter Esq	

Sent pr Ann Kell	Mr Green Stanerton :	pr Mr Maj Allgood
Mr Wm Sanderson	Mr Fra Brandling :	
Rob Allgood	Sir Wm Lorain :	pr Ro Colley
Mr Wastell	Mr Phil Hodshon :	
Nich Roberts Esq	Mr Tho Carr	pr J F
Rob Ellerington Esq	Mr Rog Willson	pr Son Rogr
Revd Mr. Graham	Mr Jos Wetherburne	pr J F
Revd Mr. Andrews	Mr Jno Wattson	pr JF
Doct Charleton	Mr Tho: Dawson	pr man Goldburne
Mr Green	Mr Hilton Lawson	pr Jack
Tho Errington Esq	Mr Rob. Lawson	pr Jack
Jno Bacon Esq	Shaftoe Delavall Esq	sent to Wallington
Geo Robson	Shaftoe Esq Benwell	pr Tom
Mr Grindall	Wm Coulson Esq	pr Jack
Mr Lawson :	Ra Jenninson Esq	
His 2 sons :	Sr Jno Delavall	pr Jack
Sr Jno Delavall: pr Jack	Bewick Esq Closehouse	pr Tom
Mr Watson :	Tho. Allgood Esq	dd in Town
Mr Coulson:	Mr Wm Hunter	pr Mark Davison's man
	Mr Jack Hobbs	pr Hutton the Wherryman
	Reyno Hall	
	Rob Todd	
	Wm Selby	
	Jo Ledger	
	Mr	
	Doct[or] Lambert Hexham	pr JF
	Mr Featherstone Dukesfield	pr JF

Newcastle 1 Oct 1728

Sir

My Lady Barbara and the Exec[utor]s of Sir Wm Blackett Intending to Solemnise his funeral On Monday the 7th Inst Direct me On this melancholy occasion to Signify that your Company is Desired that day at 2 A Clock to Accompany his Corps from his house in Newcastle to St.BNicholas Church the place of his Interm[en]t as A Bearer I am yrs etc J R

The above was writt to the following persons

Rob Lawson Esq Chirton  
Geo Liddle Esq :  
Jno Hilton Esq : per Jack the butler

Robt Shaftoe Esq :  
Sir Jno Swinburne per Winship  
Jno fenwick Esq per Ann Kell  
Sir Cha. Ogle  
Shipper Esq :  
Windosor Esq: pr Rob Cotley

**8 Oct 1728 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Newcastle 8 Oct 1728

To Mr Jno Armstrong at Allanheads

Sir, since I saw you have considered that it will be expedient to have the groves revied [sic] with the utmost expedition & the new Bargains let that the people do not lay off works, I have talked with your Brothr who says you may be ready on Thursday next & accordingly have fixed upon that day if you give me no Reason before that time against it if I should not come up then let it be no stop to your proceeding in letting the Bargains I am yrs &c J R

PS If I come not up you must send me an exact copy of the Bargains Mr Dixon sells his Dantsick Pyne at 7s w[hi]ch I am certain is much cheaper including the carriage than you can buy it for in Hexham

**15 Oct 1728 Joseph Richmond**

Newcastle 15 Oct 1728

My Lady

On the melancholy occasion of Sr Wm Blackett's death the trustees have Order'd twenty guineas for your mourning the Same as Order'd for your Other susters w[hi]ch if you please to accept of will be paid you by Mr Char Clarke of Grays Inn One of the trustees. On his Returne to towne w[hi]ch will be in 20 days or if you please to draw a Bill upon me here for that sum the Money shall be paid at Sight <I signify> this by the Ordr of the Exec[uto]rs & I am yrs &c  
JR

The above was writt to Madm Treuchar, Madm Marchell Madm Fran. Blackett & Madm Bella Blackett

**15 Oct 1728 Joseph Richmond to William Wentworth**

Newcastle 15 Oct 1728

To Sr Wm Wentworth Bart at Yorke

Sir, your Lre of the 10th came to my hand which I communicated to the trustees who apprehending thereby that you take Amiss there offer of the 5 ½ yd Supr Fine cloth direct me to acquaint you that the same was given to severall of the Nearest Relations at Old Sr Wms funeral & that they by the Direction of the late Sr Wm were to pursue the same steps that were taken at his father's funeral as near as possible. I am yrs &c JR

**25 Oct 1728 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

Newcastle 25 Octob 1728

To Mr Rob Macmorran <..> Royal Watling street London

Sir,

I received your favours of the 26th ult & 3rd inst w[hi]ch I should have acknowledged long 'ere this, if the hurry attending the late melancholy Occasion had not prevented me.

I have not yet heard any thing of the casks of bone ashes being arriv'd, pray forward sixteen or twenty casks more, with all Expedition, the charge whereof shall be answer'd according to your order. I am

Sr Your most humble servant, JR

You may drawn upon the Exers of Sir Wm Blackett or on me for value in amount with them

**4 Nov 1728 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Newcastle 4 Nov 1728

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Sr,

I had answer'd yours of the 24th ult before this but that as Mr. Allgood was then coming over to Hexham I thought you would take his directions about the new hearth. I am apprehensive still that it would do better for the Master then the Workmen find it will do for them which make them all protest against it, & therefore as we have been at no small charge in erecting it am of Opinion it will be most adviceable to have a tryall faithfully made by some other workmen (if possible) who are not concern'd about our own Mills. If you could get that fellow of Mowbrays & keep him from being byas'd he would give you satisfaction whether it will be advantageous to continue it or not. As

you are upon the spot must leave it altogether to your Discretion how to Discover the truth of this affair. I think you Ought not to give it up till you are convinc'd it is not for the Masters Interest to Continue it. I hope you are now in great forwardness with the Acco[un]t w[hi]ch I Beg you will forward me as Soon as Possible.

I sent Mr Robinson last weeke to take an Exact acco[un]t of What lead was in the way in Order to enable me to Settle how matters Stood at the time of Sr Wms death. I find that Rudd and Dickinson are still in A wood out of w[hi]ch I fear they'l not early find the way it is to me unaccountable that they cannot keep A true acct of What lead is Smelted & Deliver'd in 12 months. I am yrs &c JR

**6 Nov 1728 Joseph Richmond to John Dawson**

Newcastle 6 Nov 1728

To Mr Jno Dawson Sunderland

Sr, I desire you will let me know pr Bearer whether Xtian Xhanson's [Christian Christhanson's] bill on Mr Robinson for £34 9s 2d is yet paid into your hands if it is not pray returne me the Bill with Mr Robinson. Reasons for not paying it w[hi]ch will Oblidge.  
Yrs &c JR

**6 Nov 1728 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Partiss**

Newcastle 6 Nov 1728

Mr Thos Partiss, Sunderland

Sr, According to your Promise I expected to have had £50 long Ere this. I hope it will suit your Conveniency to pay for the last piece of Silver for wee have great Occation for Money at Present & therefore desire you answer pr Bearer when I may depend upon you for the same if you have any further Occation for Silvr I have a piece w[eigh]t about 400 Oz laying Now by me. I am yr &c JR

**26 Nov 1728 Joseph Richmond to Richard Cook**

Newcastle 26 Nov 1728

To Mr Rich'd Cooke Goldsmith Londn

Sr By this Post Mr Allgood has drawn a Bill upon you payable to me Or Order at tendays date for the Sum of two hundred pounds On Acct of fine silvr Sent in Sr Wm Blacketts lifetime w[hi]ch he desires you will pay when due. He is One of Sr Wms

Execrs & the will having been proved at Yorke he hops you will not give the Execrs the trouble of Proveing it again at London on Account of your Debt having no account depending there besides that will require it wch is Signifyd by ... yr most Obed &c JR

**26 Nov 1728 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

Newcastle 26 Nov 1728  
Mr Chas Clarke London

Ten days after date pay to; Mr Jos: Richmond Or Order the sum of two hundred pounds and place the same to the Acct of Sr Wm Blacketts Execrs without further advice from Sr Your Hum Ser Lanc Allgood

To Mr Richd Cooke Goldsmith London

Sir you have above a bill on Mr Richd Cooke for two hundred pounds which I hope will be pd when due I beg the favour you will please to Acknowledge the Recpt thereof I am Glad to find you are well after your journey I am Sr Yr most obed serv JR

**10 Dec 1728 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

Newcastle 10 Dec 1728  
To Mr Jno Bacon at Staward

Sr. I own the Recpt of your favour of the 29th ult & agreeable thereto have cuased a tryall to be made of your Whesinope Lead Laying at Swallwell which I doe assure you from the Report of Our Agent at Bladon yields bare 4 grains which is answerable to the produce of our own whesinope lead and if any person can make it yield more he must be better skilled in the busyness then I find wee are. As you've been so kind Sr to make us the offer would realy be willing to give as much of the thing will bear but £19 pr fother you will please to observe from the undermentioned to be too hard. I cannot conceive how any person can afford to give it Except there was a Better Demand for Silver than at Present but will take this parcel for a tryall. If you will please to Order its being deliverd at Bladon & leave it to your self to make what Abatem[ent]t you please. I am Sr        Your most obed servt        JR

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**10 Dec 1728 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

Newcastle 10 Dec 1728

To Mr Rob Macmorran Tower Royal Watling Street London

Sr

In ansr to your favour of the 5th ult do desire you to forward down with all Expedition 16 or 20 casks of Bonashes at the Cheapest price you can get them. Let them be good and if wee cannot get them under 3s pr bushel must be Content to give it. The 4 casks formerly sent came safe to hand & being mostly useful depend upon your care in hastening the above. Mr Alderman Reay & all friends present their service and am Sr Yr most Obed servt JR

**14 Dec 1728 Joseph Richmond to George Barkess**

Newcastle 14 Dec 1728

To Mr Geo Barkess at Kenton

I am extreamply surprised to find you have taken the Liberty of plowing any lee land without leave. As you have done so & broke through your covenants you may depend On I shall make satisfaction & Discharge you from proceeding any further I am yrs &c JR

**16 Dec 1728 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Newcastle 16 Dec 1728

To Mr Isaac Hunter Hexham

Pray take the first opportunity of informaing yourself whether your Gentlemen tanners of Hexham have any thought of purchasing the Hill wood Bark. I have had two very substantial persons with me about it who have offer'd very handsomely to whom I defer giving any ansr till the 1st Janry expecting I may receive before that time the resolution of the tanners of your towne to whom it lays most convenient & to whom shall give the preferment therefore I hope ye will Imediatley view it & signify by you



there ansr. You can acquaint them that wee have 3 years cutting so can suit the felling of the wood to their Occations for the Bark.

I request of you to forward the Lead from Dukesfd Mill as fast as possible for I want 700 ps to Compleat my Bargains with Mr Barnardeau against the 1 next month & pray at that time to an Exact Survey of the whole stock in lead Oar remaining at the Mills I am yrs &c JR

**26 Dec 1728 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Partiss**

Newcastle 26 Dec 1728

To Mr Thos Partess Sunderland

Sr. By your ansr to my lre of the 6th last month I never questiond but that you would have pd. before this what you are oweing to the late Sr Wm Blacketts Estate but as you seem to take no notice of what I then wrote to you I hereby acquaint you that I cannot any longer respite the calling ni of that debt for the Ex'tors intending speedily to make a pay wch will amount to a large sum and have required me to make provision for the same & therefore I beg you won't be the Occation of any further trouble to me Or your self by Delaying the payment after the first January at or before wch time I expect the money. Iam Sr &c JR

PS. Yor acct is as follows

1728 Aug 23 To 423 ½ oz silver at 5s9d - £121 15 1 ½

Recd in part

20

£101 15 1 ½ is the Bal

**26 Dec 1728 Joseph Richmond to John Dawson**

Newcastle 26 Dec 1728

To Mr Jno Dawson Sundrland

Sr The Extors of Sr Wm Blackett intending to make a pay at the Lead Mills next month have Directed me to make Speedy Provision for the same wch occations my desiring you will pay the Bearer the Ball of your Acct or send me a Bill on Mr Monkhouse for the same. I hope you have ere this gott Xtian Xtiansons Bill on Mr Tho Robinson paid and that you will return me that Money also with the Other is it is not paid pray Deliv the Bill to the Bearer I am yrs &c JR

PS Yr Acco is within

**26 Dec 1728 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Robinson**

Newcastle 26 Dec 1728

To Mr Thos Robinson Sundrland

Sr I hope when you recollect that it was by your Ordr that Xtian Xtianson has the lead and that you will not any longer defer the paymt of his Bill as to the expense you say you were at on Acct of making interest for Sr Wm I hope you doubt not but the Extors will Ansr it when you satisfie them you were so much in Disburse but as the Lead is on another affair for wch I am accountable and as I have laid above I have your order for Delivering it with Promise of payment I send this bearer herewith for your last ansr wch I should not have been hasty in Doeing but that I am obliged to pay in that Money on the 6th of next month

I am yrs &c JR

**1 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Newcastle 1 Jan 1729

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield,

I must desire of you to hasten down with all possible expedition an exact acct how matters stood at the several mills the 31st ultim in the manner formlery directed takeing care not to confound the same with any alteration made in the lead or oare in that time wch in this acct is not to be taken notice of for what I must have is the number of the severall sorts of lead and the bings of oare that remained that day wch if not taken acct of at the very time will afterwards be difficult to do by occasion of the daily alterations of both. I have recd Ruds acct for Nov. agreeable to the method required. Jno Vickers had not exactly pursued the same form wch I desire you will afterwards let him write in. Dickinson has sent me no acct at all. I desire you will require his Reasons for the Omission & let him know I expect he won't neglect it for the future. Pray send me also at the same time the exact number of pieces sent from each mill between the 31st Dec 1727 & the 31st Dec 1728 & the bings of oar recd at each mill in that time Distinguishing how much thereof from Allanheeds how much from C.C. and how much thereof from Wardell. All this I must have in 10 days or shall be obliged to send Mr Robinson or Hutchinson to take an exact acct thereof but I hope you will save that trouble & expence by directing the mill stewards to make out their Respective accts agreeable hereto & immediately delivering them to you for yr examination & transmitting them to me at Newcastle. in the limetted time for this may as well be done now as at any other Season & the accts wch I am directed to make out doe immediately require it. with the wishes of the season

I am yrs &c JR

PS. I have since the above recd yours of 30th Dec & shall order you the paper you mention but pray as soon as ever Turner has put up the <Harratin> bed wch he told me would be done in 3 days pushing him, for if you'l let him he will make a months worke of it & you know he'll charge 2 ½ s a day but as for any thing that will be to be done beside the making that bed. Mr Allgood says the Dilston taylor will doe it altogether as well JR

**17 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to Robert Armstrong**

Newcastle 17 January 1728.9

For Mr Robt Armstrong at Coalcleugh

I rec'd yours pr Tho. Craig and shall observe the contents. What I have now to desire is that Xtimas acct may be forewarded as much as in your power that I may if possible have them at Candlemas without which I cannot compleat some accts I am required to draw out and pray let me have sent therewith an acct of what oar may be computed to be lying at Coalcleugh the 31st Dec with the charge that may reasonably be supposed will be allowed the same overwhat is included in the quarter acct. Pray let me also have an estimate of the value of wood deales ropes etc remaining unused the 31 Dec as near as you can compute the same in order to my knowing the real stock then remain'd of the Grove & from them framing an acct of the profits ariseing last year. Tom Craig being in haste can't now write to your brother to observe the same for Allenheads so pray do you give my service to him & show him or deliver him that letter wch I write in general to you both & expect you will observe it accordingly. With the wishes of the season to your brother & self remain etc. JR

**17 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

Newcastle 17 January 1728.9

For Mr Chas Clark

Mr Trenchard & Mrs Bella Blackett have drawne on me for 20 guineas each allowed them for mourning & the last post brou.t me a letter from Mrs Fran Blackett desiring a bill might be sent for her 20 guineas & also for her sister Marshall by Mr Allgood's Ordr. I have sent her a Bill pr this post for her own 20 guin. But as for Mrs Marshall he orders it to be respited till such times as the caveat entered by Mr Marshall be withdrawn. Mr Allgood presents his service went this morning for Wallington where he will stay for 2 or 3 days & I believe will shortly after set forwards for towne. Presume he acquaints you with all transactions since my last otherwise I would have signified the same so farr as to my knowledge. Sr Walter is at present in Yorkshire with the rest of the family. I have 3 pieces of silver now by me wch I deferr sending Mr Cook

as usuall till Mr Allgood get up to towne or hierr from you that he has pd the £200 bill  
snet you the 26 Nov there is a long acct depending with him wch in high time was  
settled.

The discourse in the coffee houses runs pretty much on the affair of elections. It is  
said Coll Liddell declares will bring in his nephew Sr Haryy if a writ insure tho it cost  
£10000. Wee have at present no talk of Mr Calverley intending to stand candidate Mr  
Fenwick I hear set forwards for Londn this morning.

Lead is here a riseing commodity. Have been this day offerd £15 15s 0d pr fother  
but at present have little at market with the wishes of the season I am yrs etc JR

**17 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to Frances Blackett**

Newcastle 17 January 1728.9

For Mrs Fran.s Blackett at her house in Newbond St London

Madm, I recd yours of the 9th desiring the money order for your own and Mrs  
Marshall's mourning may be remitted to you agreeable to wch I here inclose you a Bill  
for 20 guin. Allowed for your own mourning as under the recpt of wch I must beg  
you'll please to own by the returne of the post. But as to Mrs Marshall as nothing was  
left by Sr Wm on this acct the trustees think proper to respite the payment thereof till  
such times as the caveat enter'd by Mr Marshall be withdrawn. I am Madm yrs etc JR

**17 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Jubb**

Newcastle 17 January 1728.9

For Mr Thos Jubb in Minster Yard, York

Sr, agreeable to yours of the 13th inst I here inclose you Hen Reay's bill on Math  
Featherstone at 20 days date dated this day for the sum of £9 13s 3d the amount of your  
Note. I desire you will own the recpt hereof by the returne of the post to yrs etc JR

**22 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Newcastle 22 January 1728.9

For Mr John Armstrong at Allenheads

Sr I wrote to your brothr Robin pr Tho Craig to joyne his forces with yours in  
forwarding me your Christmas accts as soon as possible & bid him acquaint you that I  
must have those with an estimate of what stock in oar wood deals ropes etc remain'd at  
the groves the 31s Dec 1728. Since which I have recd your of the 14th inst inclosing an

estimate of the oar as it stood at Mich[aelm]as but you have not mention'd the charge of it wch pray don't omit doing in the acct you send me thereof for Xtimas. You need not insert how much oar upon every bargain only the total at each grove wth what it will cost as near as you can compute & pray put a vlue upon your wood etc remaining unused. without which you are sensible I cannot tell my Mastr what the produce for the last year has been. I would also desire you to make out & send me your rental from Pentecost 1727 to Pentecost 1728 & also for the half year ended at Mich'as last in two distinct accts according to the form within which after trial you will find easier & better than mixing it with yr other accts. I also desire you will send me in your general acct made out to the 31st Dec after which do assure shall loose no time in examining & stating all yr accts in order for Mr Allgood passing thereof. Pray order Robt Dixon or Richd Allgood to send me an exact acct of what oar was got in the <Gincase> & how much thereof sent to the mills in each Quartr wch has always been omitted in the quarterly accts & makes the mill & grove accounts differ wch should always exactly agree.

Yrs etc JR

Mr Grindall having desired the Loan or Advance of £10 to clear of with Mrs Lowdon I have promised you shall let him have that same against Candlemas day

**31 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Newcastle 31 January 1728.9

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Sr

Recd yours of the 25th in ansr I does here inclose you Mr Robinons's ticket & beg of you to hasten the lead from Dukesfield Mill to the halfway while the fine weather continues wch the Westhandmen may much better get done then the others get it thence to Bladon & yet if it were at the halfway I should soon have it. In Mr Petr Barnardeau wants 1000 pcs of his bargain for wch he has a ship now waiting & Mr Allgood will make a pay before he goe for Lodnon that money will be wanted for cannot now raise in this Towne much above £2000.

Dalton has frequently complained of the ill seaming of the lead at all the mills particularly Dukesfield & Rookhope wch I have often told the mill clarks of. He has brought me in some tryalls attested by Mr Robinson wherein there is 10 or 11 pound dross in smelting downe 5 pieces wch is true is a very great loss & of wch both the mill clarks & smelters ought to be cautioned.

**31 Jan 1729 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

Newcastle 31 January 1728.9

To Mr Lan't Allgood at Hexham

Sr, yesterday I got the books were in Mr Brumells possession by wch & what informations Mr Wilkinson can give me I find his acct to stand as within. I have been this day with the commissioners who shewed his acct given them of his affairs from wch I can gather nothing at all. Morrow was the day fixed for signing his certificate but have prevailed for a longer time. I hope you will be in towne next week to order what will be best to be done. I sent to Mr Brumell to know if he had any thing to offer in further discharge of his acct. His ansr was it was a long time since he lay the Bookes so could remember nothing further then if he had <Vurtue?> Sr Wr would be in his debt.

Dr

1708 To Ball of an old acct	£ 23 0s 4 1/2d
1709 Xbr 25 To 1/2 yr rent of 10 keel	£ 70
1710/1 March 8 To 110 ps lead	£ 61 15s 1d
1711 Oct 31 To 900 ps do.	£ 478 14s 01 1/2d
To 160 ps do	£ 88 13s 1d
Decr 9 To 203 ps do	£ 108 10s 6d
1714 Dec 20 To cash	£ 228 16s 10d
1718 May 7 To 16 ps lead	£ 9 9s 1d
June 17 To 1000 ps do	£ 545 4s 3 1/2d
To 226 Chald of coals from	£ 70 19s 6d
170[blank space] to Xber 1717	
	£1685 2s 10 1/2d

Cr

1714 Dec 20 By a note of disbursement	£ 436 10s 7 1/2d
1718 Aug 12 By <pd> Mr Todd	£ 359 9
By ball	£ 889 11s 5 1/2 d

889.11.5 1/2

61.15.1

88.13.1 150. 8. 2 overcharg'd being <int on 4d> £228.16.10 pr <Cooke>  
739. 3. 3 1/2 Ballance due

£1685 2s 10 1/2 d

**14 Feb 1729 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

Newcastle 14 Febr 1728.9

To Mr Robt Macmorran, Tower Royal, Watling St, London

Sr, Having recd no more than 8 casks of bonashes must Beg of to send me downe as soon as possible the remainder of the quantity I order'd. but if you can get me 22 casks more wch will make the whole parcel 30 casks desire you will send them. I leave it to you to buy them as cheap as you can for it is a commodity wee cannot be without & the present necessaty wee are under having few left of these you have already sent makes me again Beg you will be as expeditious as possible in sending them downe. Your draught upon me for the charge etc shall be punctually hon'd by yrs &c JR

**17 Feb 1729 Joseph Richmond to John Wilkinson**

Newc. 17 Febr 1728

To Mr Jno Wilkinson Mercht in Newcastle

Sr, I find that nothing can be done with mr Brumell's affair unless you will be pleased to give your further assistance. I herewith send you how the acct stands as stated by his own hand and shall wait on you with the books whenever you please to appoint in order to draw out such a state of the same as can be swore to; Mr Steel says he will then draw a proper Deposition by wch shall be able to bring the affair to some conclusion

Yrs &c JR

**15 Mar 1729 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

Newcastle 15 Mar 1728.9

To Mr. Allgood

I have this day sent by the London carrier in a Box directed for you 56 pieces qy 1040  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz of silver the wt is upon cash piece as under mentioned &c I am

[given as side note:] 134  $\frac{1}{2}$  188  $\frac{1}{2}$  79  $\frac{1}{4}$  152  $\frac{1}{2}$  186 [totalled to] 1040  $\frac{3}{4}$

**18 Mar 1729 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

Newcastle 18 Mar 1728.9

To John Bacon Esq at Staward

Sr,

on the 10 ult was delivered to our refining house 140 ps of your lead q 196C.1.14 wch has yielded no more than 186oz of silver short of 20 oz pr Fother & nearly agreeing with the Essay mentioned on my Lre of the 10 Decem, from wch youl please to observe that this has prov'd so hard a bargain that it won't answer to deal any further upon the same terms, for if you abate nothing of <£19> wee can scarce be call'd gainers.

I beg you'l please to let me know to what time your proportion of the Bishop & Rectors rent is accounted for, & if any more is in arrear than the two last years, also



whether you ever paid any proportion of the Royal and Cess, & if not, whether you have any Objections to its being charged. I am

Sr your most obedient servt JR

**24 Mar 1729 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

Newcastle 24 Mar 1728.9

Mr. Allgood

Sr,

from Mr Bells acct wch I have got in to the end of year 1727 have on the other side drawn you out a state of the severall collierys for the years 1725, 1726 & 1727 whereby you will observe the annuall produce of each as well as how Mr Bell's acct stands to the end of 1727. As to Fellon Colliery Mr Wilkinson has agreed that the balance of 1725 & 1726 be brought by Mr Bells to acct but as to £1098.3.3 wch appears to be the produce of 1727 he says there is a further charge upon it, so won't agree that sum shall be bro.t to the Trust acct. However Mr Bell has agreed to pay £400 to your order in May next ach he says is the most he can do, the acct I heare send you is collected from Mr Bells own papers for I have not meddled with yr examination of your vouchers.

Mr Liddell is very uneasie about his acct being not settled & threatens that, if not speedily done he will charge commission for all the Wardell lead he bought for Sr Wm <or> Sr Wm's son, As I am an intire stranger to that affair & do remember your questioning that part of his acct shan't presume to meddle with it without your directing. I find he has order given him by Mr Salkeld for that Lead at £13 5s 0d pr Fother, (wch exceeds not the price that lead then sold for except 191 ps of H. Lead wch is charged at £18 pr Fother wch was more than it was worth but bought as Mr Liddell says by Sr Wm's own directions. After all wch is bro.t to his orders with his notes for goods deliver'd to the mines &c there won't be above £30 to ball & that in your favour.

The monies for the last year have fallen short of the preceeding year 1000 bings of oar, chiefly in C C by reason of so many hands being imploy'd about the gin wch is now finish'd, & that grove is very flourishing. Wardell durns to little acct & there is no great prospect in Allanheads she has yielded last year 1070 B of oar but very dear bought.

I sent Hutchinson to Dukesfd the beginning of this month to assist Mr Hunter with the mill accts they are now in good forwardness so please to signify whether you would have any thing further done towards a Pay before your return into the North. Mrs Featherston I believe is making provision to pay in her Ball.c if you please to give Mr Hunter an order upon her for it. What will you please to have done about Hutchinson – shall he stay how he is at Dukesfield or return hither till you come into the country.

I hear nothing yet from Laury Gray about Mr Howard. I am

Sr, your most obed servant



JR

**19 May 1729 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis**

To Mr Ellis at Hexham

May 19 1729

Sir,

I have received by Mr Hunter Mrs Featherston's reckoning books for Dukesfield & Allanheads mills, that for Rookhope I hope won't be long behind. Notwithstanding the delivering of these books in wch many articles are omitted I think it will be of absolute necessity for the security of both Sr Wm Blacketts Ex'rs & Mrs F& will undoubtedly proven mistakes in the pay, that a pay bill on due paper be drawn out for each mill expressing the exact sum due to every person mentioned in the quarterly accounts & that the same be sign'd to by Mrs F-n for till the same be done & all the offtakes bro.t together under these proper heads there's no knowing how matters stand consequently no making a pay by us for Mr Featherston's time unless the Exers think fit to pay their balance to the mill into Mrs Featherston's hands & let her make that part of the pay & even in <eq.y> [equity's?] case the above will be necessary so that I hope Mrs Featherston will think it reasonable to be with all expedition prepared if she will immediately appoint a time that will suit you either Mr Hunter or I will attend you & facilitate yr affair as much as wee can for it is our shame the people should be kept longer out their money. I give you the trouble of this because having been concerned in settling his acct you must know the reasonableness & necessity hereof better than Mrs F-n & therefore desire that with my best regards you will communicate the same to her & let me have the answer as soon as possible. I am

Sr your very humble servant, JR

**20 May 1729 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

Newcastle 20 May 1729

To Mr Allgood,

Since my last, Mrs featherston has sent me on the Reckoning Books from the last Pay to the time of her husband's death in wch are so many mistakes & corrections that I do not think it proper or safe for me to meddle with that part of the mill pay till you are present being apprehensive that it will be attended with a deal of clamour & confusion. She refuses to give a due paper or Pay bill signed wch to prevent mistakes in the pay & disputes afterwards in settling her husbands acct. I thought it expedient to desire of her & notwithstanding the delay of making the pay is now by the People charg'd on her only, she will raise no money towards it & indeed it can't be exactly known what is due from her till such time as a Pay is made, unless wee were to reckon before, with all the people wch would take a deal of time to go through with. Do you approve of my

paying to her the sum of £1252 due from you to compleat a Pay for Mr Featherston's time & to take her receipt in full, provided she will agree to pay that sum before us in Dukesfield house, in wch case she only would become answerable to the people for all deficiency or would you have me make a pay for Mr Hunter's time or lastly defer both till you come to the country.

I have just now received your order to deliver one of the colts to Mr Neal, the other two are still unsold. The Chesnut hare[?] runs on Monday next at Blyth for a £10 plate; where the colts will be between <here> & one of Sir Edwards, I think wee shall stand no chance with Thirkeld this year for the Gold Cup <here> being my Ld Galtaway, Beesoms mare & Billings horse to enter for it, if wee get him not in for the Galloway plate will you please to let him go to Leith if we hear of no top ,hares. Going that way to run for the £50 plate. Perrys inclinations leads him there where he says we stand fairest this year for a Plate & wch at his desire I mention for your directions before the 3rd of next month if you approve of it.

Lead continues at £16 but none at market, wee having only got 180 pieces in since the 12 April notwithstanding all possible endeavours to get it down & Mr Hunter says he's under some difficulty with respect to the ore carriage for tho the weather is fine & the ways good the severity of the winter & dearness of corn & the want of money has been so great that the <Cattle/Cutble> are yet scarce able to do anything. I let Mr Hunter have £100 on Friday last to make people easie for the present.

I am & c JR

#### **24 May 1729 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

Newcastle 24 May 1729

To Mr Clarke,

Inclosd is Crabtree the Carriers note for the sum of £707 13s 6d wch with Mr Bernardeau's bill for £1024 16s7d sent Mr Allgood the 8th ult answered half a years interest due to Mr Guy's Ex'tors the 14 Jany last. I beg Sir you will please to favour me with a line upon yr receipt hereof to satisfy the note comes safe to you hand & that you will order some person to call for the money the 7 June.

I have nothing new to offer can't yet acquaint you that a day is fix'd for the Nuptial benediction. I am & c JR

#### **27 May 1729 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

Newcastle 27 May 1729

To Mr Allgood,

Inclosed I sent Mr Clark pr last post, Crabtree the carriers note for £707 13s 5d wch with Mr Bernardeau's bill due 4 June makes up half a years interest & pursuant to your directions of the 21st shall not fail of sending by the carrier on Saturday next £500

more wch if not sufficient to make same & satisfy the present demand of Mr Guy's corporation shall be prepared to answer at sight any draught that you shall be pleas'd to make upon me. The Chesnut colt run yesterday at Blyth, behav'd himself well the start quick heals, but tyr'd & was <xstanc'd> the third. I want still of the Wallington tenants £600 of their Marti[nmas] rents, tho they have not wanting dunning, have sent them a summons wch I expect will bring most of them in this week.

I am &c JR

**31 May 1729 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

Newcastle 31 May 1729

To Mr Clarke,

Inclos'd is <Lillin> the London carriers note for the sum of £500 more sent you by Mr Allgoods order of the 21 inst wch note I desire you will pelase to own the receipt of that for rge £707 13s 5d sent you the 24th, is, I hope, come safe to hand. Mr fenwick is expected in town this evening

I am &c JR

**20 Jun 1729 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

June 20 1729 Writt Mr Robert Mackmorran for 20 casks of Litharge Boneashes pr JR

**29 Jun 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Allen**

Newcastle 29 June 1729

To Mr Tho Allen at the Flatts

I shall be on a condition to letter and of next week to furnish you with 20 tons of refined lead wch if you design to have at £16 2s 6d per fother please to give me notice the first, when you expect a ship, that I may reserve it for you, as out occasions at this time requires quicker paymt than usual, you will also please to take notice that it must be part of the Bargain that the money be paid in a month after delivery wch I hope will not put you ro the least inconveniency.

I am &c JR

**3 Jul 1729 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Newcastle 3 July 1729

To Mr Isaac Hunter,

Mr Dalton complains heavily of the lead being still ill scummd at Allenheads & Rookope Milns of wch I desire you'l acquaint the miln clarks & caution them again to look more narrowly into that affair.. My lre of the 31 Janny acquainted you that upon trial there were 10 lb dross in smelting down 5 pieces & he assures me that great part of the lead from those two milns are as fould now. I have order'd all the dross to be laid together & shall at a proper time have it weigh'd in order to see what the real loss is thereby wch either the miln clarks or the workmean must bear the burthen of, & of wch prat fail not to acquaint them & tell Mr Rudd. I desire heel take care the oar that comes to Rookhope be well wash't wch form its produce in lead I have good reason to believe is not.

I am &c JR

**11 Jul 1729    Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

Newcastle 11 July 1729

To Mr Rob Mcamorran,

I am with your favour of the 1st inst am very well satisfy'd with the price of the Boneashes, provided they prove as good as the last & shall pay your bill for the same whenever you please to pass it upon me. You say the price of lead is from £15 10s 0d to £15 17s6d, pray inform me whether that is the current price on the keys or deliver'd on board, I mean whether the seller does not pay the custom out of that price, wch I am almost satisfy'd he does. If your time will allow it, I should take it as a very great favour to be inform'd of the severall conversations that happen on the price of that commodity in London shall be accountable for all expenses that attend & upon all occasions own it as a very great obligation upon

&c JR

PS. Pray mention in your bill that the val. Is in acct with Sr Wm Blacketts Extors, the Boneashes being for their use

**1 Aug 1729    Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

Newcastle 1 Aug 1729

To Mr Rob Macmorran,

Sr, I am Dr to yours of the 17 ult.o advising the forwarding of 15 casks of Boneashes pr the Happy Return wch I don't hear is yet arriv'd. This morning I receiv'd yours of the 29, inclosing Mr Clark's bill on me for £500 & your own receipt for £27 14 the charge of 20 casks of Boneashes & according to your own & Mr Denton's desire this cover Crabtree the Carriers note for the amount viz £527 14s 0d the receipt of whc please to own to . JR

**1 Aug 1729 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

Newcastle 1 Aug 1729

To Mr Chr Denton No 8 Grays Inn,

Sr. For answer to yours of the 29 ult, this post brings Mr Macmorran the Carriers note for the amo.t of Mr Clarks Bill, I beg youl signify how much you pay Mr Joy on the interest acco.t that I may note it accordingly I am JR

**27 Aug 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Robinson**

To Mr Thos Robinson,

Sir I did not doubt but you would have paid so much regard to your promise made me in Mr Alnwicks, as to have discharged Christian Christianson's bill on you for £34 9s2d longer & then it is now upwards of 11 months since the lead was deliver'd him by your order of the 27 Aug 1728 wherein you promis'd to answer his draught on you at sight. When the bill was presented you in Sept last you did by lres dated 15 & 21 of that month also promise the imediate discharge thereof. I think you can't but judge it high time the bill should be paid, neither can you be insensible of my <..emess> with you in this affair, proceeding from a Respect due as you were a Friend of Sr Wm's, wch his Extors will no doubt attribute to my Remisness I therefore now desire you will pay or order the said bills to be paid me at Mr Reays shop sometime the next week & not give me any further trouble in Solliciting it as a Favour, wch I find you now begin to look upon it to be be. I also desire an ansr of what it is you charge the Extors with about the last election as I have before .... I beg you answer & Compliance as above but if you think proper to put me off any longer you'l pardon my representing thus affair to my Superiors & pursuing the Directions I shall receive thereat ... I am JR

PS. I shall leave the bill in the hands of Mr Jon.n Walker that I should happen to be out of the way my self, & so save you the trouble of coming up Street

**2 Sep 1729 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Newcastle 2 Sep 1729

Mr John Armstrong,

I have your favour of the 27th ult.o with Mat Whitfield & co's proposal about Redgroves, & your offers to them in answer admitting of give severall cases; all of wch as you observe amounting to the same thing; I wish they may embrace any of them as nobody knows better, if so well how to treat with them as yourself that affair if left to you to do as you judge best. I can't now inform you what time wee have to come in that lease shall enquire Mr Allgood & let you know pr first opportunity.

I was indeed saying that I though the candles upon wages run very high in Allanheads account but at the same time I did not doubt but that you played the good husband therein as in all other cases both for your own credit & the masters intrest.

I am very glad to hear you get oar so well as I am that you have recovered your hearing by the assistance of Dr Noble. My Ire of the 22d ult.o was occasioned by the Peoples continual clamour about the gunpowder & Mr Allgoods directions given me therein, & did not proceed from any intention of prejudicing the Doctr to whom I wish no harm, but from a desire of keeping free from Censure Sr Wm Blackett's Extors & all concern'd under them. When you have settled Omissions in Mr Mowbrays last pay you may transmit the same to Mr Allgood & pray ask Mr Mowbray if he ever deliver'd in the quarterly accounts from Lady day 1719 if he did to whom for Mr Allgood remembers not he ever had them, & they are not in the Office; I wish Mr Mowbray would let them be drawn out, together, with his general acco.t from the time above mention'd.

I am Sr, Your humble servant, Jos. Richmond

**9 Sep 1729    Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

Newcastle Sepr 9 1729

Mr Joy

Sir, By Mr Allgoods directions, this acquaints you that I have at present by me good bills for about one thousand pounds due at 35 days from this date which I shall remit you per first return on the interest account if you think proper to negotiate them, if not, that sum will be paid you in specie on Mr Denton's return to town, wch will be about the time the Bills will become due. I shall wait your answer in which please to signify how the acct stands to the 14th July last

I am your most hble servant Jos Richmond

**9 Sep 1729    Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

Newcastle Sepr 9 1729

Mr Joy or Cook

On Saturday last I sent by Burrell the London carrier in a Box directed for you two pieces of fine silver contg 817oz, as under, please to note the same accordingly in acct with the late Sr Wm Blackett Extors, & own the receipt to

Sir your very hble servant Jos Richmond

320 oz

387

817 at 5s9d (£234.17.9)



**9 Sep 1729    Joseph Richmond to Peter Bernardeau**

Newcastle Sepr 9 1729

To Mr Bernardeau,

I remember you told me your friends had resolved to give no further orders for lead till it came to £15 10s0d pr fother. You may if you please acquaint them that to oblige will let them have 1500 or 200 pieces at that price provided they will ship in 30 days & give you leave to draw for £1000 on the receipt of their answer, wch I presume may be in 10 days for the demand on shipping the last parcel thereof; (at hus.r) as usual, I am

Sr      your hble sevant      Jos Richmond

**10 Sep 1729    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Newcastle Sepr 10 1729

To Walter Blackett Esq

The town seemed much disappointed you were not there on Sunday last so that few besides the Magistrates wore their Favours, expecting you on Sunday next, which day I am humbly of opinion would be the most proper if you do intend to receive their compliments at all, tho if you care then conveniently the Sunday following may do very well for it will be the first Sunday you appear here they'll attend you, as I take it, in the following manner; you will be paid the Complem.ts of each Company by their Stewards only, who if all come will only be about 70 persons, & they will expect no more than a glass of wine, standing & so regularly retire, as was done at Sr Wms marriage, for to receive the whole Comapnys would be attended with an unspeakable trouble & expense & (tho they have all had gloves) is what they will not give you fatigue of. I take the liberty Sr to give you my own intentions, but as you direct shall advise wth Mr Allgood as soon as he comes to town & shall wait on you tomorrow evening or Friday morning with his thoughts, when I am to be over to have a view of Cambo Colliery. I have hired another cook, who has a very good character, & I hope will please, she is to be a month on trial & for that time to have a guinea. Shall send her over on Saturday if I receive no orders to the contrary.

I have bought thirty fothers of hay wch I think of selling up here in town & if you intend to keep horses at Kenton it will be necessary to set up about the same quantity there also.

I am    JR

**16 Sep 1729    Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

Newc 16 Sept 1729

To Lanc Allgood Esq

Yesterday Mr Coulson told me he had an answer from his Friend about the lead who will give no more than £15 5s for 2000 pieces, he desired my answer against this post but have put him off till the next so please to signify your opinion pr Nan on Friday. The lead trade at present seems to be so much at a stand that I believe no body can foresee what turn it will take, the great quantities at all markets & the very little demand gives reason to think the price will drop, we have about 3000 pcs at market already wch considering how farr the year is advanced may lay upon our hands till the spring, & the hazard is whether the spring price will make amends for the keeping it, in short I know not what will be acting for the best at this juncture. £15 5s is 7s 6d a fother lower than I have sold for this year. I have offerd Mr Bernardeau 2 or 3000 pcs for £15 10s 0d but he has sent me a very huffing answer telling me those happy days are now over & he will nor propose any such thing to his Correspondents least they should think him doting. I shall wait your answer & am

JR

I shall send on Wednesday the things you order'd. Lady Calverly went away this morning, Miss stays behind. The Family went for Wallington about 12 a clock.

**19 Sep 1729 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

Newc 19 Sepr 1729

To John Bacon Esq.

Sr, I am favour'd with yours of the 10th agreeable to wch you herewith receive your ansr, both as to the rent & Whessonope oar lead, wch I hope you will find right. You will observe I have made a Quere as to the land tax wch I refer to Mr Allgood & yourself to settle. I have not receiv'd any acct of the partnership money since that ended the 10th May so can give at present no further answer to that part of your lre relating a Pay, but that when Jo. Peart brings in the acct shall appoint the very first convenient time for that Purpose. If any objections to your acct please to signify them to JR

**22 Sep 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Dunn**

Sep 22 1729

Mr Tho Dunn

I am not a little surpriz'd to find you take no better care to pay off your arrears of Rent. You can't say but you have had uncommon indulgence & as it is not now in my power to give you any longer time I desire you'l receive this as full warning thereof from

JR



**27 Sep 1729 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Newcastle 27 Sepr 1729

To Mr Armstrong

Give me four or five days notice before you let the new Bargains, for intend then to be at Allenheads if I possibly can, but if I come not proceed in telling them, as soon as the month is expired pray let me have a state of the live groves, you have not sent me a copy of the last bargains as you promis'd. I hope you go now briskly forward at Allenheads, how do you proceed in the Ginpump, what prospect have you gain'd , do you command the Water, & is the hushing at east & West end likely to be of no predujice to the groves. Let Rich'd draw out an acct of the charity deducted after these reckonings are over & don't dispose of any part (save what you think necessary to old Hardy) without Mr Allgood's directions. I am JR

**15 Oct 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Robinson**

Newc 15 Octob 1729

To Mr Tho Robinson

We find you stand indetted to the estate of the late Sr Wm Blackett the sum of £34 9s 2d for lead delivered by your order for which you have refused to pay, wee that only are trustees for the estate of Sr Wm Blackett (in cae you do not immediately pay the money) must take such methods to oblige you as the law directs.

Wee are, & c La Allgood Cha Clarke

**15 Oct 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Robinson**

Newc 15 Octob 1729

To Mr Tho Robinson

Sr, I have agains passed Christn Christensen's bill on you for £34 9s & 2d for lead dd him by your order the last year wch bill I hope you will not pundually [sic] pay as desir'd by the Trustees in the inclos'd, & thereby save both yourself & me any further trouble on that account.

I am

JR

**23 Oct 1729 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ridley**

Newc 23 Octob 1729

To Richard Ridley Esq

My masters present occasions obliges me to request you' please to give your directions for two hundred pounds being paid me in part of your account on Friday 31st inst, having a Considerable sum to pay on that day. I am JR

**24 Oct 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Robinson**

[Note: No date given. Estimate from sequence in original volume]

To Mr Tho Robinson,

Sr, Your answer to Mr Mand is very surprising when you know I have your order for the delivery of the lead and everything else that is necessary to recover the money by law. What can be the reason of this usage? I beg you will let me know per return of the post for I am unwilling to acquaint either Mr Blackett or the trustees with your answer sent me by Mr Mand, till I am assured there is no mistake in it, which I am willing to believe there certainly must. For to declare positively you'll never pay the bill after such kind usage is something more than I can understand the meaning of, if you have been at any expence by Sr Wm Blackett's directions or desire upon the last Election affair why have you not sent the particulars of your demand & tendered the Balance or do you expect the whole money will be but an equivalent, I beg you answer per Tuesdays Post at furthest if I am to expect at all, you know I am only an Agent therefore answerable for my actions to those I employ me, & may perceive by the Letter inclosed you that those Gentlemen think I have been very Slack in letting this Debt stand out so long, I shall wait the time above in the hope of your answer

& am J. Richmond

**28 Oct 1729 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

Newcastle 28th October 1729

To Messrs Cook & abell

Sirs On Saturday last I sent by the London carrier in a box directed for you 547.5 of fine silver for which pray credit the late Sr Wm Blackett's Extors account as under & own the receipt to JR

**3 Nov 1729 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Newc 3d 1729

To Mr John Armstrong

Sr I am directed by Mr Allgood to send you the inclosed Queries which Mr Grindall has put, since we were at Allanheads, in order for you giving a distinct answer to them with all expedition, which when done let be sent either to Mr Allgood or me, I think

I could almost answer them to satisfaction myself after having heard your joint opinion of the affair, but doubt not of your doing it so affectually as will Silence the Queries & vindicate what has been done, to have been of no prejudice, but on the other hand to the advantage of the Master. The stewards report has been shown to Mr Blackett who Mr Allgood tells me is well satisfied therewith but he having also seen the inclosed queries desires a full answer may be given thereto.

I am                      JR

**15 Nov 1729 Joseph Richmond to William Robson**

Novem 15th 1729

Mr Wm Robson

Rob Colley tells me you have got nothing yet of Geo. Hall and that it is believed he is but in a bad way, As there is at present Goods sufficient on the ground to satisfy for there half years Rent due at Mart.s Last before ) if he pay you not a years rent immediately to have a Strict eye upon them & if there should be any likelihood of his seling them ordering them of the ground do you or Wm Bowman seize for £67.10.0

JR

**18 Nov 1729 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Robinson**

NewCa 18 Novem 1729

To Mr Robinson

I am with yours of the 25 ulto wherein you say you compute there is due from you £20 wch you will pay & no more, this is a way of settling acco.s that I never befor met with the Like, How well your last Lre agrees with yours of the 15 Sept 1728 if you have a Copy I pray you'll consider, I would advise you to let this affair be amicably compromised before Friday next & in order thereto desire you'l come over & bring with you a note of the Disbursmts you claim for you'l pardon my telling you that to let the Trustees proceed against you, wch they certainly will do by next post, if you take no care to prevent it, won't be at all to your Credit or interest, when all your Lres to me are made fully publick. This is I believe the last Lre I shall trouble you with upon this affair & Hope it will have the good Affect desired by

Yours                      JR

**25 Nov 1729 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

Newcastle 25 November 1729

To Mr Clark

Inclosed is Mr Peter Bernardeaus Bill on Messrs Simonds for Six hundred twenty one pounds 15s the receipt of whereof please to acknowledge. I have lately sent Mr Cosh silver to the value of £392 5s 11 ¼ wch I [resume he will pay you on demand. My D Tankervill is Dr for lead £334 6 ¼ wch money I wish you could receive in London, hoping the Laime [same?] with the above would answer the most heavy demands and make you easie till about candlema, before wch time I fear shall be able to make you no more considerable returns by here here is no demand for lead no money to be got at present for what is sold. I shall be very glad to hear you keep your health this sickly season I am JR

**2 Dec 1729 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

Newca the 2 Dec 1729

To Mr Cha Clark

Sr The post being just going have only times to desire youl please to own the receipt of the enclos'd for £64.15..6 to

Sr your most O serv.t JR

**12 Dec 1729 Joseph Richmond to Mrs Blackett**

[Note: presumably one of the late Sir William's sisters]

NewC 12 Dec 1729

Madam

In answer to your lre about your half years annuity due the 11 last month if you please to send to Mr Clark in ten days time it will be paid. If I could possibly have procured you a bill that <ood> have been due sooner should have sent it you but no such thing is at present to be got in this Town Yr most O servt JR

**12 Dec 1729 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

NewC 12 Dec 1729

Sir

I am favoured with your of the 2d & had a Lre of the Same date from Mrs Blackett about her annuity, who you must give me leave & refer back to you, for I yesterday received Ld Tankervilles money, bills are so scarce that I cannot procure you return for any part thereof at present but if I cannot speedily must send you up what you please to order by the carrier. Mr Allgood tells me that in order to pay Mr Blackett he had desired you to make up the £64 .15.0 remitted you In my last wth some money of his, she seeming to be straitened for her money. Taylors note for £46 is what I heard

nothing of before unless it be the same that Mr Ra. Trotter applied to you about when here. The family returned here from Wallington on Wednesday last & its talk'd have thoughts of coming up to Town about Xmas. Sr John Swinburn & his family set forward pr.y. so this morning Mr Cuth Swinburn's death I fancy is no news to you

I am

yours JR

**30 Dec 1729 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

Newc 30th Dec'r 1729

To Mr Robt Mackmorran

Sr,

I have shiped on board the Cooper of Londn Thos Miller master a Coach belonging to Mr Blackett who is now at Calverly in his way to London, Inclosed is a bill of Lading for it, I beg on receipt hereof you will be so kind as send for one Cockdale a Coachmaker in Silver st near great Marlborough Street to take care of it as soon as the ship arrives & if you find him out b y this Direction which I am not sure is right you may deliver him the bill of lading & desire he'll pay the freight if received in good order. If you find the Direction to him does not answer pray be so kind as take the proper care of it till further orders, & your disbursements in its acco.t will be thankfully paid by Mr Blackett when he goes to town. All the materials belonging it is sent along with in shampee (except the harness) also the seat Boxes of Wearing apparel.

I request you'l be so kind as let me know the present price of lead, whether any great quantities at Market & that you & of some friend knowing in that Commodity what is expected will be the fate of it in the spring, wether we may expect a rising or falling Markett, with what els you may judge a necessary information in that affair, & I further desire you will also enquire the price of silver bullion, whether more than 5s9d per oz is given for that commodity. Your particular information as to these articles will be a particular obligation on him who with the wishes of the season

Yours J. Richmond

**2 Jan 1730 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

To Mr Cha: Clark

Newcastle 2d Jan 1729

Sr,

inclosed is Fenwick & Waters bill on Mr John Lee Quesne for £150 wch wth the bill for £64-15-0 Sent you in my lre dated 2d ult on Mr Richard Jackson I desire you'l please to acknowledge the Receipt of

Mr Allgood gives his service to you & desires you'l let Mr Denton draw out an acct of what Bills you have been paid since Sr Wms death, also a list of those remaining unpaid which he says should have in order to prepare an Answer to the Bill, wherein I

presume Sr Wms debts must be taken notice of. As for the Taylors Bill for 21 1 6 he says there is along standing Acct but does not believe any such Balance to be due.

I have deferred Sending the Inclosed bill over since the 23 ult in hopes of procuring a Bill for 50. Wich I cannot yet meet with, but to Morrow shall send that sum by the Carryer in order to enable you to pay Lady Barb.'s annuity wch is sore pressed for. I hope Mrs Blackett's is paid, Mr Blackett and his Lady left this place the 22 ult they take Calverly in their way to London where they talk of being in 14 days time. Great solicitations are making at Durham where it's the General opinion that Mr Shafto will carry the Day, notwithstanding the Gentlemen on the other Side appear to be very sanguine. We have a Report that Mr Carr will Shortly be Married to Miss Coteswoth & that he has given Mr Bacon notice he'l pay in his money in six months. Wishing you health & a happy Succession of many New Years. I am Sr your servt JR

PS. Instaed of the 50l I thought to send to Morrow by the Carrier, have sent Mr Cook 2 pc of Silver wt. 343¼ 293 oz which comes to £98 13 8¼ Which Sum you'l please call upon him for in 15 days time: If he think your draught too hasty wee shall make him amends in the next parcel

**6 Jan 1730    Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Mess Cook & Abell      Newc 6 Janry 1729

On Saturday last I sent by Crabtree the Lond. Carrier directed for you tow pieces of fine Sylvery of three hundred an forty three Os a quarter wch at 5s and 9d comes to ninety eight pounds 13 s 8¼ I desire you'l place the said Sum to the Credit of Messr Allgood & Clarkes acct & own the Receipt of the silver      Sr yours J Richmond

**6 Jan 1730    Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr Armstrong    Newc 6 Janry 1729

On saturday in the Evening I received yours setting forth the Dispute between you and Fra. Little & partners, the had been with me that Morning, & related the whole affair so very little Different from what you have done, that I convinced them you had done no more than your Duty in letting their Bargain to others, and what if I had been present I would actually have done, so that I doubt not but their are returned with so resigned & peacable a Disposition as well Indue you to give them the encouragement good workmen deserve if you find it otherwise they are in your power, As to such Persons as Grind from the Mill, & act contrary to the Rules and Customs of the field, they ought certainly to be discouraged, I can have no Objection to your putting any of the poor tenants into a Capacity of paying their Rents when it can fairly be done, & without

giving Discouragement to the Whole Concern, & if you think it for our Masters Interest to let the high Bargain from these people, I mean from Little & partners some of Which I presume have taken her, You cannot want my Approbation Sr Your Servt J.Richmond

**10 Jan 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

to Waltr Blackett Esq

Newcastle 10 Janry 1729

Sir, I have received your lre of the 7th & shall observe your orders therein concerning the Horse. Mr Allgood presents his service & bids me acquaint you that here being no person at present in the Country to apply to about adding your Life in the lease for Weardale lead mines, desires on your getting to Town that you'll please to get Mr Clark to treat with the Bishop on that head, & when you have got his Answer that you will please to signifie the same for Mr Allgood's Oppinion, & Mr Bacons Approbation who on acct of his interest in the partnership mines being to pay his proportion of the fine, will expect to be consulted therein. I don't find by Mr Allgood that there is any thing more done in Mowbray's affair, but he says he will endeavour to get it referd as soon as possible under proper Instructions yrs etc JR

**10 Jan 1730 Joseph Richmond to Baudier & Hunter**

Messrs Baudier & Hunter

Newcastle 10 Janry 1729

Sirs, Inclosed is Pillin the London Carriers note for fifty three pounds six shillings, wch sum when received you'l place to the Credit of Mr Isaac Hunter's acct & I desire you will own the receipt hereof by the return of post to Yours J Richmond

**21 Jan 1730 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr Armstrong January 21 1729

Sr,

I have yours of the 20th & am very Glad you are now at quiet, & that things go on so well, pray let me know pr first opportunity, how you pressed in the Ginsump and whether there is any thing in what I have heard suggested, that the Gin is overpowered, & not only so, but also that the Level being sludged or run sets back part of the water against the Wheel, the latter I can give no credit so <fo> if any such thing had happened it would certainly require the speediest application, wch I am assured you would not be wanting, and as to the former I hope there is as little truth in it.



I desire you'll hasten the last Quarters Accot as much as you conveniently can, with your State of the Groves, as things stood at Xmas. I observe in Mr Dawson the Ropers bill that he charges more to Allenheads than is yet brought into the accot by £14 5s 6d for 4 coils rope sent 5 Decem 1728 & 15 Sept 1729, pray Enquire carefully how that matter stands, & if you find the Ropes are received but omitted to be charged you may signify the same in order to my clearing off with him, wch he is impatient to have done. I inclose you his bills for both Allanhd's & C[oa]l C[leugh] by wch compared with the Accots you'll see how they differ, these I desire you'll return me with your observation thereon, & at the same time send me an accot of what Gunpowder you and your Bro[the]r have received from Messrs Reay & Coulson (on the Credit of Sr Wm and the Trustees that I may give them Credit for the same, I would propose it to you as expedient that you make out your Generall Acct & Accts of Rents to Xmas, that wee may see how matters agree

I am Jo: Richmond

**30 Jan 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

to Waltr Blackett Esq

Newcastle 30 Janry 1729

Sr,

I have sent pr Crabtree the London Carriers, a Box directed to Mr Richard Cook Goldsmith in Forster Lane, containing 1023 ounces  $\frac{1}{4}$  wrought Plate, the Particulars of wch are within mentioned. I have been as Exact as possible in weighing it, but as to the real value of part of it I am not a Judge. Mr Cook is a Person we have always dealt with for our Bullion, & is I believe the properest Person to treat, or advise with on this affair. I also send you and Accot of what Plate remains here & at Wallington for your Perusall. The box will be at the white Horse: Cripplegate on Saturday the 14 Feby, whether Mr Cook will send for it, & take care of it, till he see you or receive your Directions concerning it, I thought it best to send by Land, having prevailed with the Carrier to take it at 2s 4d a Stone; which I paid here.

Yesterday about 11 the Poll ended at Durham when Mr Shaftoe had a majority of 24 voices & I do not hear of any dispute or Disturbance happening during the Poll.

&c

**30 Jan 1730 Joseph Richmond to Richard Cook**

to Mr Richd Cook

Newcastle 30 Janry 1729

Sr, I have this day sent by Crabtree the London carrier a Box of wrought Plate directed for you belonging to Walter Blackett Esq wch I request you'll please to send for for to the Carriers Inn on Saturday the Saturday the 14 Feby & take care of it, till you see Mr



Blackett or have his directions concerning it, the Box being of great value. I beg your particular care & desire you'l let me know when it comes to hand. I am Sr J. Richmd

The carriage is paid.

Particular acct of the plate sent Mr Blackett to London 30 January 1729

	<Britas>	Sterl	<A.N.>
	Oz	oz	oz
Old teapot		22 ¾	
2 old porringers		15 ½	
A punch bowl & Mounteff	87 ½		
Decanter		28	
11 old forks		15 ½	
<..> old casters	16		
A punch bowl & Mounteff	66 ¾		
2 large salvers		79 0/4	
3 small salvers		46 ¼	
Caudle Cup, cover & server	55		
Caudle cup		27 ½	
An old tankard	22 ½		
4 table rings			67
2 large dishes		160	
A large soop disk	69		
2 peper boxes			5
A large tankard won at Leith		76 ¾	
A large caudle cup & cover		81 ½	
A large caudle cup & cover		54 ½	
A tankard		26 ½	
	316 ¾	634 ½	72
oz			
316 ¾ Brit at 5s 8d			
634 ½ Sterl at 5s 6d			
72 NR abt 5.0 but uncertain			
1623 ¼			

An acct of the Plate remaining at Newcastle & Wallington 30 Janry 1729

19 dishes  
2 soop dishes  
8 large plates  
6 dozen plates  
A Ring for the table  
2 candles sticks  
2 porringers  
10 old spoons

A Punch abowl & strainer  
5 tankards  
4 salts  
A pair of snuffers & extinguisher  
A large Chamberpot  
2 Gill mugs  
12 spoons  
Gold cup  
Large punch bowl, won at York  
A small Punch bowl a Ladle  
Coffee Pot  
2 decanters  
Teapot

Packup by the Butler for London  
2 cases knives & forks  
4 candle sticks snuffers & pan  
4 salts 3 casters 2 salvers 2 porringers  
2 tankards & a soop Ladle  
Punch bowl & Ladle for Sr Walter

**3 Feb 1730    Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Xpher Denton, Newc 3 Febry 1729

Sr, I have yours of the 28th ult & tho I am satisfied Mr Clark & you must be made very uneasie by Sr Wms Credits I do assure you, it is not in my Power to help it, for I have not £150 of the Trustees money in my hand, & tho here is money owing by the best men in Town to the amount of a £1100, I can't get any part of it, either in bills or Money, so that if Mr Clark should have drawn on me at any Short date I shall not know how to answer his bill, without making a Peremptory demand on the above Persons, who are intimate acquaintance of his, & disobliging of whom might be greatly disadvantageous to our future sale of Lead, howeve the you cannot undergo half the Plague wch I do here (for payment of the Funerall Expenses). I make no doubt of returning Mr Clark £3 or £400 in ten days time for I expect Londn bills for that Sum in the above time, wch will be due in 15 days after, or if Mr Clark choose rather to draw on me at 30 Days wch I presume can't be done without paying a prem[iu]m I shall dispose of the above bills in order to answer his, but I had rather he would please to wait the receipt of mine. I do not know that Mr Cook has any reason to complain, for by whar Contract is he intitled to all the Sylver we smelt. he has it all xcept some small quantity used by the Sylvery Smiths here, wch they have always been obliged with paying 5/9 pr oz as Mr Cook pays, & in what they use, we save the Carriage wch for

what we send him we always pay, & is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  pro z, would he be willing to pay 5/9  $\frac{1}{2}$  pr ounce & the carriage, on our being obliged to let him have the whole. As to the latter part of your lre concerning my Ld Chancellrs insisting the decretall orders [orders made by the court of Chancery, presumably as a result of a case heard there] be produced, Not knowing any thing of that affair I have sent over to Mr. Allgood who is now at Hexam, & I desired him either to give you and answer therto pr next post, or commission me to do it. I desire youl let me know pr return of the post, whether Mr Clark draws on me, or not, & that you'l communicate to him the content with the ebst repsects of & your etc

Jo Richmond

**6 Feb 1730    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.                      Newcastle February the 6th 1729

Sr, I have not yet got any money of Mr. Ogle, but inclose you a bill on Mr. John Gould for one hundred pounds, the receipt of wch please to advise. Sr & c JR

Jan 27 Jo <Airey> & co on Jno Gould Esq payable to J R's order 30 days after date for 100l

**17 Feb 1730    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.                      Newcastle February the 17 1729

Sr,

Upon renewing the Lease of Weardale Mines with the late Bishop Crew in 1706, & putting in the late Sr Wm Blackett life, I find there was paid no more than 300 guineas besides the fees which came to about £30, Mr Allgood is of Opinion the present Bishop, will on the present Occasion insist on £1000 at least wch I am humbly of Opinion, concidering his Ldshps age, & the Declension of those groves from what they were at the time of the last Renewell, is too unreasonable to be Complied with , at that time they Yeilded yearly towards 4000 bings of Oar, but now we Reckon half the quantity to be a good years work, Mr Allgood Says he will write to you Shortly on that head, he is now at Hexham, whence I do not know when he'd return, I do not hear of any further steps being taken on Mowbray affair, I acquainted Mr Allgood with your lre from Calverly desiring it might be referred but I presume he waits your previous directions.

I have had not advice from Mr Cook of the plate being come to his hand but there is no Doubt but he had received it, & waits your Directions what to do with it, as desired.

Winship tells me Surly is much better then when you left the Country but not quite clear of the Cough , he still deswades me from turning him out, I do not believe he has been twice hunted since you left Newcastle. The Dogs are in good Order, only on Sunday last one of the Pointers quarrelled with Singwell & has bit and Eye quite out of her head. I am J Richmond

**24 Feb 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.

N Ca Feby 24 1729

Hond Sr,

I received your lre of the 19th inclosing one to Mr Allgood who is now here, I am very sorry you should have any trouble with the Bill I sent you on Mr Gold both he and the Drawer are very Sufficient & I doubt not its being punctually paid, but if it should not before the 3d March please to return it, I shall take care to pay your Bill to Kennedy at Sight. I was last week at Wallington collecting those Rents, where I find owing about £100 for Oats bought by Robson, if you please to give me an Order in your next to pay him that sum to discharge those Bills I shall make him Dr that he may be accountable to you for the Disbursmts, there seems to be wanting a Stock of Malt Liquor in your Cellars there, will you have any brewed the next month.

The Gardiner has got for Wallington and this place peaches nectorins, aperecots, plumbs cherries and pears of the Best sorts from the same nursery men that Sr Walter dealt with, the charge he tells me is between 15 & 16 po.ds which if you please I shall pay gim, he wants only 70 hollys two foot high, & those he thinks he can get from <Pontset> sooner & cheper than they can be sent from London, he desires me to mention only a dozn <falets> if you think proper to send them.

I have advice from Mr Cook that he received the Plate the 14. I cannot yet get any money of Mr Ogle he promises £100 in a very little time. I knew no more of his Accot how it stands than what I have from himself & according to that there is due from him about £500 including the last half years Rent.

Your Lre pr last post to Mr Mayr gives a very great pleasure to him, & several other Gentlemen here that have seen it. I am &c Jo. Richmond

Inclosed in a Lre wch came here last post

**14 Mar 1730 Joseph Richmond to William Robson**

To Mr Robson

Marck 14 1729/30

On receipt hereof go to Fenwick Bowman & see what malt he has & at what price he will sell, for Mr Blackett has ordered the Cellars to be filled, tho I fear the season is too

far advanced to get any quantity of strong Beer brewed, I can buy old malt here, made of the best Lincolnshire Barley for 10s 6d our bowl wch is three Bushels & as I take it will be best for Strong Beer of wch I would have three Brewings you must immediately order Tom the Miller to fetch about forty Bowls, unless you are satisfied Fenwk malt will do as well for that use, & will come as Cheap, but As I have said above I'm of Opinion that South Country Corn are much preferable, however, You may advise with Fenwick who I dare say will be so honest as own it, Wee shall take all the Malt wee Brew for Ale of him, Let Robin come in for the hops on Monday or Tuesday he must bring with him the old Harpsichord in the great Dining Room if he can, or els you must send it some other way safly pact up in order to be sent to London, & I think you had better Let one of the Lads come wth Robin to help him away wth the Old horse and two Ashes, you must brew three Brewings of Ale, & one Brewing of Midling Beer, the Quantity of Malt & hops we allow here to a brewing of four hogsheads you have below wch I think you must observe if you make your Drink to please. Robin Ferrington tells me he cannot come therefore let me know if you can get a good Brewer about you that is acquainted with your Vessels, I think you can only brew three Hogsheads at a time

Yours, JR

**16 Mar 1730 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ridley**

To Richard Ridley Esq

March 16 1729/30

Sr, Having reason from some former Passages to apprehend that whenever I am not qualified to Answer your Lead Commissions Mr Crow may zealously misrepresent what passes between us, of which very probably there has been a late instance, when he was with me last week for a parcell of Lead. My intention hereby is to undeceive you in that particular, by acquainting you that I am always ready to Supply you, on the same Terms I would any other Gentleman in the Town, you are Sensible if at any time the price is raised wee must begin with some Body & I am sure it has at some time or other fallen upon most of the Merchants in Town & was never looked upon unequall dealing but when it happed with you, if you had wanted Lead when I sould Mr Fenwick the last parcell you shoud have had it very readily on the same terms he had, As to your last message, notwithstanding with what ever usuall Refinmts my Answr may have been returned you, this is the truth I told Mr Crow I had only at Market about 200 ps reduced Lead which I would not sell alone under £15 15s 0d having then a Prospect of selling it so at & above wch price I have since sold it, but for 30 ps he said you wanted for Shot I asked him no more than £15 10s 0d at which I had sold Mr Abm Dixon 300 ps three or four Days before, & if I'd had a quantity of lead at Market I should not have asked you more. I am well assured you think it my Duty to be as solicitious for my Mastrs interest as your Servant can be for yours, but as to these insinuations that I deal not with you on the same Terms as with others if they bear any truth it is in your favour as may be very easily made appear I shall therefore only add

that as I have hitherto I shall continue to deal with you, and all other merchts in Town  
as near upon the Level as the Nature of the thing will admit of I am &c JR

[Marginal note:] NB This lre was not sent Mr Ridley for reasons occurring since the  
writing

**17 Mar 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq. Newcastle 17 Mar 1729/30

Hond Sr, Since my last I have the Favour of your two lres the contents of wch will be  
duely Observ'd the inclosed in your former I deliver'd Mr Allgood who with his family  
removed yesterday to Hexham. Trading is but yet dull & particularly the Lead trade  
for wch here is little Demand, the price is at £15 10s 0d pr Fother, but the Road &  
weather continues so bad that wee can get but little to Markett. Winship having taken  
in most of the young Doggs your Kennel now consists of three and twenty Couples.  
The new horse in become perfect sound so shall have him taken up & got inyo good  
Order against you come to the Country. Mr May & Mr Coulson and Mr Dixon present  
their Service. I am Sir &c J R

**31 Mar 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

[Note: file note]

31 Mar 1730 Wrote Mr Blackett that the Lead mines are flourishing that the last years  
proceeds were about £6000 Sent him the advertisement of this years <Plates> that Mr  
Ridley has been in an Ague but on the mend but on the mending hand, Tho Winship  
can't now go out with the dogs witht giving Offence <have> suffer him to go to  
Wallington without Direction & c

**31 Mar 1730 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

To Mr Clark Mar 31st 1730

Sr, The deadness of trade & badness of weather wch has nitherto presented our getting  
the lead from the mills are the reasons I have not been able to make you the Returns I  
expected, but as both begin now to be on the mending hand I hope shortly to be  
qualified to remit your Money sufficient to Answr the interest in arrears to Guys Extors  
& all other present Demands, Inclosed is Joseph Watsons bill on Messrs Cantillen for  
three hundred twenty one pounds four shillings & eightpence wch I desire you will





Mr Denton

Newcastle 28 April 1730

Sr, I am favoured with yours of the 7 & 23 the first owning Mr Clark's receipt of Jo. Watson's bill wch I hope will be paid before this comes to hand, the Latter requiring a return of £378 5s 0d to pay off the mortgage on Winlington Colliery wch will shortly be made good to Mr Clark, I shall take care to answer his bill for the money you say he has taken up & you may with my best respects assure Mr Clark that as soon as I can raise money I will remit him Sufficient to discharge al Demand for it will be no pleasure to me to keep it by me but the Demand for lead is still so small the Rents are so badly paid & the Demands from the mines & mills at this Season so great that I have for some time been hard put to make things answer, but its to be hoped trade will here revive & money consequently comes in better, Mrs Bella Blackett has desired Mr Allgood to remit her Annuity due 24 prox[im]a against the 6th she being a going into the Country wch he has order'd me to comply with, I therefore inclose you a bill for £100 payable at 3 days sight as follows wch I desire you'l be pleased on receipt to deliver her I would not have given you the trouble but that being told she has left her old Lodgings I don't know now to direct to her certainly, You'l please to take her Lre of advice to me, on her receiving the bill & inclose or transmit it to      &c      JR

<Henry Byne> on Mr Joseph Hankey  
Goldsmith in Fenchurchstreet Dates  
20 Apr 1730 & payable at 3 days sight  
To Mr <Tle> Coulson or Order

**28 Apr 1730 Joseph Richmond to Isabella Blackett**

To Mrs Isabella Blackett

Newcastle 28 April 1730

Madam, agreeable to yours to Mr Allgood I have by this post sent Mr Christ Denton Clerk to Mr Cha. Clark a bill for £100 payable at three days sight & desired him on Receipt to wait upon you with it, the Bill will be punctually paid & will answer your half years annuity due 24 next month, the reason of my not sending it to you is Mrs Netherburns telling me this morning she was not certain the former directions to Mr Reeves was right, I beg you'l please to own the receipt of the Bill to Madm Yours &c  
JR

**28 Apr 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 28 April 1730



Hond Sr, I have advised Mr Robson to take grass for the horses that are in the Parks, in order to make the most of the parks he can, for wee always reckon a horses grass in the parks at 45s & he may get grass for them on Harwood where they will be very safe at 8d a stint, The Houghton Gray Gelding, & Mr Crosses gelding continues down right lame, & I believe will never be of any service to you. I should therefore think it most for your interest to let Robson dispose of them to the best advantage together wth the blind coach horsewch will do for a gin. Wee are disappointed as to our hopes of recovering Cambo Colliery in the way advised by the viewers & are now very well assured there is no way to make her a lasting grove but by a drift through the <Reeks> wch will certainly effect it, the Damage therby to the Parks will be very little & there will be Coal sufficient got in driving the drift to defray the charg but thos it is the proper season shall not take any steps therein without your directions. Your Hunters are all in very good order, they are all at Grass in the Stone Close at Kenton except the new Gelding wch is in the house & I believe perfectly sound. &c JR

**29 Apr 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood Newcastle 29 Aprl 1730

Sr, I own the receipt of yours pr Jonathan with the sum of £200 wch will be placed to your Acct. Mr Howard is not in Town but is expected this Evening, when I shall deliver him your Letter & require his answer. By last post I returned Mrs Blackett's half year annuity in a bill payable at three days sight; & by the next post shall return Mr Clark's bill to answr Lady Barbrys annuity. Pray what shall I do with Tho: Robson of Sunderland who still persists in his Resolution of paying only £20 for his Debt of £34 alledging the rest was expended on the last Elec[ti]on in Sr Wms service, & yet will not do any accot of the particulars. There is also a Debt standing out from Wm Reed of £45 to balance his accot which he says he's ready to pay, provided he has allowed him the following articles which he says he is in Disburs by your Order, please to signify wether I must allow the same. Jonathan Maughan was wth me yesterday about Redburn rent he says he will shortly settle it with you. I received £20 of him the 20th Decembr in part thereof .... I am Sr yours &c JR

To Ball of a bill paid the Bricklayrs	7	11	2
<heat> given the house Crpenters	4	12	8
	£ 12	3	10

**29 Apr 1730 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Hunter 29 Aprl 1730

Sr, Yesterday I contracted with Mr Bernardeau for 1500 pieces of WB Lead to be d[elivere]d in 14 days, I am therefore to sollicite your application in forwarding to the half way about 1000 pieces of Common lead I mean what has no Silver in it with all expedition & also a proportional quantity of slags but pray take care that your order to Dickinson herein, Occasion not his sending away no I Lead for by that the Refining house will be Idle, I am in hopes the fells will presently be dry for the wains to come from Allenheads, Mr. Allgood has sent in by Jonathan two hundred pounds, I wish you had taken part of it to Distribute among the Carriers, to encourage them & prevent any going of to Mr. Bacon wch I hope you'l take effectuall care of as long as wee have Employmt for them

I am                      Sr                      yours &c                      JR

**29 Apr 1730    Joseph Richmond to Grindall**

To Mr Grindall                      29 Aprl 1730

Sr, I have yours of this date, & it is very inconvenient for me, to comply wth your request, have nevertheless for this time to oblige you, done it, by sending you pr Bearer the sum of ten pounds as desired, I would desire you for the future when you have occasion for money to apply to Mr Armstrong when he comes down for subsistance and I shall not be backward to qualify him to gratify your wch will be a more regular way, & better correspond wth my affairs, As to Nether warden I hear not a syllable about it, I believe it is not yet disposed on, but can't give you any certain Account

Wth service to Mrs Grindall                      I am    Sir yours &c    JR

**2 May 1730    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.                      May 2 1730

Hond Sr, I received a Lre last past from Mr Edmondson the sadler, signifying your directions to send up your lady's side Saddle & your own embroidered furniture to be altered, I have this day shipt the same in a Box directed to you on Board the John & Thomas The <Hurry> muster, The ship will saild the first opportunity & will be heard of at either Blacks or Whittakers wharf, you will please to order the box to be called for, or give Mr Edmondson notice of it

I am    Sir &c JR

Mrs Blacketts side sadle embroidered velvet covering footer & <seases>, a <Blup> Mr Blackett, <houning>, holsters seases.

**5 May 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood

Newcastle 5 May 1730

Sr, Alderman Ridley is desirous of letting us have his Little Gill Oar & to be paid in Lead, If you approve of it, please to Order Mr Hunter to conferr with Jno Vickars about it, & if they can with convenience smelt it separately at Allenheads Miln then to report to you their Opinion of that Oar and how much of it will make a Fother of Lead, As there is little probability of Mr Weatherley's going forwards in Rookhope & thereby laying off that Miln I am of Opinion that Allenheads Miln may be at Leasure to smelt more Oar than wee shall have Occasion to send to her from our own groves, & it will not be much out of Robt Armstrongs way to take care the Oar be sufficiently washed before the Carriers take up. I believe the Aldmn would be glad of 55s a bing & if less then 5 bings will make a Fothr of Lead as I'm informed it will I take it will turn to Advantage while Lead continues at the present price. I desire you'll please to qualify me to return him an answr in ten Days & am &c JR

**8 May 1730 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

To Mr Robt Macmorran

Newcastle 8 May 1730

Sr, I desire you will buy me for Mr Blacketts use Twenty casks of boneashes I would not have the Casks to hold above 18 gallons for then they will be usefull in our Litharge trade, you need not be hasty in buying them but take the best Opportunity for if they come to hand in 5 or 6 weeks time they will Answer our Demand

I am &c

JR

Let them be marked WB & please to advise me on the shipping them

**8 May 1730 Joseph Richmond to Peter Wather**

To Mr Peter Wather at the Three Crown Wharf London

Newcastle 8 May 1730

Sr, I advise you'll buy me for Mr Blacketts use Twenty casks of Boneashes each Cask Containing about 18 gallons you need not be hasty in buying them but take the best Opportunity for if they are here in 7 weeks it will Answer our demand. Let them be marked WB & draw on me at sight for the amount, mentioning in your bill for 20 casks of boneashes for the use of Walter Blackett Esq &c JR

**9 May 1730 Joseph Richmond to John Airey**

To Mr Airey

May 9 1730

Sir, For Answer to yours of yesterdays date I am ready to pay the fee farm rents for Rothley Rugley & Kenton that are in arrears wch is as below I am &c JR

1 yrs fee farm for Rothley due Michs 1729	0.16.8
Do for Rugley or Cambo do	0. 6.8
Do for Kenton do	0. 4
	£1. 7.4

Pray when am I to call for Longwitton arrears?

**15 May 1730 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Strother**

To Mr Tho Strother

Newcastle 15 May 1730

Sr, I shall deliver this Evening to the Leads Carrier three dozen of French wine & a Dozn Bottles Arrack pursuant to Sir Walter's order the charge as below, six bottles of the Arrack are sealed wch I take to be much better than the others & is all I could get of the Sort Inclosed you have my bill on Sir Walter for Seventeen pounds 5s 5d the amount of the Holland wine and arrack ach you may return either by the Carrier or in any other mannor you think fit. Mr Blackett I presume sets out for the north on Mondat, I wish them a good journey to Calverley & am wth best respects Sir yours &c JR

3 dozen F wine of Mr <Hiakater> at 28s a dozn	4- 4- 0
6 bottles arrack of Mr Stephenson	1- 4- 8
6 do of Mr Dixon sealed	1- 1- 9
A piece of Holland of Wm Armstrong	10-15
	£17- 5- 5

**15 May 1730 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Jno Bacon Esq

Newcastle 15 May 1730

Sr, I have recd your favour of the 13th offering my Ma[ste]r your Wessonhope lead Oar, for wch I thank you. For answer I shall be very ready to buy it of you if you'l be pleased to accept of a price we can work it at & I think wee can give as much for it as any other person can offer, you are sensible I doubt not that Lead is now fallen from

the price it bore last year & I wish I had no reason to fear it will still be lower. You will please to consider that lead sold at about £16 & then we made nothing of the 140 ps we bought of you at £19 I believe you have sold this year as I have done at £15 5s 0d & I am so far from seeing any Prospect of a better Market that I would not venture to give £15 for the best of Lead without silver in it, I have also assured you before that Wessonhope Lead will not yield any such thing as 20 oz unless much mended wch I doubt So that from the whole you'll readily conclude no person ought at this time to give above £18 except they work for nothing however I desire as you've been so kind as to make us an offer of it if any person will give you more you'll please to add the favour of signifying it, for the Gentns consideration I am concerned for. As to a pay they shall be no delay occasioned on our part so as soon as the Accot are brot in you may please to fix a time as will suit your own Conveniency. I am very glad Wessonhope moves so well & am Sr &c J Richmond

[Marginal note:] This Lre not sent

**15 May 1730 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Jno Bacon Esq Newcastle 15 May 1730

Sr, In answer to your Favour of the 13th, as soon as you are pleased to order down 334 ps Wessonhope Lead Ore & that Mr Dalton our Operator at Blaydon can make an assay of it you shall then know the Utmost we can afford to give for it. I'm glad Wessonhop is likely to turn to Accot but as to Lead keeping up its price I doubt it, having too much reason to fear it will prove a falling Comodity. When the accot of the partnership mines are brot me in & you have a mind to make a pay I shall readily qualify Jos. Peart to attend you I am Sr &c JR

**5 Jun 1730 Joseph Richmond to Charles Clark**

To Mr Clark Newcastle the 5th June 1730

Sr, Inclosed I send you four bills of <Exitre> for the Sum of thirteen hundred & ten pounds 10 shillings and threepence as follows:

May 15 1730	Fenwick & Wakes on Sr Jno Wms at 25 days	£ 100
May 19 1730	Pr Bernardeau on Mr Cha. La Porte at 2 usance	£ 400
Do do do	as above	£ 600
Do do do	as above	£ 210.10.3
		£1310.10.3

wch sum you' please so to apply as to make all parties easie for the present & particularly Mr Guys Extors who I'm afraid will begin to think wee are too far in Arrear wth them. I wish you would please to let me know how their accot stands to the 14 Janry last, I shall make you what further Remittances can be possibly spared at this time wch I doubt will not be large in <hast> for Lead is declining Commodity & little demand for it & the Rents were never so badly pd as at present occasioned by the low price of all sorts of grain wch will go near to break half the farmers in the Country. Wee have now a three years pay to make of the Lead Mines wch money must be raised to Compleat in two months time & will amount to upwards £7000 but wee have Lead sufficient to do more than that if it can be got sold the price is now from £15 to £15 5s 0d pr Fothr, Mr Blackett and his Lady are still at Sr Walters & I hear not when they Intend for this place, here was a very selnder appearance during the race week I beg you'll please to own the Receipt of the Inclosed by yr Return of the post

I am &c JR

[Short marginal note indecipherable on original]

**5 Jun 1730 Joseph Richmond to Rudd**

[Note: dated May though placement & content suggests June]

To Mr Rudd Newcastle 5 May 1730

Sr, I have recd your Acct for the Month of May from wch I note only 30 ps of lead sent from the mill, pray is not the way yet passable or what is the Reason the Carriage is not set on at this Leasure time when people have nothing else to do. I recommend it to you to hasten away all the Lead to Markett without loss of time before harvest comes on, & if there is any thing that prevents the Carryers setting on, immediately apply to Mr Hunter to remove the Obstruction, for if we get not the Lead to Markett while the Demand continues you may as well keep it till another year. By your smelting I am affraid you want water, pray cannot you keep your Slags nearer for I find they increase upon you considerably, I am &c JR

**9 Jun 1730 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Jno Bacon Esq 9 June 1730

Sr, I have rec'd your Lre of the 27 ult & agreeable thereto have sent to Bollyhope Mill for a trial of the Lead, wch Mr Dalton tells me is pretty near the same in goodness wth the last parcel wee bought of you. When you consider how hard a Bargain the last was, the fall of Leda since the last year near 20s. a Fothr the present small demand & that it stills seems to be a falling Comodity I doubt not but you will think £17 10s 0d a Fother

as much as ought at this time to be given & I really believe no person will venture to give more, if you accept of this, please to order the lead to Blaydon as soon as possible & favour me with an answer per first opportunity. I have pd Jos Peart money to make the partnership pay to the 23 May last & am & c JR

**10 Jun 1730 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Hunter Newcastle 10 June 1730

I must desire you will severely reprimand your Dukesfield smelters for not only ill <screening> but also putting lumps of slags into the pig pan wch will certainly be attended with the ill consequence of deprecating our lead & giving it an ill Character at all marketts. The lead markt T. J. & C. is all bad but the last most notoriously so, whoever he is that's the smelter he ought to be made an example to the Dist[rict], hanging is too good for him. Inclosed is Robinson s ticket to the 1 May &c  
JR

**12 Jun 1730 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook and Abell Newcastle 12 June 1730

Srs, The small quantity of Sylver wee have extracted since the last parcel I sent you has as usuall been consumed by our Sylversmiths here on acct of the Plate given in this Country & sold to them on more advantageous terms than sending it to London at 5s 9d, wch I hope you have no reason to Complain of, I am very well assured the Gentlemen I am concerned for had rather deal wth you than any other for the Remainder of our Qantity & I hope you'l readily give them as much as you do to any others, what wee send you being I dare say as fine & clear as any you buy I therefore desire you'l please to signify whether you can make any advance on the price of the Commodity <until> is the utmost [word smudged] are willing to give besides <paying> the Cariage I beg the favour of your [line obscured on original]

**3 Jul 1730 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Jno Bacon Esq Newcastle 3 July 1730

Sr, I am D[ebto]r to yours of the 23d ult & am sorry thereby to find wee differ so much in our Opinion of the present value of your Wessonhope oar lead, I heartily wish you may get £18 10s 0d for it but am well assured that he who now gives it will find his



Mistake; I should be very Glad to conclude a Bargain with you ready to give you as much as any other can afford but cannot accept of it on the Terms you expect  
am with best Respects      Sr      your &c      JR

**9 Jul 1730      Joseph Richmond**

[Note: file note]

July 9 1730, sent up 1 doz ½ claret 1 dozn port, 2 dozn ale, 3 bottles brandy to Allenheads against Mr Blacketts going up & wrote Mr Armstrong to hasten the Reckoning & qual[if]y ano[the]r to give warning that those who come not to reckon will be postpon'd till another pay, but that he must reckon for such that there may be made a Clear account & no Omissions brought in afterwards where the reckoning and qua[rterly] accts are finish'd to make out his general account & another of Rents wch must both be given in before the pay, for the Charge of the pay & c is to be charg'd in Sept Accot.

**14 Jul 1730      Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton                      Newcastle 14 July 1730

Sr, I have before me yours of the 9th signifying the mistake of ten pounds in the Body of Mr Bernardeau's bill on mr laPorte, wch I am surprized I never discovered especially when I took copy of the Bill I inclos'd send you another of the same date for £210 10s 3d wch I desire you will carry to Mr. La: Porte for acceptance & at the same time take wth you the first bill, let him see his acceptation cut off or cancelled, & pray fail not in returning that bill to me by the first Return that I may return it Mr Bernardeau & take up my note wch Mr Bernardeau insisted on before he would agree to draw a Second bill. I shall be very glad to see you here to wch place I wish you a good journey wth my most hble service to Mr Clark.      Iam      &c      JR

PS Pray enquire at the Hospitall how accts stand when you make the next Paymt for Mr Allgood was telling me they complain of large arrears; has Mr Clark recd the Balance of £490 19s 6d due from Mr Cook; be so kind as ask Me. Simmonson the Saddler near Grays Inn gate whether Mr Blacketts furniture was returned in the Box wth his Ladys side saddle to Esholt for he will want it at York Races ...

**14 Jul 1730      Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Hunter                      Newcastle 14 July 1730

Sr, I am oblig'd to repeat my Intreaties that you will send me in the Miln accounts at least to Xmas last without loss of time, You know there has been none d'd since Lady day gone twelve months to wch time the pay was made. If any enquiry is made into Affairs this will justly be looked upon as too loose proceedings for I am not able to finish the last years account for want of those three Quarters in arrear at Xmas wch I again desire you will Immediately send me, wth my Service to Mrs. Hunter

I am &c JR

If you cant send me in the two last Quarters account viz for Lady day & Midsummer last, in a months time pray fail not in sending me an Accot of the Oar recd at the severall milns in those Quarrs from the Respective groves that I may see [obsured word] see the grove account agree therewith

**14 Jul 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walker**

To Mr Walker at the three Crain Wharf Newcastle 14 July 1730

Sr, I received the twenty Casks of Boneashes in good order & have paid your bill to your <Bre[thre]n?> I desire you will send me the like quantity in casks of the same sort with the last, & am your &c JR

**18 Jul 1730 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell Newcastle 18 July 1730

Sr, I am Dr to the Favour of Mr Cooks, in answer to my letter of the 12th ulto Agreeable to wch I have this Day sent by Crabtree the London, two pieces of fine Silver w. eight hundred thirty seven ounces wch please to Debit your selves for as below and own the Receipt to... Yours &c JR

837 oz at 5s 10d £244.2.6

**21 Jul 1730 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

To Mr. Robert Macmorran Newcastle 21 July 1730

Sr, I am Dr to your Favour of the 18th ulto advising the shipping of the Boneashes wch I have received & shall pay the Charge at sight to your Order, but let it be a separate draft from your Disbursements for the Perfections &c on Mr. Blacketts accot. If you

have any Correspondents at Chester I intreat your Favour pr first, to desire him to apply to some Clark in the Custom house there for an accot of what Lead has been shipt in that Port since Xmass distinguishing how much for France, Holland, London & the charge of procuring wch I will be accountable for to you, If you have no acquaintance <then> probably you may prevail with some Friend to do this for you, I should also be glad to know what Quantities of Lead is at present at that Markett, what the weight of their Fother is, & whats the present price on the keys or on Board, I hope your goodness will pardon this freedom I am forc'd to take having no acquaintance in that Port, I shall at all times & on all Occasions acknowledge your Favour herein & am  
yours &c JR

PS. The Boneashes was in smaller Casks that I orderd please to send 20 casks more, each cask to contain about 4 bushells, & then draw for the whole

**3 Aug 1730 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Hunter

Newcastle 3 Augt 1730

Sr, I received yours, with your Book pr Jonathan, the Book I shall return you by him on Wednesday & earnestly desire of you to make up the Lead carriage for the last year in 10 days time and then either to return me the Book or the accounts drawn out & totalled for Mr Blackett requires an Accot of the Lead Mines for 1729 wch I am ashamed I am not qualified to draw them out for want of the Mill Accot. I cannot conceived where the difficulty lays in settling the Lead carriage, you have all Robinsons tickets, & you must know what has been sent from the milns between Xmas 1728 & 1729, the Carriage of the yrs Lead is so essentiall a part of the Accots is not to be omitted now & bro[ugh]t in afterwards for by that method it will be impossible ever to know what wee are adoin, If you have a mind to have Hutchinson up to draw up the Accot &c I'l imediately sned him up on notice & will much rather pay him than allow it to be said wee cant yet get our Accots made up for the last Year when half of the next is expired. I am Sr &c JR

**14 Aug 1730 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Hunter

NewCa 14 Augt 1730

Sr, On comparing your Book with the Groves accot I find the following difference in the Oar Carriage wch I desire you will Enquire into & get rectified, for there must be a mistake either in the delivery at the groves or the receipt at the milns, to prevent wch the mill Clarks should at the End of every Quarter send the grove Stewards an exact accot of the oar received, mentioning therein every everyCarriers name & Quantity and

especially at Xmas particular care ought to be taken that the Oar delivered & recd within the year do exactly agree wch I beg for the future may be strictly observed I am with best Respects Sir yours &c JR

	Pr grove	pr mill	Differs
	Accot	Accot	
Allenhds miln			
Dr to Allanhd grove	535.1	525.2	
To CoalC & Redgrove	345.1	345.1	
To Weardale	1082.2	1082	
	1963	1952	10.1 b[ing] h[orse]
Dukesfield miln			
Dr to Allanhd grove	1047.1	1044.1	
To CoalC & Redgrove	1810.1	1801.1	
	2857.2	2845.2	12
Rookhope miln			
Dr to Weardale & ptnsp	858.3	845.3	13

The oar rec'd at the milns falls short of what was dd from the groves in 1729 35.1

**6 Sep 1730 Joseph Richmond to Rebecca Stainforth**

To Mrs Stanford> at York Newcastle Sept 6th 1730

Madm, By Lancelt Allgoods drections I send you the below bill for twenty eight pounds ten shillings I desire you'l please to own the Reecipt thereof to him by the Return of the Post & am Mad'm yours &c JR

Sr Twenty days after date please pay to Mr Jos Richmond or order Twenty Eight pounds ten shillings Value Rec'd & place it to Messrs Reay & Coulson Acct without further SAdvice from Sr yours &c JR  
To Matthw Fetherstonhaugh Esqr in Crooked Lane London

**9 Oct 1730 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

To Mr. Robt Macmorran Newcastle 9 Octobr 1730

Sr, Inclosed is a Bill for the sum of forty nine Pounds fifteen Shillings & threepence wch answers the two Receipts you sent me in your Lre of the 27th Augt last, I own I have but indifferently repaid the Confidence you thereby put in me, but hope the Reason

given you in my last will prevail with you for my pardon. I desire you'll please to send me Copy of the accot wch you sent Mr Blackett of the Perfection, the 2.4 June last & that you will own the Receipt of the Inclosed wch I doubt not will be punctually paid, with best Respects I am Sr &c JR

<Mr> Harts bill on Mr Jas Smith in Martins Lane; Thomas Street dated the 10 Octob & payable to JR or Order 15 days after date

**23 Oct 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

[Note: Given the working relationship between Lancelot Allgood and Joseph Richmond it is likely that these letters were addressed to him, but his brother Major Allgood was another of Sir William Blackett's Executors.]

To Mr Allgood at Bath

Newcastle 23d Octobr 1730

Sr,

I have your Lre of the 12th and am very glad to hear you are well after your journey. I have not yet got any more Money of Mr Howard but am still promis'd the remainder of your £80 promissery notes in 8 or 4 days Days wch I have reason to beliebe he will make good but as I mentioned in my last there's no present hopes of getting the £465 & interest, I waited upon Mr Ward the Day the money was pd who told me he had advanced £2100. £1600 of wch went to Mr Ord. £118 to answer Mr Howards bill to Mr Denton for <Cogdall> wch bill Denton oblig'd him to draw, & procure Mr Ward to accept under pain of an immediate arrest & the Remainder was pd Mr Howard £260 that day & the rest in small sums before, notwithstanding wch and all the attendance I gave him that Day could get no more than £100 wch he declared was all the money he had or could possibly then pay, the money was pd at <Prats> wch when Mr Clark heard he let me have no rest till I paid him the £81.

I have not heard from your Brother but send you inclosd a bill for £100 wch I Recd yesterday & will be due before it reach you, I wrote last post to Mr Cook to know what Money he had pd Mr Clark wch I have no acct of & for what Sum I may draw upon him when I have an answer you will Imediately hear from me.

Mr Blackett has <signed> the bond of Reference to Mr Wilkinson who I dare say will make an End of that affair but I fear heel pinch us in ordering too speedy paymt notwithstanding all the Solicitations I can make for time.

Mr Peart tells me the miners in Weardale are grown so refractory for want of a pay that he is sure the greatest part of them will throw up if not pd before Xmas, When Money will arise to pay the Interest in arrear make Weardale pay & pay Mr Mowbrays bill I know not, all the Debts here owing exceed not £4000 & some part can not very readily be got in, Wee have abt 3000 ps Lead at Blaydon wch if now offerd to sale to raise ready money wont fetch more than £14 5s 0d but in the Spring would do better. Mr Bacon has sold 3600 ps for that price to Mr Creed & gives 3 months credit so little

Lead remains at this Market but what was Yesterday I was with Mr Gray who tells me he spoke to Mr Winfield the attorney on Monday last about Sir Wm Williamsons interest money & expects it will be speedily pd, he advises me not to pay Lady Barbary's annuity to Mr Coulson without having Mr Mansell's written order for so doing, & as the £50 is now in dispute he says Mr Mansell must specify on his Receipts for the £400 a year that he accepts of the same in full for his Lady's annuity, till such time as the £50 shall be determin'd in his favour, I am Sr yours &c JR

**27 Oct 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Lancelot Allgood at Bath

Newcastle 27th Octob 1730

Sr,

I have received yours of the 17th & 19th inst but not having yet any answer from Mr Cook (nor from Mr Clark to whom I wrote to know if he had any money of him) can't yet tell how his balance stands. You have on the other side his Accot to this day if Mr Clark has not call'd upon him.

I have been with Mr Howard since my last, who now says that being disappointed by Geo <Alder> of some money he expected to receive can't pay me any more money till about the middle of next month, I gave him a Receipt for the £100, as so much recd for your <ase>, without any further <express> expecting, according to his promise the Immediate paymt of the remainder of the £30 & notes wth interest therefore please to let me know whether I shall deliver up the Notes & endorse the Best upon that Bond, or that it may remain as it is, for since he has so often trifled wth me, I begin to doubt whether I shall get any more, You have on the other side copy of his account brought down to this time & I have by this Post sent Mr Denton an exact Copy of Sr Wm's Bond.

Mr Blackett is still at Wallington to whom I sent your Lre yesterday and I expect him here this Day to Mr Aldermn Coulson's funeral, who dy'd on Sunday morning greatly lamented.

You would recd this ill news last post in two words wrote within a Lre from Mr <Vaisey> whose servant whas then here & told me all is well at Rideing. Mr Howards note dated the 28 Mar 1727 is only for £25 but is put in the acct drawn out by Mr Hunter £27. My last brought you a bill for £100 I expect to hear from Mr Cook this post, if I do, <will> immediately send you bills on him, as you direct at 20 days, whether I hear from your Brothre or not wch I have not yet done. Mr Mowbray charges £40 for a London journey wch he says Sr Wm allow'd, please to let me know if you are privy to such allowance, I am & C JR



Mr Richard Cook

1729 Sep 6th to 817oz fine silver at 5s 9d	£ 234 17 9
Oct 25 to 547 ditto at 5s 9d	£ 157 8 1 ½
Jan 3 to 343 1/4 ditto at 5s 9d	£ 98 13 8 ¼
1730 July 15 to 837 ditto at 5s10d	£ 244 2 6
	£ 735 2 0 ¾
Cr. By Bill drawn on him 4 Augt 1730	
payble to Mr Steel	£ 50
Balance	£ 685 2 0 ¾

Mr Howards Accot

1726 Aug 29th to his bond to Mr Allgood	£ 80 0 0
To 4 yrs intrest due 29 Aug 1729	£ 16 0 0
To 44 days intrest the 13th Octob	
(paymt of the £100)	£ 0 9 7
Sep 17 To the remainder of a note of this date	£4 8 6
1727 Mar 20 To a note of this date only pr note	£25 0 0
1727 Mar To a note of this date	£ 21 0 0
	£ 140 18 1
13th Octob 1730 Recd	£ 100 0 0
	£ 46 18 1
1727 Oct 24 To his Bond to Sr Wm	£265
3 yrs intrest due £ 39.15.0	£ 304 15
	£ 351 13 1

**6 Nov 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Lancelot Allgood Esqr at Bath

Newcastle 6th Nov 1730

Sr,

My last brought you Mr Cooks acct as it stands with me, since wch have recd a Lre from Mr denton telling me that Mr Clark received £200 in Nov last, if that is all he has received on the new Accot there must be still in Mr Cooks hands £485 2s 0 ¾ d. Mr Cooks writes me he is ready to pay at sight the balance on his hands but does not own how much it is. I have therefore by this Post wrote Mr Denton to wait on him & to signifie to you what sum you may draw for. I intended by this Post to have sent you a Remittance but cannot get any good Bills without a large premium, I have not yet seen your Bro[the]r nor can mr Gary yet tell me when I shall get Sr Williamsons money. As soon as Mr Wilkinson makes the award & that I can credit my self for Mr herons money, shall send you your Accot & order the balance as you desire

I am &c JR



PS nothing further offers from Mr Howard. Mr Robt Sorsbie was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day after Mr Coulsons funeral elected alderman to the strengthening a certain Interest

**6 Nov 1730 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr. Denton

Newcastle 6th Nov 1730

Sr,

Inclos'd you have a Bill for the Sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds twelve shillings to answer your Bills to Mr Ward the 20th ult, it will be punctually pd when due & is at as short a date as I could prevail, good Bills being now here difficult to meet with, without a prem[iu]m. I hope you'll get Mr Dawsons & Fosters money in Town, if I could have recd that money here should have been very ready to have serv'd you in returning it.

I send you a Copsy of Mr Cooks acct by wch you'll observe that if Mr Clark has only recd £200 of him since 6 Sepr 1729 there must remain in his hands £485 2s 0 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> please to enquire into it & let Mr Allgood know by this Post opportunity whether that is the real Balance & Mr Cook agrees that he may draw upon him accordingly, wch I have wrote Mr Allgood By this post, I have beg'd the favour of you to do. I desire you will own the Receipt of the Inclosd Bill & that you'll make my best Respects acceptable to Mr Clark,

I am Sr &c JR

**10 Nov 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood

Sr,

I have received your Lres of the 30 ulto & 2nd inst & send you inclos'd two Bills for the Sum of one Hundred & twelve Po[un]ds 6s 8d as below, being all I can at present meet with, they will become due nearly at the same time with Mrs Blacketts annuity, if you please to pay her out of this money & send me her Receipt & taken in my name, I shall then debit your private acco.t only for the £12 6s 8d and to Mr. Cooks Money, if you please to let me know how you finds his Ball[ance]: stands, I shall either draw a bill on him or send you my Receipt to give him, wch you shall direct, & it will be so much pd you towards Mr Herons money. I am assured Mr Wilkinson has no thought of giving Interest for the time past but Having I think gain'd upon him for time of paymt till Midds[umme]r next, do believe he will award intrest from Xmass next except for the Omissions, wch Indeed ought to be immediately paid, he has required J: Armstrongs answr in writeing to 9 severall articles, as within, to wch he has given him a very direct & punctuall answer, but nevertheless from Mr Wilkinson discourse I

gather he will give the full Ball, if not some allowance for the law charges, that Mr Mowbray &c have been at, I am Indeavouring to get the Lease of Langty Head grove d[elivere]d in, but I doubt shall not prevail Mr Reay his to pay me his Ball of about £2300 for lead bought by Mr Coulson on the 10 Dec[embe]r when I have acquainted him I must have it for Weardale pay. Tho I presume you will respite that Pay till you have come into the Country, I must own I could wish it were made before Xmas, both the Silence the Country & to get in Money wch our Lead Merch[ant]s on such an occasion think themselves under a necessity to pay. The trade between Mr Reay & Ma. Coulson I'm afraid won't go on as formerly, their loss is I doubt repairable. There was no offer made Mr Blackett of Mr Coulsons gown but on the <other> hand great care was taken to get Mr Sorsbie speedily elected, least Mr Blackett should by his Interest wch I think he would have done, had it been only to find out his price. I have pd Mr Blackett & laid out on his Accot since 29 Sept 1729 upwards of £2100 the accot of wch I have delivered Him to examin & sign, but can not yet get done . He tells me he will Sett a time to do it before he leaves the Country, he has had £100 this day and says will want Bills for £200 before he leaves the North, pray give what Direction you think necessary for my governmt in this affair.

Alex is now here & tells me all is well at Rideing, this Post brings Mrs Allgood & you each a Lre from Hence. The Box mentioned in your last is here & shall forward it on Saturday by the Carrier. I am Sr yours &c JR

Nico Warron on Wm Astell Esq due 13th inst for	£ 62 6 8
Ben Kirkhup on Mr Cha Murray due 26th inst	£ 50 0 0
	£112 6 8

**10 Nov 1730 Walter Blackett to Henry Ternegan**

To Mr Henry Ternegan Esq. in Great Russell Street in Covent Gardn, London  
Newcastle Novr 10th 1730

Sr, Agreeable to your last I have sent you the above Bill, the Receipt of which I desire you will notify by a line to Mr Richmond in Newcastle I am Sr Yours &c  
Wr Bla

Srs Newcastle Novr 10th 1730  
Fifteen days after date pay to Walter Blackett Esq or order One Hundred pounds  
Value recd of Mr Joseph Richmond, as advised By Abm Dixon  
To Messrs Burward & Still  
In March Lane, London

**11 Nov 1730 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Mr. Bacon,

Newcastle 11 Nov 1730

Sr, I have received your Lre of the 28th ulto, & have noted your 235 ps of Lead d'd at Blaydon, as below, you are pleas'd to say you will give an Order for the money in a short time. I always look upon two months in the leda trade to best of paymt, unless in Consideration of a better Bargain than I can assure you this will prove, but I shall punctually answer your draught whenever you think proper to press it upon me, only if you please I would desire you not to draw for upwards of £250 till afterward Xmas, that wee see what will be your proportion of the lot & tith, & then I will send you your Accot & pay what shall be due thereon as you direct, but if this meet not with your Approbation I readily submit I shall do all in my Power to forward the Accot & partnership pay as you desire, but as I hope for directions to pay Weardale groves before Xmas, I think the partnership pay must be respites to that time.

I am Sr yours &c JR

Octob 21 250 of 356[cwt].3q[quarters].14lb at £17.10 pr Fothr - £297.7s.11d

**17 Nov 1730 Joseph Richmond to Isabella Blackett**

To Mrs Isabella Blackett

Newcastle 17 Novr 1730

Madm, I received not your Lre of the 8th inst, till the last Post, agreeable to wch I send you inclosd a bill for one hundred pounds, to answer your half years annuity due the 24th. The receipt of wch I desire you will please to own by the Return of the Post to

Madm Your most Obed Servt JR

Srs

Newcastle 17 Novr 1730

Twenty day after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or his order One Hundred pounds value received as advisd

By Abm Dixon

Messrs Burnard & Still, Mark Lane, London

**17 Nov 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

[Note: Sir James Creed (c. 1695-1762) was a London lead merchant, politician, and director of the East India Company. He was also a white lead manufacturer in the 1740s.]

To Mr Allgood

Newcastle 17 Novr 1730

I have by this post sent Mrs Isab Blackett a Bill for her half years annuity due 24 instant. My last bro[ugh]t you two Bills for £112 6s8d, & you have here inclos'd three bills for the sum of two hundred & eighty four pounds 11s 8d wch I could not procure before this post without paying ½ pr cent. Your account now stands as on the other side. Your Bro[the]r was in Town this morning & says will pay me £200 on your accot in ten days time, I hear nothing from Mr Howard nor abt Sr Wm Williamstons interest.

On Saturday I sent your Box by Cave the London Carrier & saw it carefully packt.

Mr Wilkinson is upon finishing his award, Wee have had a vast Deal of fending & proveing in the affair but after all I find it will end in the following manner. That the whole Ball (abateing what mistakes have been found in the account) am[ount]s to £2665 odd. Be paid in or before Ladyday next if not then pd to carry intrest at five pr cent till the 1st Augt 1731 in wch above nam'd sum, there is allow;d sixty pounds to Adderton, Lowden, Smith & Mowbray towards the charges they have been at in Common Law's Chancery. Mr waters gives his service & desires you wont present their Bill on Mr Jno Wilkinson inclos'd, till after the next Post, before wch he says he can't advise of it. Mr Blackett is gone to see his Estate in the North, I hear nothing when he designs for the south, I believeit will be in about a months time. With my most hble service to Mrs. Allgood I am &c JR

Newcastle 17 Novr 1730

Thirty Days after date pay to Mr Jos. Richmond or order One Hundred pounds Sterling the Value received ps place it to Accot as by advice from Fenwick & Waters  
To Mr Jno Wilkinson Mercht in St Mary Ax London

Newcastle Novr 13 1730

Sr, Thirty Days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or order One Hundred pounds Sterling Value in rect and place it as advised by H: Reay  
To James Creed Esq. Mercht in London

Yarmouth Novr 9 1730

Sr, At Twenty Days after date pay to Andrew Bracy Esqr or order Eighty four pounds Eleven shillings and eight pence Value recd as pr advised by Charles <Selpys>

Endorsed by Mr Cha. Atkinson

To Mr Jos Ayliffe & Comy. Soap makers in Bread Street London

**17 Nov 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood

Newcastle 24 Novr 1730

I have before me yours of the 14th. I hope you got well to London on Fryday last wch I will be glad to hear, & also to know whether I may please my self wth the Expect[ation] of seeing you in the Country before Xmass, I wrote you in my Lre of the 22nd ulto that the Weardale miners were grown refractory for want of a pay, & as Jacob & Joseph Peart both told me, the greatest part of them would actually throw up if not pd before Xmass, Joseph Peart is now here & so satisfie the Landlords & others that are most clamorous I have this Day pd him £500, but he assures me it will do nothing to make the Country easy, There is now due to the Mines to Michas last £5500 odd wch Sum I shall be able to raise before the 20 Decembr if you think fit to order a pay about that time. Wee have now at Markett about 4000 ps. Of lead but no Demand for it Mr Reay has offer'd me in the behalf of Mr Creed £14 5s 0d for 1000 ps to be paid for in 3 months, wch tho at present is about the Markett price I cant think of accepting of by reason of the time of paymt. If you would sell 1000 or 2000 ps at that price to be pd for in Janry, when I fear you will want a long sum in London, I think it would be adviseable to do it, but this I submit to your better judgement. Mr Mowbrays affair will terminat as hinted in my last & Mr Steel is drawing up the award, but shall make no paymt on that accot till I have your order.

Miss Allgood was a little indispo'd on Sunday Senight when I called at Rideing, but is now perfectly well as you will find by the inclos'd.

The four Bills sent you in my last two Lres as within are I hope come safe to hand. If you please to take up Mr Cooks Ball of 194.2.6 I shall charge my self with it on notice & it will be so much return'd you towards the £200 which you have ordered your Bro[the]r to pay me. Mr Howard promis'd be last week to pay off the Remaindr of your Bonds & Notes as yesterday, but did not perform. I find Mr Clark has a writ against Him but do not yet hear of its being executed, Mr. Clark has sent me a Receipt for £10 intrest. If you please to give orders I shall pay it him, Mr Blackett is still at the North & I hear nothing of his moveing southards

I am &c      JR

#### **4 Dec 1730    Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

4 Dec 1730. Wrote Mr Allgood about Hawick, Harwood & Stella Collery

#### **7 Dec 1730    Joseph Richmond to Robert Long**

7 Dec: Inclos'd to Mr Rob. Long 3 Lres for mr Blackett & wrote about the goods sent by Crabtree, & on 10 Dec inclos'd him a Lre for Mr Blackett

#### **8 Dec 1730    Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lanc Allgood Esqr

Newcastle 8 Dec 1730

Sr,

I have favour of the 1st inst. & shall pay your bill to Sr Jno Swinburn whenever he sends for the money. I observe what you mention as to Kenton, but am of Opinion that Mr Wilkinson has given Mr Blackett such a hate of the Colliery that when Sr Walter considers it he won't be so eager about the purchase, tho it certainly is worth more to Mr Blackett than to any other. I am sorry to hear you have still so many Demands upon you in Town, especially now when Bills are not to be had, I fear shall be oblig'd to send most of the money you shall want by the Carrier. You have on the other side an accot of what money I have returned since Sir Wms death and also an accot of the Cash Debts & Stock of Lead as they at present stand for your governmt. I hope Ld Jerseys money & the Money upon Kenton will soon be pd in, for I forsee you will imediatey have occasion enough for it, I shall be glad to be favoured with a Line how affairs stand wth Guys Extors & how you proceed in raising their Money. Mr Wilkinsons award is as formerly mentioned, there will be £2224 4s 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to be paid on that acct at Lady Day next exclusive of Cuthbt Heron's mony. I must let the Weardale people have 5 or £600 more before Xmass to keep them easy if possible & not withstanding that, I must fear the Consequence if a pay is not made them early in the spring, before wee shall get any lead now at the mills to market. I go tomorrow again amongst the tenants from whom I have small expectation, wth best respects &c from

JR

Pd Mr Clark by Mr Allgood viz

1728 Sept 13 Sent him by the London carrier	£1032 10 0	
Dec 21 Remitted him	£ 300	1332-10- 0

Pd by Jos Richmond since Sr Wms death

1728 Oct 30 In money & bills	£ 900 0 0	
1729 Apr 8 Petr Bernardeaus bill	£1024 16 7	
May 23 Sent by the carrier	£ 707 13 5	
30 Do	£ 500 0 0	
Aug 2 Pd Mr Clark's bill	£ 500 0 0	
Sep 16 Gave Mr Clark 3 bills for	£1000 0 0	
Nov 25 Petr Bernardeaus bill on Simonds	£621 15 0	
Dec 2 Wm Armorers bill on Jackson	£ 64 15 0	
Jan 2 Fenwick & Waters on Le Quesne	£ 150 0 0	
1730 Mar 31 Jos Watson on Cantillon	£ 321 4 8	
May 23 Pd Mr Cooks bill for	£ 102 13 8	
Jun 5 Sent 4 bills for	£1310 10 0	
Mr Clark rec'd of Mr Cook	£ 490 19 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	7964 8 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 9026-18 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>



December 1st 1730

Debts owing for Lead abt	£3200	
Lead at Markett 2000 ps vald at	2900	
Cash in the Chest	2020	
To answer present demand	8120	0 0

At the milns 2000 bings 3400 ps val.d at 8000 0 0

Owing to Weardale Groves	£5000	
To the milns	3500	
To Allenheads	700	9200
Short	1200	

Rent in arrear about £600

**8 Dec 1730 Joseph Richmond to Michael Robinson**

[Note: Forename is uncertain but Michael Robinson had a position for the Blacketts at Blaydon]

To Mr Robinson Newcastle 8 Dec 1730

Sr, Mr Dalton was wth me this morning about what has passed between you and him & seems determined to prosecute you for charging him wth conveying & disposing of Mr Blacketts lead, if you have any real foundation for this charge I desire you will immediately for your Masters Intrest come & give me a particular & open acct thereof, What you told me yesterday was that you only had such a Suspicion, but if you can make out any facts you do your Master a Singular Service it is your Duty to represent them, if you cannot I think you had better endeavour to prevent your being put to charges. I go abroad tomorrow & intend to be at home on Saturday about one a clock, when I must either see you or have an Answer from you, in order to consider what further steps I have to take. I am JR

**15 Dec 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq. Newcastle 15 Decemb 1730

Hond Sr,

I have shipped in the Lark, Wm Pearson master, now ready to sale, the Coach & Furniture Nine boxes thre guns, & a firkin. For the freight of wch he's by agreemt to be paid three guin[ea]s on safe delivery into the Newcastle warehouse. The boxes &c are all directed by the Butler for his Bro[the]r Robt Long, except a large Box directed for



your Self, in wch I have packed all Sr Wms Cloaths, except a plain cloth Suit, & two fustin frocks & some other small things, wch were left in the Closet within your Dressing Room, The Contents of the Box is on the other side

Mr Hall of Newbigin & Fenwick Bowman of Wallington are for sending each a horse to your Stables at Kenton, I desire to know if the same is by your allowance for I do not Remember you mentioned the same to me.

Wm Robson says you order'd him to sell the chesnut mare & gay horse, if you please to sett a price upon your mare I will make myself D[ebto]r for her, for tho she is now Lane I think with care she will do very well for my Rideing. Robson being to make up all his Accots now at Xmas desires me to ask you what you please to allow him for the black horse. Since my last wee have had no bills drawn upon this Town by the Incendrarys, I find the advertisemt you were pleasd to publish is well receivd by both the Town & Country I am JR

Sir Wms blue velvet Furniture, gold & embroid & Caparisons

Brown cloth suit silver 2 pairs of breaches

Red silk suit do

Wedding waistcoat & breaches, Gold, Peggy Scot says Lady Barb had the coat

Brown Cloth Furniture, silver

Flowerd brocade Waistcoat silver

A white suit silver

2 pairs of breaches, wrot & trim'd with Do [silver]

1 pr black velvet breaches, Gold

1 pr brown silk breaches, Silver

Ald[er]m[an]s Black & red gown

A black Cloth Cloak

2 prs Velvt breaches, 1 pr breaches, Silver trim'd of Mr Tho Stephensons

A black <paddisway> Suit

A brown silk suit, trimd with Gold

A white waistcoat Silver

A black silk waistcoat

A silk tartan Nightgown

2 black Cloth Coats

5 Tye Wigs, 4 Cues, 1 little bob & 4 old ones of no val, not sent

2 hats gold laces Ld who had the Best of his hats

**18 Dec 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr. Allgood

Newcastle 18th Decem 1730

Sr, I own your favour of the 13th inst. & am sorry to find the money wch has been remitted Mr Clark is not applyd as you intended & I could have wished he had done, I

hope that Money will be repaid by my Ld Tankerville in time to answr the demands upon you and prevent any slur being cast upon the trust, wch it is a pity so just a handle should be given for according to your order I inclose you three bills for the sum of twelve hundred & fifty eight pounds 16s 5d as above. If your Occasions require I hope they may be discounted upon better terms than carriage and hazard of sending the money by the Carrier. I shall take care to make up two thousands pds with all expedition in bills if possible if not in Money by the Carrier. I wish you success in raising the Money to pay off the Corporation & shall hope for an acct of your having finish'd that affair on the terms you mention, wch will be a considerable article. I have paid mr Douglass the fee farm rents for Hexham & Shire tithes wch he was going to distrain for, but according to your directions given me last year have refus'd payment of the 12s for heigh tenemt wch he says he'l forth with distrain upon the tenants. I beg your immediate directions to Mr Hunter or myself, & in what manner wee must act therein. I was Yesterday wth Mr Gray, who gives me no hopes of getting Sr Wm Williamsons intrest money here as he is now in London. I presume he will pay you there. Mr Bernardeau has got his about 3 wks ago & am JR

Yarm 27 Novem 1730 for £200

Srs, Thirty days after date pay to Mr Thos Shields or order Two hundred pounds (and <at> Recd) place the same to Accot as pr advise from John Joes  
Messrs Anthony Loubier Sons & Jasper, Merchts in London  
<... Shield & sons> Endorsed

Newcastle Decr 11th 1320 for £858.16.5

At two usance pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Joseph Richmond or order. The sum of eight hundred & fifty eight pounds sixteen shillings & five pence value in Lead of the Exters of Sr Wm Blackett & place to the Accot of Mr J B B of Rouen as pr advice from

Pr Bernardeau

To Messrs Pr & J C Simond Brothr, Mercht in London

Newcastle Decr 18th 1730 for £200

Srs, Thirty days after date pay Mr Jos Richmond or order the sum of Two hundred pounds value Recd pr advise from Rich Ridley  
To Mr Nick. Ridley  
Mr Thomas Daziel on St Mary Hill, London

£1528.16.5

19 Dec 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood

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To Lancelot Allgood Esq

Newcastle 19th Decem 1730

Sr,

In answer to yours of the 14th wee have now at Markett about 3000 ps lead the better half of wch is reduced three hundred is slag & the rest common W.B. wch taking it together is a parcel of the best Lead to be met with in England £15 the London Fothr is an encourageing price to send lead to that market & will very well answr the freight Charges & Risque Lead being now currently sold here at £14 our Fothr: that I have not sold under £14.10.0. depending upon the Spring trade, wch as here is no Lead but our own at this Markett will I fear not take off our quantities at that if not at a higher price. You have on the other side a Computation how it will Answr sending to London at £15 wch I believe won't be farr from the truth & wch is referred to your Coinsideration. If Mr Blackett <intends> to have Kenton how must the Money be raisd you had in mine of the 8 inst an accot of the present Stocks & Debts but if that money is all drawn away I fear you will experience the ill Consequence of it with Respect to the mines, wch are so assentiall a part of the Estate. I have had Numbers of the Weardale people abt me & since the beginning of last month have been obliged to let <N> Peart have £1200 to make them easy, without wch I am assured not half of them would have taken a new bargain now at Xmass there is still owing to those groves abt £4500 to Michas last. Wie have got 2000 ps of lead this year down, wch farr exceeds what has been done for many years past & fear not but the next year will be as good if wee can but make pays to Encourage them. The Ball. of Mr Mowbrays acct is to be paid at Lady Day & in my hmble Opinion it will be a <reflection> to pay Interest to so many Persons for their forbearance after that time, I hope you will pain my mentioning these things, wch proceeds only from a Zealous Desire to avoid, if possible any future Reflection, I am,

JR

Suppose 1,000 ps lead qt 1350 cwt.0 q.00lb

at £15 pr Fothr of 19 ½ cwt	£1038.10.0
1,000 ps lead qt 1350 cwt.0 q.00lb	
at £14 ½ pr Fothr of 21 cwt	£ 930. 2.0
Keel dues & Charges shipping	£ 5. 0.0
Fraight	£ 25. 0.0
Litherage Wharfage & Porterage	£ 10. 0.0
[Total]	£ 970. 2.0

Remains to answer insurance hazard	£ 68. 8.0
But queere if the duty is not to be paid	
out of this sum	£ 62.10

24 Dec 1730 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

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To Mr Blackett,

Newcastle 24th Decemb 1730

Honrd Sr,

Pursuant to your directions of the 19th inst this brings you a bill for two hundred pounds as above wch ples to own the receipt of. I wish you success as to Kenton and the raising Guys Money, the finishing of both wch on good terms I shall be very glad to hear. I observe what you are pleased to mention of cultivating a good understanding wth the Country & shall with all possible application make it my Sole Study to do every thing may tend to your Intrest. Robt Colley got home last night, with all the Horses in very good Order, except the bay <Pad> wch is a little lame & the Gray Horse Elbow joint wch he says he sold at Huntington for £3.10.0. On the other side is the Accot he has given me of his journey & also an Accot to what time Bob & the other Servants are paid their Wages, As you are pleas'd to allow the Nuns to be improv'd wch yields at present nothing but Trash, I shall take the best advise about it, my own thoughts are that <f[al]low> it now. Will be lost labour & only produce a larger crop of weed in the spring. I can let it till Ladyday for abt £3 then to Summer <faugh> it, & sow it about Michas with Clover & Ryegrass will be the likeliest way to get a good Coat upon it the year following, but shall wait your directions.

Wrote him about the sending up oats, & that if he would send to Messrs Brewood & Stell in Mark Lane they would supply lime at about 11.6 or 12s wch would be as cheap as they could be sent from this place. That Weardale pay is defer'd occasion'd by large calls to London, That Mr Coulson has sent to check the horsecloths & to have the Riding of the Gray Gelding, wch having no orders about, refus'd to comply with &c JR

Bals at Newcas Qua	0- 9-0	
Porterage & wharfage	0- 0-4 ½	
2 Bays	0- 1-4	
Fraight	0- 1-4	0-12-0 ½

Sr, Thirty days after date pay to Mr Jos Richmond or order Two Hundred pounds value recd & place it to Accot as by advise from H. Reay  
To James Creed Esqr, Mercht in London

**29 Dec 1730 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr. Allgood

Newcastle 29th Decem 1730

Sr,

Inclosed is Mr Reay's bill on Mr Wm Shalton for one hundred and eighty pounds wch please to own the Receipt of. On Saturday last I sent by Farrar the London Carrier a Box directed for you containing 1060  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz of Silver Bullion as the other side & have debited you for the same at 5s 10d pr Oz, that being the price Mr Cook agreed to pay I thought it best to send it to you, as the tidiest way for your turning it into specie, it will be in town the 9 Janry, The Carriage is pd here, On Saturday next Crabtree will be here, who being the only Carrier I dare Venter any Money by, shall by him compleat your Order, I am glad to find by your Lre of the 22nd that you are the best bidder for Kenton, if it be true, what I am told, that the Estate contains about 700 Acres it will be no dear Purchase, being most of it very good improveable ground I hope there will be no further advance for I've been told Mr Ord should declare of Mr. Ridleys bid for that Estate he would not advance 6d. On the other side you have the present Rentall. Robertson the Surveyr has delivered me a Survey of Harwood & a Plan of all Wallington Lordsp within is a Copy of his bill wch he desires you will Ordr the paymt of. I observe from his draught of Harwood that he has taken it in a straight Line from Hung Cross to Moorside wch gives to Elsdon abt 300 acres of ground that by our boundr Book belongs to Harwood & the Elsdoners are drawing their Marsh Dike accordingly, pray are wee to oppose it, or has it been settled so by the Commissioners. I have given Mrs Watson a 1 Guinea as you orderd & spoke to severall of the heads of the Fraternity in her behalf who gave me little hopes that any thing can be got done for her. She tells me herself she's satisfied I will be to no purpose to desire it, however as Thursday is the day of their chooseing a new Mastr I will make all the Intrest I can to procure her the allowance of a <Rom> & fireing, With the Wishes of the season, I am

JR

Newcastle, Decembr 22d 1730

Sr, Twenty Eight days after date pay to Mr Jos Richmond or ordr One hundred & eighty pds value Recd & place to accot as advised by H. Reay  
To Mr Hatton Mercht near the Custom House in London

Oz

247 / 379  $\frac{1}{4}$  / 434 Allowd 1 oz for glass &cu  
1060  $\frac{1}{4}$  at 5s10d £309.4.9  $\frac{1}{2}$

A Rentall of the Westside of Kenton a yrs Rent

Wm Dodds	£ 80.0.0
Abm Akenside	£ 52.0.0
James Atkinson	£ 30.0.0
Robt French	£ 20.0.0
Tho Wanlas	£ 34.0.0
Widdw Dixon	£ 30.0.0

£356.0.0

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Sir Ten days after date pay to Mr Jos Richmond or his order One hundred pounds  
value recd as per advice, from Abm Dixon  
To Messrs Burwood & Sill in Mark Lane London

Janry 02 17.30 Received of Mr. Jos Richmond the Sum of one hundred & fifty pounds,  
wch. I promise to pay to Lancelot Allgood Esq. or order, at the White horse in  
Cripplegate, Lond. On the 16 day of this instant, haveing rced fifteen shillings for the  
carriage thereof, as witness my hand.  
Geo Crabtree

**3 Jan 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lancelot Allgood Esq Newcastle 3rd Janry 1730

Sir

I received not your Lre [letter] of the 28th ult. till last Post, & then open.  
agreeable thereto you have on the other side, the content & Rentall of Mr. Blacketts part  
of Kenton, wth. my thoughts as you require them, of what I judge to be the utmost  
value of that Estate wch. if they will give it, I should think more eligible to accept of,  
than to pay an unreasonable price for the Lilburn upon accot. of the Colliery, wch. is  
mostly wrought out on that side, Mr. Richd. Hodgson has <bought> 1000 ps [pieces]  
Lead on accot. of the Paris East India Company, for wch. I am to have his bill on Mr Pr.  
Cavalier Mt. [merchant] & their Agent in London, the person that Mr. Wise used to  
draw on, please to enquire into the present character & circumstances of that  
Gentleman, & whether he will ansr. Mr. Hodgsons draught for I am not willing to do  
the Lead till I have your ansr., wch. if possible I beg may be by Return of the Post. Last  
Post brot. you Mr. Abrm. Dixons bill on Msrs. Burwood & Still in Mark Lane for £100  
dated the 1 inst. at 10 days date if it should not become safe to hand, you will please  
imediately to stop paymt. If Mr. Ridleys bill be not punctually paid its very ill usage for  
it is in paymt. for the Lead delivered him in Septr. 1729, by Mr. Blackett & Your joint  
Orders, so you will judge how our Affairs will admit of dealing wt. it. Mr. Blenkinsop  
will pay Mr. Midfords bill abt. Candlemass when he receives the Rents of Ford Estate,  
& says cannot pay it before.

I am JR

	A.R.P.	Yearly Rent
Robt. Todds. Farm	128.3.7	£110. 0.0
Dodds & Atkinson	130.1.2	110. 0.0
Ra: Burn	30.2.1	33.10.0
Wm. Horsley	29.2.20	31.10.0
Wm. Selby	124.0.17	100. 0.0
Thos. Allen	77.1.12	71. 0.0



Geo: Hall	54.3.29	58. 0.0	
The Stone close untenanted	7.1.00	12. 0.0	
The Orchd. abt.<4 or 2>	2.0.0	4. 0.0	
	584.3.08	£530. 0.0	at 25 yrs purchase £13250.0.0
3 Cottages houses		5. 0.0	at 16 80.0.0
The new Stables wch. cost abt £200			at Do. 160.0.0
The So. Hall... Old		6l	at 10 60.0.0
The 1/2 of the Colliery, I think woud be dearly bought for			4000.0.0
			£17550.0.0

**8 Jan 1731 Joseph Richmond to Peter Chevalier**

[Note: Marked 'not sent']

To Mr. Peter Chavalier Mercht. London Newcastle 8 Janry

Sir

Mr. Richard Hodgson of this Place has been treating wth. me for 1000pcs. Lead on Accot. of the Paris East India Company, for the value of wch. if we conclude a Bargain, I am to have this bill or bills upon you at 30 days from the shipping the Lead, as I may have occasion to dispose of his bills here this is to desire the favour of a line whether youll please to pay the same, wch.will prevent my sending them up to you for acceptance. I do assure you I shall furnish him wth. a parcel of Lead so good and upon such equall terms as I hope will Induce the Company to favour this Mer[chan]t wth. their future Orders. I with the Wishes of the season am

Yours etc JR

**9 Jan 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr. John Armstrong Newcastle 9th Janry 1730

Sir

I have paid Mr. Johnson for the last Quar.s [Quarter's] candles at £5.10 a doz. wch. price he likewise insists on for the future, but says if you can meet wth. any person to supply the Miner at a lower price, he will be content to take that price. I am glad to find you have got the people set to work at Allenheads on their new Bargains, I wish they may prove good, You best know who is a proper person to succeed in the Clerks place, therefore pray appoint a sober person thereto free from all <accep.> as let the person dispute it if he pleases, tho I could wish there was no dispute or misunderstanding between you on that or any other area, and do recommend to you both to live in friendship as a good Resolution to begin the new year with &c JR

**12 Jan 1731    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr. in Poland Street near Goldn. Square London

Newcastle Janry 12th. 1730

I received the Favour of your Lre dated 29th ult. I have sent Mr. Allgood the particulars of Your part of Kenton, as well as that of the Lilburns as far as I can inform myself, I heartly wish you Success in that affair and also in raising the grand Sum, wch. I hope is <or> this nearly compleated, I have by this Post sent Mr. Allgood an accot. of the Lead mines, Refinery & Colliery for the Years 1728 & 1729, & for the last year as far as can at present be done, the last quars. accot. not being yet brought in. I have also sent him the best computation of the Personal estate, as it stood at Sr. William's death, & also how it now stands, by wch. it will appear that your affairs are much mended in the two last years & will no doubt continue so to do, if we can but keep money before hand to make regular pays at the mines, without wch. I cannot answr. for the consequence, their produce for the last yrs. Has assuredly been near £3000 per annm. More than for any other year since I knew them & if lead do not drop, I doubt not but the currant year will prove well. The Horses &c at Kenton are all in good order, but we have for 10 days past had such severe weather that the Dogs have not been out. Winship has taken up <Thirfeild> I presume by your Order, to put him in a galloping condition. . I can't but think heel perform no wonders in that way. On Sunday I saw the Body of Magistrates at the Funerall of Mrs. Dawson the Attorneys wife & who present their Service, as so do all your other Friends here. There is an old Debt due from the Crown of Denmark Mr. Allgood has the accot. & a state of the Case, but I doubt its irrecoverable. Winship tells me that there are 12 or 16 couple of good Beagles to be dispos'd on near to Carlisle, would you have him go to see them. Mr. Coulson presents his Service & returns thanks for yr. offer of your gelding. I am.    JR

**12 Jan 1731    Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lancelot Allgood Esqr.

Newcastle 12th Jannur.y 1730

Sir

I am favoured with yours of the fifth & seventh inst, I shall be glad to hear the Result of your last meeting at Mr. Barkers. Inclosed are the accots. you write for, viz a Rentall of the whole Estate, an accot. of the mines & Refinery for 1728 & 1729, & the nearest computation I can at present make thereof for 1730. Also a computation of the personal Estate as it stood at Xmas 1728, & how it at present stands, together wth. an accot. of the Collieries as they have answ.d from Xmas 1725 to Xmas 1729. You have also the Crown of Denmark accot. wch. I wish anything could be made on. You will

observe from the accot. of the Personal Estate how much affairs are mended since Xmas 1728, wch. you may be assured will be very near the mark, besides wch. there has been pd. Mr. Blackett (including the Household goods) above £5000 as pr. <margent>. The last years the Leadmines have turned to very great accot. & heartly wish money can be kept beforehand to pay them more regularly. I was in great hopes to have been strong enough to pay both Weardale & the mines this Spring, but from the Demands to London, & on Mr. Mowbrays accot. there must be laid aside, until you can sell Kenton for £20000, wth. wch. will set all to rights again, provided you would let abt. £3000 of the money be applied that way (ie.) to the mines. I have sent Mr. Denton by this Post Mr. Howards Bond to Sr. <Wm> but do not find you are likely to get your own paid off. Last post brought me a lr. [letter] from Mr. Payne desiring to know how accots stood between him & Mr. Salkeild, wch. I send you on the other side as far as can be gathered from Salkeilds accot. As to Lead thieves, they are not yet caught, but there are five men at Shields that took the lead wth. their Boats from them, tho they let them escape not knowing then the lead was stolen, that will be good Evidence, they have all swore they do not know them, but I have a very good guess as to who the persons are from their description and some other circumstances, & am endeavouring to bring the rest of the Lead owners who, have been greater sufferers than wee to join in prosecuting them, if they can be caught.

I am Yours etc JR

[The margin contains a few illegible accounts, presumably summarising those mentioned in the letter]

**12 Jan 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr. Denton

Newcastle 12th Janry. 1730

Sir

Agreable to yours of the 7th I send you inclosed Mr. Howards Bond to Mr. Blackett for £265.0.00 for wch. no intrest has been paid, I presume you have no occasion for the <warrant> of Attorney, wch. as you do not write for, I have not sent I shall be glad to hear the Results of the Conference held at Mr. Bowes.s on Friday last, & tho Mr. Blacketts part of Kenton is so pretty an Estate that tis a pity to part with it yet can't avoid thinking tht. If they'll give a good price for it, viz £22,000 or £23,000 it would be more eligible to sell, than to buy. I desire you'l present my humble Servi. To Mr. Clark, also to Mr. Macmorran wth. my wishes on the present occasion, & that you'l please to own the Receipt of the Inclos'd. You have my thanks for the glasses, when they come to hand they shall first be imploy'd with my drinking to your Health, & a Succession of many happy new Years. I am JR

**19 Jan 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

[Note: File note. Lowes was the perpetual curate of Allendale, an appointment in Blackett's gift as Lord of the Manor of Hexham]

Janry. 19 Lre. Wrote Mr. Allgood in answer to his of the 9th & 12th. Sent him Byers' acct. of Kenton, & acquainted him with Mr Lowes' Death.

Wrote Mr. Blackett that Mr Lowes was dead, & that the Living was valued at about <40s> a Year

**2 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr. Allgood

Newcastle 2nd Febr'y 1730/1

Sir

I have yours of the 28th ult. With your Queries relateing to Kenton Collry... The little time you allow me for Enquiry, & the death of all the elders who knew her, except John Barnes now in Colonel Liddles service, will I hope be admitted in apology for any defficiency, that shall appear in my ans. I am humbly of Opinion that it will be more for Mr. Blacketts Intrest, if he cannot sell, to lease his moiety of the Collry. on the best terms he can procure, that either to purchase the Estate at the price you mention or to run the hazard of those Disputes wch. will inevitable attend the working an undevided Collry. under its present Circumstances, I think the rent offered too small and that 300 X [tenn] certain ought to be insisted on, each X containing 22 Waggon, & each Waggon contg. 20 coal Bowls, which at 17s pr. X will be £255 pr. annum certain work or not work, That the three years required for winning her is too long for she may be won in a third the time, but whatever time is allowed, it is both customary and reasonably that the Rent agreed on per X be paid for the Moiety of the Coals wrought in that time, as well as for the overpluss workings after the annual Rent commences, This rent of 17s per X if obtained, as I hope it may in this juncture, And position of Affairs, will be the highest rent paid to any Coll.y on the River that I know of except Mr. Dawsons wch. is 17s 6d he has no water charge, is near the River, and his Coals of a better nature than Kenton, wch. I observe formerly bore such a character as <put> Sir Wm. Under great difficulty as to vend them at the London market, When Sir Wm. Rented the Lilburns moiety he paid 210 a year for 300 X at 14s a X but the measure was then smaller, in what proportion I am not certain, he seldom wro[ugh]t. above 800 X a year for the whole Collry. when not to her use is not so much incumbred wth. water, and for severall years before she was <thron> in they could not exceed 500 ten, It is true, Fire Engines are now introduced, and that Patent expiring, wch, are inducemts to sett her again agoeing, but if she be an interrupted trobled Collry., and her seam lessens to the Dip, as all I have ever talked wth. agree, they may only prove inducemts to throw away more money, The Family is already sunck on her, if accots may be credited £6 or £7000, and I wish I could advise how to reimburse it, The Coal trade at present is so

perplexed and incumbred, the Quantitys, so far exceeding the Demand, and the price so bad, that I think there is no Encouragemt to try new and chargeable projts. As to the promise of their being loose at the end of 10 Yrs. I wish you may get it wav'd, but doubt they'l never agree to be tyed for the whole term, before they know what mine they have, if they do, it must be from their expectations from Brunton, and not from Kenton, besides the carefull observation of Rent, & quantity, wth. other common cautions in Colliery Leases it may be necessary to provide against any water courses being drove to win another Collry. & if it <ever> here be done, & that Mr. Blackett be allowed to view the Collry. to see she be effectually and fairly wrot. and also by his Agents to inspect such Books & accots. Relateing to her, as shall be necessary, to see that justice done him & lastly <if> sufficient damage be allow'd for every Pitroom, If no agreemt. is made & they shall become Purchasers Mr. Blackett must pay his moiety of their charges before he can lead of his moiety of the Coals they work, & so must they with Respect to his workings, but certainly <in> both <cases> we <slusive> of any charge wch. it shall evidently appear tends to the Winning another Collry but while theyre draining & working Kenton they will be at the same time draining and <Winning> Brunton, here I doubt disputes will arise wch will only be determined in chancery, and as to Mr. Blacketts moiety of the coals, if they have already agreed with Mr. Shaftoe <wt> way leave will be got to the River. In short if Mr. Blackett neither purchase the Estate, nor lease his Moiety of the Coll.y before it is sold, I can <see nothing> but continuall troble to be the consequence. They have leas'd Sir <Ar> Hazlerigs whole Royalty of East & West Brunton, Fawdon &c. for all Apl at 250 X at 12s pr X is £150 a year certain, the measure as above, are to be loose at 3 years and if required otherwise to stand the whole term, and I am pretty well assured have also agreed wth. Mr. Shaftoe for any Leave to Scotswood Steath [staith] to wch. the old way laid in Sr Wms time. Its universally agreed there is no other but the Tyne Level to win Sir Rob.t coll'y wch probally they intend to bring up through Mr. Shaftoes ground first into Kenton, unless they lift all their water by Engines to the day, & then they will also drain Kenton, wch. if they do not purchase they'll scarce do and therefore stricke off wth. Sir Rob.t at three years on, And as to way leave for Brunton if they become not purchasees of Kenton they must of necessity either go thro. My Ld. Carlisle & Mr. Rogers down to Kenton or thro. My Ld. Carlisle and Duke of Summers.t to Lemington, wch. will be a long and uneven way, for I take it they are to all intents and purposes excluded from any present prospect of bringing the coll'y to the River below Bridges, when Brunton was formerly wrot., the Coals were led in wains & Carts to steath at the above Scotswood, but not through any part of Kenton. If they have <have 3 yrs> allow'd under pretence of Winning Kenton before they pay any certain Rent, they will imploy that time in trying to win Brunton, because they are then either to give her up or Stand the Lease, in this time they may work few or no coals in Kenton, and so Mr. Blackett will get little or nothing, You have below the best Computation I can make of a X of Coals, Wishing the whole may be of any Service & desiring youl present my Duty to Sir Walter and Mr Blackett, I am Yours etc JR

Tenn of Coals at the above measure will yield at the Steath  
 17 cha[ldrons] at 9s 8d £8. 4. 4

Collry charge

Working per tenn	£2. 3.00	
Sinking	0.10. 0	
Water charges	0.15. 0	
Contingences	0. 5. 0	3.13. 0

Steath charge

Leading	1. 2. 0	
Waggons & <Way>	0.15. 0	
Steath contingences	0. 5. 0	2. 5. 0

5.18. 0

£2. 6. 4

This charge will not exceed the truth, I am almost confidt.  
 after wch. and their paying 17s pr X rent 29s per X will 17. 0  
 remain to the Lessee £1. 9. 4  
 wch. in other cases would not be thought an equivalent,  
 for their hazard, & intrest of money

**5 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr. Allgood Newcastle 5th Febry 1730

Sir

Inclosed are two bills of Exchange for the sum of four hundred & fifty pounds,  
 wch. answers the sums in the <margent> & is wch. I Desire youl please to own the  
 receipt of. Yesterday I paid the omissions in Mr. Mowbrys pay bill at Hexham wch.  
 Amounted to 250. 19. 3¼ Mrs. <Vazey> bad me acquaint you that Ridleys money  
 laying ready in Hexham to be paid on your sending down the bond, & that she will  
 write the next Friday& post. <She> miss are both very well, <Miss> grows apace seems  
 healthy & strong & if you <...> into the <Country> be not very speady, will be able to  
 meet you at the door with the help of her Nurse. The Harry <...> into save the last post  
 not receiving yours till Thursday morning I fear occasion'd severall Mistakes  
 particularly one of <...> instead of 29.4 at the end of my Last wch you' readily observe &  
 what I beg youl please to Correct. &c JR



Newcastle the 3rd Feby 1730,

Sir Thirty days after date of this my only Bill of Exchange please to pay Mr. Wm. Hodgson or Order Three hundred pounds Sterling for Value recd & place it to Accot. as per. advise from Mr.Pr Cavalier in London

R. Hodgson

Hodgson )

Richmond ) endorsed

Newcastle 3th Feby 1730

Thirty days after date of this my only bill of Exchange please to pay Mr. Wm. Hodgson or order one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling for Value recd & place it to Accot. as per. advise from

Mr. <Pr> Cavalier in London

Hodgson )

Richmond ) endorsed

R. Hodgson

**9 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 9 Feby 1730

Hon. Sir

I have read your Lre. [letter] of the 2, am glad the £200 Bill was duly honour'd, I shall be much more so to find matters settled between you & the Trust, to your satisfaction, I shall in pursuance of your Order give all the assistance I can, on Mr. Allgoods when, in expediting his Accots. For Examination, my own are ready to undergoe their tryall. however the Affairs of Kenton be now terminated, I hope it will prove for the best wth Respect to your intrest, but shall be glad to hear, if you are not the purchaser, that you have leased your moiety of the Colliery on good Terms. Wee have now Open weather & your hunters are going through their Physick, Winship went yesterday to see a Gelding, wch. Cragg recommened to you but he does not think him for your service, for he is only rising five & has a selling on one of his fore Leggs wch. tho he does not go lame of is a very great Eyesore.. the price he insists on is 35 Gu [guineas]. I have shipt 10 Quars. of Oats, the best our Markett Affords, as on the other side, The master on his Arrival, will give you notice, pleas to order them, to be Imediately fetched, & that manner of charge be paid, but Wherriage & Labourage from the Ships to the Stables, The Wherriman will find as usual, for the Sacks they are in won't be d[elivere]d out of the Ship, being Mr. Dixons, who presents his Service. I am

Yours etc JR

Hon. Sir

Shipt in the Farmers proffit <Rd> Todd Ma[ster]. For London



10 Quars. Oats....the first cost	£4. 1. 3
Meetage & carriage on board	0. 1. 6
Freight	0.12. 0
Meetage Holdidge [?] & Lastidge in London	0. 1. 6
Paid here £4.16. 3	

N. There is no charge to pay at London, but from the Ship to the Stables...so they will stand at Beer key to 9s. 8d a Quart. Mr. Dixon desires me to acquaint you that the Servant you sent to Burwood & Sill, might then had what Oats he would chose at abot 10s 6d.

**15 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr. Hunter                      15 Febr'y 1730

I have seen severall Lres from France, Holland & other Marketts to our merchants here, complaining that our Lead is not near so good as formerly, & partercularly what they had last year was so bad, that they say will never order another quantity of it, except they find it much better for the future, I fear there is too much foundation for the Compt. from the Roguery wee have discovered in the refinery Lead, some of the Workmen have no doubt played the same trick wth. the Common Lead wch. tho wee cannot discover here, you find out is found out abroad has brot. this Slurr upon <UB/WB> Lead, wch. formerly was reckoned equall at least to any Lead sent from England, I recommend it you upon Receipt of this to write to the severall Mill Clarks, & give those in charge, to look more carefully into the Affair for the future the Neglect of wch. (you see) being likely to be of so bad a consequence to the Whole concern, The slag Lead cannot have occasioned the clamour for wee never had so little money one year, as in the last. The sooner you send the Mills accots. To Xmass the better. I am JR

**19 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Michael Robinson**

Mr. Robinson                      Newcastle 19 Febr'y 1730

On Receipt hereof send warning to all the tenants to pay their arrears & last half years Rents, & on Saturday fortnight at furthest bring me in what Money you shall then have raised amongst them. my Ma[sters] Occasions requires your utmost endeavours as herein. J.R.

Mr. Robinson

Send Wm. Brown to warn all the Tenants of Hallington <Fb:> wch. Ingoe & Rial to pay their Rents at Hallington Hall on Thursday & Friday the 11th & 12th of March, & let

him tell them all, as they have had so long time given them I expect theyl not disapoint me, & especially those that are in arrear for May day. That wch. remains according to that accot. you have, except Brian Lowey, that they must not pretend to plead for any Longer time. I am -- JR

**20 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lancelot Allgood Esqr.

Newcastle 20th Februry 1730,

Sir

I have your Lre of the 9th wherein you are pleas'd to say you have clos'd an agreement with Col. Liddle. I shall be glad to know upon what Terms, & whether Mr. Blackett is the Purchaser of Kenton, for wee have it variously reported, The favour of a Line concerning your Article with Mr. Blackett will also be very acceptable.

The Lead trade is at present very dull, & the price abt. £14. I hope it will advance with the Spring, but if Affairs won't allow of waiting that Markett, I shall sell for the best price I can get, if that comodity fall under £14. I do assure you, you will find it expedient to Lessen the workings on Weardale, for the oar got in these groves come so dear, that when the Rents are laid on, they will not turn to any Accot. even at that price, pray has there been any treaty wth. the new Bishop for those groves

The low price of corn will certainly break half our Tenants, severall of them are greatly behind hand, as you will observe by the within accot. of Arrears, what shall I do with <Parc[eva]]?> Hindmarsh one of the Rothley tenants who now owes three half Years Rent, & will I am Confident be in a worse condition if further Indulged.

Wee have at Blaydon 2100 ps Lead and in the Chest £1800 the Debts in Town are about £1100 a small part of wch. will be not in till trade comes on by that you'll perceive how farr I am able to answr. your occasions for money,

I have made some further enquiry into the Coal measure & find <two/240> corves of <15 peks> each, or 22 wagg.n of 19 [?] <Covs> each is usually reckon'd to a X and that such X will yeild about 17 Newcastle Chaldrons.

William Robson tells me that Stephenson plows where he will, will not be stopt by anybody & that he has allready greatly Impoverish his farm, wth. Intention of going off at 3yrs. end, when heel leave it £30 a year worse.

I have obtain'd an ordr. for the inlargeing the key at Blaydon, to wch. the lead Keels can't now come but at spring tides, This being the proper Season, wait your Order for beginning it. The charge will be about Sixty <po[un]d>. I have sent Mrs Pye the Guinea you ordered. With my Service to Mr. Allgood I am

JR

Kenton Mayday 1730 Arrears

Dodds & Atkinson £55 are poor and have not Stock to manadge their farm

William Selby 50

Wallington

Thomas Anderson 14

William Winship 4. 4.0

William Spearman 20.12.6

<Parcl> Hindmarsh 20.12.6 ..a year's rental at Mayday has no stock to answer it

Jo. Winship 14

Esther Coxon 25.....

George Hall 4

Isab <Wanlass> 5

John Story 5. 5.0 Qu: what arrears to Mr. Hunter

William Cook Hawick 20.0.0 goes off at Mayday next, one Robinson a Tenant of Mr.  
Ainesly has taken his farm for the next Year

Edwd Hedley 5.

William. Cook 3.15

Jno Atkinson

Kearsley Collry 10

Margaret Dixon

Fenwick 52.10

Jno Cook 23.10

## 20 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 20 Febr. 1730

Hon. Sir

Your favour of the 13th informs me you are come to some conclusion abt. Kenton, but the Reports wee have here are so various, & your Lre not mentioning that you are the purchasor, I know not yet whether I may wish you joy of that Estate. The Arrack is come safe to hand, wch. I shall forward as you direct. Winship went yesterday to Carlisle about the hounds there to be disposed of with directions to buy as many of them as he shall find sutable and if to be got on any reasonable terms, he has taken with him two of your best, to make a Judgemt. by, I have this day shipt the chaise [?] on Board the Swan of Whitby Thomas Yeomans Master ready to sail, I have agreed for a <Quince paight> in a Cask. the <best Shammer> cloths are in the Chaise  
I am JR

## 23 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood

To Mr. Allgood

Newcastle 23d. Febr. 1730,

Sir

Inclosed are three Bills on Mr. Peter Cavalier for the Sum of two Hundred & forty six pounds 8s. & 2d wch. I shall Debit you for on the Trust Accot. & wch. I desire you'll please to own the Receipt of.

I have this day sold Mr. Ald[er]man Ridley 1000 ps Lead at £14.7.6 to be all shipt before the 20 Aprl., wch. he is by Contract to pay for in bills at 30 days as he ships it

I am told it was talked at the Mayors on Sundy last that Mr. Blackett has gained something very considerable for dropping Kenton, but not so much as some, who pretend to see into futurity, look upon an <Equi...>

I am JR

Newcastle Febry the 5th. 1730 for 150. 0. 0.

To Thirty days after date of this my only Bill of Exchange Please pay to Mr. Wm. Hodgson or Order, One Hundred & fifty pounds Sterling for Value recd & place it to accot. as per advise from, Richard Hodgson

To Mr. Peter Cavalier in London

Wm. Hodgson

Jos Richmond endors'd

Do. Bill on Do. as above for £ 26. 8. 2

Do. Bill on Do. as above for £ 70. 0. 0  
£246. 8. 2

### 27 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood

To Lancelot Allgood Esqr.

Newcastle 27 Febry 1730,

I am much dissappointed to find, by your Lre of the 23, that matters are not yet brot. to any conclusion, but remain still in good hopes they will, before you leave the Town, I am however glad to hear wee may expect to see you in the Country, whether I wish you and your Lady a good Journey. I have reced here £16. 17s. 0d for Mr. Denton wch. I cannot get him a Bill for, if it will be no ways inconvenient I beg you will please to pay him that Sum, takeing his Receipt for so much reced of me, for wch. I shall make myself Dr. to your accot till I see you

I expect to receive of Mr. Blenkinsop the Contents of Mr. Midford's bill in two or three days, I sent you three Bills on Mr. Peter Cavalier by last tuesdays post wch. I hope are come safe to hand. I am &c JR

### 27 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Christopher Denton

Newcastle 27 Febry 1730,

Sir

I am oblig'd to you for the favour of your last agreeable to wch. I reced. that day of Mr. Scott the £16. 17s. 0d & gave him my Receipt for it, but not being able to meet wth. a bill for the sum, have by this Post desired Mr. Allgood to pay you so much on my Account if it be agreeable to him to pay it, please to signifie the Receipt, if it is not. I will use my best Endeavours to return it you another way, The <Hayes> are come safe to hand for wch. you have the thanks of JR

**27 Feb 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 27 Febry. 1730,

Hon. Sir

Winships Journey to Carlisle has turned to no Accot. for Mrs. Appleby's Dogs, wch. he went to see, are no ways suitable, being two Inches above the Size of the <Fowlers Peice>, he took <Singwell> & Darling wth. him and was out a days hunting, when about four couple out viewed Darling, but <Singwell> out drove them all he tells me the best are stole, & that there remains twelve Couple, wch. Mrs. Appleby could set no price on, till she hear from her Son who is at Edinburgh, but I think from his Report they are not worth any further Enquiry.

Mr. Cuthbt. Fenwick sent me on Wednesday last for three <qu.s> wch. I paid him, I presume agreeable to you. I hope the last of Oats is come to hand Intend to plow out the <Nun> the latter end of the next Month if you were willing to Lease it from Mayday for 7 Years, I beleive abt. <2L> a Year might be got for it but I presume you have no thoughts of letting it.

I am JR

**5 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Walter Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle March 5th 1730

[Honour]d Sir

Your Lre of the 25th post, favours me with the particulars of the Treaty you are upon with the Confederates, I did hope that the proviso of quitting at ten years could not be got wou[l]d, a larger Rent, in this Conjunction might have been obtained. The damage to your own Estate, will be very considerable, but the Stipulations on that account, If I understand them rightly, do think a full Equivalent, I heartly wish west

Kenton may fall into your hands per any tollerable terms but doubt the Engagement of Alliance will prompt them to cary it farr beyond its realised worth, when all its Contingencies are justly valued, I have in severall Lres to Mr Allgood, which I hope he communicates to Sir Walter & Your self, given the best representations of the Land & Coll[ie]ry I was able, & also of the Intentions of the Alliance as farr as I could penetrate into them in which I may easily have been mistaken, but I am sure I am not & hope you believe, that they proceeded from a true Zeal for your Intrest, Iam sorry to tell you, Lead seems still to be upon the decline, it is sold at £14 our Fo[the]r at Stockton, Hull & in Wales, at all which places lay great quantities, I hope the price will advance with the Spring, & in Expectation thereof have forebore selling till the last weak when I sold 1000 p[iece]s at £14. 7s. 6d, I shall use my best Endeavours to keep up the price, but an apprehension from the great quantities at all Marketts, it will fall after the Spring Demand is supplied; When you treat with the Bishop there must be an abatement for the lot oar, for what is got in Weardale comes so dear that if the lead drop 20s a fother Lower, it will be your Intrest to throw in severall of the most chargeable of those groves.

The Rents were never worse paid, another year will go hard with many of your tenants , if corn do not advance. I expect Mark Bowman here tomorrow, in order to proceed against the distroyers of the game as you direct, Inclosed is Mr Cuthbert Ogles acco[un]t as it stands to Mayday last, please to order Mr Allgood or whom else you think proper to Enquire into his paym[en]t allowances in order the settling thereof. I am JR

**9 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blacket Esqr.

Newcastle March the 9th 1730

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I have your Lre of the 2nd & agreeable thereto you receive inclosed three bills for the sum of two Hundred & fifty pounds (as above) which please to own the receipt of, these are all Sean procure at present, but I expect a bill from Mr Ogle next week.

My last gave you acco[un]t of the Lead trade, wee have only at Markett abt. 900 pigs, but the weather being dry, hope to get the carriage from the milns set on about the End of March.

As to the Report, you are pleased to say, you hear wee have at Newcastle, I am a stranger to them, except w[ha]t relates to Kenton that affair of late has been the common subject, upon which People argue as they are actuated either by reason or Intrest, I cannot conceive them to be well wishers to you , who insist that you ought to purchase that Estate, though, it cost you £20000 the Reasons pretended for it being too refined for my understanding I most heartly wish a happy conclusion of that, & all your other affairs depending.

One of inclosed is a foreign Bill, which being now due, & I believe very good, was glad to accept of but if it should not be paid up on receipt here of, Please forthwith to return it. The Person that carries the bill to Mr Sikes will find him upon the Spanish walk Exchange

I am JR

Exch for <R> 920 1 ¾ / 8 at 43 3/8 <Ster[ling]> Cadez 16 January 1731  
At usance pay this our first <P> Ex[chang]e to Cap[tai]n Wm. Cheeke or order; Nine hundred & twenty dollars one Ryal; & three quarters, at forty three & three eights Pence <Ster[ling]>, each Dollar, value in acc[ou]nt with him placing p advice Browne & Butler £166.6. –  
To Mr Tho. Sikes M[erchan]t in London

Newcastle 9 March 1730/1

Twenty days after date pay Mr Jos Richmond or order thirty three pounds fourteen shillings Ster[lin]g the value specified, & place the same to acco[un]t as p[er] advice from Fenwick & Waters 33 . 14  
To Mr Jno. Le Quesne M[erchan]t in London

Sirs Newcastle March 9 1730/1  
On the nineteenth instant, pay Walt[e]r Blacket[t] Esq. or his order fifty pounds val[ue] received for Jos Richmond, as advised by Ab[raha]m Dixon 50 .0 0  
To Messrs Burwood & Hill, Mark Lane London  
[Total:] £250

**13 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood Newcastle 13th Mar 1730

Sir

I have received severall Lres from Mr Mowbray the Clogger & Mrs Lowdens Cred[ito]rs about that payment of their money at Ladyday day pursuant to Mr Wilkinsons award, the particulars of which I formerly sent you, & such of her creditors as live in this place, have been with me to know whether their Money will be then paid, I beg your directions herein, whether the same or any part thereof must be paid, for I expect them all to demand their money the 25 inst, but shall not make any payment without orders.

The things you sent by Dr Fay, were rec[eiv]ed on thursday last & sent to your own House.



I have this week been amongst the Wallington tenants, the first time, for their Martinmas Rents & rec[eiv]ed only about £150, by which you'l judge what a little time will produce among them.

I am &c JR

**16 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle 16 Mar 1730

Honourd Sir

I acquainted you in my Lre of the 5th that I had sent for Mark Bowman to give Mr Ord an acct of the Persons he complain'd of for destroying the game, But he did not come, having no proof against any, I was last week at Wallington, where being told that severall hares were kil[l]ed at Fallowlees & Leighton in the last snow, I took Fenw: Bowman, who is Constable and by threatening the <hind> & Tenants there to bring before the Sr. Wm. Lorraine, they discovered that Robt. Snowdon of Newbegin & James Robson a tenant at Fallowlees were the Person[s] guilty, They were both with me & being sufficiently terrified for what might be the consequences decided me to acquaint you, they beg you will please excuse this first offence & promise never to be guilty again, I believe they will be as good as their promise & hope you'l excuse my proceeding against them till I receive your further orders being both poor men.

The Reason of not paying Mrs Reed demand for <Ribbons> is my want of an order for so <doing> knowing nothing of their being delivered, I was ordered by Sr. Wm. to put a stop at most of the shops in Town, to the delivering any Favours the last Elec[ti]on, the charge thereof having been so extravagant at the Elec[ti]on in 1722. Mrs Reeds order was from Mr Fenwick who had paid her <55s> the half of <b.....r..> & I shall wait your orders for the payment of the remainder

I am JR

**23 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Issaac Hunter

Newcastle 23 Mar: 1730

Sir

Yesterday I sold Mr Bernardeau a large bargain of Lead which must be d[elivere]d in 14 days, or the contract is void, As wee have not at Bla[y]don more than 300 p[ie]ce[s] Lead unsold I must beg of you to hasten the Lead from Dukesfield miln with all possible dispatch, & also from the other milns, that wee may not lose the Spring market for as soon as that is supplied, Lead will most certainly drop very considerably. I recommend this affair again to your care in which I entreat you to use all necessary means to encourage & set on the carriage, The Roads are now almost as good as in the

middle of summer, which affords us an opportunity of getting the Lead to market sooner than usuall, which opportunity must by no means be let slip, if the carriers want money & you have it not for them, you must come here for it.

I observe the Rookhope Carriers have let about 300 ps Lead lay in the way all the last winter, I have sent Robinson to see after it, & desire you will consider of some method to be better served than wee have been of late by those People, I lent Thompson your Smith 20s the last time he was in for Iron, which I desire you will take care of, I am Yours etc JR

**26 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Chris. Denton No. 8 Grays Inn

Newcastle 26 Mar 1731

Sir,

I hereinclose you a bill for the sum of £100 purs[uan]t to Mr Allgoods order of the 13 ul[timo] on account of Exemplefying the <Will> which I desire you will acknowledge the receipt of, & let me know whether Mr Allgood has paid you the £16. 17. 0, that I received of Mr <Leet> etc JR

Mar 26 1731 Jon. Walker on Mat Featherston Esq. at 20 days for £100 payable to JR or order

**27 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lancelot Allgood Esqr.

Newcastle 27 March 1731

Sir

I am D[e]btor to the favour of your Lre of the 13th agreeable to which I sent Mr Denton a bill for One hundred pounds. On the otherside you have an account of the Lead mines & Refinery for the year 1730 in which year Weardale groves have turned to better acco[un]t than I ever knew them, but you will observe they are by much the most chargeable groves all the oar got there standing to about 35s a Bing, besides the Rents, which when added this brings the charge to 43s a bing before its lifted from the groves.

I should be very glad to hear when wee may expect to see you here.

Yesterday all the <Penrith> chaps were here to demand their money, tho I desired Mr Mowbray to prevent them till I had orders from you upon that affair, they threatened to proceed on Chancery but I am satisfied are notwithstanding their seeming displeasure very well pleas'd with the terms of the award & the prospect they have of getting their money I am JR

**27 Mar 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr. Newcastle 27 Mar: 1731

Hon[ou]rd Sir,

Within you have an account of your Lead mines & Refinery for the year 1730, which, tho Lead has drop[p]ed considerably from the price it bore in 1729 have produced above £7900 provided the stock in hand will sell at £14 a Foth[e]r at present the price is at 14. 5 & if they have not too good success in Wales this year, it will advance, that being the markett that Rivalls us in the French trade.

I can get no money of Mr Ogle, I sent you in my Lre of the 19th three bills for two hundred & fifty pounds which I hope came safe to hand & have met with due honour.

All the persons concerned in Mr Wilkinsons award on Mr Mowbrays affair have been here to demand their money, it being payable the 25th inst[ant], or to carry intrest till the 1 Aug[us]t the Penrith Gentlemen seem'd to threaten they wou[l]d proceed but I [r]ather think they are very well pleas'd with the prospect they now have of their money. I am JR

**2 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Mr. Bacon Newcastle April 2nd 1731

Sr.

Inclosed is your account for the two last years, which I hope you will find right, when you please to give me Liberty I shall draw on you for the Ballance.

Mr Isaacson, late Collect[o]r here, was with me yesterday about taking a Tack of Pikestone grive, in which he & some other gentlemen have a mind to make a bold Venture, he has offered ¼ oar in kind or 13s a Bing to be accountable to the Rector of Wolsingham for the Tythe which is the utmost I can yet bring him to, I shall be at Allenheads or Newhouse all the nest week, where should be glad to receive your thoughts & directions, whether, & in what manner to treat with him further on this affair. I am JR

**3 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton Newcastle 3 April 1731

Sr.,

Your Lre of the 27th ult.o bro[ugh]t me Mr. Allgoods Bill payable to Jno. Culcheth Esqr. or order for Eighty seven pounds ten shillings I have this day p[ai]d your Bill on me for Eighty pounds, shall pay the seven pounds ten shillings as you direct, I am JR

**3 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood  
Sir,

Newcastle 3rd April 1731

I was very sorry to hear by Mr Dentons Lre, that Mrs Allgood was indispos'd, am glad to find by your Lre of the 28 past, that she is much better, & heartly wish her health.

I shall take care to pay the Bills you say you have drawn on me,& to order the piece of Plate for Hexham against Mayday.

My Lre of the 20th Febr[uar]y acquainted you with Doddes & Atkinson the Kenton tenants being much behind, They owe now a years rent due Mart[inma]s last being £110, & the Mayday rent is almost due. I am sorry to say its my opinion their Condition will very likely be worse, but that there is no likelihood of its being better, Marg[are]t Dixon of Fenwick is also a years rent in arrears at Mart[inma]s but I have more hopes of her than the others. I go tomorrow to the mines to see the Bargains let.

I am etc JR

**3 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle April 3rd 1731

Hon[ou]rd Sir

John Robinson shew'd me the Lre he sent you, but was then, & still is unwilling to give any acco[un]t of his scheme, till the £50 a year which I take to be the best part of it, is confirmed to him, I have told him that if he can lay down any proposals which appear feasible, he need not question your giving him Encouragement, but he says they shall remain a secret till he sees you, I have very little knowledge of him, further than that he's been very unfortunate in the management of all his own affairs, & is very much reduced, but if you please to enquire of Mr Fenwick, I believe he knows him very well & can give you the best acco[un]t.

I shall pursuant to your directions contrive a cold Bath after the best manner I can but am very sorry you should have any Occasion for it I am JR

**9 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr. Allgood

Newcastle 9th Ap.l 1731

Sir,

Last Night I reced your Lre of the 1st inst, on my Return from the mines pursuant to which I have examined Lady Barbara's Mrs Bruces, & Mrs Isabella Blacketts accounts, & find that what you mention to be charg[ed] by Mr Clark under those heads does not inte[r]fere with either your payment or mine; except Mrs Isabella Blacketts half Years Annuity due May 1729 which you charge to be paid by you, & for which I believe you have her Receipt. As to the Charge I sent you on Mr Clark it contains all the payments I have made him, <all> that you have given me acco[un]t to be made him by your self & what you wrote me he has rece[iv]ed of Mr Cook as on the other side, but as to what other sums he may have rece[ive]d I am a stranger to it.

Mrs Huntley reced your Lre, Mrs Vazey came here on Monday & returned to Hexham yesterday morning, so that I did not see her, Mrs Huntley tells me she wrote by last Post & that you will receive a Lre from Mrs Vazey by this, I am heartly glad to hear Mrs Allgood is so well recovered, & wish every days addition to it.

Mr. Stonehewer has sent for the Bishps rent due Candlemas, this being the first paym[en]t to the present Bishop I desire your order therein, I have put him of till to morrow sennight & beg your directions by the return of the post whether I am to pay that Rent as formerly. I am J R

**10 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood

Newcastle April 10 1731

Sir,

Last Post bro[ugh]t me your Lre of the 6th As to the £1032. 10s. 0d which Mr Clark is made D[e]bto[r] for the 13th Sept[emb]er 1728, I know no more of it than that you charge him in your acco[un]t, only with that sum, so if you sent Mr Denton at that time £1332. 10. 0d. Mr Clark must be <debited> for £300 more, for which your acco[un]t must have credit, On the 21st December 1728, I paid you at <Felbridges> £432. 10s. 0 which sum you sent away the same day by Crabtree the carrier, but you charge Mr. Clark only with £300 of the money, This is all the Light I can give you into the article.

As to the £200 bill which you drew on Mr Cook the 26th Nov.r 1728. I sent it to Mr Clark the same day but as Mr Cook refused to pay it, you will find by my Lres of 8 December & 9th inst, that I have not made Mr. Clark Deb[to]r for it, The £900 was paid Mr Clark 30 October 1728 in Newcastle as follows

Mr Bernardeaus bill on Messrs Simond's dated 20th Sept 1728	£834. 2. 0
paid Mr Clark in money	65.18. 0
	£ 900. 0. 0

& I have Mr Clarks Receipt expresed accordingly, an exact copy of which you have on the other side, I therefore beg that £200 bill drawn by you & endorsed by me, may be

destroyed to prevent any future mistake for Mr Clark is neither charged with it, nor has paid or allowed any value for it.

I desire you'll please to let me know what further sum I must return you, and as soon as I have your directions shall remit you accordingly.

I wish my Ld Jerseys money could be got in, for if you pay not both Weardale & the Lead milns this <year> there will be no keeping them in any <temper>, I have been almost pulled in pieces in Weardale, & Mr Hunter & I have has a hard task to prevail with the carriers to Lead a pig of Lead from Rookhope miln, wee were forced to promise them to clear of the old score or near it in ten days before they would agree to sett on the carriage from that miln, which last year was never cleared by 1000 pigs, and at which there is now near 4000. The inclosed receipt I found in Sr. Wms. Pocket Book, I am JR

2d August 1728 Received of Sr. Wm. Blackett Bart. the sum of two Hundred pounds for which I promise to be accountable. Cha: Clark

**15 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr. Newcastle 15th Ap.l 1731

Hon[ou]rd Sir,

On my return from the Leadmines where all things go on successfully, I reced your Lre of the 2nd instant & shall take care to pay your bill to the order of Mr Cagdale.

I sent by Winship 30 guin[ea]s for the Guelding which Mr Carr b[ough]t you & he is getting him into order against you coming into the Country.

I have plow'd & sewn the Nuns, & begin with the design of a cald both near the place you mentioned of a size & Scituation which I hope will please.

The Phesants for Sir Jno. Swinburn came to hand this morning, which I have forwarded, one of the hens dyed in the passage, the mes[senge]r tells me the cocks killed her I am JR

**16 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood Newcastle 16th April 1731

Sir,

I have rece[ive]d your Letter of the 10th , Agreeable to which this incloses you two Bills for seven hundred pounds, as follows, which please to send for Acceptance, & advise me on the Receipts hereof.

I have had severall meetings with M.o Jos: Watson the Fitter about your house in the <Maxknowls>, & have at last bro[ugh]t him to £20 a year on a lease for 7 or 9 years,







Hon[ou]rd Sir,

Cap[tai]n Ellisons Servant has delivered me the Mare in very good order, Here is Gentlewoman desirous take the old Hall at Kenton, I believe she will give Six pounds a year for it, & agree to the Reservation of the Rooms for the use of your servants, as this will be of service to the house, & I think not to <comodious> to your stables, I desire your directions whether I may let it, & put it into repair, which I compute four or five po[un]ds will do, she is desirous to enter at Mayday, & will take a Lease for Seven Years if you approve of it.

The Hunters are all at Grass, but I have pursuant to your order bid Winship take them up, & get them into Riding Condition. Thirkeild has had three sweats, which he has stood very well, & I hope will win you a Plate or two this year, I am JR

**23 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood

23 April 1731

Sir,

I have received your Lres of the 16 & 20th & am extremely glad Mrs Allgood is in so good a way of recovery since writing the inclos'd, Mrs Vasey has received yours which gives the great satisfaction, & I intend this Evening to call on Mr Watson & tye him as fast as I can, I have spoke to John Crowe about the £200 bill; they are Seemingly much asham[e]d of the delay & have assured me that care is taken by their post it shall be paid on demand, if it is not, you are the best judge what usage they deserve that bill being in part of payment for Lead delivered in July 1729, As to the £400 bill on Edwards I doubt not its being punctually paid for he had the character of a good man & I saw his order for the Lead this bill is drawn for; Inclos'd are three bills, for £556. 8s. 9d which please to own the Receipt of if they are at too long a date to answer your demand & you cant discount them on easee terms please after acceptance to return them, & I shall send the money by the Carrier, & shall send you five hundred po[un]ds tomorrow by Crabtree the Carrier which is all I can at present & for Mr Hunter is so farr from being able to get any money of the tenants that I have this day advanc'd him £140 for the milns which there was an absolute necessity for, wee have Lead at market but nobody offers any price for it, I have not sold under 14. 5. 0 but at Stockton they now sell at 13. 7. 6 our fother, so that, the Lead trade looks at present with a very ill face, if your Occasions are so very pressing had you not better treat with Creed or some other to buy 2000 pigs & advance you money upon shipping which, may be done on <potue> wee having above that quality now at market, I hope to make you a further return in a few posts & am etc

£. s. d

Pr. Bernard.u on Messrs Simond &c 2 April at 2 us.e 256. 8. 9

Ditto 200. 0. 0

Ditto 100. 0. 0  
£ 556. 8. 9

**23 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Jno. Bacon Esqr. Newcastle 23rd April 1731

Sir,

I have reced the favour of your Lre of the 14th inst. with a Bill on Mr Bland for fifty nine pounds 13s. 6d, which is paid & placed to your acco[un]t I have heard nothing further from Mr Isaacson about Pikestone, but Mr Millet who I apprehend is to be concerned in the Tack, if it is let, has been enquiring ab[ou]t that grove, & seems very desirous to know what terms will be acceptable, I expect Mr Blackett in the Country in a little time till which shall respite any further treaty with them on this affair I am  
JR

**24 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood Newcastle 24 Apl 1731

Sir,

Instead of sending you £500 this day by the carrier as mentioned in mine of yesterdays date, I send you inclos'd Fenwick & waters bill on Mr John Rudolph Spellerbergh at 21d[ays] for that Sum wch I preferred to trusting so much by the Carrier, I was oblidge'd to pay them ½ p[er] cent prem[iu]m for this bill good bills not being now to begot here at par, please to own the Receipt hereof, I know not what to do with the People claiming on Mr Mowbrays acco[un]t, who lead me a weary Life for their money, if I should pay the Penrith Gent[leme]n before those in the Town, the latter will be disoblegd by it, I am ashamed to hear it said wee are forc'd to pay Intrest to so many persons, please to let me know what further remittances you will now have to make matters easy, & whither if I can raise the money to discharge these Persons, I am to do it, or refer it till you come into the Country, the particulars are as on the otherside I am  
JR

**24 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton Newcastle 24 April 1731

Sir,

I have reced yours of the 13th inst. with Mr. Allgoods bill on me for Eighty pounds, I here inclose Crabtree the Carriers note for that sum which please to acknowledge the receipt of, the seven pounds ten shillings are still in my hands, but was not in any mind when I delivered the Carrier this money.

Mr Allgood writes me that Mr Clark says the £200 bill on Cook d[ate]d the 26 November 1728, which I sent Mr Clark that same day to London, is part of the £900 I paid him in Newcastle the 31 October 1728, which I hope he's now satisfyd, is a mistake, & that I do not charge him at all with that bill, if the matter is clea[red] up to his satisfaction pray return me the Bill to prevent any future mistake about it.

I should be oblig'd to you for an account how matters are settled ab[ou]t Kenton, which I am still a stranger to and have various Reports still about that affair, I am &c  
JR

Received of Joseph Richmond the sum of Eighty pounds which I hereby promise to pay to Mr Christopher Denton No 8 in Grays Inn, on the 8 day of May next at the White Horse in Cripplegate London on his delivering me up this note & paying me Eight shillings for the Carriage thereof, As Witness my hand this 23rd day of April 1731

Geo: Crabtree

Test. Adam <Rel>bridge

### 30 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Gilfrid Lawson

To <Gilfur> Lawson Esqr.

Newcastle April 30th 1731

Hon[ou]rd Sir,

Inclosed are two bills for the sum of sixty two pounds, which my Bro[the]r Thompson has desired me to remit you on Mr Thos. Lawsons acco[un]t, The Gentlemen they are drawn on will be found upon the Exchange, I desire you'l please to order me advice upon the Receipt hereof I am Sr. yours etc J:Richmond

Corn & Crook on Mr Fra. Winante M[erchan]t

in Londn dated 29 Apl at 30 days £45.11. 1

Fenwick & Waters on Mr Jn. Ludolph Spellberg

dated 30 April at sight 16. 8.11

£62.

### 30 Apr 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Walter Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle 30 April 1731

Hon[ou]rd Sir,

On the 12 of May will be run for in Hunwick near Auckland a purse of 15 guineas by aged Horses carrying 10 stone, Winship thinks Thorkeld will stand a fair chance to win, if you allow of his going there with him on Saturday Sennight, which is the Day of ent[e]ring, I desire your directions whether to send him there, or keep him fresh for Newcastle Races, which will be about five weeks after.

Wee have begun with the kennel at Wallington, & am going on with the Colliery thro[ugh] the Park, if wee succeed not in this Tryal I know of nothing more can be done, but to raise the water by a gin, if you intend to have Horses sent up again at your coming into the country please to let me know that they may be got into order for the journey

I am                      yours etc                      J Richmond

**7 May 1731    Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lancelot Allgood Esqr.

Newcastle 7th May 1731

Sir,

I have this morning been with Ald[er]man Ridley about the £200 bill, who desires you will not return it, & promises if his <Bro[the]r> pay it not in two posts after your Receipt hereof, he will send up money by the Carrier to discharge it, please therefore to send it once more for payment & let me know what <answr> is given, this usage must surely be thought so trifeling, as will excuse my being cautious in dealing with them. Trade continues so very dull, that I have not since my last been able to get sixpence either in money or bill, please to let me know what further remittance you will want, Mr Bernardeau is now shipping some Lead & I expect his bills in two or three posts but if they won't do for you, shall send you what further sum you direct by the carrier, for I can meet with no good bills under one p[er] cent[iu]m. I hope Mad[a]m Allgood is now out of danger, & that wee shall see you shortly in the Country, whither I heartily wish you a good journey & am    JR

**8 May 1731    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle 8th May 1731

Hon[ou]rd Sir,

Since the Receipt of your Lre of the 1st instant, I have used my utmost Endeavours to get good bills but in vain, none being at present to be got in this place under 30 days, & at one pr cent premium, which at this time of the year I never before knew, for trade in general was never so bad in my knowledge, I have therefore sent you by the Carrier, one hundred Guineas, as pr inclosed, which please to own the Receipt of, & send for the money as the note directs, The large draughts I have lately had upon <us> have

quite exhausted the Chest, & the Lead trade continues so very dull, & rents do be so badly paid that I have a bad prospect of getting it replenished, The People in Weardale & at the Milns are growing so uneasie for want of a pay, that I know not what must be done to keep them in temper I am etc JR

Yesterday I Recd five casks which came down by Sea, I have a kit of Salmon on board the Joshua of Yarm[outh] James Manbay master.

Received of Jos. Richmond in Newcastle the sum of one hundred & five pounds, which I hereby promise to pay to Walter Blackett Esq. or order, on the 22nd May of this instant, at the Whitehorse in Cripplegate, on paying me ten shillings for the Carriage & hazard, & delivering me up this note; As witness my hand this 8 day of May 1731

John James

Test[ato]r Cuth Ogle Jun[ior] NB this money was paid the carrier by Cuth Ogle jun[ior]

**11 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle May 11 1731

Hon[ou]rd Sr.,

I have received you[r]r Lre [Letter] of the 6th & shall have the Horses ready to send away upon notice, please to let me know whether I must send four or five, besides the horse that Robin must ride up As I read not your directions I did not send Thirkeild to Hunwick Edge.

My last bro[ugh]t you the Carriers note for One hundred & five pounds since which cannot meet with one bill I dare venture to send you, I see Mr Reay this morning who presents his service, & tells me that if you please to apply to Mr Rob: Hodgson near Fishmongers Hall, he is assured you may have £200 or £300 at ½ Guinea p cent.m for your bills upon me at 10 days sight, If you do not succeed with this Gentleman please to let me know, & ( if I meet with no bills in the mean time), I shall Imediately make you a further Return by the Carrier, If Mr Hodgson require your draught to be payable at sight, I shall be provided for it, I am JR

**11 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lancelot Allgood Esqr.

Newcastle May 11th 1731

Sir,

Wm. Robson writes me that Thos. Anderson's new kiln was burnt down yesterday with 27 Bowls of Oats, & that he begs your directions for the immediate recovering it, the walls are not damag'd, & of the slates will serve again, but all wood is distroy'd.

Dodds & Atkinson the Kenton tenants have paid me £30 & there stock being now worth about £90 I have ventured to try them another year.

Mr Blackett writes me, he will want 4 or £300 before he leaves the Town, I have acquainted him by this Post that I can meet with no bills here at present, under 30 days, & at one p[er] cent, so that I presume he will draw upon me for that sum, you have an abstract of his acco[un]t on the other side, Mr Ogle owes by his account £750 for Rent at Mayday last, he tells me he cannot at present pay any part of it.

Lead is now at £14 & sticks heavy upon hand at that price, I sold none since Lady day but 1000 pigs to Mr Bernardeau, which he has not yet taken away, wee have about 3000 p[ig]s at Bladon unsold & as much of Allenheads Lead in the way ready to bring in when the market demands it.

I am glad to hear by Mr Bell that you have your health so well I wish your Lady the perfect recovery of hers & am etc JR

Mr Blacketts Acco[un]t Dr.

1729

Mar 31 To cash	£52.10. 0
To Lead acco[un]t	2. 5
May/June To cash	235.10. 7
<Aug> Ditto	177.18. 3
Extor for household goods Horses	2314.13.10
Nov,Dec To cash	400.15. 2 1/2
Feb/Mar To Ditto	606. 9.11 1/2

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May June To Ditto	187.19. 6 1/2
To Ditto pd. Wm. Robson,incl Rents	285. 4.
Aug/Sep To Cash	506.10.11 3/4
So farr passed by him & a note given to Extors.	
Nov, Dec To cash	948. 4. 8 1/2
To Mr Mat: <Orell> for goods	39.17. 9
To cash pd Wm Robson on his acct	115. 0. 0

1731

Feb, Mar To cash	338.17. 9 3/4
Aprl Ditto	241.11. 7
Ditto pd. Robson to buy stock	40. 0. 0
May To Cash	134. 4. 3 3/4
Total	£6677.10.11 1/4

Per contra Cr.

1730

Dec 24th By cash of Robt Colley 6. 7. 9 1/4

By Do. at Sundry times of Cuthb[er]t Ogle

For Rent 660. 0. 0

1731

May 11th By Balance 6011. 3.13

Total £6677.10.11 1/4

**13 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Peter Bernardeau**

Mr. Bernardeau

May 13th 1731

Sir,

If you judge it proper, I desire you will write to your friends in France to know the utmost price they will give for 5 or 6000 peices WB Lead, to be d[elivere]d as follows 2000 peices before the 11th June, 2000 more before the 1st July, & 1 or 2000 more before the 30th July & to be paid for by bills in London at 2 usance, dated at those respective times, whether the Lead be shipd or not, provided 10 days notice be given you before each of the above mentioned days that the Lead lays ready for you at Blaydon, I am etc JR

**13 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Rudd**

To Mr Rudd

Newcastle May 13th 1731

Sr.,

I observe by your last accot that on the 1st inst you had only got 1297 pieces of Lead sent from the miln, & that there was then remaining above 2800 pieces, I desire upon Receipt hereof you'l let me know whether the carriage goes briskly on, & when you expect to get the miles cleared, This is the carriers Leisure time, & the time of the market calls for the Lead, & I therefore hope wee shall not be trifled with as wee were last year I am etc JR

**14 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Martin**

To Mr. Martin

Newcastle 14 May 1731

Sr.,



I am Deb[to]r to the Favour of yours of the 13 Feb[ruar]y, for which with your former Favours you have my hearty thanks, my not being able of late to meet with a ship directly bound for your Port, has been the Reason I have not made my proper acknowledgem[en]ts, you'l please to accept, the inclosed in part thereof, for I still esteem my self your Deb[to]r for the trouble I give you, I am now to request a Line from you with all Expedition acquainting me with the Currant price at your Markett, whether you have any large Quantities in hand & if you conveniently can to signifie the Quantities exported to France & Holland since Xmas last I am yours etc JR

**14 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Peter Consett**

[Note: A Cocquet was effectively an official receipt indicating that customs dues had been paid on shipments. Patent officers, searchers and collectors were customs officials. As an ex-customs officer himself, Richmond knew the procedures very well.]

To Mr. Conset

Newcastle 14 May 1731

Sr.,

For answ[e]r to your Favour of the 8 inst[an]t, the Gentleman therein nam'd appears Indeed not a little littigious in insisting upon a Cocquet for his Linnen without Fee, that demanded is surely very reasonable, & your table of fees which I take must be at least equall to that of this port, will as surely justify such Demand, If he had entered that quantity in this Port, our patent officers would have insisted on 17d for the Cocquet, & the Searcher could have demanded 4d, tho never less than a shilling is given him. I mention not the Collectors bill money, for I suppose your Merchant is so strait laced, that he writes his own Entry, Your Searcher ought to have seized the Cloth if he knew of its being Shipt, as he must do if the Mas[te]r made any Report, If it fall in yours way on its return, I could stop it till the Comm[issione]rs settled the dispute, who I dare say will order the fees to be paid, & the Officer gratified that stops it.

I heartily thank you for your advise concerning the Lead Trade please at your leasure to signify whether your Export of that commodity for France since Xmas last, has not exceeded pretty much the Export thither between Xmas 1729 & May 1730, A line upon any alteration will be most thankfull, acknowledged by &c JR

**14 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Jno. Bacon Esqr.

May 14: 1731

Sr.,

I have before me your Lre of the 5th, in answ[e]r, do intend tho beginning of next week to take a trial of your Lead at Bollyhope Miln, I shall then offer you what I really think it deserves as the Markett is likely to rule, & am etc JR

**15 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lancelot Allgood Esqr.

Newcastle 15th May 1731

Sr.,

I have received your Lre of the 11th by which I find you will want more Money to clear off with the Corporation than I doubt I shall be able to get returned before the time you have fixed for leaving the Town, for Mr Bernardeau has been disappointed of a ship, & Loads not his Lead till the next week, Inclosed is Mr Ridleys bill on Mr Jno. Edwards for three hundred pounds which I hope is very good, if I can get bills in time, shall send them to enable you to settle with the Corporation to 11 Janry last, which I heartily wish was done, As they will not take the trouble of bills. I hope you will pitch upon some person that you can depend upon for us to correspond with, who will punctually once in six months send down his acco[un]t currant with the treasures receipts, if you allow such a person  $\frac{1}{2}$  p[e]r Cent[iu]m it is and amount to more than £17. 5s. 0d p. ann[um] such a Correspondence may be of as much advantage to the Trust & perhaps considerably more than that Expence, What do you think of Messrs Cook & Abell, if they are Persons of Substance & would undertake it on those terms? The Bullion sent them would be so much paid on the Intrest Accot wch I think they should pay in to the Treasurer wth out any prem[iu]m. I hope however you will order it some way that wee may both keep the Corperation <eusie>, & proceed wth more certainty for the future. It is a very great pleasure to me to find your Lady is in a Condition to travell, & that I shall see you so soon in the Country, to her my best Respects & I am J.R.

Newcastle 15th May 1731

£300.0 0

Thirty days after date pay Mr. Jos: Richmond or His order the sum of Three Hundred pounds value received & place it to acco[un]t as per advice from Rich. & Nich. Ridley To Mr Jno. Edw[ar]ds Merchant in London

**18 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

Mr Hunter

Newcastle 18th May 1731

Sr,

We have only got this Year to Blaydon 200 ps of Allenheads Lead, tho there was above 3000 ps at Beldon the 10 of last Month, & from Rookhope, we have not received one Pigg but 206, part of what was laying in the way over the Year, I have now only 400 pigs at Markett, & the Refining Ho[use]s stand still, This is therefore to desire you will forwd the Lead to Markett with all Expedition, I could this Day have sold 2000 ps if

I'de had it ready, the sail whereof is actually lost, for the Merchant was limited to ship it in 5 days, I cant promise it him as our Carriage goes on in 20, As this is an Affair of the utmost Consequence at this juncture, I doubt not your Imediate care in it, how are wee to pay either the Mines or the Milns, if we cant get the Lead down while the Market calls for it, I am etc J.R.

**18 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Vickers**

To Mr Vickers

Newcastle May 18th 1731

Sr, I have not yet reced your accot for the last Month. Wch I wondr at, there being so many Oppertunitys of sending from Allenheads pray hasten it down, & omit not sending me it, in ten days after the Expiration of each Month, What may be the reason that Allenhd Lead comes not away from Beldon, there's no more than 200 ps come to Blaydon this Year, I am etc J.R.

**18 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**

To Mr Peart

Newcastle May 18th 1731

Sr, This serves to acquaint you that the Tackers at 25s p Bing, are to be charged no more than 23s, till you have further orders, I am etc J.R.

**21 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To Mr Bacon Esqr

Newcastle May 21st 1731

Sr,

I have now had a Tryall of your Lead, for wch I offer you £16 pr Fothr, at that price I am willing to take the 326 pieces, if you are pleased to d[elivere]d [sic] it at Bladon in 14 Days, if you exceed that time, & the price of Lead should fall, wch there's too much reason to fear, you will not take it amiss if I expect a proportionable abatemt, for I assure you Sr, (according to the justest Computation I can make from the Assay sent me, and the Currant price of Lead), I do think that what I offer you is as much as the matter will bear, & as much, if not more, than any other person will give, it being not only my own but to my Ma[ste]rs desire to deal with you for all your Refining Lead, provided any small advantage can be made by it, if you dislike this offer I shall make you another, wch is to d[elivere]d you weight for weight in Lead & pay you 50s a Fother advance. I am etc J.R.

**22 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

[Note: undated file note but it lies between letters of 21st and 23rd May in the letter book]

Wrote Mr Allgood about the goods sent in the Sam[ue]l & Eliza, & about Mr Ridleys 200 Bill

**23 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Lan: Allgood Esqr, Newcastle 23rd May 1731

Sr,

In answer to Yours of the 20th This covers Mr Bernardeaus bill on Mess rs Simonds for the sum of eight hundred twenty nine pods seventeen shillings and sixpence, My Lre pr last post acquainted you wth all the Satisfaction I can get about the two hundrd pod bill, only that Jn: Crowe tells me now they have a Lre from Mr Nichols Ridley that he will assuredly pay it in three or four Days time, Great must their patience be that can submit to such usage –

I was told last week that there was most scandellous Report at Hexham relating to Affairs between Mr Blackett & you, I hope on your Arrival in the Country you will be able to trace out & punish the Authors who richly deserve it at your hands. I have by this post a Lre from Mrs Isabella Blackett for her ½ yrs annuity, I have wrote her that I cannot at present procure a bill for it, but if you cannot pay it her before you leave the Town, shall send her one as soon as in my Power. I am etc J.R.

Newcastle 18th May 1731 ....for £829.17.6

At two Usance, pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Joseph Richmond or Order the um of eight hundd & twenty nine pods, seventeen shillings & sixpence, Value in Lead of the Extors of Sr Wm Blackett, & place it to the Accot of Mr J.B.B. of Rouen as pr advice from Your most hmble Servt P. Bernardeau  
To Mers Pre & J.C. Simond Brothr, Mercht in London

**23 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Isabella Blackett**

To Mrs Isabella Blackett Newcastle 23d May 1731

Madm,

I have before me your Lre of the 20th & am very sorry I cannot inclose you a bill for your ½ Years annuity, for bills are not to be got here at present, without a Long date &

large premm, I have for sometime had your annuity in my thoughts, but assure you have not been able to meet wth a bill to Answr it, having been Oblig'd to send Money by the Carrier to Answr our other Demands, if you can draw on me at sight I shall punctually pay your bill, if you can't meet wth such Opportunity, shall send you a bill as soon as ever I can procure one, I have by this post wrote to Mr Allgood about it, who lodges at Mr Fountains in Norfolk Street, but I doubt his being able to pay you while he stays in Town wch will be no longer than the 30th, before wch please to send for his Answr,  
I am etc Jo.R.

**28 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 28th May 1731

Honrd Sr,

I have deferred sending Mr Coulson your grant of Wining Slates at Kenton, till you make your own judgement of the reasonableness of his Request. Slates are a very scarce Commodity about this Town, & are worth five shillings a fother, at the Quarry undrest, You have at Kenton two Slate Quarries, one in Todds farm, the other in the lane between Todds house & Selbys, the seam in the former is not above 16 inches thick, & to win the Quantity Mr Coulson will want, in so thin a seam will do damage to the Field, & break the Horseyway to the Stables: If he have Liberty to Work his Quant[ity] in the Lane quarry, wch is reckon'd the best slate in this Country, I doubt it will not only spoil the Lane, but be followed by frequent Applications of the like nature from others, For these reasons & to preserve the Slate for the Familys own Occations, those Quarries have not been wrought for about 20 Years, tho' they might have been let for £10 or £12 a Year, but if you are pleas'd to Oblige Mr Coulson, I shall see that as little Damage be done as possible –

I have seen Mr Watson of <No> Seaton who says he did not receive your Lre, he returns his Acknowledgements of your Favours, & will by this or the next post, transmitt you a State of his Case. As you do not Order me to send any Money by the Carriers I hope you have met wth an Opertunity of Drawing, for no bills are yet to be got here that's good under two months date.

The large draughts mentioned in my Lre of the 8th where to clear off the large Arrears of Intrest due to the Hospitall & to make up Mr Bruces <£6000> & intrest etc

Allenheads & Coalcleugh raise plenty of Oar, the latter is at present very rich, but the uncertain state of Affairs continues to damp the Lead Trade, wch is in very little demand, tho' great quantities are offered by severall at £13.15s.0d pr Fother, The Coal trade is at present in no better condition, for the Steaths are all full, occasion'd by the agrement amongst the master & the fears of a press.

The Horses for Newcastle Plate are to be entred the 9th June, the Town is in great Expectation that as Thirkeld is kept in Galloping Order, you will run him for the

Galloway Plate, & its of general Opinion, that if he stands sound, he would beat anything yet known to be intended for that plate, if he do not, he's not worth the Expence attending him, Your hunters are all in good Order, & Winship has fetch home the Dogs you lent Mr Maj[o]r Allgood, I am etc J.R.

**28 May 1731 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter

Newcastle May 28th 1731

Sr,

I have reced yours of the 22d, & am glad to find youll be able to get Allenheads Lead away so soon before the hay harvest etc. begin, for if it lay till then it wont be got in before Shipping Season is past, I could wish the same as to Rookehope, & that Lead must be got away as soon as possible for if those Carriers take not more care this Year to get it forwarded by the Low hand Carriage men to Markett, wee shall find away to be even with them when a pay comes, the Case must be that they wont allow the East hand Carriage as has been usuall, or else they pinch them more for money, tho' they themselves never had more priority, no never where better paid, as to fixing a Stob, I believe it would occasion the Lead to be got better away, & help our Winlington tenants to pay their Rents, but that requires some Consideration to get all parties pleas'd with the present price, and as you observe will be attended with difficulties in the Accot, & must therefore be deferred & the old method pursued till necessity oblige to the Contrary, I beg you'l use all your Rhetorick & Authority towards getting that Lead in, you may tell them that if a Stob is fixed the Winlington Tents must have all the East hand Carriage, as that they'l entirely lose theirs for the future. I shall send you ½ hundred Deals for the heads Miln, & give Orders to Deliver them to Michal Ward, Robinson has been telling me that its reported the Carriers intend to bring the Lead quite thro' from Beldon to Blaydon this Year, That practice would be a new thing & prejudicial to our Tenants, who I find always bring the Lead as fast from Apperly as it can be got there, but I leave the whole to your consideration & Management. I am etc J.R.

**5 Jun 1731 Joseph Richmond to William Dalton**

Mr Dalton

Newcastle June 5th 1731

I desire you'l be more carefull in your Lead Ticketts, the want whereof has occasioned some difference between Mr Bernardeau & me this Day, By your accot sent him of the 60 casks of Litharge delivered the 6 May, you make the weight 373cwt.2qt.17lb. but the Accot thereof you sent me makes it considerably more viz 384cwt.3qt.17lb. according to wch I have charged him, Pray how arises & what is the occasion of this Mistake, &



w[ha]t is the reall net w[eight] of that parcell of Litharge, if the note you have sent one is wrong pray send me one that is right, & take care to avoid these mistakes for people will think otherwise [b]addy of our Managmt, I am etc J.R.

**11 Jun 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Cross**

To Mr John Cross at Mr Saml Bollard in Leeds Newcastle 11th June 1731

Sr,

Being lately in Comp[an]y with Mr Mich Dawson, he told me that when at Leeds you mentioned to him your Note for Seven Pounds, & asked him if he knew whether I had rec'd the Contents, & laid hope you had entertaind a better Opinion of me than to think I would acquaint Mr Dawson or any other with that Note, but imagining from your asking him that Question, that you may have sent me a bill on some person here for the value, this Serves to let you know that if you sent any such bill it never came to my hand, I am in hope of seeing Mr Blackett shortly at Newcastle, where your Compy would be a very great pleasure to him who is assuredly &c J.R.

**26 Jun 1731 Joseph Richmond to Peter Walker**

To Mr Peter Walker at the three Cranes in Thames Street London  
Newcastle 26th June 1731

Dear Sr,

I own the Favour of your Lre of the 13th ult. Ordering seven pieces of Druggets to be sent you, but those goods having been of late in any Demand here, are quite laid aside, & my old Chapman says, are not to be had without sending purposely to have them made, wch would occasion their coming much dearer than the last parcell I sent you, I therefore send you (above) a bill for £5.2s.8¼d of your money remaining in my hand, wch please to acknowledge the receipt of in full of all accots except your Book wch I shall return you pr first opportunity, in the meantime you'l accept of my thanks for the Loan of it, & I pray you will do me favour of your commands whensoever I can be serviceable to you in those parts, I am sorry to hear of your Mothers indisposition, & heartly wish her health, My Wife joins me in due Respects, & I am etc J.R.

To Mr Vincent Wildes at Deal Newcastle 26th June 1731 £5.2s.8¼ d  
Twenty days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or order five pounds Two shillings  
& 8¼ Value received and place it to accot without further advice from J  
Walker

**2 Jul 1731     Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

To Mr Macmorran

Newcastle 2nd July 1731

Sr,

The Fenwick Robt Hewitson Mastr is arrived here with wine & other goods on board for Mr Blackett & Mr Cuthbt Fenwick, for wch the Master has neglected to clear at the Custom House in London & take out a Regular Despatch, having only a sufferance for shipping the goods, & that not endors'd by the Coast Officer, copy of wch sufferance is within written, The Officers here having stop'd the goods till a Coquet or Transire be produced as I presume they where bo.t of you I am Obliged to give you this trouble, desiring that if you shipt them, you'l please on Receipt hereof to procure & send me a proper Dispatch, but if through this Neglect such dispatch cannot be got, wch I much doubt, proper Application must be forthwith made to the board for their Order to Deliver the goods, I beg your answr pr first Opportunity, I am etc J.R.

P.S. instead of the copy I send you the Original Sufferance

**6 Jul 1731     Joseph Richmond to Robert Page**

To Mr Robt Page plumber in Hawick

Newcastle 6th July 1731

Sr, I have before me your Lre of the 24 past directed for Sr Wm Blackett sometime deceas'd signifying the salvage of 200 peices of WB Lead, lost in the Herring of Yarmouth on the Cutler sands, as you say about 8 Years agoe, The Executors acknowledge the favour of your Information, & request you will inform yourself, & let me know by return of the Post in what year that ship was lost, what Number of pieces where actually salv'd & who has them in possession, I am etc J.R.

**9 Jul 1731     Joseph Richmond to Francis Yarborough**

[Note: Yarborough was Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford between 1745 and 1770]

To the Revd Mr Yarborough

Newcastle 9th July 1731

Sr,

Agreeable to the desire of Mr Lanct Allgood I send you inclosed a bill for the sum of forty pods, on accot & for the use of his Nephew Allgood, the Receipt of wch bill please to own by the Return of the Post, & direct for me in Newcastle where <.> I am etc  
Joseph Richmond

I promise to pay Mr Wm Scot or Order, Forty pounds Sixty days after date Value reced  
in Coales London June 2nd 1732 For Mr Collman & Self Joseph Bennet  
Indorsed Wm Scot, Jn Simpson, Henry Coulson, Jos. Richmond

**16 Jul 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton 8 Grays Inn London

Newcastle 16 July 1731

Sr,

By Mr Allgoods Directions I send you inclosed, Mr Reays bill on Mr James Creed for  
the Sum of a hundred & fifty pounds, towards the exemplification of the will, & paymt  
of those bills Mr Blackett desired you to Discharge, the Receipt whereof please to own  
about the same time that the Bill becomes due Mr Blackett will order a Gentleman in  
Town to pay you forty pounds more, I have nothing Material to write you save that  
wee are in Expectation of Sr Walters Company shortly & shall be very glad to hear  
when may hope for the pleasure of yours & in the Interim remain, Sr Yours etc J.R.

Newcastle July 16th 1731

£150.0s.0d

Sr, Twenty days after Date please pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or Ordre one hundred &  
fifty pounds Value received wch place to accot as advised by Your most Obedient  
Servant H.Reay  
To James Creed Esq. Mercht in London

**16 Jul 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood at Riding

Newcastle Fryday the 16th July 4 a Clock

Sr,

I have just now put on board the Charles & Henry, Hen: Liddle Mar five casks of Beer,  
as below, wch you'l please to give the needfull advise of pr the next or Tuesday's Post, I  
sent Mr Denton the Money you Ordered, & by this Post have the advise from him that  
he has sent the Exemplifications of the Wills by the Carrier, he says Mr Clark reced a  
Lre the 12th from the Hospitall, that they expected their Money on the 14 according to  
Notice I am etc J Richmond

a Cask qty abt 10 dozn directed for Mr Quintry

a Cask qty abt 10 dozn directed to Dr Shippen, to the care of Mr Quintry

a Cask qty abt 10 dozn directed to Mr Lanct Allgood to the care of Do

a Cask qty abt 10 dozn directed for Mr Fontaine

a Cask qty abt 10 dozn directed to Mr Watson Fishmonger near Temple Barr

**23 Jul 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Bateman**

To Jn Long Bateman in Newbond Street Lon[do]n      Newcal 23 July 1731

Sr,

By Mr Blacketts directions, who presents his Service, I have this day put on board the Betty of this Place, John Hayward mas, a Box directed for you qty two potts of moor game, wch please to order to be enquir'd after as soon as the Ship comes into the Pool, I expect she will sail tomorrow I am Sr Yr most Hd Servt J.R.

**24 Jul 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Xpher Denton No.8 Grays Inn      Newc 24 July 1731

Sr,

Last post brot me yours of the 20th with Mr Allgoods bill to Wm Spark for £29.5.0 In return Whereof I send you Hen[ry] Coulsons bill on James Creed Esq for £36.15.0 wch will make good the above £29.5s.0d by sum of £7.10 due to you on Culcheths bill of £87.10.0. Have rec'd the Box with the Exemplifications of the will, & have s'd Mr Ridley & Mr Steel their Papers, I desire you'l own the Receipt hereof, I am etc J.R.

Sr,

Newcl July 24 1731

£36.15

Fourteen days after date pay Mr Jos. Richmond or Order thirty six pounds fifteen shillings val reced & place to accot as advised by Sr Your mo: hble Servt Hen[ry] Coulson

To James Creed Esq mt in Londn

**16 Aug 1731 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Colpits**

To Thos Colpits at Streatlam Castle

Newcastle 16 Augt 1731

Mr Colpits,

Inclos'd you receive Mr Bowes order for a Buck, to Mr Blackett, I beg you'l please to Dispatch the Bearer wth all possible Expedition that he may be back here tomorrow night, Mr Blackett Orders me to send you a guinea & I am Sr Your etc J.Richmond

Colpits

London June 26th 1731

Deliver Walter Blackett Esq. in his Order, a Buck on sight of this

Yours G: Bowes

**21 Aug 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Aug 21 1731 Wrote John Armstrong again for his Rentales & general Account about the new vein discover'd wch he takes to be Bates vein, & that Mr Blackett will be up the latter End of this week

**19 Sep 1731 Joseph Richmond to Robert Long**

Mr Rob Long

Sr,

Agreeable to Mr Blacketts directions I send you the above bill on Mr James Creed for one hundred pounds, wch you are desir'd to deliver to Mr Corbridge, taking his receipt for the same, desire him to give you a bill of what Mr Blackett owes him, & send it with his receipt by the Return of the Post to your <..> or Your hble Servant J.R. Sept 19 1731

To Mr Rob Long in John Street Golden Square

Newcastle 7ber [September] 18 1731 £100

Sr, Thirty days after date pay Mr Jos Richmond or order One hundred pounds Value receiv'd & place it to accot as by Advice frm Your mo hble Servt Hen[ry] Coulson To Mr James Creed mt in Londn

**21 Sep 1731 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr Armstrong

Newcastle 21st Septr 1731

Sr,

By your accot it appears you have not received any more Arrea[r]s of Rent left by Mr Mowbray at Mart[in]s 1723 than £29.1s.10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d, I send you below an accot how the rents then stood, and they will of course be inquired into upon settling your Accot, wch I hope you will have spedily done, I desire you will procure a list of those Arrears fm Mr Mowbray if you have not one by you, in order to see what part thereof can yet be recovered for certainly some part still may, especially of Marts Arrears 1723 wch as below amot to £28 odd, If you prepare such a List against Weardale pay, it may then be enquired into & considered of before Mr Allgood & Mr Mowbray, & such part that appears to be lost when you entered may be reported so, & therefore you rendered

blameless for not receiving them, this I think expedient as well for your Mars as your own Intrest, so therefore recommend it to you, I am Yours etc J.R.

£ s d

Mayday 1723

Arrears left by Mr Mowbray 134.05.01 ½ these I presume are mostly all lost

Mart.s 1723

Half a Years rent	88.17.06	88.17.06
	223.02.10 1/2	

Reced by Mr Mowbray  
of the 88.17.6

31.04.01 1/2	31.04.01 1/2
191.18.09	+

Reced by Mr Mowbray

29.01.10 3/4	29.01.10 3/4 =	60.06.00 1/4
162.16.10 1/4		28.11.05 3/4

Q: if no part of this sum now to be recovered

### 30 Sep 1731 Joseph Richmond to D Middleton

To Mr D Middleton at Mr Lesquires in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire

Newcastle 30 Sepr 1731

By Mr Blacketts Directions I send you the above Bill for two Hundred & Seventy pods wch will be punctually paid when due, please to Acknowledge the Receipt hereof to, Yours etc J.R.

Newcastle Sepr 28th 1731

£270.0.0

Forty days after date to Mr Jos: Richmond or order Two Hundred & seventy pounds

Value reced & place into Accot as by advise from Sr Your most Humble Servt

Henry Coulson

To James Creed Esq Mercht in London

### 2 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton in Grays Inn No.8 Newcastle 2nd Novr 1731

Sr,

I am very glad to hear f[ro]m Mr Allgood that you have got well to Grays Inn, I send you Inclos'd a bill on Mr Robt Hodgson & Co for One hundred pods to Answr Mrs



Blacketts Annuity due 11 next Month, I desire you please to deliver it her, & take a proper Receipt of her, mentioning to be reced of the Extors by my hands & that you'l send the same pr first opportunity, wth wt materiall news offers to Sr Yours etc J.R.

Newcastle Octobr 22nd 1731

£100.0.0

Sr, Twenty days after date pay to Mr Jos: Richmond or order One Hundred pounds

Value reced & place it to Accot as by Advice from

Your most humble

Servt H.Reay

To Messr Robt Hodgson & Co, near Fishmongers Hall London

## **2 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Francis Yarborough**

To the Revd Mr Fra. Yarborough, Brasen nose Colledge Oxon Newcastle 2d Novr 1731

Sr,

Inclosed is a bill for the Sum of fifty pounds, wch I send you upon Accot, & by order, of Mr Lan: Allgood, I desire you'l please to own the Receipt of it, to Sr Yours etc J.R.

To Rev Mr Fra. Yarborough Brazen nose Colledge Oxon Newcastle 2d Novr 1731

Sr, Twenty four Days after date Pay to Mr Jos: Richmond or Order the Sum of fifty

pounds Value reced and place it to Accot to self & Co Wm Teasdale

To Mr Christopher Newdigate Cheasmonger in Thamesstreet London

## **2 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Chas Joy Esq. St Thomas hospitl Southwark Newcastle 2 Novr 1731

Sr,

By the Order of Mr Lancelot Allgood I send you Inclosed five Bills of Exchange for the Sum of two thousand pounds (as above) wch I desire you'l place to the Credit of the late Sr Wm Blackett's Extors, & advise me on Receipt hereof, The further Remittance of six Hundred & ten pounds, I think will clear of all Intrest to the 14 July last, wch Sum I shall return you wth all possible Expedition, I desire you'l please to mention whether the same is agreeable to your own Accot & am Sr Yours etc J. Richmond

Newcastle Octobr 22d 1731

Sr, Forty five days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or Order, One thousand  
pounds Value received & place to Accot as advised by      Your hmble Servt

H.Reay

To James Creed Esq. Mercht in London

Newcastle Octobr 22d 1731

Sr, Forty five days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or Order, five hundred  
pounds Value received & place to Accot as advised by      Your hmble Servt

H.Reay      0

To James Creed Esq. Mercht in London

Newcastle Octobr 22d 1731

Sr, Forty five days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or Order, two hundred  
pounds Value received & place to Accot as advised by      Your hmble Servt

Henry Reay

To James Creed Esq. Mercht in London

Newcastle Octobr 22d 1731

Sr, Forty five days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or Order, one hundred  
pounds Value received & place to Accot as advised by      Your hmble Servt

Henry Reay

To James Creed Esq. Mercht in London

Newcastle Octor 29th 1731

Att Two Usances pray pay by this, my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos: Richmd or  
Order, The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Value n Lead of the Extors of Sr Wm  
Blackett, & place it to the Accot of Mr D.L. Of Paris as pr advise from      Your most  
hmble Servt Pr Bernardeau

To Mr Charles La Port Mercht in London

### **12 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Mr Joy

Newcastle 12th Novr 1731

Sr, Inclosed I return you the five bills for two thousand pounds new made out & I hope  
now Endorsed to please, the Receipt whereof pray own to      Sr Yours etc J.  
Richmond

**12 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newc 12Novr 1731

Sr Waltr & Mrs Wilson came here <thursday> senight, The Conferences between Mrs Wilson & Mr Gray have produced the inclos'd case. Wch by Mr Allgoods Lre also inclos'd you, you are desired to take advice on, in the manner he directs, & to return the Case, wth the opinions you get thereof to me wth all possible Expedition, You will observe by Mr Allgoods Lre what Dispatch is desired of you herein, & therefore I need not add thereto

Mr Clark tells me you have the papers relating to the Cause between Blacket & Ord, fm which I desire you will at your Leisure send me a <state> how the accot of Mrs Blacketts annuity of £300 pr annum stood at Sr Wms death.

I am etc J.R.

**14 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 14th Novr 1731

Sr,

Inclosed are three Bills drawn by Mr Pr Bernardeau on Mr Charles La Porte for £683.0s.6d wch I beg you will Imediatly carry or send to get accepted, & return them to me by the Return of the Post, whether accepted or not, I am etc J.R.

**30 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Hunter

Newcastle 30 Novr 1731

I must desire you'l draw out & send me in your Rentalls for Dukesfield Lands etc under your Receipt, f[ro]m Marts 1728 to Mayday 1731 wth all possible Expedition & am etc J.R.

**30 Nov 1731 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

Novr 30th 1731

Wrote Mr Allgood that Mrs Featherston disputes still the last £200 p[ai]d by Mr Salkeld & has Employed Mr Wharton to Inspect the Receipt declareing it in her Opinion to be Counterfeit & therefore that in my Opinion she has already had a greater Indulgence than Intituled to – J.R.

**14 Dec 1731 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 14 Decembr 1731

Srs, I am D[ebto]r to Mr Cooks Lre of the 19th Octobr acquainting me that the price of fine Silver was then at 5s.9d. The great Demand you have had lately for Exportation has I hope mended the price, & therefore on Saturday last I sent by Laycock the London Carrier 2pcs q. 1009½ oz, as below, the Receipt whereof please to own, & let me know at what price I must Debit you for the same, I doubt not but that will be at the most the Markett will allow, & am etc J.R.

501 ½

508

1009 ½ Carr. Paid

**17 Dec 1731 Joseph Richmond to Rebecca Stainforth**

To Mrs Stanford in Petergate, York

Newcastle 17 Decembr 1731

Madm,

I send you Inclosed by Mr Lanct Allgoods directions, two Bills for the sum of fifty pounds, they are French bills, but you may be assured are good, & will be punctually pd when due (as below) I beg you'l please to own the Receipt thereof by the Return of the Post please to direct for me in Newcastle, & if you can't pass these bills in York pray omit not to return them to me by the next post to J.R.

on Madamors Ester de Caux due 31st Decembr for £26.13s.4d

on Messrs Binnizet due 11 Janry for £23. 6s.8d

**21 Dec 1731 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**

To Mr Peart

Decemr 21 1731

I have had a triall made of Westgate Head oar & find it to be much the richest oar yet discovered in Weardale, if Dalton has made aright Assay, but for further satisfaction, I desire you will send me three pounds weight more, in the meantime you may send the Oar to the Mills, & let Mr Rud[d] know of it that he may keep it separte, to whom I have wrot[e] it by the Bearer I am told Risby Oar holds abot 3gr[ain]s pray send me a tryale of it, 2 pods will do, I am etc J.R.

**21 Dec 1731 Joseph Richmond to Rudd**

To Mr Rudd

Decemr 21st 1731

You must keep the Oar that comes from Westgate Head new vein sepearate by its self it being rich in Silver, & let the Lead be marked WB:1, pray let one know how much Wolfcleugh Oar you have had this Year, & if it was mixt with Westenhope, I am told Risby Oar holds abt 3gr[ains], therefore you may forbear mixing the Duty Oar, till I make a tryall of it wch I desire you will send me 2po[und]s to Mr Peart who will forward it to – Yours etc J.R.

**31 Dec 1731 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr Walter Calverley Bart

Newcastle 31st December 1731

Honrd Sr,

By my Mastrs Orders Inclose you an acct of the produce of Weardale Mines for the last 4 Years ending Xmas 1730, the Accots are not come in for the present Year, but I guess the produce therein of these Mines won't exceed £600. As I acquainted you when here, the late Sr Wms life was added for 300 gu[inea]s, & tho' it must be confes'd Lead then sold at a lower price than it has for some Years past, yet those mines, being then richer, were wrot at proportionably less Expence, & the Rents for Lot & tythe being only half of what they are now, the groves turned then as to good Accot as they now do, I am humbly of Opinion that £500 is the utmost that ought to be paid for adding Mr Blacketts life, & considering the two remaining lifes I hope his Ldp [Lordship] will in a little time think it his Intrest to accept it, & reasonable he can't but think it, if he believes the Inclosed acct wch is as near the truth as possible, whatever may have been suggested to him to the Contrary.

He seems much disgusted any Scruple is made about the Rent for Moor Masr & the Lot oar, wch was only £250 pr annm, till Sr Wm Blackett abot 7 Years agoe (apprehensive that Mr Mowbray who had purchased a Mill in Weardale had a design to take the Lot of the late Bishop) went himself & agreed to give £500, the Rectr of Stanhope then rais'd his tythe Rent from £150 to £315 & so they have stood since, but are a burthen much too heavy to be any longer submitted to, & if his Lo[rd]s[hi]p will not moderate his demands, both for the fine, & Rent, I cant but think it my Mastrs Intrest to let him take time to consider of the first, & to pay him & the Rector the Lot & tythe in kind, wch I believe they'l soon grow weary of, tho' I own it woud be more elligible to pay them a reasonable Rent (viz.) £210 for the Lot & £180 for the tythe, if they would accept it, if not, I believe wee shall manage it so, for some time, without any loss to Mr Blackett, they will not make more of it.

There are two lives dropt in the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope Lands wch stands in the Bishops books at £50 pr annm but is now let at £79. Mr Allgood as I remember told me that when Mr Blackett & he were with the Bishop he askd no more than £200 for renewing them, wch I think so far from unreasonable that it ought to be Imediatly clos'd wth if better terms can't be got, I can't certainly tell but I believe Fenwk Bowman is the third life.

Mr Blacket[t] thinks it necessary to sue out a writ of Leave, wch he thinks would be of great serving <m...> an Elec[ti]on should happen this year, & therefore I have wrote Denton by his Orders to wait on you for your Opinion & directions herein etc J.R.

Lead Mines in Weredale	Dr	
1727 To a yrs charge on 1957 Bings	£3165.18.10	
Rents	815. 0. 0	
Miln Charge & Carr.	781. 0.10	4762. 3.10
1728 To the gro: charge on 1732 b.s	£3049.11. 7 1/2	
Rents	815. 0. 0	
Mil Charge & Carriage	692. 0. 0	4556.11. 7 1/2
1729 To the gro: charge on 1940 b.s	£3200.07. 3 3/4	
Rents	815. 0. 0	
Mil Charge & Carriage	776.10. 0	4791.17. 3 3/4
1730 To the gro: charge on 2479 b.s	£4052.01.11 1/2	
Rents	815. 0. 0	
Mil Charge & Carriage	991. 4. 0	3858. 5.11 1/2
[Total:]		19969. 3. 8 3/4
To Intr. on money at 5 pr Cent only		998. 9. 2
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518.0.6¼ pr annm		23039.15. 0

Per Contra	Cr	
1727 By 1957 bings fod.r	370 1/2 @ £14.10. 0	5372. 5. 0
1728 By 1732	334 @ 15. 0. 0	5010
1729 By 1940	376 @ 15.10. 0	5828
1730 By 2479	471 @ 14.10. 0	6829.10. 0
[Total:]		23039.15. 0

**1 Jan 1732    Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell Golds[mith]s in Forster Lane

Newcastle 1st January 1731/2

Sirs,

I have before me Mr Cooks Lre of the 28 past, & am sorry the Silver will give no more than 5s 8d at your Markett the 2 pieces you have rece'd lay by me for some time & weighed by our scales 10.10 1/2 good weight when sent away, out of w[hi]ch I allowed you one Ounce for Litharge, they were weigh'd to me at 1009 & so you will give me leave to Debit you if it should be too hard. I sent you a p[iece] this day senight by Burrell the Carrier as below w[hi]ch I hope will make it good, [in margin: 782 ½ oz] the Receipt of w[hi]ch peice please to own, & I pray let me know whether you will give 5s 9d for what I shall send you the Current Years, w[hi]ch I hope may be more than you've rece[ive]d for some Years past, I shall forbear drawing on you as long as I can possibly, please to signify whether you are satisfied, you may safely honour my Draughts, or that you desire Mr Allgood or Mr Clarks Lre to that purpose.  
I am etc J.R.

**15 Jan 1732    Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 15 Jan[ua]ry 1731/2

Sir

I am favoured w[i]th yours of the 8th & 11th instant, advising me of your Draught upon me for three hundred & twenty pounds to w[hi]ch I shall pay due honour, Trade being dull, money scarce & an opportunity offering this Day, I have redrawn upon you the above Sd sum of three hundred & twenty pounds payable to Mr Roger Pearson on Order twenty days after Date to w[hi]ch I desire you will pay the needful, & when the bill is paid I shall return you yours as you may do mine to me, in order to prevent any after reck[oning] on this affair. The things you sent in your providence are come safe I delivered as directed.  
I am ....Yours etc J Richmond

**19 Jan 1732    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq

Newcastle 19 Janry 1732

Honourd Sir

I have endeavoured since my last to discover what the peoples Sentiments are with Regards to your Lre not being read last Monday, & that it is generally attributed





**1 Feb 1732    Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**

Mr Peart

Newcastle 1 Febr[uar]y 1732

My Lre of the 21st Decem[be]r acquainted you that according to Daltons Assay, Westgatehead oar was rich in Silver, I am now to acquaint you, that upon a second Tryal he finds it does not hold 4oz in a Fother w[hi]ch will not answer the charge of working, his mistake was occasion'd by making the first tryal in a Pot that had been us'd before; This affair has I doubt made a noise in the Country, I wish it may be no Inducem[en]t to make the Bishop stand at a distance w[i]th us, you must deceive the Country herein, I have wrote Mr Rudd to mix it w[i]th the common Oar w[hi]ch is demonstration enough that it is not worth being kept Separate. There being <such> a considerable difference between the produce of our Wessenhope Oar & Mr Bacons, I desire you will send me two pounds of the Partnership Wessenhope & two po[un]ds of Mr Blackett's own Wessenhope oar that I may be satisfy'd what is the reason of this Difference. I am etc J.R.

**1 Feb 1732    Joseph Richmond to Rudd**

Mr Rudd

Newcastle 1st Febr[uar]y 1732

In my Lre of the 21st Dec[embe]r I told you to keep & smelt Westgatehead oar separate & to mark up the Lead WB1, but I am now to tell you the contrary, w[hi]ch is, that you must mix both the Oar & [superscripted: <Bisby> w[i]th] the Common oar, for Dalton was guilty of a Blunder in making his Assay in a Pot used before, for on a second Tryal in a clean Pot, I find those oars are as poor as any in Weardale, & won't bear the Charge of Refining. It is great matter of surprise to me that Mr Bacons Wessenhope Lead shoud produce 4oz in a Fother more than ours, pray let me know if any other oar is mixed w[i]th our Wessen[h]ope or what you take to be the Reason of this Difference, I have wrote Mr Peart to send me 2 po[un]ds of the Partn[ershi]p Wessen[h]ope, & 2 po[un]ds of our own, that I may try what's the difference. I am etc J.R.

**4 Feb 1732    Joseph Richmond to John Cross**

Mr J[oh]n Cross

Newcastle 4th Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Sir, Inclosed is Warburton the Carriers note for £8.8s.6d the amount of your Bill on Mr Fenwick, w[hi]ch he paid to Mr Blackett, by whose directions it is now returned you. I also inclose you your promissery note to me for seven pounds, & have sent also by

Warburton the sum of six shillings & seven pence halfpenny being the Ballance due to you p[e]r Acco[un]t on the other side, I desire you'l acknowledge the Receipt hereof, & at the same time send me your Receipt for am[oun]t of the <25 yds 1/2> of Cloth w[hi]ch Oblige Sr

Yours etc J.R.

Mr John Cross

To his promis[er]y note to J.R dat'd 28 July 1729	£7
To Ball. sent him by Warburton the Carr	£0.6s.7 1/2d
	£7.6s.7 1/2d
By 25 1/2 Cloth at 5s.9d	£7.6s.7 1/2d

**15 Feb 1732 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Xpher [Christopher] Denton Newcastle Febr[uar]y 15th 1731/2

Sir,

I have reced your Lre of the 8th inclosing my Bill for 320 <s> & in Return do herewith send you yours on me for the same sum.

I think it will better suit w[i]th our Affairs, that the Gentleman who is possessed of Capt[ai]n Midfords Bill, send it down here to be paid, & that you keep the Remainder of L[or]d Jerseys money, after paying Mr Bruce in your hands, <till> our Occasion, call it thence, & I believe Mr Allgood will desire you so to do, for we shall have Occasion for the money in London in a little time, w[hi]ch will be ready in your hands, when perhaps bills <...> be to be had here.

I am etc J.R.

**18 Feb 1732 Joseph Richmond to Mr Baker**

Mr Baker Newcastle 18th Febr[uar]y 1731/2

I send you inclosed copy of Fenw[ic]k Bowmans Affid[avi]t about the Bull Calf, together w[i]th an acco[un]t of what money was due last Michas for Longwitton quit Rent, Pray communicate the same by the Post to Mr Airey, & w[i]th my Service tell him I desire he'll give you orders in two or three Posts to settle the acco[un]t, Or to give me his Reasons to the contrary, that I may have a Direct answ[e]r to give Mr Blackett herein, the Bearer will show you the Origin[a]l Affidav[i]t w[hi]ch you may Compare w[i]th the Copy sent you by Sir yrs &c J.R.

**22 Feb 1732 Lancelot Allgood to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 22 Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Sir,

We desire you will pay all Bills that Mr Joseph Richmond shall from time to time draw on you, on acc[oun]t of fine Silver w[hi]ch he has, or shall send you from this Place, & for so doing this is your Authority from

Sirs Your most humble Servants

Lan[celot] Allgood

Cha[rles] Clark

**22 Feb 1732 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle the 22 Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Sirs,

I sent you on Saturday last by Burrell the London Carrier a ps of fine Silver of five hundred & twenty eight ozs the Receipt of w[hi]ch I desire you'l acknowledge, & at the same time give me Liberty to debit you at 5s.81/2d if the Markett will allow of it, w[hi]ch I am informed it will, I hope you have now reced full satisfaction for the advance made on you of a pennyp[e]r oz in 1730, & therefore desire to know whether you are willing to return to the old agreem[en]t made by S[i]r W[illia]m & give 5s.9d for what I shall send you for the future, or for the present Years, if so, I shall send you the greatest part of what we refine, tho[ugh] I can sell it here at that price & save the Carriage.

Mr Blackett having occasion for £325.12s.2d in London I have this day drawn on you for the sum in two Bills, as above, payable to his Order to w[hi]ch I desire you will pay the needfull, I inclose you a Lre {letter} of this date f[ro]m Mr Allgood & Mr Clark the two acting trustees w[hi]ch will be your sufficient voucher for paying what bills I draw on you. I am etc J.R.

Sirs,

Newcastle the 22 Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Thirty days after date, pay Walter Blackett Esq. or Order the sum of two Hundred & Eighty one Pounds, nineteen shillings & tenpence, val[ue], reced & place the same to Acco[un]t, as per advise from

Your most humble Servant J.R.

To Messieurs Cook & Abell

Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

Sirs,

Newcastle the 22 Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Twenty days after date, pay Walter Blackett Esq. or Order the sum of forty three Pounds, twelve shillings & four pence, val[ue], reced & place the same to Acco[un]t, as per advise from      Your most humble Servant J.R.  
To Messieurs Cook & Abell  
Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

**25 Feb 1732   Joseph Richmond to Peter Bernardeau**

Mr Pr Bernardeau

Newcastle 25th Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Sir,

In answer to your favour of Yesterdays date, when I was told you had <bo[ugh]t> 1000 p[iece]s of Mr Bacon's Lead at £13.10s.0d tho[ugh] it caused me to reflect in what particular we could have disoblig'd you not to ask us the Question & Yet I was not at all displeased at it, concluding the small quantity we have at Markett would sell to more advantage, w[hi]ch I am not willing to sell under £13.13s.0d so that if you have commission at £13.10s.0d you are surely at Liberty to buy of whom you please , only we shall hope for your favours in the Lead trade as farr as you think it consistant with you own & your friends intrest, & we can't claim any pretensions further than that we can serve you & them as well as any other can, & at a time & w[i]th a quantity w[hi]ch perhaps they can not, I rece[ive]d your Lre inclos[in]g your acco[un]t for the last Year w[hi]ch I have examined & make the Ball[ance] due to the Ex[ecu]tors £180.13s.1 3/4d diff[er]in[g] 4s.2 1/4d w[i]th your acc[oun]t but where the difference lays I have not yet discerned, Assay charge of ½ per Cent it is what I constantly told you, you ought speak to the Ex.tors about as you please'd but that I had nothing to say to it, nor would ever make any contract w[i]th that Confederation, it being <...> no other Merch[an]t ever named, nor was ever any such Consideration made formerly that I can discover, but I shall be very well pleas'd w[i]th whatever order you procure me f[ro]m Mr Blackett or the Gent[lema]n in Trust, without w[hi]ch you can't expect I can give your Acco[un]t Cr[edit] as you desire. I am etc J.R.

**25 Feb 1732   Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Chris: Denton

Newcastle 25 Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Sir,

I have just now rece[ive]d a Lre from Mr Allgood, wherein he orders me to tell you, that in one of the Orders for paym[en]t of Lady <Bab.s> fortune there was 43 mentioned to be in the Bank of England w[hi]ch was never rece[ive]d, Mr Mathews rece[ive]d £1452. 6s.1d on the 12 Aug[ust] 1727 by Lre of Atorney f[ro]m the Accountant generall, pursuant to order 20 July, & <therefore> the above 43 must have

been short rece[ive]d upon some preceding Order, W[hi]ch you'l please to inquire into.  
J.R.

If the princip.l as settled to the 8th Aug 1727 be	£1198.17s.3d
The Interest thereon to the 8 Mar next will be	£ 274.15s.9d
	£1473.13s.0d

**27 Feb 1732 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle the 27th Febr[uar]y 1731/2

Sir, I have rece[ive]d yours of the 22nd w[i]th your Bill on Mr Ward for 10 guin[ea]s & Capt. Midfords bill for £200 the value of w[hi]ch I shall remit you w[i]th all possible expedition, but trade not being yet sett in, & therefore no good Bills to be got at par, I doubt you must have a little patience, but you may depend on the first returns I can procure, The £400 w[hi]ch will remain of L[or]d Jerseys money is design'd for the purchase of Fenw[ic]k Lamberts House w[hi]ch Mr Blackett has bought of Mr <Bull>, of w[hi]ch I find Mr Steel has sent you up the Writings but there's a term to be assigned by R[ichar]d Wall of your place to make good the Title w[hi]ch Mr Steel must get done before the money can be paid, of w[hi]ch you will have notice from Mr Clark when done to satisfaction, I am etc J.R.

**3 Mar 1732 Joseph Richmond to John Burn**

To John Burn Esq

Newcastle 3 March 1731/2

Sir, You herewith receive your Account with Sir Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors to the 31 October last. I am etc J.R.

**6 Mar 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

Sr. Wr. Calverly Bart.

March 6th 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I sent you on Saturday last by Warburton the Carrier six doz[e]n bottles of Port wine, as below, which I think is better than the former <peelee>, Mr Allgood sett forward this morning for York to meet <Lanc.t> Fenwick he says he expects Mr Wilson will be there also, & that seeing them together will be the readiest way to get everything adjusted, I hope it will prove so, I am H[o]n[ou]rd Sr. Yrs &c <d[itt]o J.R.



To 17 gall.ns Port wine at 5s. 8d. £4.16.4  
bottles & packing 0. 9.0  
£5. 5.4

**23 Mar 1732 Joseph Richmond to Richard Stonehewer**

To Mr Stonehewer at Durham Newcastle 23 Mar 1731/2

Sir, I am ordered by Mr Blackett & Trustees appointed by the late Sr W[illia]m Blackett's will, to acquaint you that they are willing to pay my Lord Bishop of Durham £250 p[e]r annum rent for the Lot Oar from Candlemass last, w[hic]h considering the poorness of those groves & the fall of Lead, they have agreed is the highest rent they can afford to pay, If his L[or]ds[hi]p shall not be pleas'd to accept of the offer, the Lot Oar will be paid him in kind from last Candlemass according to notice given his L[or]ds[hi]p by Mr Blackett & Mr Allgood when they were to wait upon him at Durham, I am etc J.R.

**24 Mar 1732 Charles Clark to Howard**

To Mr Howard in Newcastle Newcastle 24th Mar 1731/2

Sir,

At a meeting between Mr Blackett & the Trustees of the late Sr W[illia]m Blackett to look into the Trust Estate, we find you stand Indebted to the s[ai]d Estate £200 w[i]th Interest upon your Bond & Judgm[en]t, I was ordered to acquaint you, that it's expected you shoud make some proposal for the paym[en]t of the money, w[hic]h shall be made as easy to you as our affairs will admitt, otherwise we in discharge of our Trust to proceed upon that w[hic]h we are very unwilling to do. I am etc Cha[rles] Clark esq & J.R.

**24 Mar 1732 Lancelot Allgood to Anne Featherston**

To Mrs Featherston at Newcastle 24th March 1731/2

Madm,

The repeated Solicitations made you by Mr Allgood for paymt of your Ballance together with what is due from you to the severall persons employed ab[ou]t the Lead Mills in Featherstons time, having had no Affect, we hereby desire you will to the are that the same be Imediatly paid, or sufficient security given, for the same, if you fail herein weshall be oblig'd to exhibit a bill against you to compell the paym[en]t thereof,



we desire your Imediate Answer to Mr Jos[eph] Richmond that we may know what you propose in the Affair, We are etc Lan[celot] Allgood, Cha[rles] Clark

**25 Mar 1732 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 25th March 1732

Sir,

I doubt you think me slack in sending you a bill to Answer Captn Midfords receipts, I do assure you have not been able to get Bills for that Value since the Receipt of yours, but I am promised a bill for 200 pounds next week, & as I wrote you before you may depend on the first bill I can get, I send you above two bills for forty one pounds, the bill for twenty one p[ound]s Mr Allgood requests you'l deliver to Jos. <Laudon> Coachman to Sr Wm Young, who will attend you on Receipt of a penny post Lre & for w[hi]ch Mr Allgood desires you will take a Receipt for so much he rece[ive]d of Mr Whitfield, The other bill for £20 is a present from Mr Blackett to Comodore Midford, who will Imediatly call on you for it, please to take his Receipt as rece[ive]d of Mr Blackett by my hand, & send it me in your next Lre , I don't find that Mr Steel has yet got the Affair settled about Fenwick Lamberts House for R[ichard]d Wall who is the Executor of the Surviving Trustee, makes some scruple of assigning the Term, tho[ugh] I find no Reason given for it but because he won't if the matter can't be accomplish'd by fair means Mr Allgood & Mr Clark will agree to pay £300 on Mr Bulls executing the writings, & the rest to be paid when the Term is assigned, for w[hi]ch I presume a Bond must be drawn accordingly, I have not seen Mr Steel these three days past but will call on him this afternoon in order to see what is to be done herein, Mr Clark bids me acquaint you that for the future they will Insist on a certificate that Captn Midford is liveing before they'l make any further paymt of his Annuity after Candlemas last. I am etc J.R.

Sir,

Newcastle 25th March 1732

Ten days after date pay to Mr Jos[eph] Richmond or his order twenty one pounds, value reced as advis'd, by Abr[aham] Dixon  
to Mr J[ohn] Still Merch[an]t in Mark Lane, London

Sir,

Newcastle 25th March 1732

Ten days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or his order Twenty pounds, value reced as advis'd by Abrm Dixon  
To Mr Jn Still Mercht in Mark Lane London

**25 Mar 1732 Joseph Richmond to Michael Midford**

To Mr Mich[ael] Midford

Newcastle 25th March 1732

Sir, By Mr Blacketts order I have by the Post sent Mr Xpher Denton No 8 Greys inn a bill for twenty pods [pounds] for answer to your Lre dated the 10 Febr[uar]y; You'l please therefore to call upon Mr Denton for it, & give him a Receipt, Also to acknowledge your Receipt to Mr Blackett, I am etc J.R.

**28 Mar 1732 Joseph Richmond to Robert Long**

To Mr Long

Newcastle 28th Mar 1732

The Mark & Eliz: Rob[er]t Noble Ma[ste]r arriv'd Yesterday w[i]th the Six Casks & Hampers of Wine, for w[hi]ch he having brought no regular Dispatch, it is stopt by the Customs House Officers here, till the same shall be produced, or an order obtain'd from the Commis[sio]n of the Customers for the Delivery of it, w[hi]ch Neglect of taking out a transire will be attended w[i]th Expence both here & in London, I send you Inclosed the Sufference for Shipping, & desire you'l Imediatly apply to the Merchant it was bought of, & tell him that as no transire can now be obtain'd Mr Blackett desires he will w[i]th all expedition procure the Boards order that the Wine may be delivered, the Expence therof he will pay, I mean the Merch[an]t will pay, for when the Order comes, the Officers will expect at least again of Mr Blackett, the Comm[issioners] in these cases always directing they shall be satisfied, I am forc'd to give you this trouble because I know not who the wine was bought off, & desire that when the Order of delivery is obtain'd, (w[hi]ch will be sent down to the Collect[ion]) you will let me know, that I may call for the Wine, w[hi]ch will get no good where it now lays. I am etc J.R.

**28 Mar 1732 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle Mar: 28 1732

Sir, I send you Inclosed Messrs Ridleys bill on Mr Francis Grant for the sum of two hundred pounds, w[hi]ch when paid will Answr Captn Midfords receipt for his last half Years annuity, sent me in your Lre 22nd ult, the Receipt of w[hi]ch please to acknowledge, Last post I sent you two bills on Mr Jn Steel in Mark Lane for £41 drawn by Mr Abm Dixon, w[hi]ch I hope will come safe to hand, if they shoud not please to stop paymt they being at 10 <date>, When you order me I shall call on Mr Ward, or return your bill as you shall direct, I am etc J.R.

Newcastle March 25th 1732

£1200.0s.0d

Thirty days after date pay Mr Jos. Richmond or order two hundred pounds value received and place the same to account, as per advice from Richard & Nicholas Ridley  
To Mr Francis Grant Merchant in London

**7 Apr 1732    Joseph Richmond to Charles Whitaker**

To Mr Whitaker

Newcastle April 7th 1732

I received your Letter of the 30th ult wherein you say my Lord Bishop does not look upon what passed when Mr Blackett & Mr Allgood were to wait on him at Durham, to be notice of their Intention to pay the Lot oar in kind from Candlemass, unless he would abate of the Rent, Mr Blackett has received a Letter from his Lordship to the same affair & as he is desirous there may be no misunderstanding about the affairs, agrees to pay the Rent as usual till the 1st June, At which time the present Contracts with his Workmen will terminate, & the groves be cleared of what will be brought to the day, after which the Lot as it arises, will be delivered to the Person his Lordship shall please to appoint.

I take the Liberty Sir, to add that if my Lord Bishop was rightly informed of the present Condition of Weardale groves, he would find it his Interest to abate the £100 per annum required rather than by Insisting upon a most unreasonable Rent, or taking the Lot in kind, put Mr Blackett under a necessity of laying in the greatest part of those groves, for its very natural to conclude that he will work none, but what will pay the Lot & tythe & turn to advantage to himself & then I doubt his Lordship won't make so much of his Lot as the Rent of £250 per annum offered him for it, this Rent, considering the poorness of the groves & the great fall of Lead from £15.10s.0d to £13.5s.0d, is really much more than can be afforded, but Mr Blackett would submit to it, rather than give my Lord Bishop & himself the trouble of paying & receiving the Lot in kind, It's very probable that his Lordship may have been informed the Lot will amount to more money, & as I can't expect that what might be farther said to the Contrary, will have any weight, I leave it to time & Experience to discover the truth.

I am etc J.R.

**7 Apr 1732    Joseph Richmond to John Cross**

To Mr John Cross & Mr Samuel Pollard, Leeds

Newcastle 7th April 1732

Sir, I have shipped in the Good Intent of Hull : Henry Etherington Master, four  
<Hampiers> of bottles agreeable to your Order, the Invoice of which you have within,  
As you did not direct them to be sent to the Care of any person in Hull, the Master of the

Ship will take care of them till sent for, he telled me he will not abate of 2d a doz. For the freight, w[hi]ch must be paid him by the Person who has orders to call for the Bottles, I desire you acknowledge the Receipt to

Bought of Messrs Dagnia & Williams for the use & by the Orders of Mr Cross

2 gr<oss>: long neck'd quart Bottles at 16s      £1.12.0

2 gr:      of Common quarts at 14s      £1.08.0

1 gr:      of Common pints at 11s      £0.06.0

Ap[ri]l 7th 1731 pr J.R.

### 11 Apr 1732 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell

To Messrs Cook & Abell      Newcastle the 11 Apl 1732

Sirs,

I have this day drawn on you for the sum of one hundred & forty pounds in 2 Bills as b[e]low, of w[hi]ch I doubt not the due paym[en]t, In my Lre of the 22d Febry I desired to know whether you would agree to give 5s.9d pr oz. Certain for what silver I shall send you this Year, to w[hi]ch Mr Abell in his Lre of the 4th past only answers that he doubts not but you will always exceed our Newcastle Markett.

We are so desirous Gentn to deal wth you that provided you will give as much as our Silver Smiths, we will in the generale give you the preference, tho[ugh] upon some particular Occasions we may be oblig'd to .... them, They have been most of them with me lately, & am assured will give 5s81/2d if not 5s9d but I have deferred making any agreemt wth them, being desirous in the first place of haveing your possitive Answer, I am etc J.R.

At 25 days to Mrs Isabella Blackett or order      £100

Do to Mr Fran[cis] Yarborough or order      £ 40

£140

### 11 Apr 1732 Joseph Richmond to Francis Yarborough

To <Revd> Mr Yarborough      Newcastle the 11th April 1732

I send you the above Bill by Mr Lanct Allgoods orders upon his Nephews Accot the Receipt of wch I desire you will own to.      J.R.

Sirs      Newcastle the 11 April 1732 £40.0.0

Twenty five Days after date pay Mr Francis Yarborough or order the sum of Forty Pounds, Value reced of Mr Lan[celot]: Allgood & place it to acct wth Mr Blackett Ex[ecu]t[o]rs as advised by Your most humble Servant Jn Richmond  
To Messrs Cook & Abell, Goldsmiths in Forster Lane, London

**11 Apr 1732 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle the 11 April 1732

Dear Sir, I hope you will pardon the trouble of the above Bill, w[hi]ch you will please to deliver Mrs Blackett at your Leisure & procure me her Receipt for it,  
I am w[i]th much Respect, Yours etc J.R.

Sirs, Twenty five days after date pay Mrs Isabella Blackett or order the sum of one hundred pounds, value reced & place it to accot wth Sr. Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors advise by Sirs, Your most hmble Servt J.R.  
To Messrs Cook & Abell, Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

**11 Apr 1732 Joseph Richmond to William Pealing**

11th. Wrote Mr Pealing on Cecil Street, & Mr Rob. Long, again about the wine shop & for want of despatches.

**25 Apr 1732 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr Armstrong

Newcastle 28 April 1732

Tho[ma]s Phillips the Bearer says he's turned of work without any Reason given him for it, and y[ou]r having above 10<£> due to him desires it may be paid, I think its a reflection upon the Family to turn away men off work without paying him his wages , therefore desires you'l deliver him a due paper sign'd that I may pay him whats due, Harry Dodds & J[oh]n Hardy & brought their due papers upon the Credit of w[hi]ch I advanced them two guin[ea]s each.

I am etc J.R.

[marginal note:] I send off because he voted for <Grindley>

**5 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Mr Cha[rles] Joye Esq, Sir Tho[mas] <Hosplin>      Newcastle the 5th May 1732

Sirs, Inclosed are two Bills on Messrs Simond (as on the other side) for the sum of one thousand pounds, w[hi]ch I desire you will own the Receipt of, & when paid apply the same to the Credit of Sir Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors, I hope very speedily to remit you the Remainder of the Interest due the 14th Jan[ua]ry, I am Sr Your's etc J.R.

Newcastle 21st April 1732

Att two usuanes pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos. Richmond or order the Sum of five hundred pounds value in Lead of the Extors of Sr Wm Blackett & place it to your accot as p advice from your most humble servt Pr. Bernardeau  
To Messrs Pre & J C Simonds Bro: Merch.t London

Newcastle 21st April 1732

Att two usuanes pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos. Richmond or order the Sum of five hundred pounds value in Lead of the Extors of Sr Wm Blackett & place it to your accot as p advice from your most humble servt Pr. Bernardeau  
To Messrs Pre & J C Simonds Bro: Merch.t London

**9 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to William Pealing**

To Mr Wm Pealing, Mercht in Cecil Street in the Strand      Newcastle 9th May 1732

Sir,

On unpacking the wine we find 17 Bottles Burgundy & 4 bottles 1 pint of Champain wanting of your accot & also of Robt Longs accot who attending the bottling it, The mistake has most likely been committed by your Cooper or Servants unpacking, for its obvious no package had been opened in the passage or whilst in the Officers Custody, The Defficiency must be proportioned & deducted from your bills, after w[hi]ch you may draw on Mr Blacket at 30 days date, but if you cant meet with a Conveniency of drawing to your Satisfaction I will send you a Bill as soon as I possibly can, tho I prefer your Drawing. I am etc J.R.

**12 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Robert Macmorran**

To Mr Macmorran, Mercht London      Newcastle May 12th 1732

Sir, I am ordered by Mr Blackett to desire you will send him as soon as you can a hhd [hogshead] of your very best Claret & at the same time acquaint him wth its age, & all

other valuable property's , Please to caution the Master you send it by, to take out a Dispatht for it, & that if he omit it, the Expence will lay at his Door, I am etc J.R.

**16 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood

Newcastle 16 May 1732

Sir, Mr Blackett has resolved to ride the Boundaries of Wallington Lords[hi]p wth Hawick <.....> the 1st & 2nd June, so desire youl please to give the necessary Directions, & appoint a Court to be held at Wallington – either before or after as you shall judge most proper, I desire you please to let me know whether its necessary to give any other warning of rideing the Boundary, than the calling it at the Neighbouring Churches the Sunday before. He intends to ride Hexham Boundary the 2 or 3 days following after Midsumm[e]r Sessions of w[hi]ch he resolved to acquaint you, if it slip not out of his mind. I am etc J.R.

**18 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

1732 May 18. Sent Mr Allgood the Bond of Indemnity under Cover by Mr Hunter

**18 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Mr Armstrong

Newcastle 18th May 1732

Mr Hunter complains that the Oar reced from the heads to Dukesfield miln, has been very wet, & particularly what was sent from Allison's Shaft, he says its occasioned by the <.arg.s> throwing water upon it to make it weigh, but then Robt Dixon or the Person who delivers the Oar to your Carriers could not but observe it, I desire you'l make enquiry into the Matter & punish those you find guilty of a practice so Injurious to the proprietors. Dukesfield pay is fixed for the 14 June I presume you'l not come for any subsistance before that time. I am etc J.R.

**23 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to George Edwards**

To Mr Geo. Edwards at Bernard Castle

Newcastle May 23rd 1732

You promis'd me faithfully in Jan[ua]ry last, that if Mr Blackett & the Trustees would forbear wth you till Mayday, you would then punctually pay what are arising for the Hill Bark, but as I have since heard nothing from you, I send this by way of



Recollection & desire you'l take care the money be immediately paid & that upon Receipt hereof you'l let me know when & were I may expect to receive it. I am etc J.R.

**26 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Anne Featherston**

To Mrs Featherston

Newcastle 26 May 1732

Madm,

I reced your Lre of the 30th Mar[ch], in Answr to one of Mr Blackett & the Trustees, I have communicated the Contents, w[hi]ch I am now to tell you are not very agreeable, since you have thought proper after three Years forbearance to call in Question the justness of their Decisions, & deny Mr Featherston's hand writing, thu[ough] the same has been proved to the satisfaction of Mr Ellis & Mr Wharton, both of your own appointm[en]t to inspect the same, If you are really doubtful of Mr Ellis' Judgem[en]t w[i]th regard to the acco[un]t or of Mr Whartons and your own w[i]th regard to Mr Featherston's hand writing (w[hi]ch I think you can't) pray what friendly satisfaction remains to be given you? If you will appoint any other Person to examine into the Affair before the 12 of next Month I make no Doubt but convince them also, but if you will not be convinced in a Friendly way, I am now for the last time to tell you, it will be done in an adversary one, but I hope & desire you will take the necessary measures to prevent it. Dukesfield pay is fixed to the 14th next month, you know very well there are several persons who have wanted money of you since the last pay who at this will surely expect to have it, some of them have been here w[ith] their Complaints but are referred back to you f[ro]m whom their demand are actually due, being charged in the quart[er]ly acco[un]t but not bro[ugh]t into the Reckoning Book, you have a list of them on the other side, w[hi]ch I send you for your Examination, & in order to prevent the clamour w[hi]ch will ensue if you make not them all easy at the Pay, and as the paym[en]t of these articles amounting to £17.6s.11d will be so much p[ai]d of your Balance due to Mr Blackett, I doubt not but you will be well advis'd what is most proper for you to do therein, Inclosed is your acco[un]t with the Ex[ecu]tors w[hi]ch I am certain is just, If I can be certain in anything, it is drawn out f[ro]m 1724 from Mr Featherstons own general acco[un]t in order that you may see the £200 p[ai]d by Mr Salkeld in Feb[rua]ry 1726/7 was not included in Mr Featherstons last pay. I am etc J.R.

**26 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Hunter

Newcastle 26 May 1732

Sir,

If Mrs Featherston is well recovered, I desire you will seal & deliver her the Inclos'd, if not pray respite the delivery of it till a more proper Oppertunity, I send you also inclos'd your own acco[un]t from the beginning w[hi]ch I desire you will look into & carefully examine against you come in for the money, in order that if any mistake appear it may be rectified, the due paper comes to abo[u]t £4000, but you will observe that £3673.11.9 must make a clear pay, so that there must certainly be some mistake in the Reckonings, I expect you in on Saturday evening the 11 of June, take Mr Allgoods directions whether, and w[h]ere he would have you stop to dine on Tuesday and what Company he would have you summons to guard the Cash, w[hi]ch 2 pack Horses will be sufficient to carry, I think this is all the offers, save that I am assured by Mrs H. J.R. P.S. Pray bring w[i]th you the inclos'd acco[un]t w[i]th your observations upon it.

**28 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

28 May. Sent Sr <Walt.r> copy of the Bond of Indemnity, wrote him about riding the Boundaries & Rookope grove, & that I do not think any good will be done by <counting that a...sp, till he finds it has intrest>

**30 May 1732 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 30th May 1732

I sent you on Saturday last pr Laycock the Carrier a piece of fine silver g. four hundred & eighty ounces for w[hi]ch I have debited you as below at 5s.9d p[er] oz, please to advise me on the receipt. I am etc J.R.

**23 Jun 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr Wr Calvorley in Golden Square

Newcastle 23 June 1732

Honrd Sr,

Mr Blackett sett forwards for Calverley on Wednesday last, that morning he called upon Mr Grey but met not with him, being in the Country, as soon as he comes to Town w[hi]ch I expect will be tomorrow I will wait on him, and let you know his Answer about the Bill.

On Monday Mr Blackett was to wait upon the B[isho]p at Auckland who agreed to renew the two Lives in Kilhope & Welhope for £200, & also add a new life & change another in Lintgarth for £20, & gave orders to his secretary to draw up the leases accordingly with Mr Blackett & Mrs Blacketts Lives, he still Insists on the old Rent for the Lot or to have it in kind, and of £11.10 fine for adding Mr Blacketts Life in the Lead

mines, & renewing the Lease of the Inclosures for 21 Years, w[hi]ch Lease was suffered to expire in 1727, tho[ugh], Mr Allgood says the late B[isho]p would have renewed it without a Fine, when the Agreement was made with him in 1725 for the Lot Oar, if Sr Wm had thought there had been anything in that Lease worth renewing, however, the truth be it was certainly a great neglect not to renew that Lease, especially if it could have been done without a Fine, for tho[ugh] in 1727 no groves were wro[ught] in the Inclosures, they did not know what discoveries might be made therein afterwards, at this time there are severall Tacks let in the Inclosures & the B[isho]p has discharged all the Tackers, but none of those Tryalls are of any Value except one, and that we think we shall be able to defend, for tho[ugh] its Inclos'd ground, it is a common undivided pasture, w[hi]ch we think won't fall under the Lease or Years, & therefore resolve to keep possession, & try if he'l[l] venture to serve Ejectments; but I hope all matters will be accommodated, for Mr Blackett offered to produce his Books and also try let B[isho]p view the groves, by any Person of Judgem[en]t & Integrity, & he seemingly agreed to be determined thereby both with regard to fine & Rent. Mr Blackett has given orders for filing a Bill, to examine Witnesses about Hexham Boundary, w[hi]ch he propose to ride Imediately after Hexham Sessions, w[hi]ch will be the 12th next month, In the meantime Mr Armstrong is upon his Survey of that Boundary & collecting what evidence he can, There was an old Boundary Book in the hands of Mr Thos Allgood formerly a Bailiff of Hexham w[hi]ch if forthcoming will help to clear up all Disputes. I have just now been w[i]th Mr Grey who says the present Bill will do very well, with the amendment of that part only w[hi]ch calls Mr Allgood to acco[un]t. I am etc J.R.

**23 Jun 1732 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Chris Denton Greys Inn London

Newcastle 23rd June 1732

Sr,

I desire you will let me know by the Return of the Post, what is done w[i]th Mr Bull about Fenw[ic]k Lamberts House, we have had the Offer of several good tenants, w[hi]ch are now provided, because matters not being concluded, we could not put the House into Repair, w[hi]ch I declare is actually £20 worse than when I contracted for it with Mr Steel, for all the Windows, Shutters, hangings etc are broke & tore to pieces, and all the Young Trees quite spoiled by the Children getting in to the Yard, w[hi]ch I did all in my power to prevent, but could not be at any expence abut it till sure it belonging to Mr Blackett. I shall be very glad if you confirm, what Mr Ward tells me yesterday, that you Intend to be here at our assizes, I presume he will respite payment of your 10 Guin[eas] till that time, Mr Blackett & Mrs Blackett sett forward on Wednesday for Calverley & after they will proceed for Scarborough, I should be glad to hear what Effect the Article lately executed is like to have, & whether the Present Bill can be amended so, that the Lady's Answers may stand good, or that a new one must be filed, w[hi]ch would occasion a great Expense, I just now called upon Mr Grey, who

was in the Country when Mr Blackett went away, he gives it as his opinion that the present Bill will do, w[i]th the amendm[en]t of that part only which calls Mr Allgood to Acco[un]t. I am etc J.R.

**27 Jun 1732 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Mr Chas Joy Esq. Inst. Thomas Hospitall, Southwark, London

Newcastle the 27th June 1732

Sir,

Inclosed are two Bills of Exchange for the sum of thirteen hundred & forty two pounds ten shillings, w[hi]ch when paid will clear off all interest on the late Sr Wm Blacketts mortg[ag]e to the 14 Jan[ua]ry last, You will be please to apply the same to the Credit of Sr Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors (making it with the other Remittances I have made you, reced by my hands) & also to advise me on the Receipt hereof, who am <a/ct> J.R.

Newcastle June 23rd 1732

At two usances pray pay by this my sole Bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos. Richmond or order the sum of nine hundred and six pounds five pence (£906.0s.05) value rece[ive]d & place it to the Acco[un]t of the D[e]bto[rs] of the J.C. as per advise from your most humble servant Pr Bernardeau.

To Mr P.re Cavalier in London

Newcastle June 23 1732

Att two usances pray pay by this my sole Bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos. Richmond or order the sum of four hundred thirty six pounds nine shillings and seven pence (£436.9s.7d), Value in <Lead> of the Ex[ecu]tors of Sir Wm Blackett, & place it to the Acco[un]t of Mr J. B. B. of Rouen as per advise from your most humble servant Pr Bernardeau.

To Mr P.re & J.C. Simond Bror Mercht in London

£1342.10s.0d

**27 Jun 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Waltr Blackett at Esholt

Newcastle 27 June 1732

Hon Sr, The above is a Bill on Cook & Abell for two hundred & fifty five pounds, I desire you will please to own the Receipt thereof to etc. J.R.



Agreeable to the desire of Mr Lanc[elo]t Allgood I send you the Inclosed Bill for the sum of seventeen pound ten shillings, w[hi]ch I desire you will own the Receipt of to, Madm Yours etc J.R.

Newcastle 7th July 1732

Thirty days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond, or order the sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings sterling (£17.10s.0d) (the value reced) & place it to acco[un]t as by Advice from Fenwick & Waters.

To Messrs Henry & Pr Mullman, Merchts in London

**11 Jul 1732 Joseph Richmond to Edward Ord**

To Mr Ord of Grindon Rigg near Berwick

Newcastle 11th July 1732

Sir,

I read your Lre of the 5 & have according to your Order shipt 100 p[ie]ce[s] of our best Lead in the Rich & Mills of Whitby, Xpher [Christopher] Green Ma[ste]r for Berwick, I could not prevail on the Ma[ste]r to abate anything of five pence pr ps, w[hi]ch I think is too dear a freight, but as I did not know what want you may have of the Lead, was not willing to lose the opportunity, You receive Inclosed the Invoice & Bills of Lading, & when the Lead arrives the Ma[ste]r is to demand no Charges of you, but the Freight only, the ship being cleared & the Wind Fair I expect she will sail next tide. I am J.R.

Invoice of 100 p[ie]ce[s] of WB Lead ship[p]ed on Board the Rich & Mills of Whitby, Xpher Green Mas[te]r for Berwick & Consigned to Mr & Mm Ord of Grindon Rigg

100 ps Lead qty 139.1.7 at 13.7 pr Fother £92. 0.11

Sufferance	0. 0. 6
Wherriage	0. 5. 0
Bills of Lading	0. 1. 0 1/2
Porters	0. 1. 0
Officer	0. 1. 0
	92. 9. 5 1/2

**11 Jul 1732 Joseph Richmond to Peter Walker**

To Mr Peter Walker at the three Crane Wharf London

Newcastle 11 July 1732

Sir,



I desire you will buy & send here for Mr Blacketts use, Thirty Casks of your Best Bone ashes, the Casks to be about the same size w[i]th the last you sent, & let them be marked WB, you need not be hasty in sending them, for if they come in a month, it will be sufficient, therefore I again desire you will endeavour to get the ashes as good as Possible, Please to advise me of the Shipping them, & draw for the amount when you please on Sr . Y[ou]rs etc J.R.

**11 Jul 1732    Joseph Richmond to William Pealing**

To Mr Pealing Merch[an]t in Cecil Street in the Strand London    Newcastle 11 July 1732

Sir,

Your Bill on Mr Blackett for £80 is paid, and you may draw for the Remainder of your Note when you please, making allowance for the 21 Bottles that were short sent, w[hi]ch Mr Blackett expects, as he had not yet the Wine, Mr Long writes that he desired to be present at the packing it up, be he had no notice given him as desired, upon the whole, it is hard for Mr Blackett to pay for what he never had sent to him, for you may depend on it all came safe that was sent, and the where actually was the above Difficiency, you will therefore use Mr B herein as you expect more of his custome, the 21 bottles proposed to the whole Quantity will amount to £3.13.6. I am etc J.R.

**16 Jul 1732    Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

Wrote Mr Denton about the Deficiency of Pealing wine, & desir'd him to take <Robt> Long with him & pay <or tender> only 12.11.2 the <Clark>, unless he saw no reason to pay the whole sum demanded. Wrote him also to procure & send down Copies of the Leases of Killop & Wellop & also of Lintsgarth.

**21 Jul 1732    Joseph Richmond to John Clark**

Newcastle 21st July 1732

Sir, Inclosed is a <Cimps> note for twenty pounds, w[hi]ch I send you at the request of Mr Thoms Smithson for the use of his son Rog[e]r, & desire that you or he will advise me of the Receipt hereof by the Return of the Post, the Drawer is a good man, & I doubt not it's being punctually p[ai]d, be if it should not, return the Note to me, & Ile send you a Bill at sight in lieu thereof, I am etc J.R.  
to Mr Jno Clark bookseller at the <Noble> under the Royal Exchange.



London June the 30th 1732

I promise to pay Mr Richd Charlton or order twenty pounds forty days after date for value, reced in Coals. £20.0.0 Robert Jones his Marke

Endorsed Rich[ar]d Charlton, Cha[rles] Atkinson, Henri Reay

**8 Aug 1732 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 8th Augt 1732

Sirs, I sent you Saturday last pr Burrell the London Carrier, two pieces of fine silver, as below, w[hi]ch I desire you will advise me on if Receipt of, I am etc J.R.

2 ps at 929 1/2 oz at 5s.9d pr oz} £267.4.7 ½

**15 Aug 1732 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood

Newcastle 15th Augt 1732

Sir,

An Agreement was clos'd yesterday w[i]th Bp on the terms within mentioned, & an article drawn accordingly, being the best bargain could become at with him, because he had about departed from every thing he had promis'd to stand to before, positively denied the Term of <...> years agreed on for the Rent, & also what was concluded about <B/Risby> grove, I must own I was so much staggerd at the unexpected usage from a Bp, that I could not readily persuade myself to <treat> any further, & if I had not had Mr Blacketts positive orders to finish the Affair in the best manner I could, I would have left it still undone, & have trusted to providence, rather than submitted to a man who has so bad a memory.

The Leases are to be signed in a fortnights time , I desire therefore you will let me know by the first Return of the Post if the Trustees are to be made Lessees, & if so, how will you have the same worded, for I promised Whitaker to send him full Instructions by Frydays Post, Mr Blackett saw the Agreement this morning just going to Wallington, & tho he may, he has no great Reasons to be Pleas'd w[i]th it, I do not know yet what life he will joyn w[i]th his own in the Lands, he says he will let me know on Thursday, I have not time to transcribe you a Copy of the agree[men]t at present, so w[i]th best respects to Mrs Allgood & remain

Yours etc J.R.

£.s.d

Mr Blackett's Life in the Moor ma.s Lease

900.0.0

Renewing Barb. Sanderson's Lease for 21 Years

Adding two Lives in Kilhope & Welhope	200.0.0
Adding one Life in Lintsgarth & changing another	21.0.0
	1121.0.0

£350 rent for the Lot for 7 Years

£315 rent for the <tythe> for 7 Years If the Bp [Bishop] live so long

P.S. I doubt shall be greatly straitned to raise the fines

**18 Aug 1732 Joseph Richmond to Charles Whitaker**

To Mr Whitaker                      Newcastle 18 Augt 1732

Sir,

Mr Lanc[elo]t Allgood of Riding, Mr Cha. Clarke jun[io]r of Newcastle, & Mr Major Allgood of Brandon in the County of Northumbd, are to be made Lessies, in all four Leases, In the Moor masters Lease the Lives are to be <as foll> Walter Blackett Esqr aged about 23, Mrs Eliz: Marshall wife of Wm Marshall Esqr of New Bond Street, aged about 44. & Mrs Frances Bruce Wife of the Honble Robt Bruce Esqr aged about 35. The lives to be put in the Leases of the Lands are Mr Blackett Esqr & Ralph Clark son of Robt Clarke of Wallington aged about 22. I desire you will send me a Draught of the Articles, & of the Surrender of the old Leases, as soon as you possibly can, & let me know if Bills will be acceptable to his Lords[hi]p. I am etc J.R.

**19 Aug 1732 Joseph Richmond**

[Note: Recipient not stated but the content suggests it was written to a steward of Sir Walter Calverley (father of Walter Blackett) in Yorkshire]

I have sent by Warburton the Leeds Carrier, a Cask directed for Sr W[alte]r of six gallons Canary, w[hi]ch Tho. Craven left behind, not being willing to wait the Return of a Messenger who I sent w[i]th Sr Walters Lre to <Mr> Blackett. I am glad to hear the Family are well after their Journey pray present my Duty to Sr Wr & acquaint him that Mr Blackett is come to a Bargain, but a very hard one, w[i]th the Bp, being to pay him £900 fine for adding one life in the moormasters Lease, & Renewing of Lease of Stanhope & Wolsingham Parks & the Inclosures for 21 Years, w[hi]ch expired ab[ou]t 6 Years ago, had Sr Wm & Mr Allgood taken care to renew the Lease & not let two lives drop in Kilhope & Welhope, Mr Blackett had not been now so much at the Bps mercy, But as matters stand there was <an.ea.so.> of comeing to a spe[e]dy Agreemt. For since the Bp came to the <L..> ab[ou]t <300 a .wt> of Oar has been wro[ugh]t in Stanhope Park (I always thought we had a right to work it) w[hi]ch Oar the Bp would have reced

in Case of no Agreeemt Mr Ridley & Mr Mowbray have also endeavoured to procure the Lease of the Bp, & did bid him £350 pr annum for the Lot oar, if the Bp always speak the truth, better was not to be expected from the former, but the Latter ought to be braned for his infamous Ingratitude.

I am etc J.R.

**31 Aug 1732 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr Armstrong

Newcastle 31st Aug[us]t 1732

Sir, John Vipont having petitioned Mr Blackett to be restored to his Work again, & promising better behaviour for the future, I am ordered to acquaint you that as Mr Blackett believes what he has already suffered, will be a means to make him keep his word, & mind his Work, you are to set him on again at the next Bargains, In the mean time he has Engaged himself to shew you some Discovery he has made of an untryed vein, near his own Habitation, w[hi]ch he will make a thorough tryall of at his own Expençe, by working her into the Sill, in the manner you shall Direct, if he performs not in all Respects, you are at Liberty to discharge him the works again, giving your Reasons for so doing w[hi]ch is signified to you by Y[ou]rs etc J.R.

**1 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Edward Ord**

To Mr Edw.d Ord Merch.t in Berwick

Newcastle 1st September 1732

I have this Day drawn on you for the sum of Ninety two Pounds 9s. 5d. ½, payable at sight to Mr Wm Robson or Order, being in full for one hundred pieces of Lead sold Wm Ord Esq.r

I am etc J.R.

**8 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**

To Mr Peart

Newcastle 8th September 1732

I am to desire of you to hasten the Oar from the <Partn[er]s[hi]p> Mines as fast as it can ever be got washed, & to take care all hands that be kept at work, w[hi]ch I apprehend Mr Bacon will Endeavour to prevent this Year, in order to save in his proportion of the fine, this is to yourself, therefore you take any measures you shall judge for Mr Blacketts intrest herein, & if you think pressing a pay, will be of any use, you are at Liberty to fix it when you think best, without any further reckons, All matters are concluded w[i]th the Bp [Bishop], & J[oh]n Armstrong & you are Attorneys

to give possession of all the Mines & Lands, w[hi]ch must be done in accustomed form  
I am etc J.R.

**8 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon**

To J[oh]n Bacon Esq.r

Newcastle 8th September 1732

Sir,

Before I reced your Lre of the 6th I had agreeable to your Sons desire, made an Assay of 289 p[ie]ce[s] of your Lead now at Bollyhope Mills, w[hi]ch is not nigh so rich in silver as the last I bought of you, or the 300 p[ie]ce[s] you offered me last year, for it Yields only, as follows, if Daltons report to me in just, & I do assure I verily believe it is

- 186 ps oar hearth Lead yields 3 gra[in] pr lb or 15 oz pr Fother  
96 ps Slag Lead yields 2 or 10 pr Do

According to w[hi]ch I send you a Computation of its Value as within w[hi]ch if we shall not make a Bargain, may be some guide to your disposing of it, being as nearly the truth as I can come, if you will accept of £14.15s.0d pr Fother for the whole I agree to give it tho[ugh] its scarce worth the While, & if <so> I desire you will order the delivery at Blaydon in 14 days.

The Lease of our Lead Mills being expired about 5 years, I am to remind you of renewing & desire your Answer if I may get a new Lease prepared at price of £50 I hope you will think well of being no more than the last price of £40 when the Interest of the sum for 5 years is considered, Mr Blackett is come to an Agreeemt w[i]th the B[isho]p, under a most exorbitant price of £900.

I am etc J.R.

Ps	Fothr		
186 oar hearth Lead abt	12 at 15 oz is 180 oz at 5s 8 1/2d		£ 51 7 6
96 Slag Lead abt	6 at 10 oz is 60 oz at Do		£ 17 2 6
	18		
Waste in Refinery	2		
Remains	16 Fothers, at £13.10.0 will be		£216
			£284 10 0
Workmansp in refining & reducing 18 Fothr	£10.16s.0d		
Fireing, Boneashes etc	£ 4.10s.0d		£ 15 6 0
			£269 4 0
The above 18 Fothr at £14.15s pr Fother will be			£265 10 0
	Remains		£ 3 14 0

**12 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell in Forster Lane

Newcastle 12th Septembr 1732

Sirs,

On Saturday last I sent you by Crabtree the Carrier one piece of fine Silver g. 638 ½ oz wch I have debited you for at 5s.9d & desire you will acknowledge the Receipt of it. I have this day drawn on you for one hundred and ten pounds payable to <Gilfrid> Lawson Esqr, or order in three Bills as follows

at 35 days date for £40.0.0

at 30 £40.0.0

at 30 £30.0.0

£110.0.0

to w[hi]ch I desire you will give due honour, & I hope it will not be disagreeable to you if I make a further Draught for £200 about the latter end of the month, wch I believe shall be obliged to do.

I am etc J.R.

**15 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Robert Long**

To Mr Robt Long in John Street near Gold[smith] square London

Newcastle 15th Sept 1732

Sir,

On Saturday last I sent by Crabtree the Carrier two Trunks of Mr Blacketts directed for you, wch I desire you will put in some very dry place till he come to Town, I have shipped in the Sarah Rose of Yarmouth Morris <Barnhard> master the Coach & Furniture 13 boxes 3 trunks wearing apparel Box of Plate, 1 hampier of Pickells & half an anker containing 4 bottles Pealings Burgundy. In the Coach are 3 liveries, 2 Velvet Seats, 2 hammer Clothes & <...> the <chased> seat, & 2 wipps, The harness &c are packed up in a Cask. I have agreed wth the master for 3 guin[ea]s for the freight, as you will see by the Inclosed Receipt, wch I desire you will pay him on Receipt of the goods if everything comes safe & well, & also give his Crew half a crown to drink, wch I promised them for their care, The Coach must be sent to <Cogdale.>, The Ship is loaden & ready to sail next tide, & will I hope be in the River before this reach you the wind being fair, I desire you will let me know if everything comes safe. I am etc J.R.

**16 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sir Wr Calverley Bart

Newcastle 16 September 1732

Sir,

I have sent by Warburton the Leeds Carrier three doz of macmorrans claret, & one doz of Fenwks Burgundy according to Order – I have not yet got the Article about Kenton but expect it in 10 days, on Mr Dentons return hither, who I believe has got it from Mr Shaftoe.

I am etc J.R.

**16 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett Esq. at Esholt

Newcastle 16th Sept 1732

Honrd Sir,

Inclosed is Henry Coulsons bill on Mr Thos Stainbank for two hundred pounds wch please to advise the Receipt of, I find it was expected by the magistrates that you would have publickly declared your Intention of standing for the Town the day they last dined wth you but Mr Ridley, I am told, is the only one that calls it an omision, because it might have been of some use to his Designs, I am humbly of opinion it was as well let alone. Tis now talked Sir H: Liddle will make a very strong Intrest at Morpeth, & that he will be chose there without any great Expencc, I shifted the Coach & boxes on Thursday last wch I believe are in the River ere this, but sent your Clothes this day senight by the Carrier, all directed to the care of Mr Robt Long. The Leeds Carrier brings 3 doz of the Macmorrans Claret signified in Sir Ws Lre of the 9th. I have not yet got the Article about Kenton. I am etc J.R.

P.S. You Subscribed 4 guins a year towards the Education of Emmerson the hatter's son wch I have forebore paying for 12 m[onths], from a Report of his being expelled the College for some Male principles, he is at present under the care of Dr Eden, & its hoped will be bro[ugh]t to a better way of thinking, Dr Thomlinson knows the whole & is a subscriber but as he for the Reason above has withdrawn it, I desire to know whether you will continue yours.

Newcastle Sept 15th 1732

Thirty days after date, pay Mr Jos: Richmond, or order two hundred pounds, Value in accot & place it as advised by Your most humble serv. Henry Coulson  
To Mr Thomas Stainbank Merch. In London

**19 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Waltr Blackett Esq

Newcastle 19 Sept 1732

Honrd Sir,

There is one Mat[the]w Price who listed himself here some time agoes in Captn Carneys Regiment Comp. of L[or]d Cadogans Regimnt now at Exeter who is desirous of being discharged, he is a free <Roper> and his Father and two Brothers are freemen of this Town and will all enter under any Engagem[en]t of giving single voice at the next Election, if you will procure his discharge, & the Father will also pay any Charge that may attend it, If you have any acquaintance by whom you can procure them their service, it will be serving at least 4 votes, & I therefore thought it my Duty to Signify it. I am etc J.R.

**23 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 23rd Sept. 1732

Honrd Sir,

I have reced the Kenton Article, & called upon Mr Ord for the Rent who can't recollect anything of the matter, I went afterwards to Mr Ra: Featherstone who is Agent to the whole Alliance & he told me Mr Ord had been giving him some accot of it, but not having seen the Article himself, he understood it to be only Condition if they went forwards w[i]th the purchase of Kenton wch he saw no probability of, that as soon as he could see Cornl Liddle who is now at Islington he will Inquire into the Affair & then give me a direct Answer, wch will be in 14 days. I have paid Pealings Bill, I am etc J.R.

**26 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr Armstrong

Newcastle 26 Septembr 1732

Sir,

I have reced yours, but have not time now to send you the particulars of my paymnt here, neither do I think it very materiall, for if you set to every man his exact due, we will adjust all well enough when you come down, for shall have all my paymts ready drawn out for you against the time. Mr Blackett is very desirous to know how Mohope goes forwds, what likelihood there's of her proving a good grove, w[ha]t hands are imployed in her, & how the Bargains are let, wch you must let me know as soon as possible, Pray if you have not Drawn the Draught of the ground in Dispute with Mr Whitfield, send me down an accot in writing thereof as full as you can mentioning the particular places by wch we claim, & also those that he claims to in order to get a Bill fil'd to examine Witnesses & Commission out the Micha.s term, w[hi]ch will be lost unless you are expeditious in the Affair, Mr Dents who is to sollicite the Affair being now here, I wish you could send it me before the day senight for he then talks for the



South. I wish you had sent me a particular of the arrears as you promised wch I desire you will do on Receipt hereof, and also an accot how the £66.9.2 ¼ arises from the Corn Mill, wch accot will be necessary for me to have before the pay, you may liken us to bring down with you your gen[era]l accot wch I will examine wth my Books in order to its being agreed at the pay as you desired the charge of the pay may be bro[ugh]t into the next qua[rter] acct so need be no Obstacle, Three Horses will be sufficient for the money, I need not tell you to make the Charge of fetching the money as <earlie> as you can. I am etc J.R.

**26 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to George Edwards**

Septr 26th 1732

Writ Mr Geo: Edwards at Barnard Castle about the Ballance of this Account

**28 Sep 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To: Walter Blackett Esq.

Honrd Sir,

I desire you will be pleased to let me know how you Intend your Intrest for the County & Town of Durham, Mr Hedworth, Mr Bowes & Mr Vane will be for the County & Mr Shafto, Mr Lambton & Mr Talbot, as reported for the Town, Mohope grove continues good, On Monday I expect the Draught of the Disputed ground in order to get a Bill to be filed next Town, On the other side you have a Copy of a Lre from Jn Armstrong to Mr Allgood ab[ou]t the person wch I reced the morning, & I find Mr Allgood intends at the Pay wch is fixed for the 11th of next month to give Mr Waltons possession agreeable, as he says, to your Order, I find Intrest is making for the Dr to continue, or Jn Armstrong's son to succeed in the Publick House both of wch I think inconsistent wth your Intrest, Aldn Ridley will be chosen Mayor on Monday next it being his turn, its talked this morning that Aldn Johnson is a dying at Bp Auckland, if he dye before Mr Ridley is elected Mayor, I think there will be an attempt made in your favour if Mr Reay & Mr Fenwick think it likely to succeed, but if not till afterwards, I conclude it will be in vain to attempt it, for his authority then over the Electors will be superior to all others, I am just going to Wallington amongst the Tenants, who here never so put to it to get up their Rents from the very low prices of Corn, Cattle, Butter etc. I fear unless amend we shall have a bad accot wth many of them. I am etc J.R.

**6 Oct 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To: Wr Blackett Esq.

Honrd Sir,

I have applied to Aldn Fenw[ic]k for a hundred pound bill payable at Bristoll agreeable to your Lre of the 1st inst., who not having Liberty to draw, gave me the Inclos'd Lre to Mr Le Quesne but I believed you must pay Commission for what money you take up, both to Le Quesne & his Correspondent, & therefore the less Occasions we have to use the Favour the better, Inclos'd is Rich. & Nicks Ridley's Bill on Mr Jno Edwards for two hundred pounds payable the 11th Novr, wch I beg you will please Imediately to send for Acceptance, if he accepts it, it will be punctually paid. I desire you will advise the Receipt of it & mention the sum its for, I herewith Inclose a Lre from W[illia]m Robson wth a Plan & estimate of a New Stable, what directions you shall please to give herein will be put in Execution, as soon as the Season will permit, please to signify what you will have done abt Gunnerton Coll[ie]ry, I have had a Viewer at her, who reports that a deal of money has been thrown away to no purpose, but as matters are, its most advisable to follow Thos Potts method of winning, wch will cost abt <£81>, are you willing he should have that allowance, & a Lease for 21 Years at £40 pr annm after flying from his first Bargain, or do you choose to win her yourself & then let her to the best advantage, Must Winship continue wth the Days at Wallington for the Winter, or return to Kenton, I hope you have had better weather than we have had here since you left Calverley, & that they will find you well after your journey, Dr Lowther will write by this Post. I am etc J.R.

Newcastle Sept 8th 1732

Two months after date pay Mr Jos. Richmond on order two hundred pounds value reced & place it to accot as pr advise from Rich: & Nicks: Ridley  
To Mr John Edw[ard]s, Mercht, London

**20 Oct 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

[Note: Grindale was the outgoing curate of Allenheads Chapel, his stipend paid by money deducted from the miners' pay under rules laid down during the time of Sir Wm Blackett II c.1700, and collected from the miners by the agent, ie. John Armstrong – or not collected, as alleged here by Grindale.]

To Wr Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 20th Octobr 1732

Honrd Sir,

This day senight wee finished the Pay at Allenheads , when Mr Grindale resign'd & Mr Walton was put in possession of the Chappell, We had a smart skirmish at parting between Mr Grindale & Jn Armstrong, but without any Loss of the ill blood that is betwixt them – Grindale has given in an accot of about £70 he insists he has been

wronged off in the last 6 Years, by Jn Armstrong's refusing to secure it for him from the People, who on the other hand affirms the accot to be false in every Article & that he has paid him every farthing of his dues, to reconsile wch difference I ordered all the Reckon[in]g Bookes down to Newcastle to be examined, & I believe it will appear the Parson has not had justice done him, but I also believe he does not want so much as he says he does. Dr Nobles house is published to be lett, & Jn Armstrongs Son had a refusall of it. The three Colts were cut three weeks ago, & are all past danger, Winship has entered this Season seven couples of young Dogs, five couple of wch he thinks will prove very good, Robson tells me that Jn has never been at home since you left this Place & that he hears he's some w[h]ere about Haggerston, has taken no Care of any Dog but Bumpier wch he is making up for Markett, The <Latchams> men have <had> has discovered something of a Vein near Hexham, & Mr Allgood has sent in 2 <pds> of the ore to be tried, if she is likely to prove a grove, I will Imediately let you know, Jn Armstrong tells me Moohope grove he thinks will hold good to the <[ho]Rison> but that she proves dead down the field, Mr Fenwick declares he will stand Candidate at the next Occasion, but Mr Ridley keeps himself close yet is observed to be more Complaisant than is usual for him to be, if you coul'd serve the Man I wrote to you about <forgiveing his L...> discharge without Expençe or much trouble it will be of some service, tho[ugh] I hope your Intrest is as good as you need desire, Mr Allgood has bid one seven pounds a year for the small apartment on the left side into Fenwk Lamberts house, wch is 40 s more a year more than Ive been offered by any other, pray do you approve of only letting it him, I cannot yet meet with a Tenant for the great House without laying out more money for it than I think proper for me to do, till you see it & give directions, Gunnerton Collry is taken into your own hands & Potts discharged from being any way concerned in her, Winship has now in the House the Black Horse, Matchim, & great Gelding, I desire your directions whether young swallow Mr Swinburns horse, Mr Coulsons Colt, & the other Hunters must continue at Grass at Wallington or be sent into the Horse Close at Kinton. I am etc J.R.

**22 Oct 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sir Wt Calverley Bart

Newcastle 22nd Octr 1732

Honld Sir,

I have this day sent by the Courier six gallons of Brandy, & quart of the Flower of mustard, the Brandy is as good as can be imported, it comes by permitt, for none that is really good is to be got in the Cheap way, Gunnerton Collry is taken into my <Ma[ster]s> own hand, & Potts discharged being anyway concerned, I dont know what success wee shall have with her, but I fear not her turning to better accot than she has done for some Years past, I have spoke to Mr Allgood & Mr Grey about the Bills, & also about Mr Allgoods Bills, the Answers I have is, that Mr Grey will write to Mr Wilson fully by the Post, I have had the Article about Kenton Colliery for some time, & have

been twice to demand the Rent agreeable to my M[aste]rs order, but they desire Liberty to defer giving any direct Answer till Coll Liddles return from Islington wch they now tell me will be some time next week, Mr Allgood tells me he hears they will not abide by the Agreemt unless they be compell'd to it by Chancery, how Mr Ord getts forwards with his <Fitter> I dont know, but he is beginning to make Improvemts, I desire your directions whats to be done to recover the Quit Rents due out of Slaly & Thockerington, Mr Carr & Mr Wilkinson lives, I doubt they may be some difficulty improving any paymt of them, I have several times spoke to Mr Allgood about them, but I dont find any thing likely to be done.

I am Yrs etc J.R.

6 gallons Brandy at 6s.0    £1.19.0

a quart flower of mustard   £0.01.0

**22 Oct 1732   Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 22nd Octr 1732

Sirs, I have this day drawn on you for the sum of £300, as below, wch I hope will meet wth your Acceptance, please to place the same when paid to Accot with Sir Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors, I shall in a little time send you a fresh supply of Silver, & at the end of the Year will draw out & send you your accot courant. I am etc J.R.

one bill for £200 payable to Lanc[elo]t Allgood Esq. or order 40 days after date

one Bill for £100 payable to Is[a]b[e]ll Blackett or order 25 days after date

£300.0.0

**23 Oct 1732   Joseph Richmond to George Edwards**

To Mr Geo: Edwards

Newcastle 23rd Octr 1732

I have orders to acquaint you that as you have not performed your <repeated> promisses of paying your Ballance for the Hill Bark before <then>, nor even thought fitt to let Mr Blackett have equall <A..ge> wth other People wch he might have expected from you, If you do not take care to discharge the Debt or put it in some satisfactory way of payment in 14 days from the date you must expect to meet with some speedy trouble, for no more <amusements> will have any place, I therefore hope to receive from you full satisfaction herein in the time proposed, if not you can blame non but yourself for the Consequence. I am Yours etc J.R.

**31 Oct 1732 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton,

Newcastle 31st Octobr 1732

Dr Srs,

I Reced your Favour of the 19th & am glad to hear you got well to Town, I have been this morning wth Mr Clarke about the copy of the Bill, but Its not yet finished, I expect it will be ready to send away by next Tuesdays Post, As to the £10 in your Accot Mr Allgood & Mr Clarke are not wiling to have any alteration made thereon, so that it must stand as it is, I have not yet heard from Mr Brown or Mr Ward & the time of payment of Thos Nickolsons money is not till the 11 next month, I send you Inclosed my Bill on Cook & abill [sic] for the sum of one hundred pounds payable to Mrs Isab: Blackett or Order, & desire you'l please to deliver it her, & take & send me her Receipt for her half Years Annuity due 11th next month,

I am etc J.Richmond

Newcastle 21st Octobr 1732

Sirs, Twenty five days after date pay Mrs Isab: Blackett or order the sum of one hundred Pounds val[ue] reced & place the sum to accot wth Sir Wm Blacketts Extors as advised by Sirs, Your most obedient Servt J. Richmond  
To Messrs Cook & Abell, Goldsmiths in Forster Lane, London

**3 Nov 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sir Waltr Calverley Bart

Newcle 3 Nov 1732

Honrd Sir,

I have been with Mr Grey, who assures we he will answer Mr Wilsons Lre by next Post, wch he says he could not do before, some points wanting Mr Allgoods Resolution, but Mr Allgood being now with him I hope all will be fix'd in order to save the present term, Mr Featherston says he does not take any rent to be due for Kenton Collry, and that the certain rent of £150 per annum commences not till after three years, I think the <article> must be understood in that sense tho its not clearly espress'd, I shall send by the Carrier tomorrow a parcell directed for you <qty 26 yrds> Holland at 6s a Yd & 4 yds a Do at 11s. The first is much below the price you <limited> but is the best I can meet with and in my Opinion a very great pennyworth, but if my Lady think otherwise or that its not fine Enough please to let it be return'd, I got it of a London trader that attended our fair, & I think it is as good as I have <know> 8s given for, I hope the Brandy pleases, I find I am charg'd for 3 quarts more than mencond [mentioned] in my last Lre Your accot therefore will be below, I am etc

6 <g.ns 9/u> Brandy at 6.6	£2 3 10 1/2
<a Rundell>	0 1 4
A quart mustard	0 1 -
26 ys Holld at 6s	7 16 4
4 yds a Do at 11s	2 9 6
	12 11 8

**11 Nov 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett Esq.

Newcastle Novr 11 1732

Hd Sr,

I reced your Lre of 28 Ult and agreable thereto, will take create <tow> bills ready to send you on your Return to London, of wch you'l please to give me notice, I'm sorry I can't send Mr Denton a £500 bill as soon as I could wish, for the last pay & half Years interest have drawn away the ready Cash, & there here is £2000 going in the <Town> I can't raise £200 at present, either in Bills or money, trade is so very dull, but I will send Mr Denton such a Bill as soon as ever its in my power, we have 4000 pieces of Lead at Markett, but the Demand is over for the Year, If Mohope grove prove good to the rise only, she may last for a Century, I send you a Lre I reced from Mr Armstrong concerning her, by wch compared wth another from Dr Noble also Inclosd, you will perceive the Dr Intends to stay at Allenheads till next Mayday, I have delivered Mr Gray to give you an accot of what progress is made in the Bills and <Answers>, & I believe its such that you & Mr Allgoods will be filed this Term, I find Mr Gray is of the same opinion with Mr Wilson that setting forth the heads of the Accots in the Bill will prevent the charge of a Commission, & I look upon it for Mr Allgoods Intrest to be also of the same opinion, Mr Allgood & Mr Clarke have lately made an Enquiry into Mr Bells accot, & the affair sticks at present upon the <Indictment> article - on wch they Intend to take advise, since my last Mrs Allgood has been to view Fenwk Lamberts house, she says the Rent is too much & the Convenience so little, so will not abide by his Engagement, I have advertised that apartment & the great house to be let, & doubt not but meet wth a good Tenant against Mayday, Winship has Coulson's & Charlton's Colts in the Stone Close at Kenton & takes them into the stables at night, he says the former is the finest Colt in Northumbd, & the latter will make a good hunter, but <looks upon> Robsons great Horse, as useless to you & not safe to ride. I am etc J.R.

**21 Nov 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 21st Novembr 1732

Hnd Sr,



I am informed a Petition is forwarded to you by the Grovers at Moohope and back'd by Mr Geog Robson of Ninebanks to suffer them to <pay> their half shifts to Mr Toppin for officiating at Ninebanks Chapple. If you have reced any such Application, I am humbly of Opinion it will be well to defer giving any <g....> of it till you return into the Country, for it's a thing that may require some consideration, the People know you are at Liberty to subscribe what they please, but gaining your directions before all workmen at Moohope to pay shifts to Ninebanks Chapple may be a president for making that and every new Grove tributary to some Chaple or other, Moohope was never so hopeful as now, Mr Armstrong writes me they have discovered a <Sun> Vein about six <qua> distant from the first, that is also likely to prove every good, Mr Cuthbts had the Materialls for forming a Bill about the disputed ground, but Mr Clarke has taken them all from him, & I do not certainly know when he will finish it, I hear Mr Whitfield is preparing to make the best Defence he can, the Discovery I mentioned sometime ago, near Hexham, proves to be only some scattered Oar, I have shiped Jeney the Laundry Maid five Potts wild <...>, & when you order me will remitt you three hundred pounds wch is all in my power to do at present, Fenwick & Waters owe £400 for Lead of wch they can pay me no part, if you should be <straitned> before I can make you a further Return please to draw upon them agreable to Mr Fenwicks Lre to Mr Le Quesne. I am etc J.R.

**28 Nov 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr Wr Calverley                      Newcastle 28 Novr 1732

Honrd Sr,

The Bill Inclosed in your Lre of the 18th for £12.11s.8d the amount of the Cloth & Brandy I sent you is accepted, I have paid for the 6 gross of Corks wth Mr Stephensons Wine, they come to 11s wch I shall charge in your next accot, I desired Mr Stephensons Cooper to buy them, who having never called for the money, they were omitted to be charged Mr Allgoods Accots cannot be particulariz'd in the Bill, the Title, amount of the Dr & Cr side & the Ballance thereof, must surely be all thats necessary to be inserted this Term is lost, I hope the next will not end before all is Compleated, I was with Mr Gray this morning who says the Answer he had to draw is finished & that there need be no further Delay, Moohope grove is more hopeful than ever, they have discovered another Vein, as rich as the first, but are doubtful of her cutting very soon into the disputed ground, I have rendered Myself very troublesome by pressing forwards the Bill perpetuating our Evidence, all the Materialls were put into Lanclt Cuthberts hand in order to have it dispatched, but Mr Clarke has withdrawn them, & he promises to finish it against next Saturday, In the meantime Mr Whit[fiel]d is picking up everything he can find, in order to defend what he calls his right, & its said has put the affair into Mr Ainsley's hand, who I fear will prove a better solicitr than any my Mar has in <to his> Service, this may prove an affair of great Consequence & should not be neglected



in the manner it is, Mr Ords Improvemts at Kenton consist in leading vast quantitys of Manner, taking care of the hedges etc., but not yet in any new buildings. I am etc J.R.

**29 Nov 1732 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ridley**

To Richd Ridley Esq.

Newcastle 29th Novr 1732

Sir,

My Mas[te]r having ordered his Leadmines in Weardale to be paid off the next month, I desire you will be pleased to Order Mr Crowe to let me have £300 on the 9th when I expect Mr Peart here for the money, There Will be remaining on the Lead Accot upwards of £400 after the paymt wch I hope shall not have occasion to trouble you for in hast[e], I shoud not have done it now for the sum, but on the present Emergency, wch will plead my excuse who am Sr Yrs etc J.R.

P.S. Kilhope Oar got since the last pay amounts to about £150 wch will be <somuch> in part of the £300 deduct what money your Workmen may have already reced.

**29 Nov 1732 Joseph Richmond to Robert Long**

To Mr Robt Long

Newcastle 29 Novm 1732

I have sent along with Jeney the Laundry Maid in the George, Geo: Airey Ma[ste]r five <potts> of Wild <Fowl> for Mr Blackett, wch I desire you will lett be taken out of the hampier they are in, and put in the proper place, I have also this day put on board the Robt of Shields two <potts> of wild <Fowl> committed to your care, as above, wch pray enquire after, & if they come not all safe to your hand, let me know, Mr Airey will expect a Guinea at least for the Maids passage for She was 10 days on board him, in the River before he saild. I am etc J.R.

**1 Dec 1732 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Strother**

To Mr Stroother

Newcastle 1 Decemr 1732

Sr,

I am favoured wth yours of the 24th past, & agreable to Lady Calverleys order, shall send the Holland you mention, tomorrow by the Courier the charge of wch is, as below, When she has compared the <...> wth what I sent her before at 6s, I desire you will let me know wch she calls the better pennyworth that at 7s is the finest our <Town> affords, at present, I wish it may please. I am etc J.R.

	£	s	d
6 groce of Corks at 22d omitted to be charged wth the wine	0	11	0
14 yds 1/4 of holland at 7s pr yard	4	19	9
14 yds 1/4 of Do at 4s 10d pr yd	3	8	10 1/2
	£8	19	10 1/2

**3 Dec 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett Esq.

Newcastle Decemr 3rd 1732

Honrd Sr,

I have before me yours of the 25th ult. & in my last gave you any thoughts upon the petition signed by the workmen at Moohope, to wch I have only now to add, that I take the petition to be sign'd only by a few that livi[n]g near the place, who are influenced by Mr Robson & Mr Toppin, for whose ease & Intrest the thing is calculated, Ninebanks Chapple is not much more than two miles from the Parish Church, is only a Chapple of ease built by Edens Family not consecrated, & will therefore only save the Subscribers the trouble of walking every Sunday to the Parish Church, wch it is not reasonable the greater part of your Workmen at Moohope should pay towards, who will have no benefit by it, as living in other Parishes, & so he will therefore most certainly petition against it, if you Order them to pay towards it, I remain still of the same oppinion that it will be better to before granting or rejecting it till you return into the Country all these Deductions are a burthen upon your works wch ultimately must be paid by you, Allenheads & Coalcleugh are subject to pay Shifts for very good Reasons, not one of wch will hold in the present Case.

Mr Fenwick its reported declares he will stand again, but will spend no money, if so, it must be your money that will bring him in, Mr Ridley says that in all Compys his Son shall stand if Mr Fenwick decline it, but not otherwise, I cant find the Report of Mr Carrs Intending to treat publicly has any foundation, if it should be true, I am of the opinion that your giving Orders to treat the Compys without being present your self, will no way answer the Intention, when it becomes necessary to treat, wch I see yet no necessity for, I am humbly of opinion your presence will be absolutely necessary, in the mean time a Lre to the Mayr each Ald[er]man to the Common Council, & to the Stew[ar]d of each Compy signifying your Intentions of desiring their Votes & Intrest, & that the Steward will communicate your Resolutions to their Compys cant but be very proper in order to present pre[-]engagements all here rejoice at the advantage you & your Lady have found by the Matters, none more so than Sr. Yrs etc J.R.

**5 Dec 1732 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 5th Decembr 1732

Srs, On Saturday last I sent you by Crabtree the Carrier a piece of Silver weighing four hundred & sixty two ounces & a half, wch you will please to own the Receipt of- Mr Blackett being come to Town f[ro]m Bath, I have this day drawn on you for one hundred pounds payable to him or Order 20 days after date, if he should want the money before Due, I hope it will not Inconvenience you to oblige him, tho' I don't know that he will desire it, I am Srs Yours etc J.R.

**5 Dec 1732    Joseph Richmond to William Armour**

To Mr Wm Armour

Newcastle 5th Decembr 1732

Sr, I am favoured with yours of the 29th past, I desire you'l get me a particular accot of the whole charge attending the Division, that I may see how Mr Blacketts proprtion of the £20.13s.10d anses [answers], wch he will expect from me, I shall then return you the money, or you may draw on me for it, & also for the £18 you have been so kind as pay for the March <Stores>, Mr Blackett & his Lady are both well, she has reced great benefitt by the Waters, & they also returned to London w[h]ere you may direct him, as below, I am etc. J.R.

**8 Dec 1732    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett Esqr

Newcastle 8th Decemr 1732

Honrd Sr,

Inclosed is two Bills for the sum of three hundred pounds, as above, wch I desire you please to <arrange> Receipt of, Stainbanck on whom the two hundred pounds is drawn lives near the Custom house, Mr Clarke called this morning at the Office & seemed to be in the huff that he had not reced an Answer to a Lre he said he had sent you, he asked if I had lately heard from you, & asked that you had mentioned anything of what he wrote you, wch I told him you had not, We were alarmed Yesterday & this day wth a Report of Mr Carrs treating the Compys but I can yet find no other Reason for it than his bringing money to the Town to pay off part of Mr Bacons Mortgage, wch the populace wished he would have laid out another way, he is making all the Intrest he can in a private Manner, & so is Mr Ridley, I wish your Affairs woud admitt you being down Early in the Spring, I think there is no hazard at all of your Elec[tion], but some <pains> & Application must be used, for People expect it on these Occasions.

You best know Sr whether there's any Occasion for your applying to Sr Harry Liddle, the Coll. Mr Ellison & Mr Shaftoe of <Beanwell>; their Intrest, especially the three first is very considerable & I hope will divide upon you, if you joyn not with Mr

Fenwick or Mr Ridley I think it's directly opposite to your Intrest to joyn wth any, & if any advise you to it, they are not your Intire friends, Your own Intrest is so good in Town that I dare say you may rely on itt, if you believe they will be the last Sessions, it can't be Improper to write Lres as mentioned in my last, or at least to have them ready here, without dates to be delivered when it seems a proper time, A Letter to Mr Simons at the Duke of Somersetts will secure you the Dukes intrest, wch may be 30 or 40 Voices.

Yesterday Mr Allgood & Mr Clarke had under Examinacon the Witness about Moohope disputed ground & I think they make the Case so plain in Your Favour thats theres nothing to be feared, but that some of them dye before examined before the Commissioners, its the general Report that Mr Fenwick of Bywell has declared for Northumbd,

I am etc J.R.

<ap....> about the new <Horse Lonnen> that is wanting to supply the old thats much worse.

Newcastle 5 Xber [December] 1732

Srs, Twenty five days after date, pay Mr Blackett Esqr or order, the sum of One hundred pounds, Value reced wch place to Accot; as advis'd by Sr your most hmble Servt J.R.

To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

Newcastle Novm 17th 1732

Srs, Thirty days after date pay to Mr Jos. Richmond, or order two hundred pods Value reced and place it to Account by advise reced from your most hmble Servt Henry Reay

To Mr Thomas Stainbanck Merchts in London

### **11 Dec 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

[Note: Not dated but sequence in volume places it between 8th and 15th December]  
To Mr Blackett Esqr

Honrd Sr,

The pay at Weardale is fixed for the 20th inst wch will amount to £3000, & will not leave £100 in Bank & the money that is now owing in Town amounts only to £900, seven hundred of wch is in Mr Clarkes hand & not a penny of it be got, £200 still remains in Aldm Fenwicks hand, wch if you please <may> draw on them for 10 days date to Mr Le Quesne, who the Aldm says will readily accept your Bill without any <premium>, This Sr is at present the <real> State of Affairs for after Weardale pay is

made you will have paid off all your works this Year both mines & milns, wch has not been done for 20 <yrs> before, The B[isho]p went away with a large sum, & your own Accot this Year runs high, as <..> I am not Qallify'd at present to answer any <Draughts> at sight, but if the £300 sent the last part of the £200 above menconed will not do, till I can recruit, I will tho' I borrow it answer your <Demand> for £200 or £300 more at 30 days after date, (Mr Walton cant expect the workmen at Moohope to pay to him, from whom they cant many Occasions receive any Service, had Mr Grindale thought he had any pretensions on the grove he woud not have dropt it,) Mr Clarke has gone through wth the Bill, & it will be ready to be sent up next week he expects a Lre from you every post, John the Gunner has kept close to his Business for some time, I desire to know whether you woud have Pig disposed off. I am etc J.R.

**15 Dec 1732 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

Newcal      15 Xber [December] 1732

To Chas Joye Esqr at St Thomass Hospital, Southwark

Sirs, Inclosed are five Bills for the Sum of Seventeen Hundred & thirty two pounds ten sh[illin]gs as above, wch when paid will discharge the last half years Intrest due to the Hospital the 11th July last, I desire you will please to acknowledge the same, & advise the Receipt here up to.

Sir, Your most hble Servant Jos. Richmond

Newcastle 1st Decr 1732

Att usance pray pay by this my Sole Bill of Exchange unto Mr Joseph Richmond, or Order, the sum of three hundred pods, Value in Lead of the Extors of Sr Wm Blackett, & place it to the Accot of Mr J. B. of Rouen, as pr advise from Your most hmble Servant Pre Bernardeau

To Mers Pre & J.C. Simond & Brother, Merch in London

Newcastle 1st Decr 1732

Att two usance, pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Joseph Richmond, or Order the sum of six hundred & forty four pounds eleven shillings & one penny, Value in Lead of the Extors of Sr Wm Blackett, & place it to the Accot of Mr J.B.B of Rouen, as pr advise from Your most hmble Servant Pre Bernardeau

To Mers Pre & J.C. Simond & Brother, Merch in London

Newcastle 15th Decembr 1732

Att two usance, pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Joseph Richmond,  
or Order the sum of five hundred pounds, Value in Lead of the Extors of Sr Wm  
Blackett, & place it to your Accot, as pr advise from Your most hmble Servant Pre  
Bernardeau

To Mers Pre & J.C. Simond & Brother, Merch in London

Newcastle 15th Decr 1732

Att two usance, pray pay by this my Sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Joseph Richmond,  
or Order the sum of two hundred seventy five pounds one penny, Value in Lead of the  
Extors of Sr Wm Blackett, & place it to your Accot, as pr Advise from Your most hmble  
Servant Pre Bernardeau

To Mers Pre & J.C. Simond & Brother, Merch in London

Newcastle 15 Xber [December]1732

Twenty days after Date pay to Mr Jos. Richmond or Order twelve pounds Eighteen  
shillings & ten pence, valued & place it to accot without further advice £12.18s.10d  
from Your most Affectionate Bror <Barth> Walker

To Mr Petr Walker at the three Crain Wharf in Thames Street London

[Total:] £1732.10s.0d

### **23 Dec 1732 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Strother**

To Mr Strother

Newcastle the 23d Decr 1732

Sr,

I received your Lre last Night on my Return from making a pay at Weardale & have  
this day sent by Warbutton 4 dozn of the best french Wine, I could meet wth, you will  
also receive herewith two Packs of Wool from Mr Robson wch are all he has yet sent  
into the place, wth the wishes of the Season, I am etc J.R.

4 dozn of Old French Wine at 30s pr dozn	£6.0s.0d
Packing etc	£0.1s.0d
	£6.1s.0d

### **29 Dec 1732 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

[Note: The Mayor was the Whig and local coal magnate Richard Ridley, long an  
antagonist of the Blacketts.]



To Mr Blackett Esqr

Newcastle the 29th Decr 1732

Honrd Sr,

Mr Carr took his leave of the Town on Wednesday last, without making any Publick Entertainment or Bustle, & on Monday will sett forwards from Auckland for the South, Mr Clarke has withdrawn your Lre out of the May.rs hand, who he says expresses great Friendsp, & promises it shall be read on the 15th of next Month, I will then deliver it publickly in Court, & at the same time deliver the Companys Lre to their Stewards, who will all be present, being a guild day, It being usuall to address to the Govrns of the Merchts & Hostmans Companys, Wch Companies meet not but by Summons from their Governors, Colll Liddle who is goverr of the Hostmans Compy being now in London, you will please to wait upon & acquaint him that your Lres to all the Compys will be delivered on the 15 of Janry on wch he will give the Necessy directions against the time, there will be no Occasion to write again to Mr Ridley who is Govr of the Merchts Compy, I shall deliver him a Lre for the Compys wch will be sufficient, I have wrote John Armstrong to employ Mathw Bee at Moohope grove according to his own desires & told him that it is your Orders, Tomorrow I shall send by the Carrier your Marriage Articles, in a Box directed for you, & the Deeds of Your Lady's Estate, wch will be at the white horse in Cripplegate on Saturday the 13th Janry, the receipt of wch please to advise, The last Lead I sold was at £14, & wee have now about 1000 pieces at Markett, wch I expect to sell for France next Month. Bob has been detained here for 14 days by contrary winds, I expect the Ship he is in will sail the next Tide the wind being now fair, he brings in Potts of Moor game wth him, His charges in <bringing> down the Horses are, as below, the particulars of wch he will deliver you,

Mr Fenwick of Bywell, & Sr Wm Middleton are now here solliciting against the next Occasion but Sr Wm's Int. seems little in Comparison of Mr Fenwicks, in the Town. I am etc J.R.

Paid Robt Saburne by Mr Blackett	£8.08s.0d
his Expenses wth 9 horses to Newcastle as pr Note	£5.16s.3d
his Board wages on the Road 7 days at...	
Ditto at Newcastle 18 days at ...	
his Passage to London	£0.15s.0d
he paid the lad that came down wth him	£0.10s.6d

**5 Jan 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle 5th January 1732/3

Hon[our]d Sir



The Lres you sent down are look[e]d upon by the best Judges to be so well done as not to be amended in any Respect; the Expressions from the Favour & Influence of that Body, is very proper & can't give offence to any. On the other side you have the names of these person's in Town, who have any influence here, if any other occur to my Memory I will let you know, here are severall Gentlemen in the Country who it will be very proper for you to write to in Time, an acco[un]t of which is also within mentioned, if you please to send me down Lres to them, & also the form of a General Ltre to such other Persons in the Country as I find can do you any service, I will take care to deliver them,

You mentioned before, that you desired your Interest in the County of Durham for Mr Bowes, & that for the Town for Mr Shaftoe which is made known to all your Agents, as are also your orders in Favour of Mr Fenwick of Bywell for Northumberland.

Dr. Noble I believe will go quietly off at Mayday against which time there are choice of Candidates for the House, but to let it any more to a Trader, experience shows is neither for yours nor the Workmens Intrest, I mean not to let it to a shopkeeper, for I think it's very necessary to have a Publick house there, if it can but be kept under proper <Instructions>; there is a very good Surgeon not farr from Coalcleugh, which many of the People have employed, & may be had on any occasion. The Boundary Bill is still here, its finished & waits only for Jno. Armstrongs drawing a new & more correct Draught of the Disputed ground, that which he had done before being found on examining the Witnesses, to be in sufficient.

Winship says he has for some time observed Charltons Grey Colt as <narrowly> as possible & think him perfectly sound & free from the Sparin, of which there remains not the least Blemish or Appearance.

Inclos'd is a Bank note for two hundred pounds, which I desire you will please to own the Receipt of. Robson says Sir Wm. Lorrain refuses to let him win any stones for the new stable occasioned as he says by Johns threat[en]ing to take the Gunn from Mr Chas Lorraine when shooting in Wallington Lords[hi]p, if he cannot be bro[ugh]t to temper, wee shall be at a stand, for can't get stones any more else without extravagant Expench in Leading. Wee have as many stones as will carry the stable the h[e]ight of the Window Soles, & if you please to have it stone that h[e]ight & brick upwards as the Newcastle Stables are, which will come much cheaper than Ashler work & look very well, wee can proceed, if you approve not thereof, I know not what can be done, unless you shall think fit to write to Sr. Wm. Lorraine.

I desire to know whether you please to have the Lane drawn up by the East End of the Nero Stable, to Camboe, this Season, Smith is willing to be at half charge of drawing a Lane towards Bryan Lawsys, the Church way to Welpington, as will <suse> most part of the damage by the Colliery & be of advantage to the Farm when it comes again to be let, the charge will be £4. Robson says you seem'd inclin'd to have your two Articles done, when in the Country, so I desire your directions therein

Yrs etc JR

Turn over

Fol 25

I promise to pay Mr Robt Fenwick or Bearer in the sum of two hundred pounds not to be paid till 20 days' after date. London 20th day of May 1732.

£200 = C

For the Gov[en]or & Comp[any] of the Bank  
of England Joshua Adams

Entd W. Jones

Endors'd Newcastle upon Tyne January the fifth 1732/3 by Post to London Joseph Richmond the Proprietor of the note.

Upon Notice that the Mail is robb'd stop payment at the Bank till advice from Joseph Richmond.

To be apply'd to in London

Sir Henry Liddle

Coll[one]l Liddle

Mr Mountauge

Mr Pitts

Ald[er]man Featherstone

Mrs Crowley

D of Somerset

Mr Bowes

L Withrington

Mr Hedworth Qry he may make 15 or 20 votes, & will divide upon you & Mr Carr if you give him half your Interest in the Bppk [Bishoprick of Durham]

Gentlemen in the County

Mr Thos. Lambton of Sedgfield, who will secure 14 or 15 votes at Stockton.

Mr Robinson Bro[the]r to Mr Harle, who will secure as many at Sunderland.

Mr Collingwood of Chirton who has good interest at Shields.

Mr Lawson of Chirton

Maj[or] Nichols

Nat Ogle Esq.

Mr Thos. Ord

Mr Bonner

Mr Ra: Featherstone

Mr Clavering of Green Croft

The Milbanks Qry they are free of the Town; but I believe for Mr Carr singly.

Mr Clarke Minister at Shields.

Mr Dagnia South Shields

Mr Nich[ols] Burdon Do

16 Jan 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle the 16th January 1732

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Yesterday being a Guild & Common Councell Day, till which the reading of your Lre was put off, it was again assured to Mr May[o]r, but he had taken proper measures that there should not be a sufficient number present to hold a Common Councell, so that your Lre was again postponed to the Disapoinment of half the Town, who expected it to be read ; What Gloss may be put upon this, I don't know; but I am so afraid, it is a fresh Instance of what Usage yo are on every occasion to expect from Mr May[o]r; but very happily it's not in his power to hazard your Elec[ti]on, for such Behaviour will serve rather to strengthen your Intrest than Lessen it: Mr Clarke says Mr May[o]r ( wanting some pretence to be Angry ) says he has been ill used; for that your Lre had been shewn to severall Gentleman in Town & Country, as he reflected on for not having it before which is true only so farr, that Mr Cuthb[er]t Fenwick took a Copy of it when first presented, which he has shown to severall, he complains also that he has been ill used by me, who refused to let him have £400 worth of Lead, which was previously engaged to another person, I never gave him Reason to say he was ill used, he has never had the best usage of any Merch[an]t whatsoever, but it is Impossible to please him; he would buy all your Lead, & say he was ill us[e]d as often as I asked him for payment, he has at present & has had for above 3 years £600 in his hand of which I can get no part, & is not pleased that I excuse my self from going any greater Lengths; I can't think its your interest to endeavour humouring him on such Term's, I am sure it is not my Duty, till I have your orders here for I am to do it. That all this is only to serve a Twin for the true reason of all this ill humour is, he always declared his Son should not stand if Mr Fenwick did, which he concluded he would never do, but finding Mr Fenwick is not yet to be brought of it, but resolved to declare when you did, he is enraged at the Disapoin[t]m[en]t, & therefore wants more time to use his Efforts to bring him to desist, which may probably be the Result of the matter at last, & if so, he is unwilling you should be before hand with him in his application. The present Question is whether the Comp[an]ys Lres ought now to be d[elivere]d , or that all remain quiet till you come into the Country, if they are delivered it may disoblige Mr Mayor & some of his Brethern who will see only with his Eyes, if they are not delivered it may give offence to some of the freeMen who may think themselves slighted by you, if there is any likelihood they will be the last Sessions, I think the Comp[an]ys Lres ought to be delivered, if there is none then it may be as advisable to forbear, but I refer to Mr Clarks Lre by this Post for your forming a better Judg[e]m[en]t herein; I wait your Directions, & tho I err in judgem[en]t, I hope you will allways believe, I am with true Zeal Yrs    etc

J Richmond

P.S. Mr Wilkinson desires to know whether you have any object[i]on to his & Mr Davisons assigning over Mrs Ann Lilburns Legacy to Mr Allgood & Mr Clarke for your

use, which I mention only at his request, for I think there can be no objection to it, it is a charge on West Kenton Estate; & can't be rece[ieve]d by the present Trustees without the Consent of Mr Wilkinson & Mr Davison the Trustees under the will of Sir Wm. Blackett your Grandfather

**19 Jan 1733    Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 19 January 1732

Sirs

Inclos'd is your acco[un]t Currant sign'd to the 31st Dec Last, the Ball thereon due from you to that time I make £149.6s.2d. If you find the same right I desire you will sign the Counter part of the acco[un]t & return me at your Leisure. On Saturday last being the 13th I sent you by John James the Carrier a peice of Silver w[ei]gh[t] 674 oz. which I have debited you for at 5s.9d, & is the first peice on the new acco[un]t, it is not so clean as it ought to be, but you will find I have made you ample satisfaction for that; in the weight. You will please to own the Receipt of it, I thank you for you[r] offer of letting Mr Blackett have the last £100 before due, & with the wishes of the Season, am etc JR

**23 Jan 1733    Joseph Richmond to Thomas Strother**

Mr Thomas Strother

Newcastle 23 January 1732/3

Sir

Agre[e]able to yours of the 14, I have this day drawn on Sr. Wr. for £15 pay[a]ble to Mr John Buxton, or order, which is in full, for Wine, Linnen etc U sent him, I have also drawn upon you for 24,14,0 which I shall account for to Mr Robson the first time I see him, according to your desire, he was here about 10 days ago & was then talking of sending on some more wool; but I've heard nothing more of it since, Wee have been very busie here abouts in Parliamentering for Northumberland, but think its time enough to begin for Newcastle wherein my M[aste]rs Interest is I hope as good as he needs desire, tho we have a very great man whom wee <term> the <W-p-a/e> of Newcastle that wee know not yet what to make of, I mean Mr Ridley our present Mayor whose Affection for our Family never was, nor I doubt will ever be very sincere, but I think if wee can't have his Friendsp wee shall do very well without it, I desire you will present my Duty to Sr.Wr. etc & let him know that the Landlords in this County have most of them reason enough to complain of the ill paym[en]ts of their Rents, & if the Prices of Corn, Cattle etc do not speedily amend, I dread to think what must in a little time be the Consequence, I am sure I've left no stone unturned, (but Seizing) & can't yet get in Wallington Mayday Rents by upwards of £311, I am etc JR

**26 Jan 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 26th Jany 1732

D[ea]r Sir

Last week I reced the Seventy guin[ea]s of Mr Richardson, & not being able to procure a bill for that sum, I am obliged to give you the trouble of the Inclosed bill for one hundred & fifty pounds which I hope will be punctually paid, if not pray return it, I have vent[u]red upon the Credit thereof to draw on you this day for fifty pounds payable to Gilfrid Lawson Esq. or order twenty five days after date, to which I desire you will due honour, the Remainder being £26.10s.0d I will draw on you for when you advise me the Bill is paid, of which please to own the Receipt.

Mr Mills shewd me your Lre inclosing a Writt against Nicholson, whom he has <served>, & recovered the debt charges, I delivered him your note, & the money is now in his hand, As to Mr Ward & Mr Jno Brown I here nothing from them yet to the purpose, but I will send to them to morrow to know if they have any money to return you. The Boundary bill is yet at Newcastle, but is determined to sett forwards on Sunday as Mr Clarke tells me this morning, I believe Indeed this Sundays or Tuesdays Post, will certainly bring it you.

I am etc J R

Sir Pray at 10 days sight be pleas'd to pay to Mr Henry Coulson, or order the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds / like value rece'd as p[e]r advise from your humble

Servant Edwd. Carlile

£150.0s.0d

To Mr Jonathon Dawson at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower London

Endorsed <.> Coulson <J> Richmond

**26 Jan 1733 Joseph Richmond to Gilfrid Lawson**

To Gilfrid Lawson Esqr.

Newcastle 26 Janry 1732/3

Sir

I rece[ieve]d your Lre of the 15th with a Bill on Jno. <Prack> for fifty pounds, which I believe will be paid in three or four days, & according to your desire you herewith receive a Price for the Value, as above, which please to advise the Receipt off, I shall on the like, & every other occasion be ready to serve you, as farr as in the power of

Sir your etc JR

Newcastle 26 Janry 1732/3

Sir/ Twenty five days after pay Gilfrid Lawson Esqr. or Order the sum of fifty pounds, value rece[ive]d, as p[er] advise from your very humble Servant Jos: Richmond  
£50.0s.0d

To Mr Xpher [Christopher] Denton No. 8 in Grays Inn London

**29 Jan 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle the 29th Janry 1732/3

Gent[leme]n

I have ventured to draw upon you this day for two hundred pounds payable to W[alte]r Blackett Esqr. or order 25 days after date to which I request you will give due honour & place it to Acco[un]t with Sir Wm. Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors; I doubt you will think I am a little too quick upon you; but hope you will excuse it when I tell you that as Mr Blackett being in Town obliges me to be so, I will endeavour to make you all the amends I can when he is in the Country, being desirous on all Occasions to approve my self.

Sirs Y[ou]rs etc JR

**30 Jan 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle 30th Janry 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I have d[elivere]d all the Lres Inclosed in yours of the 25th & am desired by all the Body, except Mr Mayor & Mr Sorsbie, to present their Service, & to assure you of their firm attachm[en]t to your Interest. I have also de[livere]d the Comp[an]y Lres to their Respective Stewards, & many of them are already summoned to meet this week on that account, Coll.l Liddle has ordered the Stewards of the Hostmen to communicate your Lre to the Comp[an]y whenever it came to hand, When I delivered Mr Mayor your Lre I also gave him a Lre for the Merch[an]ts Comp: he asked me what he was to do with it. I told him you desired it might be communicated to that Comp[an]y, as soon as he pleased, he reply'd am I to summon the Comp[an]y on purpose for I should know what I am to do with this having been reflected on for not reading the other to the Common Councell, tho put of with the Consent of Mr Blacketts own Agents. To which I reply'd if any business would call this Comp: together in a little time, I thought he need not give himself or them the trouble of meeting on purpose. Wee then entered upon a long Detail of what had passed about the Lead trade etc, wherein he urged how unequally he had been us'd, at all times, & on all Occasions by this Family, & that he questioned not but it was done by their order, with a great deal more to the same purpose. I told him, that since I had known the Family, he had, had as good usage; if not better than any other Merch[an]t, & that it was my Orders to oblige him in



everything I could, but that as to the last parcell of Lead which he called for I could not let him have it without breaking my Contract with Mr Bernardeau which might have been losing all our French Commissions, & I would shew him the Counterpart of the Agreem[en]t, if he pleased to look on it; He answered he hoped to live to let <the> family see he had no Dependance on them; & so wee parted, Mr Sorsbie gave his services to you, & said he had no object[ti]on to you, & then ent[e]red upon a long story, how Mr <Carr> did not know him upon a certain Occasion, after he had done him great Service in his first Elec[ti]on etc, by which I understood that he either wanted this Lesson from Mr Mayor, or wanted some from one of your <taking> <the> Corn of him for the Lead money, Mr Carr sent down a Lre to the Mayor desiring his intentions of standing <Candidate> might be communicated to the Common Council & stewards at their Guild, but it came a day too late, Mr Fenwick has no doubt acquainted you with the Resolutions of our Merchants Comp[any] to oppose an <Excise> in any shape whatsoever, I sent last week in the Wm. John Wheldon Ma[ster] two pots of Moore game & this week I have put on board the George Geo: Airey Ma[ster] two potts more directed for you.

Inclosed is a bill on Messrs Cook & Abell for £210 payable 25 days after date they would only receive the Silver I drew for last Saturday; but if you want the money before due, they will not deny you, I desire you [wil]l please to advise the Receipt thereof & am Y[ou]rs etc

J R

Sirs  
Newcastle the 29th Janry 1732/3  
Twenty five days after date pay W[alte]r. Blackett Esqr., or order the sum of two hundred pounds, value received, & place the same to Acco[un]t, as advised by Sirs  
Your most humble Servant J Richmond  
Messrs. Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

**2 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr. Blackett Esqr. Newcastle the 2nd Feby 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir  
About half the Company's have already met on acco[un]t of your Lres, & the Reception they everywhere meet with leaves no Room to doubt of success, Mr Reay has been present in severall Companys when your Lres where read, & recommended you to them in a very handsome manner, Mr Ald[er]man Fenwick accompanied him, & declared at the same time for his <Broo.r> wch those that are more at your service than Mr Fenwicks do not approve off, saying it looks like joyning. I have endeavoured to obviate the objection, by telling them if Mr Fenwick's friends Bill take the advantage of doing so, you can't avoid it, but that when you appear amongst them in Person, they will be convinced of the contrary most seemed satisfied therewith & say they'l suspend



fixing any Resolution till that time, I am humbly of opinion, that whatever your Intentions may be in this Respect, it is much for your Intrest to avoid all appearance of joyning, for you will thereby reserve an Intrest among the Wigs that will secure your being first <returned>, I look upon it as certain that Mr Ridley will contest for the priority's whether Mr Fenwick, or his Son stand, as he did at the last Elect[i]on, tho Mr Fenwick had many times declared he wou[l]d never dispute it with Sir Wm. and I think he will as certainly be disappointed, if the affair can but be rightly conducted on your part. You will observe that I make the Contest between you & Mr Fenwick for priority only for I think it is impossible for Mr Carr to be abated here, I have satisfied Mr Reay that giving Money to the Companys to drink may prove wrong, & wee find none of them expect any Entertainment till you come into the Country, I am etc JR

**6 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Abell**

To Mr Abell

Newcastle 6th Febr'y 1732/3

Sir

I have before me your Favour of the 30th ult[im]o for which I thank you, & am surprised at the difference between us, arising by my Bill for £40 in favour of Mr Lawson not being yet paid I drew on you for £110 the 12th Sept[embe]r last in three bills as advised you in my Lre of that date (vizt.)

£

For 40 payable to Mr Lawson or order 35 days after date

For 40 D[itt]o 30

For 30 D[itt]o 30

£110

& desire the Favour of a Line by the Return of the Post whether the two last menc[i]oned bills are paid, & whether the first bill has never been precected [presented], for I had money for it, & it has never been returned to me, I am with due Respects to the Co[mpany] Sir Y[ou]rs etc J.R.

**6 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sir W[alte]r Calverly Bart.

Newcastle 6th Febr'y 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I have delivered the Draught you sent me, to Mr Grey, who promises to dispatch it with the Expedition, & Mr Allgood being now here, says every thing will be ready

against next Term, you may depend upon every Act of mine, which can anyway influence a quicker Dispatch.

In Mr Allgood Acco[un]ts (which are not signed by Mr Blackett) he distinguishes what preceeds Sir Williams death from what follows after, but if it shall be desirable to carry that distinction to Mr. Blacketts in our age it may easily be done thos the former if it meet wch not by even will be more his Intrest because from Sir Wms death to Mr Blacketts marriage the profits of the Estate were mostly saved which has enabled us to make our pays a little quicker than formerly, My Ma[ste]rs Lres to the freemen of this place were delivered last week & most of the Comp[an]ys have met on that acco[un]t. The favourable reception they carry they every were meet with leaves no Room to doubt of success, tho[ugh] I doubt wee shall not find Ald[er]ma[n] Ridley a friend in the affair; Its talked that Mr Carr will in a little time begin to treat publicly, but Mr Blackett will have no occasion to do so, till he come down, & then it will be expected, On Saturday last I sent by Warbutton 5 doz[e]n French Wine at 30s a doz[e]n which I hope will prove good. Mr Stephenson has some very good Old Port, if you please I shall choose you you a h[ogs]h[ea]d or any other quantity, you shall direct, I have acquainted Dr. Thomlinson & Mr Wilkinson with your D[au]ghter[s] marriage, I wish all possible happiness may attend it & am etc.

J : R

**9 Feb 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr. Blackett Esq[ui]re

Newcastle the 9th Feby 1732/33

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

I have rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 3rd & shall have the horses in order to send up when you appoint by Rob[er]t Colly, if you choose to rather to send Rob. down for them. The state of your Exchequer has been very low since Weardale pay for Trade is now at a stand, & no money to be got till the Spring is further advanced, tho there is above £1000 owing in Town, I can't get a penny either in money or Bills if the Exigency was never so great. The Balance of the Cash Acco[un]t this day is £449,,8,,0 if you please to draw for £250 I can answer it at sight or shall send it by the carrier as you direct; against this 1st May. I shall no doubt be quallify'd to answer your Draught for £7 or £800 but desire you will not make your Bills pay all at one time. Moohope & Coalcleugh raise Oar pretty well, but the price of Lead its thought will drop by reason of the great quantities every were got.

Mr. Allgoods Answer prepared by Mr Wilson is now before Mr. Grey & Mr Allgood is here upon the affair, so that its to be hoped it will be dispatched, I do not yet hear whether theres any objections to Mr Wilsons Draught.

Mr. Reay has been with severall more of the Comp[an]yes in all which he meets with the most agreeable Reception on your acco[un]t. After he has finished his speech in your Favour, he adds two or three words in favour of Mr Fenwick, & then Mr

Cuthb[er]t Fenwick seconds him & declares his Brother will stand. This will not I hope at last turn any way to your prejudice, but Mr Carrs Friends make a hande of it as mentioned in my last, & at the same time please themselves that as Mr May[o]r is <disfarobleg'd> at the Measures taken by Mr Rheay & Mr Fenwick, he will at last joyn Mr Carr, if Mr Fenwick will not give up the cause.

I am desired by Mr Reay to write you, that if you have Mr Montagues Intrest, the sooner he signifies it to his Agents here the more service it will be of to you, & the same as to Mrs Crowley's. John Bulman keeps an Inn at York, Sr. Wm. frequented his house as before the last Elecon wrote to him to secure what single Votes he could at Hull, Scarborough, Leeds, Wakefield, York &c as he engaged 4. wch cost about 15£ Sir Wm. had also 40 down from London which stood him in 6 Gu[inea]s a Man besides their Expences, but I hope you'l have no Occasion for him.

The Inclos'd Lre was brought me this morning by Mr. Wilkinson Curate of St. Andrews who with his Fa[the]r & <Bra.r> are free of the Tanners Comp[an]y, the Vicar is now in London, has the desposall of the Curacy at All Saints when it becomes Vacant, but I believe has left it to the Magistrates to put in whom they please, & therefore Mr. Wilkinson desires you will write to some of them, I acquainted Mr Reay & Mr. Fenwick herewith, & tho Mr Wilkinson will scarce succeed, yet if you please to write any thing to them, or to mee that I may share, it will answer the Expectations of the Comp[an]ys whether he succeed or not,

I am yours etc JR

### 13 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Mr. W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett Esq

Newcastle the 13 Febr'y 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir,

Pursuant to your directions in your Lre of the 6 Instant, I send you within written, as near an Estimate of the surplus of the Estate between the time of your Marriage, & 1st of Jan[ua]ry last, as can be made till all the last quarters acco[un]ts are brot fm the Milns Groves &c together with an exact acco[un]t of such part of the said surpluss as has been pd you, or applyed to your Acco[un]t, a particular of which is ready to be laid before you when required. The Debts owing at Sir Williams death to the Mines & Milns, on Simple Contracts, & his funeral Expenses, and also a y[ea]rs Intrest then behind, have been <pd &> discharged out of the personal Estate be left, & the Profitts arising between his death & your marriage, you will please to observe on the other side that the Lands do scarce pay the Incumbrances, Repairs, Taxes etc, if the Rents were punctually paid, & accounted for to me, which they are not. As the clear Surplus of the Estate does therefore chiefly arises from the Mines, I have been solicitous to get them paid as quick as possible, knowing it to be the more for your advantage the quicker they are paid, the savings since your Marriage have enabled you to shorten your pays & the same continued a little further would reduce them to their primitive standard, so

to half the pays, which would add many hund[r]eds to the profits provided the Groves continue as good as they now are, The clear yearly rates of the Lands, Mines, & Coll[e]rys, exclusive of your Lady's Estate, will I doubt not one year with another, tho[u]gh Mines & Collieries are precarious, answer between 4, & 5,000 £, you have rece[ieve]d since your Marriage in money £11719.2.7 which is about £3600 a y[ea]r, besides £1350.0.0 which Mr Cuthb[er]t Ogle has paid in that time, as you will observe on the other side. I have by this post inclos'd Mr Denton, Mr Allgoods Answer to your bill, as altered by Mr Grey. I am <preparing> the Lists & acco[un]ts ment[i]oned therein, I only got the Answer this morning so cant send you a Copy, but Mr Denton will take care to give you one, & will take care to send one to Sr. W[alte]r the next post. As I am a Def[endan]t <of> must put in an Answer to your Bill, I desire to know whether you have objection to my praying the continuance of the £100 a y[ea]r which I have an Article for under Sr. W[illiam]s hand & seal, for I would not do any thing that will not have your approbation. I find the Tann[e]rs Comp[an]y have also applied to Mr Fenwick on behalf Mr Wilkinson, as they seem <zealous. in his behalf, you will please to recommend him to Mr Reay, Mr Cuthb[e]rt Fenwick, & such others of the Magistrates as you think proper or give me such directions to apply in his behalf as I may show to him [&] the Stew.rds of the Comp[an]y,

I am etc JR

To 3 years rent of the whole Estate (as pr Genl rentals) at £6350 pr annum	£19050	0	0
3 years intrest, annuities, outrents Charities etc at £5324 a year	£15972	0	0
3 years Land tax, Cesses, & Repairs of the whole Estate about	1500	0	0
3 years Salary out of Hexham to Mr Allgood at £320 a year	960	0	0
	18439	0	0
The savings out of the Lands in 3 years			
computed (if all the Arrears were got in) at	618	0	0

The Collieries for the 3 last years have turned to little Acco[un]t, how much cannot be known till Mr. Wilkinsons & Mr Bells acco[un]ts are settled. I have rece[ieve]d on this acco[un]t in the last 3 years no more than

200 0 0

The Lead mines as near as I can Compute have produced 1 year With another for 3 last yrs abt £5500 a year, being £1000 a year more than I ever knew them produce in Sir Wms life time

16500 0 0  
£17318 0 0

Paid Mr Blackett to the 1st Janry last in money	£13069	2	7
Deduct for so much reced of Cutbert Ogle, by JR	1350	0	0
Paid in money out of the Estate	£11719	2	7
Delivered Mr Blackett			
in household goods etc as apprd	2314	15	10
	14033	18	5

The remaining Surpluss computed in 3 years & remains in Oar Lead &

debts, more than will discharge wats due to the Mines & Milns	3284 18 5
Arrears of Rents due May day 1732 yet unpaid or unaccounted for	
Wallington, Ryal, Ingo, Kearsley, Fenwick,	
Welton, Kenton etc J Richmond	340 10 0
Wenlington Thos. Robinson	103 0 0
Hexham (no acco.t yet reced for the last year fm Mr Allgood,	
but I compute about	1200 0 0
Dukesfield &c	298 0 0
Allenheads &c	418 0 0
	2419 10 0
Debts standing out for Lead & Silver £1250.0s.0d.	
Cash in hand £ 449.8s.0	1699 8 0

**13 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Christ. Denton

Febry 13th 1732/3

Sr.

Inclos'd you receive Mr Allgoods answer to Mr Blacketts Bill as it stands now altered by Mr Grey, which Mr. Allgood, & Mr Clarke desire you will lay before Mr Fenwick, & let Mr Blackett have a Copy that he may see wherein it differs with Mr. Wilsons draught. I rece[ive]d of the 3rd a bill on Mr. Major Allgood for sixty pounds, which is paid, how to get you the Money returned I know not for can't procure a Bill to Answer Mr Blacketts Demands, you may however be assured, I will do my best Endeavours for you. I saw Mr Ward about 10 days ago, who s[ai]d he would pay me your Money in a fortnight, but I doubt his performance. If you think fit to send me a Bill on Mr Browns I will call on him for it, but it will no doubt affront him, if I call before you Order him to pay me whats between you, I have rec[eiv]ed & made my self D[e]bto[r] to you for Mr Mills money, & as soon as I can get you a good Bill for the Bills between us, I will send it you. With due Respects, I am etc JR

**16 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr. Walter Calverly Bar[one]t

Newcastle the 16th February 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Inclos'd is a Copy the Trustees Answer as it stands now altered by Mr Grey, & Mr. Allgood, from Mr Wilson's Draught. It was sent up last post to Mr Denton to be laid before Mr Fenwick. I gave Mr Blackett notice thereof, & sent him as near an Estimate as

I can make of what the surpluss of the Estate has been since his Marriage, An Acco[un]t of what part thereof he has received, & a particular of what Money, Debts, & Arrears of Rent are remaining to make good that part he has received short, I can only guess at Mr Allgood's Arrears etc because I have rece[ive]d no Acco[un]ts thereof for the last year I am preparing the acco[un]ts & schedules mentioned in Mr Allgoods Answer, shall be ready so farr as I am concerned at a <hours> warning, & I wish a speedy conclusion of the affair.

I cannot yet fathom what steps Mr. Ridley intends to take, he pretends to be very angry, & complains of Dissrespect, but Mr Blackett has much more Reason to complain thereof from him, but his little misunderstanding occasioned by Mr Clarkes too hasty delivery of Mr Blacketts Lre , will no doubt be compriz'd as soon as they meet. I shall send you tomorrow by the Carrier a pack of Port Wine as below.

J Richmond

3 dozn quarts red port qty 9 gall at 5s.8d	£2.11.0
4 dozn pints d[itt]o q 6 gall at 5s.8d	1.14.0
Bottles & packing	0. 9.0
	£4.14.0

## 24 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton

Sr.

Inclos'd is a Bill on Messrs Cook & Abell for the sum of forty five pounds (which is the Ball. due to you as per acco[un]t within) which bill I desire you will own the receipt of, & that it is in full.

My last would acquaint you that Mr. Clarke assured me the Boundary Bill was sent away & that he did not receivable subpeena in time to get it served. I wish Mr Blackett may succeed in raising the money at 3 ½ P.r Cent but I doubt it much, pray give a hint w[ha]t success you think the Causes between Mr Blackett & the Trustees will have & what> Mr Fenwicks opinion is therein I am &cc JR

Mr Xpher Denton, de Greys Inn Dr Per Contra Cr

1732	1732/3
Janry 26. To Edwd. Carlisles	Janry 26. By bill payable to
bill on Jon. Dawson £150 0 0	Gilfred Lawson Esq 50 0 0
	By Cash reced of Mr
Febry 24. To Jos Richmond on	Richardson of Alnwick
Cook & Abell in full 45 0 0	upon Mr Denton's bill 73 10 0
	Febry 8 By Cash reced of Alder



& Simpson on Mr. L.  
Allgood jnr his bill on  
Mr Maj[o]r Allgood                      60 0 0  
[Feb] 10 By Cash reced of Mr  
Mills, for a debt & charges  
fm Nicholson to Beckett      11 10 0  
£195 0 0                                      £195 0 0

Srs                                      Newcastle 24 Feby 1732  
Twenty days after date pay Mr. Xpher Denton, or order the sum of forty five pounds  
Value rece[ive]d & place the same to Acco[un]t as advised by. Yours most hble servant  
Jos Richmond  
To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

**24 Feb 1733   Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett Esq                                      Newcastle 24th Feby 1732

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Inclosed are two Bills for the sum of one hundred & sixty pounds which I desire  
you will please to advise the Receipt of Robt. Cabell the drawer of the £110 note (which  
is now due) has the Character of a punctuall man, & will be found at Ballinsgate.

It will be as much for your advantage as Mr Lilburns to devise Gunnerton, if not  
more, as you are Lord of the Manor, & there can be no other reason for standing out,  
but the prospect of purchasing his seven farms before a Divison, if Mr Lilburn will give  
in his proposal & you find them reasonable, Mr Solsby who has one farm will no doubt  
readily enough come in.

Your application in behalf of Mr Wilkinson has given him & the Comp[an]y full  
satisfaction whether he succeed or not, Mr Reay Mr Fenwick & Mr Clayton who all live  
in <All S.ts> parish have recommended him to the Vicar, but the Mayor opposes him in  
behalf of Mr <Maddison> so that Mr Vicar will have a hard task to please them all.

Ald[erma]n Johnson died last Monday, & its like to be matter of Dispute who must  
have his Gown, but I believe the Mayor can command a Majority amongst the  
Elec[to]rs & bring in whom he pleases, its Mr Moncasters Turn but hes not believed to  
be the Person Mr Mayor has in his Eye for he is not easie to be governed, & as for the  
making you a Compl.t thereof I am told Mr Mayor does not think this a proper time,  
I am etc      JR

I promise to pay to Mr Wm. Skelton, or his order, One hundred, & ten pounds sixty  
days after date for value reced in Coals Oct 27th 1732 to pay 40 Moidores at 27s.  
Robt. Cabell

[written in left margin:] Endorsed Wm. Skelton Cha: <Skinner> Henry Coulson Joseph Richmond.

Sirs  
Newcastle 24th Feby 1732/3  
Twenty one days after date, pay Walter Blackett Esq, or order, the sum of fifty pounds value reced, & place the same to Acco[un]t, as advised by Your most humble servant Jos. Richmond To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London  
[Total:] £160.0.0

**24 Feb 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell  
Newcastle 24 Feby 1732/3

Sirs I have drawn on you this Day in two Bills for the sum of ninety five pounds, as follows

for £45 payable to Mr Xpher Denton, or order 21 days after date  
for £50 payable to Mr Blackett Esq or order 21 days after date

I desire you'l please to give the same due honour, I am etc JR

**2 Mar 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

[Note: Mayor Richard Ridley's son Matthew did indeed become Mayor of Newcastle later in 1733, at 22 the youngest to have held the office.]

To Wr. Blackett Esqr.  
Newcastle March 2nd 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir,

All Salaries are included in the £18432 which I compute to have been the outgoings in three y[ea]rs. There is now owing to Mines, & Mills 26t. £3500 but the greatest part is due to the Milns which have not been paid since Lady day 1731. I was in hopes to have paid them about Lady day, but I find money cant be rais'd to do it till the ways mend, & Lead can be got down to market, I think that when wee have saved about £3000 more, then wee shall be able to make half yearlys pays, & you may receive the clear profits of the Estate without straightning your affairs, but its my h[u]mble opinion you cant now exceed 3 or £4000 a year at most, without Lengthening your payments to the mines which will be certainly to your own Loss, I hope you wont take a miss my telling you what I take to be the reall truth, & conducive to your sole Intrest for I am sure I have none other in Veiw.

I expect to receive what Writings Mr. Allgood has relating to your Lady's Estate this Evening, which I shall forward by the Carrier tomorrow, & give you a particular acco[un]t of.

Mr Reay, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Rudstone, Mr. Fenwick, & most of the people are so nettled at Mr. Mayors bold stroke in bringing in his Son, that if the Spirit it has rais'd be not laid before Mickas, it seems will be in His power to get him made Mayor.

I am etc JR

**6 Mar 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

Newcastle 6th march 1732/3

On Saturday last I sent by Laycock the Carrier in a Box directed for you, the writings of your Ladys Estate which I rece[ive]d from Mr Allgood, as below; The original will he says, must be Doct[or]s Commons, & that he never saw it, or copy of it, As Mr Allgood requires a receipt for these writings, I desire you will please to advise their coming safe to your hand. The deeds of your Ladies Estate, & your Marriage Articles were sent you the 31 Decr I hope you rece[ive]d them. Mr Allgood sett forwards this morning for York to meet Mr Fenwick, he says he expects getting Mr Wilson & him together will be the readiest way to have the present Differences adjusted & I hope it will prove so.

I have been told that Mr Lilburne gave in some proposalls to Sr. Wm. Blackett for a Division of Gunnerton which he rejected but what they were I can't tell, he has the character of so troublesome a man that I doubt it will be difficult to get anything concluded with him.

I omitted to acquaint you that some time ago Mr. Ridley prevailed on Mr Reay & the rest of his <Intrest> to resolve of never choosing a Gentleman Alderman till they had a got a sufficient number that would constantly attend the service of the <Cop.n>, & this Resolution passed into an Act of Common Councill, which it now appears <was> made on purpose to be broke only by himself the first opportunity. The four Ald[er]ma[n] mentioned in my last keep up their <Re[pre]sent[atio]ns> so high, that not one of them have been to complem[en]t their youngest Bro[the]r nor would go to Church with him on Sunday.

Mr Clarke assured me he had sent Mr Denton the Boundary bill, but I find he has it still by him, & I don't expect it will be sent unless you'l please to write to him about it, he tells me this day that it can't be sent till Affidavits are made that the Witnesses are upwards of 70 y[ears] old, which is a thing never insisted on before

I am etc JR

Lease & Release with a Deed to lead the uses of a Recovery from Edwd. Ord & al to Sr. Wm. Blackett of the Estate of West Ord dated 17 & 18 Aug[us]t 1726.

**10 Mar 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr. Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle March 10th 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Mr Wilkinson has half of Fellon Coll[ie]ry 1/8 in his own right & 3/8 he Leases of Mr. Ald[er]man Clayton, & Mr Jos: Leedger of which Lease he has about 5 y[ea]rs to runn, Mr Clayton & Mr Leedger have a Tack from Mr Wilkinson of some ground to the rise of the Coll[ie]ry, which they work for Land sale, they pay you & Mr Wilkinson 3s. 4d for what they work, but they let the same Tack to others for about £45 a year clear profit as I am well informed, half of which is your Right, Mr Wilkinson being desirous of renewing with them, they Insist upon it as a Preliminary that they shall have their old Tack renewed at the same Rent of 3s. 4d a Tenn, with a considerable valueable addition of Ground, but Mr Wilkinson who wont purchase his own Intrest at the Expen[se] of yours tells them he will renew their Lease as farr as he is concerned, (i.e) for his half of the Coll[ie]ry, but as to the other half they must treat with you for it. Mr Clayton & Mr Leedger were with me some weeks agoe about it, protested they made no more than about 5s. a year a piece by it, & desired I would press the thing to you to acquiesce with what Mr Wilkinson did for his part, but I referred them to your coming into the Country telling them that if it was a matter of no more Consequences than they alledged I did believe you would submit to their desires. I hear this day that Mr Clayton sett forwards yesterday for London, & as Mr Wilkinson & my self are apprehensive he will attack you <in> this <Quar> I thought it my Duty to mention it. The best Answer you can give him is to refer the matter till you come down having rece[ive]d no advise of it, if he press you to submit to what Mr Wilkinson does it is unfair, for Mr Wilkinson is obliged to comply to get his own Lease renewed, but your Right is free, & whatever Mr Clayton & Mr Leedger let the Land sale Coll[ie]ry <for>, the half of it is your Right if you please to joyn with them otherwise you can work her or let her as you please your self & either way she will yield you <£> 25 or 30 pr year. Mr Clayton is mostly Mr Mayors humble servant, he & his Bro.r Sorsbie were the only Magistrates who Confederated with the Mayor in making his Son an Ald[er]man, but I must not forbear doing <Mr An. ...> Justice to say he <dictates> he & his five sons at your Service the next Occasion, I am etc JR

**20 Mar 1733 Joseph Richmond to Peter Walker**

Sr,

I desire you will me Thirty casks of Bone ashes each cask about 18 gall.ns (as the last <peel>) & pray take care the ashes are good, let the casks be marked WB as when you draw on me dor the account, wch you may do as soon as the goods are shipped, mention in your Bill, for 30 casks of Boneashes for the use of Wr Blackett Esq.r I am &c JR

**21 Mar 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

[Note: undated file note, but included between letters of 20th and 24th March]

Wrote Mr Blacket what posted on last Wednesday, being a Comon Councell Day, on which his Lre was read, & Mr Mayor spoke something that <took in> his <Tanners & Co>, & that I had put 2 pots wild fowl on board the Swann, Tho Yeoman Ma[ste]r

**24 Mar 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sir Walter Calverly Bart.

Newcastle the 24 March 1732/3

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I have this Day sent by Forster Twenty groce of Corks, & on the other side you receive your Acco.t agreeable to your directions.

Mr Ridleys making his son an Ald[er]man does not at all bring Mr Blackett's Intrest in Question for had the Freeman of Newcastle been the Electors I make no doubt but he would have had the Gown before any other, but the Mayor Ald[er]man & all other Officers in this Cop[oratio]n are elected by a Majority of 24 Persons only, chose on to <.> the Magistrates, Sheriff Peers, & the Comp[an]ys which choice is made to Elect the Mayor & stands good for all other Persons during the Mayoralty, so that Mr Ridley being Mayor had taken care to have a majority of the Elect.rs his own Creatures; This action of his, which was done in a Collusive manner is viewed by most in a bad Light, & he will lose no little Intrest by it, for people can't help seeing that he Studies nothing more than making the Corp[oratio]n subservient to his own Intrest. Wee have four Ald[er]man that resent the matter so fare that they seem resolved to oppose all his measures for the future, in order to recover a Ballance of Power; if they keep up their Resolutions they may soon pull down his grandeur, & I hope in the end this will turn to Mr Blacketts advantage. I am etc JR

1732. Febry

3rd To 5 doz. of French wine at 30s a doz.n	£7.10.0
Packing	0. 2.0
17 To 3 doz.n. qts contg 9 gns Port wine at 5s.8d	2.11.0
4 doz.n. pints contg 6 D[itt]o at 5s.8d	1.14.0
Bottles, & packing	0. 9.0
28 To 6 doz.n qts qty 17 gns Do at 5s.8d	4.16.4
Bottles, packing	0. 9.0
Mar 24 To 20 groce of Corks at 22d a groce	1.16.8
a Bag	0. 0.6
Lres since the 1 Janry last	0. 2.1

£19. 9.7

**28 Mar 1733 Joseph Richmond to John Mann**

To Mr John Mann at Durham

Newcastle 28 March 1733

Sir, In answer your Ltre of 24th returning me Mr. Stonehewer's receipt for £125.- I send you above, a Bill for that sum, which I desire you'll deliver him the Respects of  
yours etc J Richmond

Sir

Newcastle Mar: 27 1733

Forty five days after date pay to Mr Jos: Richmond, order, One hundred & twenty five pounds value received, & place it to acco[un]t as by advise from your most h[um]ble servant

H. Reay

To James Creed Esqr. Merchant in London

**3 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle April 3 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Mr. Steel says he is to have Mr. Manner's Resolution tomorrow at Morpeth, whether he will pay the money without Compulsion, & where; which I will let you know per next post.

Inclos'd is a Bill for £500 which I desire you please to own the Receipt of. Mr Swinburn on Saturday last desired me to let Winship go with him to Hamilton to be assisting in setting his Mare, & that he would be answerable to you for his absence, which I complied with believing it would have your approbation. I find the Nuns is still full of Trash & requires at least another years plowing & to be sown with clover or Rye grass among the corn which will bring it to a good swarth the next year, please let me know whether you approve thereof or you will have it laid to grass as it is: On Monday last the Mayor read a Lre from Mr Carr at the Guild it had but a cold Reception, among the Freemen, & none of the Magistrates spoke to Mr. Reay, & were Inviled last Right by sixty freemen, who are free of the Town but of no Company to drink to your health & success at their Expence & would not allow us to pay anything, I sent in the Swan, Tho.s Yeoman Ma[ste]r four potts of Moor Game, & a Gun which John says yo ordered to be sent up to be mounded. I am etc J Richmond

Newcastle Mar 6th 1732/3





1732 Sep[tembe]r Paid Thos. Long a y[ear]s wages due the 16 June £8.0.0  
his wages from 16 June 1732 to 26 April 1733 will be £6.17.6

**15 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr. Wr. Calverly Bart.

Newcastle the 15 April 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

Yesterday Mr. Allgood delivered me the Inclos'd to send to you or Mr. Wilson, being the Trustees answer to Mr Blacketts bill, as the same he says was fixed & settled by Mr Wilson & Mr Fenwick at York with his own bill & Mr. Blacketts answer drawn to correspond there with, & desired me to acquaint you that the same had been sent sooner, but that he was desirous to have first the other Trustees Approbac.on thereof. Hall, who farms the Northside of Harwood is broke, but the rent is secured, & the farm let for Year to one of the same name, a substantiall tenant who would take it for any Term of years, & also the other <side of> & Harwood House, if they were at Liberty. On Thursday last I was among the Tenants, for the first time of their Martinmas Rents, & got no more than £157 among them all, if the times do not amend fast, a year or two will break all the weak ones, of which there are too many in Wallington Lords[hi]p. I do not know what to do with Anderson the miller he either cannot or will not pay his Rent, in which he is three half years behind, occasioned as he says by no care being had to the Rights of the Mill, the truth is, half of those who are bound to the mill never come at her, nor will be made to do it, till forced by a Court or some other proceeding. I am etc JR.

**15 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Walter Blackett Esq.

Newcastle the 15 April 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I have by this Post sent Sr.Wr. the Trustees answer with Mr. Allgoods bill & your answer there to, as (Mr Allgood says) the same were fixed by Mr Wilson & Mr Fenwick at York, yesterday I delivered Mr Allgood the Case Inclos'd in your last Lre , & he said he woud give you an Immediate Answer thereto. Last week I shipped the Chariot in the Amity of Whitby Thos. Simpson Ma[ste]r, your Velvet coat is in the Chariot Box, & the Key of the box is in the Chariot Bag, in the same Ship is a pott directed for you containing two black Cocks, if he demand above a guinea, please to let him be referred down here for paym[en]t. On Thursday last I was among the Tenants the first time for their Martinmas Rent, & got no more than £157 among them all, if the Marketts advance not quickly, all the weak ones must inevitably break of which there are too

many in Wallington Lords[hi]p. Hall that farmed Harwod is broke, but the rent is all secured & the Farm let to one of the same name in good circumstances. Lead is at present in no demand, & we have but little at market, the ways being yet not quite passable, I was told yesterday that a new discovery was made at Moohope, for in bringing up the Levels from the Burne they have discovered a Main Vein, so that it is only a string they have hitherto been working in; I have rece[ive]d no Acco[un]t hereof yet from Mr. Armstrong so must refer to my <next> for a more perfect Acco[un]t hereof. I am etc J.R.

**20 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Wiseman**

Mr. Wiseman

Newcastle 20 April 1733

Inclos'd is a bill for 20£ which I have received of Mr John Airey upon the Bill you sent me on yours of the 22 Mar. I desire you will own the receipt hereof by the return of the Post, & let me know how Robin Coley has got up with the horses & what news you have a stirring. I am your humble servant Jos. Richmond  
Get Mr <Noluey> to send the Bill immediately for acceptance

£20- - Dundee 12 April 1733

Fourteen Days after sight of this my only Bill of Exch. pay to Mr John Williams or order Twenty pounds Sterling value of Wm. Miller & place the same to acco[un]t with or without further advice from Tho. Crickton  
To Mr John Corrie M[erchan]t in London

**20 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Peter Consett**

[Note: Peter Consett was Collector of Customs at Stockton from 1716 to 1746]

To Mr. Consett Coll[ecto]r <in Stocton>

Newcastle 20 April 1733

Dear Sir,

I own the Favour of your obliging Lre of the 14th of which I cannot but have most gratefull Sentiments, As to the Case you mention it's my opinion that Lime juice can't legally be Imported from Holland unless they bring Limes to perfection in Spain or Portigall, if so you know it to be the judges opinion that the Navigation Act extends not to European goods, tho I have known many a Seiziore made & condemn'd contrary to that opinion, I think as your Friend Intended no Fraud, the Commission[e]rs will upon his applic[ati]on give him leave to export it; if not to enter it, but most certainly as

you've secured it in the Kings Warehouse, & given the Board an acc[un]t of it you will do well to do nothing in it without their directions. I am with true respects yours J.R.

As none would have been more sorry to have heard of your Indisposition I hope you believe it gives me much pleasure that you <so> enjoy perfect health.

**21 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr. Denton

Newcastle 21st April 1733

Sr.

I own your favour of the 17th, with the Inclos'd Toast, which I assure you relishes very well here, for I believe scarce a Town in England has shewn greater Demonstration of joy upon the late Victory than has the Town of Newcastle. As to the case of the George Inn in Gateshead, that cannot but be assured that whatever service I can do you or any Friend of yours; you may command me, & as to Captn. Midfords  $\frac{1}{2}$  y[ear]s Annuity due Candlemas last, if you can draw upon me without expense do it & send me his receipt attested by you, if you can't do that I will remit you a bill for the Value upon Receipt of his Note, tho I can assure you Bills are difficult to get here at present. As you want an affidavit of the Witnesses ages named in the Boundary bill, you must write to Mr. Allgood for it, for he is near upon the spott & will get you that quickest Return, Inclos'd is a bill to answer Mrs. Isab[ell]a Blacketts half y[ea]rs Annuity due May day next for One hundred pounds, I beg the Favour of God to procure me her receipt for the same. I am J.R.

Sr.

Newcastle Mar: 27th 1733

Enclosed Forty days after date pay to Mr. Jos. Richmond, or order, One hundred pounds J. Richmond Value received & place it to Acco[un]t as by advice from your most humble Servant H: Reay 100.0.0

To James Creed Esqr. Merchant in London

**21 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to William Cornthwaite**

To Mr Wm. Cornthwaite in Mertle Court  
Bow Street, Covent Garden London

Newcastle 21 April 1733

Sir

I received your Lre of the 14th & am sorry I can't at present procure you a bill to answer Mr. Blacketts Draught on me, for good bills are not yet to be got without a premium, in a little they will be made plentiful, & then I shall be very ready to comply

with your desire, if you can't in the mean time meet with an opportunity of turning  
you bills into money, which will be paid at sight By yours etc J.R.

**24 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

24th April; I sent Mr Blackett a List of the Marriners Company, wrote him the Answers  
of Mr Fetherston, Mr Atkinson & Mr Simpson all in his favour; & that I had put a kit of  
Salmon on the Industry Richard <B/Raxter> ma[ste]r

**27 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr. Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle 27 April 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

Cuthb[er]t Ogles Lease being too large to send by the Post, I have put it into a box  
along with some writings Mr. Allgood is sending to Mr Denton, on whom please to  
order it to be called for the 12 next month. I do not know what passed between Mr  
Robson & Sam[ue]l Arthur who was always Mr Caves fast friend, but will inquire into  
it, & bring him to better temper if possible, he has two Bro[the]rs one of them will  
probably be influenced by him but the other I look upon secure in your Intrest. Mr.  
Clarke assures me he has sent forwards the Affidavit of the Witnesses ages two Post  
ago, within is an acco[un]t of the severall Servants wages; & to what time I last paid  
them, I am etc J.R.

**27 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Chas. Joy Esqr.

Newcastle 27 April 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

I received your Lre of the 13 inst calling upon us for the half years Intrest due 14  
Jan[ua]ry last. The weather having been so bad as to hinder getting down our Lead as  
yet to market & the prices of all grain so low that wee cant be hard upon our Tenants, I  
hope you will have a little more patience, & not think us slow or undmindfull of you, if  
I return you that half years Rent Intrest before Midsum[me]r which I will take care to  
do at furthest, & as much sooner as I possibly can who am &c JR.

**27 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr. Denton

Newcastle 27 April 1733

Sr.

You herewith receive Mr. Wilkinsons & Mr Davisons Assignm.t of Mrs Lilburns money and also Mr Wilknsons assign[en]t of a Bond given by Harrison for 89£ with a promissory note that that money shall be paid with Intrest when ever Kenton is sold & paid for I will send you a Copy of the Bond next Post, & you may have the originals when needful, I also send you herewith a copy of a Lre from Mr. Wilkinson to one Mr Hugh Bethell then owner of Walker Estate, by which you will perceive that Walker Estate was a Collaterall Security from Sr. Jno Fenwick against the demand or charge upon Sweethope, & that a Cause has been tried upon that affair, so that I hope Pinkiston who wrote Mr Blackett on that head will be able to make nothing of it. I am etc J.R.

**28 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Rebecca Stainforth**

To Mrs Stanforth in Peter Gate York

Newcastle 28th April 1733

Madam

Inclos'd is a Bill for the sum of Forty pounds, which I send you at the desire and on the acco[un]t of Mr Lance Allgood, I desire you'l please to advise me of the receipt of it & am

Madam etc JR

Sr.

Macclesfield 4 April 1733

Twenty one days after date pay to Mr John Eddows or order the sum of forty pounds as by advise of Your most Noble Servant to command Jasper Hooley

To Mr Geo. Banercroft in the Anchor in Clements Lane Lombard Street London

[Endorsed]

John Eddows John Williams J. Richmond

**28 Apr 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 28 April 1733

Sir

I received yours of the 24th I shall answer you[r] bill on me at three days sight, & am content that you apply the money in payment of Cap[tai]n Midfords annuity, whose Certificate & Receipt with Mrs Isab: Blacketts Receipt I desire you'l send me.

Inclos'd is a copy of Mr Harrisons bond for £89 with the Int[erest] brought down to this time, if you can't get it put in some way of paym[en]t when the purchase money



for Kenton is divided, I doubt it will be lost, Mr. Allgood sent this day by the Carrier a box of writings directed for you, in which Box is a lease inclos'd to Mr Blackett pray ask him before he go out of the Town to whom he will have it delivered, & advise me of the Receipt. The pretended Annuity due to Story out of Sweethope, & Hawick was tried at the Assizees in Northumberland 1708, as appears by Mr Jno. Ords note of charges just now sent me by Mr Wilkinson in which is an article £2.0s.8d for Entering a judgement about Sweethope etc. Cook & Story Mich[aelm]as 7 A[nn]e. This I hope will clear up that Affair & am JR

**7 May 1733 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

Mr. Armstrong

Newcastle May 7th 1733

In answer to yours, I desire you will Immediately wait upon Mr Allgood & take his directions how he woud have the Article drawn with Sr. Edward; I am sure he will not refuse to execute it, or give you Authority to do it in the Trustees names, which will be the same thing; pray be very particular in the number of Trees, their species & where they stand, it would be well if you would sell the Bark before they fall; if you can't do it to advantage wee must take our chance afterwards, for as I understand matters are, (that if Sr.Edw[ar]d dye wee may have a bad bargain), wee might not slip this fall especially as wee are to pay £100 at next Midsummer, pray therefore consult Mr Allgood on Receipt hereof, & let no time be lost herein, for by what pass'd between him & me on Saturday last, I do not find him backwards to do anything that's for the advantage of the Estate. If he think proper to decline meddling in this affair, I will Execute the article in Mr. Blacketts name, & take care to make the payment Contracted, if he has no objection thereto, Do not let <notuple> in the matter, you have made a bargain & it must be made good, This I think is the needful <so> conclude my self  
Yours etc JR

**20 May 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 20th May 1733

Dear Sr.

I desire you will wait upon Mr. Mansell, & pay him £200 for Lady <Barb.as> half years Annuity due Lady day last, which will be so much made good by you in part of the £300 you say you have drawn on me pay[a]ble to Mr Hylton, & pray send Mr. Mansells Receipt in a Post or two, as within written, or to that purpose; I desire you'l settle with Mr Mansell what's in Arrears upon the £50 p[er] ann[u]m & let me his demand. The Trustees agree to pay it without putting him to any further trouble or Expence agreeable to Mr Blacketts desire. The £100 which will remain in your hand I will draw

on you in little time, & also give you what further Information I can get ab[ou]t Storeys Affair, but I conclude what you have already received is sufficient to prevent any further proceedings upon that account, I rec[eive]d Mrs Bulls Lre of Attorney, but Clayton tells me he can pay no money before Lammas. I am etc JR

P.S.. Since I wrote the above: Mr Allgood tells me he wants 100 to be return'd into your hands, pray therefore send to me a Receipt for £100 received of me on his account; and as soon as your bill comes to my hand I will return it to you.

**23 May 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell Newcastle the 23 May 1733

Srs.

On Saturday last I sent you by Crabtree the Carrier a piece of Silver w[ei]gh[t] four hundred & eighty one ounces & a half which I desire you will debit your selves for at 5s.9d p[er] ounce & advise the Receipt of it to yours etc JR

**2 Jun 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr. Blackett Esqr. Newcastle 2nd June 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

I acquainted Sr. Edward with your offer of your house, & Stables dureing the Races, but your Lre came not to hand till Fryday in the Race Week, & then they were in Mr Fenwicks House & their Horses in your Stables. I am told his Ladys[hi]p has expressed her Resentm[en]t that the house was not offered them sooner, but Sr. Edward presented his service to your Lady & self, & seemed very well pleas'd when I told him you would have given orders sooner if you had known the Races fell so soon.

I have wrote Baron Hylton that I will pay the £300 in a very little time for I can't do it till I sell some Lead, which is now fallen from £14 to £13, wee are behind with the Intrest & tho Mr Joy has been for some time pressing about it, I cant yet raise the money to discharge it, for Lead is in no demand, & rents are not to be got in, few of your Tenants have paid any part of their Martinmas rent, which is the case with all or most of the Landlords in the Country, I do not know how to deal with the Tenants for the best, to seize breaks them up, & lowers the Lands, & to continue them when they seem so much behind hand is not much better, so beg your directions what to do therein. Mr Ogle is now about £800 in arrear, I have us'd all my best Endeavours with him to no purpose for he puts me of from week to week with pretences that he cant get

the Rents of his Tenants. I desire you will please to Inclose me a Lre to him which I hope will have some better affect.

On Wednesday last was held a Merchants Court when your Lre was read, & Mr Fenwick declared for himself, he & Mr Reay spoke to your Lre, but Mr Mayor was silent, only he said he would never Vote for any Person that Voted for the late Intended Extension of the Excise Laws. The Company Voted Mr Fenwick their thanks for opposing it.

On Wednesday next we make a pay at the Leadmilns which amounts to about £2000, being a years pay & at Midsummer there will be about £3500 due to Allenheads, & Coalcleugh. I was up at those groves this week, & find as I acquainted you before that they will not raise as much Oar this year as the last, by 800 or 1000 bings, Moohope continues good, & I doubt not but will help out the other Deficiencies.

The Hunters are all at grass, & as they will want Physick, should be taken up 5 or 6 weeks before you use them, shall wait your directions when to take them up, I am

Hon[ou]rd Sr. yours etc JR

**8 Jun 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Wr. Blackett Esqr.

Newcastle the 8th June 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

Doct[o]r Noble quitted Allenheads last week upon my telling him the law would oblige him to pay double Rent & that it would be Insisted on for the time he continued after May day, I am surprised they should apply for Rich[ar]d Allgoods having the D[octo]rs House: if he were to quit his Employment for it it would be a wrong thing to let him have it, as being now John Armstrong's Son in Law, but the request is still more <unusuall> as he is concerned in the Works. I was bid yesterday £10 for the House by me Farbridge a very sober <man> who has an Estate of about £60 a year, & would I beleive have kept a very regular House, but Mr Allgood says he has been bid £14 a year for it by some other Person. The Doctor <&> Mr Lowdon paid no more than £8 per year.

The proceedings at Moohope does not any way take off from the other groves where no Endeavours I believe are Wanting, the same number of Men or rather more being still employed, but all groves will be better, & worse. On Wednesday last we impounded a Draught for going over Rothley Moore to a Limestone Quarry belonging to Mr Fenwick's Estate at <Greenleighton>, he lives at Darlington, & I am told intends to apply to you as you come into the country for Way Leave; I desire you will please not to make him any promise till you Enquire into the matter, for we have received some unneighbourly Treatment from him or his Tenants in <doing no> Wayleave etc & you have a Limestone Quarry in your own Grounds which will yield you about 8£ a year if you don't grant him Leave to his, but will produce nothing if you do. I don't find that Mr Montague has wrote to his Agents here tho they are all seemingly in your

Intrest. I apprehend a reservation for Mr Carr. Wee have secured all the Freemen in Mrs Crowlys Works, & the three Arthurs begin to comply. I will wait upon Mr Richardson at Sheilds but it must be in the most private manner for fear of giving offence to others, I am etc JR

**8 Jun 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr. Denton

Newcastle the 8 June 1733

D[ea]r Sr.

I received yours of the 26 inst with Mr Mansells Receipt, & copy of Storyes deed, & in between I here with send you your bill on me to Baron Hylton for £300. Also a copy of <Se[r]geant> [ie. barrister] Winners brief in Story's case tryed here in 1708, when a verdict was obtained in Favour of Sir Wm. Blackett, & tho the case may be hard upon Storys Family yet it's the Oppinion of our best Councell here, that let him proceed by bill as soon as he pleases the court of Chancery will not <serve> him; for you will observe that the estate charged with that annuity was <seized> long before the consideration money was borrowed, & therefore could be no security for it, Sr. Wm. Blackett when he purchased knew nothing of that pretended Incumbrance, for he had Walkers Estate for a Collaterall Security against all the demands upon Wallington, Hexham &c wch are all particularly Expressed in the Deed, but this is not mentioned at all. Neither was it ever demanded till upwards of 20 years after Sir Wm purchased, Therefore what I wrote you before that Walkers Estate is Engaged for Storys demand was a mistake. You may, if you think proper to proceed Mr Blackett & ye Gentlemn concerned for him will defend the suit in the best manner they can, I fancy the Cause must have been in the Common Pleas, <dy.> you will find it Recorded there Mich.s 7 Regince, I am &c JR

**12 Jun 1733 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Cha: Joye Esqr.

Newcastle the 12th June 1733

Sr.

Inclosed are six Bills Of Exchange for the sum of thirteen hundred pounds, as above, which sum, when paid, I desire you will apply towards the Discharge of the last half years Intrest owed on the late Sr. Wm. Blacketts Mortg[ag]e & advise the Receipt hereof to Yours etc JR

p.s. I will make you a further return as soon as possibly I can.

Newcastle May 8th 1733

£. s. d

Two months after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order the sum of two hundred & ten pounds value received & place it to account, p[er] advise from Richard & Nich[ola]s Ridley

To Mr John Edwards Merch[an]t in London

Newcastle May the 11th 1733

All two Usances pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos: Richmond or order the sum of Five hundred & sixty pounds, Two shillings, & sixpence. Value in Lead of the Ex[ecu]tors of Sr. Wm. Blackett. & place it to the acco[un]t of Messrs The Directors of The F. E.J:Comp[any] as the advise from Your most humble Servant Pre. Bernardeau

To Mr Pre. Cavelier in London

Newcastle 18 May 1733

Thirty days after date Pay Mr Jos. Richmond or order Eighty Pounds St. the value in account, and place the same to account as by advise from Fenwick & Waters

To Messrs Kelot & <Vassmin> merch[an]ts in London

Berwick June 1st 1733

Sr. Twenty days after date pay to Mr Cuth[ber]t Ogle Sen[io]r or Order the sum of one hundred pounds & place it to Account as by advise from Sr. your humble Serv[an]t Wm. Armorer Junr

To Mr. Geo: Burnetton <Roay> Street by the end of Barneby Street Southwark London

Newcastle June 1st 1733

Two Months after date pay Mr. Jos: Richmond or order the sum of Two hundred pounds value received p[er] advise from Richd. & Nich[ola]s Ridley

To Mr John Edwards Merch[an]t in London

Newcastle 12th June 1733

Sirs Forty days after date pay Charles Joy Esqr., or Order the sum of one hundred & fortynine pounds seventeen shillings & sixpence & place it to acco[un]t as advised by Sirs your most humble Servant Jo. Richmond

To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

**12 Jun 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

Sirs To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 12 June

I am sorry the last parcel of Silver does not prove clean, rather than you shall suffer By it, am willing to make you allowance for the dirt in it, being sure you will desire none but what is reasonable.

I am obliged this day to draw on you for one hundred forty nine pounds 17. 6d payable to Chas Joye Esqr., or order forty days after date, of which I desire your acceptance, I own it too quick up on you, but hope you'll secure it,

I am                      yours etc    JR

**19 Jun 1733 Joseph Richmond to Crowe**

To Mr Crowe

Tuesday 19th June 1733

Sr. Having a Considerable Payment to make this day senight, I desire the Favour you will let me have £200 against that Time; without it I find I shall fall short, which will be a great Dissapointment to Mr Blacketts Affairs, therefore I give you this timely notice that you may more easily lend me your assistance on this occasion, upon it I depend & am Sr etc J.R.

**19 Jun 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr. Denton

Newcastle the 19th June 1733

Sr.

I rece[ive]d a Lre last Post from Mr Blackett where in he says there is wanting a Lease & Release dating 8th & 9th Mar 1716 made between Thos. Collingwood of the 1st part, Jno. Wilkinson & Lanct Allgood of the 2nd part Wm. Ord & Eliz[abe]th of the 3d. part & Sr. Wm. Blackett of the 4th part, If these writings are not part of what was sent Mr Blackett the 30 Xber last with his Marriage Article, I Know not where they'll be found for I am very sure they are not here, & Mr Wilkinson, & Mr Allgood both say they have them not nor can give any Acco[un]t of them. Mr Allgood is the most likely to have them, I have desired him to examine narrowly for them.

Mr Wilkinson is very ready to joyn in Conveyances for Settling Mrs Blackett's Estate, which I signify to you by Mr Blackett's order. Cornthwaite the Taylor who lives in Mastle Court Bowstreet has a bill on me drawn by Mr Blackett in Febry last which he has never sent for paym[en]t expecting I believe that I will remit him the money, I desire you will make it in your Way to call on him, & put him in some way of getting his Money without Expençe if you can, for I can't get a bill as yet to send you to pay



him, but if he will send down the bill to any Friend here it will be paid at Sight, as I wrote him some time agoe, I am etc JR

**7 Jul 1733      Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr. Blakett Esq on Cocoa Street Pall Mall

Newcastle 7 July 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I reced a Lre pr past Post from Sir Wr. [Calverly], copy whereof is in the other side, to which I know what answer to give. I am humbly of opinion the advancing the £5000 there in mentioned would greatly distress your affairs at present as you will perceive by the value of the stock & Debts particularised on the other side , as they stand to the 30 ult.o, for if that sum be advanced out of the stock in hand, it will straiten you much in every respect, & you will not be able to make any pay at your mines this year, if next year, which will bring your affairs back to the same situation they were in Sr. Wm's time, which you have been endeavouring to retrieve, & have in good measure accomplished. The savings of the £1000 Sr Wr. mentioned is very considerable, but had not the £5000 be much better borrowed at first, than return to 3 or 4 years pay, which has been a thing so justly complained of, if you make not your pays both regular & short now that the Price of Lead is fallen, & likely still to fall, the mines will turn to little Accot.

There has been paid on your account since the 1st Janry upwards of £2600, you must no doubt have occasion for a great deal more money this year, & the next will certainly be very chargable. On the other hand Rents are ill paid, Lead is a drooping Commodity, & for these Reasons I look upon it (with the utmost submission) as contrary to your Intrest to reduce your stock, & that the Intrest of £5000 may be much better paid than the principle can at this time be spared.

Ld Scarborough dined yesterday at the Mayors, when he had a Complim.t made  
him of his Freedom of the Corporation, I am                      yours etc                      JR

1733 June 31 Lead at Markett valued at	£7000. 0. 0
Debts owing for Lead & Silver	650. 0. 0
Money & bills in hand	470. 0. 0
Mart[inma]s Arrears of Rent	530. 0. 0
Mr. Allgood no account since Oct.r 1730	0. 0. 0
	8650. 0. 0

Ditto Owing to Allenheads Coalcleugh etc	3500. 0. 0
Mr. Dixon for corn	700. 0. 0
Weardale mines	2500. 0. 0
Interest to the 14th	2165. 0. 0
Bishope Rents	375. 0. 0

Rector of Stanhope	157. 0. 0
Lady Barbara	250. 0. 0
Cornthwaite	247. 0. 0
New stables will be about	300. 0. 0
	£10194. 0. 0

**7 Jul 1733     Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr. Wr. Calverly                      Newcastle 7th July 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

I have your Lre [Letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup>]. In answer to which I give it with all submission as my opinion, that no such sum as £5000 can be raised at present out of the stock in hand, without reducing all pays to the pays there were at Sr. Wms. time. The saving £1000 is a moving Inducem[en]t to lengthen them again; but it should be considered whether by doing so, more than twice that many may not be Insensibly lost in a little time, I am sure if short pays are not now made when lead is so low & like to be lower, the Groves will turn to little or no acco[un]t, & therefore should think it more advisable to borrow this £5000 if the treaty take place, than to raise it out of the stock in hand which is not yet large enough to enable us to make our pays in a year, I have by this post sent Mr Blackett an acco[un]t of the stock & Debts, as they stand valued to the 30<sup>th</sup> ulto by which he will readily conclude what can be done in the affair, I [missing word] stranger to Mr Maynalls Debt, & time of payment, & do not know of any money being applied that [missing word]

I am etc                      J R

**7 Jul 1733     Joseph Richmond to William Cornthwaite**

To Mr Cornthwaite                      Newcastle 7th July 1733

Sr,

In answer of yours of the 30 past, I am sorry it has not been in my power to comply with your request [missing word or 2] without both inconvenience & expense, for have been oblig'd for want of bills to send money <by the> carrier to answer our Occasions in Town. You have kept the bill its true a long time, but it was your [missing word] to make you all the mends I can, I will send you a Bill in a Fortnight or three weeks time at furthest [missing word or 2] choose to write for it. I am &c     JR

**10 Jul 1733     Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 10 July 1733

Sr.

I herewith return you your writings executed by Mr Wilkinson, but as to the conveyance <from> Mr Collingwood of the 8 & 9 Mar 1716 I can get no acco[un]t, As I wrote you in my Lre of the 19 ultimo, <I> examined Mr Blacketts Scutore [escritoire; writing desk] & every where else before, & have done the same now a second time to no purpose, for I am certain those deeds are not about this House. Thos. Collingwood is dead, & his Son Alex[ande]r Collingwood of Little Ryall assures me he has no such writings, for at a Comission held by Mr Lanc.t Allgood & Mr Major Allgood about 9 years agoe, what writings his Father had relating that Trust were all delivered up, Mr. Major Allgood says he Remembers such a Commission but knows not of any Writings being delivered, Mr Lanc.t Allgood still says he never saw any such thing, I am sorry my <Eagerness herein> has had no better success, but I have done all I could in it in the time, with which I desire you'l acquaint Mr. <Blackett> for the post won't allow me to write to him this night, In case I think of any other Information I can get herein <except> <fro..> Mr Cuth[ber]t Ogle who is now a broad, but he can know nothing of this matter except from the Ma[ste]r who directed the drawing his Lease, Mr Collingwood promises to make the strictedst inquiry, & if he can find any Counterpart, or Copy to transmit it the next post.

I am yours etc J R

**13 Jul 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 13th July 1733

Sir

By last post I returned you the writings executed by Mr Wilkinson & by this I send you the conveyance of the 8 & 9th March 1716 which I have at last been so lucky as to find amongst a parcel of old writings where no body would have expected them. I spared no pains to find them & hope no harm will attend my not doing it sooner. I shall be glad to hear they come safe & in good time to hand, & am Sir yours etc JR

**13 Jul 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Mr Blackett

Newcastle 13th July 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sir

By last post I returned Mr. Denton the Writings executed by Wm. Wilkinson, since which I have found the conveyances of the 8 & 9th March 1716 amongst a parcel of old writings where none would have expected them, & have sent them by this Post to Mr

Denton, I am sorry I could not hit them before : but hope no damage will attend it, & they will come in good time. Your Excheq.r has not been lower since I knew it occasioned by the bad demand for lead, but as this begins now to amend, that will revive in a little time. I have only now £150 in the chestte a bill for £195 at 2 mo[nths] date, which I will remit you when you order; & if you have occasion to draw on me for 2 or £300 more, I can procure the money to answer it at sight, all the Debts in Town exceed not £650 & that mostly in Mr Ridley's hand of whom I dare not ask a penny, he has ordered the water to be cut off again from your gardens upon some complaint that the neighbourhood wants it, whereas its Mr Rutter & the other Brewers that deprives them of it & not you; Mr Reay had ordered the water to be set on to Mr Rutter, & its again taken from him also, but from none else though severall others have it again contrary to the order of Common Council; Mrs Reay dy[e]d on Tuesday last.

I am hon[ou]rd Sir yours etc JR

**16 Jul 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr. Wr. Calverly

Newcastle 16 July 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sir

In answer to your Lre on 10[th] inst[ant] you receive on the other side a copy of your Lre to me dated the 20 April last wherein you Inclos'd me Mr Blackett's Answer to Mr Allgoods Bill as agreed to by Mr Wilson; Copy of which Answer I delivered Mr Allgood the 28 April, who then told me he designed to send immediately to Mr Denton all the papers that were necessary but whether he has yet done so, I can't tell, All I know is that he has since told me things could not be completed before the next Term, I here he is to be in Town this week, when I will ask him what is done or doing in these matters, & let you know pr first opportunity.

I am                      etc                      JR

**20 Jul 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Calverley**

To Sr. Wr. Calverly

Newcastle 20th July 1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

I had some talk this morning with Mr Allgood who assures me he has sent all the papers to Mr Denton some time agoe, with directions to file his bill, if Mr Blackett agreed to the Answer as fixed at York by Mr. Wilson, & Mr. Fenwick, That Mr. Denton, who will shortly be in the Country will bring down Commissioners to take the answers that are to be taken here, & says nothing will be wanting on his part to take the Benefitt of the next term which must not be let slip. This is the substance of what passed between him & Yours etc    JR

**21 Jul 1733    Joseph Richmond to Matthew Van Ess**

To Mr. Math: ren <Es> Merch[an]t in Rotterdam    Newcastle 21 July 1733 OS

Sr.

I am favoured with your Lre of the 24th your stile setting forth the bad state of the Lead Trade, & that the march[ant]s who have Lead from Hull & Stockton sell the same cheaper than you can afford to sell W.B refined Lead at 13.12.6 our Fother, which was the price of the last Lead you had from Mr Ridly, I am sorry that Trade should be so bad, & that for some reasons it should not at this time be proper for me to serve you as Factor either with or without Commission, tho I believe it would be to the proprietors advantage as well as yours. You must therefore please to apply to the same or some other Merchant here, by whom I presume you will be served as well & upon as easie terms as any where else, & I assure you the person you employ shall be supplied at the very lowest price, for I'm unwilling to lose your favours & when a proper time offers shall be ready to serve you in the <manner> you desire, It will be expected you give Liberty to draw upon your Correspondent in London for bills drawn on your self will be troublesome to negotiate, & what I believe no person here will agree so. If <13....> which is the <lowest> I ever sold it will be an incourageing price, you may Order the 400 peices you mention, giving <your> Factor Liberty to draw upon London at 1 us[uanc]e from the time of shipping, this I hope will be <sufficient> Encouragement for you to continue us your Factors, I believe none will serve you better than the <Gent[lemen]> <you> now deal with, & desire the contents above may not be Communicated to any. I am etc    JR

**24 Jul 1733    Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr. Blackett Esq.

July 24    1733

Hon[ou]rd Sr.

Inclos'd are two copies of the Corporations Arms, by which the Goldsmith will be able to grave them on the Plate you design for a present, it will be right to put your own Arms on the opposite side, I think without any Inscription, which they may have done here as they think it proper.

The wine sent by Mr Brinsdon is stop'd by the Custome House Officers, being bro[ugh]t without a proper dispatch, as Sealings was last year, I have wrote him this Post to apply to the Commis[sione]r for an order of delivery to be sent by the next, for I doubt the wine will receive damage where it is besides this Omission will be attended with Expences which either the Merc[han]t or Mast[e]r of the Ship must pay please to send to Mr Brinsdon to hasten his application to the Custome board. I have ordered in

Mr Stephensons Port, & have pitched one hhd of Mr Mayors Claret which is a neat small wine of the vintage 1730 but of no great flavour, Thompsons Wine is mixed with a strong Port & will pass very well at a proper time, the wine you left is all remaining except 3 doz. sent to Eshott, & 11 bottles claret, & 2 bottles Champain drunk by Mr Reay Mr. Clark, Mr Fenwick, & other at severall times, particularly when they went to the Companies, so that there is no room for <Flinkston's> wine at present in the Cellars, I think it will be no detrym[en]t at all to your Intrest to stay a month at Eshott, if I have any reason afterwards to think otherwise will Imediately let you know, Mr Carr has been here about 8 days & has not yet visited any of the Magistrates, nor has any of them been with him. It does not look as if he Intended to make any Stirr, here is an Oylman who can furnish you with Common Pickells, but not much the nicest sorts, I think it may be as well to buy the Servants Fletts here at this time, tho if you do not, perhaps no notice may be taken of it, I will order Jno. to be at Eshott at the time you appoint & am  
yours etc JR

**24 Jul 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

24 July 1733

Inclosed is a bill on Mr Danl Frederick Colb for £247 which I promised Cornthwaite the Taylor to < reay> to answer Mr Blacketts bill on me for like value, I desired him to waite upon you Imediately, & if he like this bill which is at the least date I can procure Exchange it with him for Mr Blacketts bill on me <....> by him, & send it me p[er] return of the Post, if he is not willing to take the Inclosed pray return it to yours etc  
JR

Newcastle July 24 1733

Att Two Usances pray pay by this my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos Richmond or order the sum of Two hundred & forty seven pound value in Lead of the Ex[ecu]tors of Sr. Wm. Blackett & place it to the Acco[un]t of the directors of the F: J Comp[ani]e as p[er] advise from your most humble servant Pre. Bernerdeau  
To Mr Daniell Frederick Colb in London

**24 Jul 1733 Joseph Richmond to William Cornthwaite**

To Mr Cornthwaite in <Marrle> Court Bow Street London 24 July 1733

Sr. I have sent by this Post to Mr Xpher Denton No. 8 in Greys Inn a Bill for £247 in answer Mr Blacketts Bill on me for that sum in your hands, I desire you will call upon him on Receipt hereof least he be come out of Town & am Sr. yours etc JR



**24 Jul 1733 Joseph Richmond to John Brinsdon**

To Mr J Brinsdon Merch[an]t in Durham Yard London

24 July 1733

I rece[ive]d your Lre of the 14[th] advising your shipping, in the Mary, & Sarah Capt[ai]n Bird, Seven hampers of wine on Mr Blacketts Account, The ship is arrived, & the wine stoped by the Coast Officer for want of a Regular dispatch, these being nothing but a suffrance inclosed in order that you may Imediately apply to the Commiss[i]one[r]s of the Customs for an order of Delivery, which will be attended with Expen[n]ce both here & in London which I think Mr Blackett ought to pay no part of the wine is in an Improper Cellar for it & therefore in hazard of taking damage, pray procure an order of delivery by the Return of the Post, that it be not spoiled, I am etc  
JR

**24 Jul 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle the 24 July 1733

Sr. On Saturday last I sent you by the London Carrier a piece of Silver of six hundred and twenty two Ounces of Silver, which ; which I desire you will own the Receipt of to  
yours etc JR

**3 Aug 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Aug 3 1733. Wrote Mr Blackett now at Eshott, about the Tenants in arrear etc Nar Hindmarsh, Tom Anderson, Stephenson at Harwood, wid[ow] Dixon.

**11 Aug 1733 Joseph Richmond to Henry Ternegan**

To Henry Ternegan Esqr

Newcastle Aug[us]t 11th 1733

Sr.

I have used my best Endeavours since I rece[ive]d yours of the 28 past, to procure you a good bill to the value of Mr Blacketts Note in your hand, but not being able to get such a bill without pay[in]g 20 prem[iu]m I have this day sent you £100 by the Carrier, & Inclose you his note for it the money will be paid to your order on the 25 inst[ant] at the White Horse in Cripplegate, therefore desire on Receipt of this you will send me Mr Blacketts note endorsed By you, I am etc  
JR

Rece[ive]d of Wr. Blackett Esq at the hands of Mr Richmond the sum of One hundred Pounds which I hereby promise & oblige myself to deliver on the 25th of this ist[ant] to Henry Jornegan Esqr. Banker in London, on his paying me ten shillings for the Carriage & delivering me up this note, As Witness my hand the 11 day of Aug[us]t 1733                      Geo: Crabtree  
<Test[ifie]d> Henry Allison

**11 Aug 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Xpher Denton                      Newcastle 11 August 1733

Sir

I am sorry to hear of your Indisposition, but I hope this will meet you at Scarborough well <recovered> & out of danger which I shall be glad to hear, As to the payment of Capt[ai]n Midford's Annuity the 25 inst its what is not in my power to do, nor can I propose to pay it before the latter end of Sep.r at soonest for the Lead Trade; the Rent Trade, & all Trades are bad & no money to be got, which added to Mr Blacketts draughts on me, when he left for London, has wholly Incapacitated me to comply without your request at present, but it shall be done as soon as possible, I return you Inclosed the Capt[ai]ns Receipt till I am qualify'd to pay it, Shall pay your Draught on me for £21 which was call for yesterday but I was not at <Home>, I am etc JR

**11 Aug 1733 Joseph Richmond to Matthew Van Ess**

Mr Matt Van Ess                      Newcastle the 11 Aug[us]t 1733 OS

Sr. I am surprised that you shoud misapprehend my Lre of the 21st past which you seem to have done; if you look it overgain you will find that I told you, you might have 400 pieces of WB Refined Lead at £13,10s p[er] Fother, but that you must Commission Mr Ridley or some other Merch[an]t here both to buy & to ship for you, for that I could not for some Reasons serve you in that Capacity, I therefore return you the bill you enclosed me, & again desire you will please to address to Mr Ridley or some other Merch[an]t here for what Lead you want & they shall always be needfull for your account by &c JR

1733: 14: Aug: Amsterdam

Op tovee Uso geleiven, & etc te belaken segons deesen mijnan Sola Wisssetbuef act,  
Dirdie d' hear Mathew's van Es Em hondret pond Sterling Valuto owt sangen or stelt  
op Reckening als fe advijs van Johan Heinins

Kyn Heeren

Myr Heeren, Joh. Ab.mo Peeter Korten

indri d

Voor Myn Gabast uleteale Jan do Heer Joss Richmond, Amsterdam den 14 Aug[us]t  
1733

Matt: Van Es

**24 Aug 1733 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

John Armstrong

Newcastle 24 August 1733

I have now given you all the time I can, & I question not but as much as you desire to send me in all Acco[un]ts preparatory to the Pay, therefore do now expect them against the 3[r]d next month without fail, I once more desire you will then give me an exact & particular List of all the arrears of Rent due from the Beginning of your Receipt to last May day, distinguishing those that are Recoverable from those that are lose if any; When you come down pray bring me your Estimate of the Riding wood, which as I remember you told me you had by you.

You did well to discharge the West <Elid> Hushars, for I believe the oar they made turns to little if any Acco[un]t as Lead now sells, which falls daily & I fear will oblige us after this pay to lower all our prices yours etc JR

**30 Aug 1733 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Chas Joye Esqr at St Thomas's hospital Southwark

Newcastle 30th Aug. 1733

Sir

I own I have fallen short of performing my Promise with you, & therefore dare not make a fresh one for fear of meeting with a fresh Disappointment. I am making all the Provision I can to satisfie your Demand, & hope to do it in such time as you will have no great Reason to complain of, I propose to Remit you the £432. 10s due 14 Jan[ua]ry in 5 weeks, & the last half years interest about the middle of November, & shall with much pleasure do it sooner if I possibly can, who am we with great esteem

Sir your most humble servant Jos: Richmond

**7 Sep 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 7 September 1733

Sirs, Yesterday I drew on you for the sum of one hundred & seventy five Pounds payable to the B[isho]p of Durham or order of which I desire your Acceptance I am

Sirs your most Noble Servant JR

**28 Sep 1733 Joseph Richmond to Peter Walker**

To Mr Peter Walker Merchant  
in Thames Street London

Newcastle 28th September 1733

Sir I desire you will send me as soon as possible thirty cask's of boneashes the same as the last, pray take care they be good, & not old, their Goodness you may partly know by squeezing them in your hand, for if they ball fast together they are good, if they fall they are old, & not so fit for our use, I am etc JR

**5 Oct 1733 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Harrison**

To Mr Jos: Harrison Newcastle 5th Octobr 1733  
at the Rt. Hon[our]able the Countess Dowager of Winchelseas, in Queens Square  
London

Sir Inclos'd is a bill for Twenty Pounds which I am ordered to return you by Mr Cha[rle]s Smithson of Blannerhassett, I desire you'l advise upon the Receipt hereof & direct for me in Newcastle upon Tyne, Pray omit not to write by the Return of the Post that I may be assured the Bill comes safe, otherwise shall stop payment, I am etc  
J: Richmond

Newcastle October 5th 1733

£20. 0. 0

Sir Twenty days after date pay to Mr Jos: Richmond; or order the sum of Twenty pounds Vall[ue] Received & place it to Account, as advis'd by self & Company. Wm. Teasdale  
To Mr Chris[tophe]r Newdigate Cheasmonger in Thames street at London

**5 Oct 1733 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Cha: Joy Esqr.

Newcastle 5th October 1733

Sir Inclos'd are two Bills of Exchange for the sums of Four hundred thirty two Pounds ten shillings being the arrears of Inttrest due the 14 Jan[ua]ry last, I desire you will please to place the same to the Credit of the late Sir Wm. Blackett's Ex[ecu]tors, & advise me on the Receipt hereof, who am Sr. yours etc J: R

Newcastle October 4th 1733

All two Usances pray pay by this my sole bill of Exch[ang]e unto Mr Joseph Richmond or order the sum of Three hundred, forty nine pounds, two shillings & three pence value in Lead of the Ex[ecu]tors of Sr. Wm. Blackett, & place it to the acc[un]t of Mr J, B, B of Rouen, as p[er] advise from your most humble Servant Pre. Bernardau  
Messrs Pre. & J.C. Simond Bro[ther]s Merchants in London

Newcastle 5th October 1733

Sirs Thirty Days after date pay Cha: Joy, or order the sum of eighty three Pounds seven shillings, & nine pence, Value received & place the same to acco[un]t as advis'd by  
Sirs your most humble servant J: Richmond  
To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

Oct 7th 5. Clocks H: A

October 7th- put onto the Post Office this Lre & Bill for Mr Joy

**5 Oct 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 5th October 1733

Sirs I have been obliged this day to draw on you for the sum of Eighty three pounds seven shillings & nine pence payable to Cha: Joye Esq., or order Thirty days after date, of which I desire your acceptance, the Balance in your hands after payment of this bill will be very small, but I hope in a very little time to make it larger, & am with much respect

Sirs yours etc J R

**11 Oct 1733 Walter Blackett to Thomas Robinson**

To Mr. Thos. Robinson at Sunderland

Newcastle Octobr 11 1733

Sir

When I last had the pleasure of seeing you, you were so kind as to promise me, your Intrest with the Freemen of Newcastle; I have declared my self a Candidate at the next Elec[t]ion & hope you will be so good as to use your Influence in my behalf I desire you will not look upon this as in the least doubting of your promise but to return you thanks for the friends[hi]p you were pleas'd to express to me, I shall be ever sensible of the obligation & am

Sir yours etc W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett.

**11 Oct 1733 Walter Blackett to Ralph Robinson**

To Mr Ralph Robinson at Sunderland

Newcastle 11 Octobr 1733

Sir Last Monday Mr Carr shewing the way gave me an unavoidable opportunity of declareing myself a Candidate for the Town at the next Elec[ti]on for Members to serve in Parliament. The Favour which you have been pleas'd to shew to this Family<upon> the like occasion, I hope you will be so good as to continue to one, who with great severity will lay hold of the earliest & every opportunity of professing himself.

Sr. yours etc Wr. Blackett

**11 Oct 1733 Walter Blackett to Thomas Lampton**

To Thos. Lampton Esqr. at Sedgewick

Newcastle Octobr 11 1733

Sir

Last Monday Mt Carr shewing the way I took that opportunity of declaring my self a Candidate at the next Elec[ti]on; I shall be proud of having your Intrest upon the Occasion, & shall take all opportunity's of acknowledging the obligation, I have been so long absent that I fear Winship hath had too much opportunity of following his own humour & breeding the Beagles too long leg'd, I cannot say I have ever had so good a Pack as when I had them from you but am going this morning to Wallington to see how they perform. Thiendor dy'd last week & am Sr yours etc Wr. Blackett

**11 Oct 1733 Walter Blackett to Watson & Sutton**

To Messrs Watson & Sutton Merch[an]ts in Stockton Newcastle 11 Octobr 1733

Gent[leme]n

That I have not the honour of being known to you is my misfortune but flatter my self you will not add to it by refusing my request upon that acco[un]t; the freedom which I here take I hope will not appear so great if you please to consider the unreasonable Libertys which are often assumed upon the like Occasion, Having declared my self Candidate for the Town at the next Elec[ti]on for members of Parliament, I shall be very sensible of the Obligation if you will please to use your Endeavours to influence our Freemen who are at Stockton in my behalf, I shall be glad to receive a succesfull Answer & am

Gentle[me]n yours etc Wr. Blackett



**11 Oct 1733 Walter Blackett to John Jourdet**

To John Jourdet Esqr. at Stockton

Newcastle 11 Octobr 1733

Sir

Though I have not the pleasure of being known to you I hope the prevailing Custom of taking an uncommon Liberty upon these Occasions will plead my Excuse, Last Monday Mr Fenwick, Mr Carr & my self declared ourselves Candidates at the next Elec[tion] for the Town, as there are a number of Freemen of Newcastle at Stockton I should be proud of having the Favour of your Intrest to obtain theirs, & their votes, I hope my request will meet with a favourable Reception, & I shall be ready upon all Occasions to pay a suitable regard to the obligation, being with great respect Sir yours etc W<sup>r</sup>. Blackett

**30 Oct 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle the 30 Octobr 1733

Dear Sr.

I rece[ive]d your Favour of the 13th from York, agreeable to which Mr Blackett has <wrote> to the Stockton Gentlemen, I hope this will find you well after your Journey which will be very agreeable to me to hear, Inclos'd is a bill for the sum of £125 being as I remember the Ballance due to you from Mr Blackett, pray advise the receipt of it, & mention in your Lre, that it is [missing word].

Inclos'd is also a bill for £100 due 10th next month to Answer Mrs Blacketts half <years> Annuity then due, I desire you will get & send me her Receipt for it, you sent me a bill on Mr Ward for 10 guineas in your Lre of the 22 Feby 1731, [ie.1732 modern calendar] which bill I delivered you [missing word] here the 3rd Octobr 1732, so that I have no Authority to call upon him, Capt[ain] <Medford> is now here, & I find is leasing Mr Blackett for £200, I think you told me he had Mortgaged his Annuity, & therefore Mr Blackett can't (I fancy) let him have any money safely, I am etc J R

Mr. Tim[o]thy Helmsley      K: Stephen 10th 8ber [October] 1733      £100. 0. 0  
Sr.    One month after date please to pay to Mr Henry Coulson or order me: hundred pounds value rece[ive]d, as p[er] advise from Sr your most humble Servant Henry Denneson

Endorsed H: Coulson

For Mr Tim[oth]y Helmsley at the Leg in thread Needle Street London

Att Two Usances pray pay by this my sole bill of Exch[ange] unto Jos: Richmond or  
order the sum of One hundred & Twenty five pounds value in Lead of the Ex[ecut]o[rs]  
of Sr. Wm. Blackett, & place it to your acco[un]t as p[er] advise from your most  
humble servant Pre. Bernardeau  
To Messrs Pre. & J: C.Simond Bro[the]r Merch[an]ts in London

[annotated at foot:] Octr 30th 5 O clock H:A

**30 Oct 1733 Joseph Richmond to John Dawson**

To Mr. Jno. Dawson Newcastle 30 Octobr 1733

Sr.

Not having rece[ive]d any Answer to my last, Occasions my troubling you herewith,  
which is to desire you'l let me know when it will be convenient fore you to pay me for  
the 40 p[ie]ce[s] [of] Lead, for I am now preparing to make a pay in Weardale the week  
after <Martinmas> which will require a large sum, & putts me upon calling in all the  
small ones standing out in order to accomplish it, pray let me hear from you by the  
Return of the Post which will oblige.

Sr. yours etc J R

P.S. I will send over any day you appoint.

**6 Nov 1733 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

Nov 6th. Mr Blackett wrote the severall Freemen mentioned in Watson & Suttons Lre ;  
Wrote also to Mr Lett in Arlington Street

Mr Turner at Kirkleatham

Mr Mountagu in Cavindish Square

Mr James Cook at Yarm

Mr Wm. Denton at Stockton & inclosed <82/22> Lres

NB Wrote Mr Whittle at <M/H...by .... Washington>

**13 Nov 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Christ: Denton

Newcastle Novr 13th 1733

Sir

I have rec[ei]ve[d] your Lre of the 6th inst[ant] with the Councells opinion on Cook['s]  
Case: but have not yet heard anything from Mr Proctor, Inclos'd is the Goalers [sic]

originall Bond, which I desire you will acknowledge the Receipt of , I am Sr yours etc  
J R

PS I have not yet met with Mr ward

**19 Nov 1733 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter**

To Mr Isaac Hunter

Newcastle 19th Novr 1733

Sir

I am assured by a Person who knows the thing very well that wee are greatly defrauded by Mrs Wetherby in our dues of Risby Grove, for they carry away oar both by night & day of which Mr Rudd knows nothing at all, as I am informed, you must go up to Risby, & enquire how that acco[un]t stands; they are obliged to show you all their Accounts from the beginning; by which you will find how many Bings of oar they have got to this time, & Mr Rudd can tell you how much dues he's received, therefore draw out an Acco[un]t Dr, & Cr. & send me as soon as you can, & pray get the dues that are in Arrear, for wee shall be all called on forthwith to give an Acco[un]t of our managem[en]t as to this point which wee are accusd of having greatly neglected, I am

Sr. yours etc JR

**20 Nov 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 20th Novr 1733

Sr.

I am sorry the Goaler's [sic] Bond came not in time, there was only one Post slipt here occasioned by my being at Wallington, Mr Lisle has paid me £9. 7s. 4d on your Acco[un]t the money was brou[gh]t me by Mr James Procter, who could not prevaile to go with me to Mr Steele, nor to tell me what Mr Cook was Inclined to do towards his Enlargem[en]t. I have sent severall times after Mr Ward, but he is so much in the Country that I have not yet met with him, but I shall surely have his Answer this week, As to Mrs Nichols: Demand I can't think it right for in the stated Acco[un]t of the £65000 between Sr. Wm. & Mr Guy I find £7. 13s. 0d charged for Mr Nichols Commission on £6000 ann[ui]ty told the 21st May 1724 & the Lre of Attorney; therefore £7. 10. 0d will at lengthe to be deducted having been on a paid, as to the Remainder of this demand it may be due for ought I know, but I wonder it has not been paid ere this, I request the Favour of you to Interceed with Mr Joye for a particular acco[un]t how & to whom the 2nd mortg[ag]e of £12000 was paid, for it will be of use to me at this time, having never been able to get any acco[un]t of it, perhaps the Remainder of Mr. Nichols Demand may be Included there in if I find it is not will apply for directions to pay it her. Inclos'd is a bill on Messrs Simonds for £216. 1s. 6d due the

12th next month in the credit of which Bill, I have this day drawn on you for £180. 9s. 0d payable to Mr Joye 21 days after date, I hope you'l excuse this trouble, I desire you will acknowledge the receipt hereof. I must refer you to Mr Allgood or Mr Clark for directions about the Boundary Bill, & desire you will apply to one of them without Loss of time; for I <am> inform'd Mr Ainsley in proceeding with great vigour, tho Mr Clark says Mr Whitfield is desirous to stop proceedings & refer it. I am

Yours etc J Richmond

**20 Nov 1733 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Mr Cha: Joye at St Thomas's Hospital Southwark London

Newcastle 20th Novr 1733

Sr.

Inclos'd are five Bills for the sum of seventeen hundred & Thirty two pounds ten shillings, as follows,

Richd & Nichs Ridley on Mr Jno. Edwards due 12 Xbr	£206. 0. 0
Ditto on Ditto 16 Do	190. 0. 0
Pre. Bernardeau on Mr Cha: La Porte 27 Do	600. 0. 0
Ditto on Ditto Do	550. 0. 0
My Bill on Mr Xpher Denton 15 Do	186. 9. 0
	£ 1732.10. 0

this sum when paid will discharge the last half years Intrest on the late Sr. Wm. Blacketts Mortg[a]ge due 14th July last, I desire you'l please to place it accordingly & advise the Receipt hereof to Sr yours etc JR

Newcastle Octobr 12th 1733

Sixty days after date pay Mr Jos: Richmond, or order the sum of Two hundred & six pounds, one shilling Value & place it to acco[un]t p[er] advice from Richd & Nich[ola]s Ridley

Endorsed J: Richmond

To Mr Jno. Edwards Merchant in London

Newcastle Octobr 16 1733

Sixty days after date pay Mr Jos: Richmond, or order the sum of One hundred & ninety pounds, Value rec[eiv]ed, as p[er] advice from Richd & Nich[ola]s Ridley Endors'd J: Richmond

To Mr Jno. Edwards Merchant in London

Newcastle Octobr 27th 1733

All two Usances pray pay by this my sole bill of Exch[ang]e unto Mr Jos: Richmond, or order the sum of six hundred pounds value in Lead of the Ex[ecu]t[o]rs of Sr. Wm.

Blackett, & place it to Acco[un]t as p[er] advice from your most humble Servant Pre.  
Bernardeau  
Endors'd J: Richmond  
To Mr Cha: La Lorte Merchant in London

Newcastle Octobr 27th 1733

All two Usances pray pay by this my sole bill of Exch[ang]e unto Mr Joseph Richmond,  
or order, The sum of five hundred, & fifty pounds value in Lead of the Ex[ecu]tors of  
Sr. Wm. Blackett & place it to Acco[un]t as p[er] advice from your most humble  
Servant Pre: Bernardeau  
Endors'd J: Richmond  
To Mr Cha: La Lorte Merchant in London

Newcastle the 20 Novr 1733

Sr. Twenty days after date pay Cha: Joye Esqr., or order the sum of One hundred &  
Eighty six pounds nine shillings, value rece[ive]d & place the same to acco[un]t as  
advised by Sr. your most humble servant J: Richmond  
To Mr Xp [Christopher] Denton No. 8 in Greys Inn London

[Total:] £1732.10.0

## **26 Nov 1733 Joseph Richmond to Dixon**

Mr. Dixon Newcastle 26 Novr 1733

Mr Robson calls upon you to know what you propose to do about your Farm &  
whether you think the Landlers ought to let you runn behind any further when I was  
last at Fenwick you proposed to pay £50 at least before Mich[elm]as of which you have  
paid no more than £8 have you any prospect of paying up those arrears before Xmas,  
or what part of them will you pay before that time, this Year is all you desired, to try  
what you could do in, will it satisfie you that you are wrong & will still be more so the  
longer you continue the Farm unless you expect to pay no rent, Mr Robson will buy all  
your oats if you will be reasonable in the price, pray trifle not now but for one  
Resolution either to pay rent or leave the Farm, I am yours etc J R

## **27 Nov 1733 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell Newcastle 27 Novr 1733

Sirs

On Saturday last I sent you by Burrells of London Carrier two pieces of Silver  
q[uan]tity 995 oz. good weight, I have debited you for the same, as below, and desire  
you will advise the Receipt of it to yours etc J R

995 oz. fine Silver at 5s. 9d p[er] oz.

**1 Dec 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle the 1st Decr 1733

D[ea]r Sr.

Inclos'd is Mr Matt Bell's Bill on Mr Sam[ue]l Ashburys for forty pounds, which  
[missing word] you must Credit Mr Allgood for, it being sent you at his desire, & on  
his acco[un]t, I <cannot> procure a bill at a shorter date, & as Mr Bell could not draw till  
the 4th inst[ant], I desire you forbear one post before you present this bill, Mr Ward  
says you have advised him [missing word] draught payable to time & that he will pay  
it some time before Xmas. I cannot prevail upon him because of the Intended Alliance  
to Mr Dagnia who is a friend of M [rest of word missing]. On the otherside you have a  
copy of Mr Nicholls bill which you left with me, the six articles of which amounting to  
7. 10. 0 has been paid, & till I know how & [missing word] the second Mortg[a]ge of  
£12000 was paid I can't be certain but his whole dem<and> may have been accounted  
for by Sr. Wm. Blackett, I hope the Boundary Cause between Mr. Blackett & Mr  
Whitfield is in a fair way of being compromised by [missing word] it to an honest  
Gent[le]man here, I am yours etc J R

**3 Dec 1733 Joseph Richmond to John Longbalemare**

To John Longbalemare Esqr. in Newton's Street London

Newcastle 3rd Xber 1733

Sr

I have this day shipt by Mr Blacketts directions in the Constant [missing word] of  
Newcastle David Ramsay Ma[ste]r a Box directing for you containing two Potts of Wild  
Fowl & one of Lobster the ship is ready to sail <so> please to order the Box to be called  
for upon her arrival in the [missing word: River?]

I am Sr. your etc J R

**3 Dec 1733 Joseph Richmond to Mrs Blacke**



To Mrs Blacke in great Russell Street near Bloomsbury London

Newcastle 3 Xber 1733

Madam

I have this day ship'd by Mrs Blackett's directions in the Constant [missing word] of this Place David Ramsey Ma[ste]r in a Box directed for you containing a screen which Mrs Blackett will in a Post or two desire the favour of [missing word] to get fitted up for her in the same ship comes by her directions, <addressed> for you one Pott of Wild Fowl & one of Lobster, the ship being <ready> to sail please to order the thing's to be called for on her arrival <in> the River, I am Madam yours etc JR

**18 Dec 1733 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

18th Sent Mr Denton Mr Bernardeaus bill on Messrs Simond for £448. 2. 6 to enable him with what Mr Blackett had made him to discharge Mr <Groses> Debt of £1200; sent him a colony of <doves> the [missing word] Lre to Mr Blackett, & wrote Jones that Mr Denton had directions to pay off that debt.

**2 Jan 1734 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 2d Janry 1733

Sirs I have this day drawn a bill upon you for one hundred & forty one pounds fifteen shillings payable to Wr Blackett Esqr or Order, thirty days after date w[hi]ch I desire your Acceptance of & that you will place it to your Account w[i]th the late Sr Wm Blackett's Ex[ecu]tors w[i]th the Compl[iment]s of the Season, I am Srs Yrs Etc JR

Newcastle 2d Janry 1733

Sirs Thirty days after date pay Walter Blackett Esqr, or Order the sum of One hundred, & forty one pounds fifteen shillings Value receiv'd, & place it to Acco[un]t as advis'd by Srs Your most humble servant Jo Richmond

To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

**8 Jan 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 8 Janry 1733

Dear S[i]r

I rece[ive]d yours of the 22d past. I am glad the affair is made up w[i]th Mr Groce. I thought Mr Blackett had sent you Bills to discharge that Debt im[m]ediately. By his direction I send you inclosed a Bill for Two hundred pounds w[hi]ch you will receive Orders from him how to apply, pray advise him of Receipt thereof. I hear nothing yet from Mr Ward w[i]th the Complim[en]ts of the season , I am

Yrs etc J:R

PS Pray advise the receipt hereof to me at your Leisure

Newcastle Janry 5th 1733 £200.0.0.

S[i]r

Forty five days after date pay to Mr Jos: Richmond, or order Two hundred pounds Value rece[ive]d & place it to Acco[un]t as by advise from

To James Creed Esqr  
Merch[an]t in London

Your most humble Serv[an]t  
H:Heay

**8 Jan 1734 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 8 Janry 1733

Sirs

I have this day been oblig[e]d to draw on you for one hundred pounds payable to Mr (Ra) Harle, or Order, Thirty days after date; I beg you will accept thereof & place it to your Acco[un]t w[i]th the late Sir Wm Blacketts Extors, w[i]th the compl[iment]s of the season, I am

Yrs etc J: R

**12 Jan 1734 Joseph Richmond to Robert Long**

To Mr Robt Long

Newcastle 12 Janry 1733

Sir,

The Beginning of last Month I ship[pe]d in the Constant Jane Dav[i]d Ramsey Mar for London, a Box directed to Jno Long Bateman Esqr in Newbond Street, a Box & two Potts of Wild Fowl directed to Mr Blake in Greet Russell Street, w[hi]ch they write they have not yet received. the Ship is come away from London, & the Broker who shipt them here tells me the things will be found at Whitakers, or Dashes Wharfs, for the ship delivered Goods at both these Places. Mr Blackett therefore desires you will Enquire after them on Receipt hereof & Imediately send them by a Porter as directed w[i]th my service to your Bro[the]r, I am

Sirs Yrs etc J R

**12 Jan 1734    Joseph Richmond to Mrs Dixon**

Newcastle 12 Janry 1733

Mrs Dixon

I have waited & wrote to you till I am weary, & yet see not any prospect of your making good your promises in any Degree, you have taken up the money for the (Ewes) and Lambs & every thing else that you have sold, without bringing any here, & when I offered to buy your Oats at 4d a bowl above the Markett you refused to deal with me, by all w[hi]ch I apprehend you Intend to give your self no trouble about the rent for its certainly the furthest thing from your thoughts, if you think fitt to consider better of it against Saturday next you will do well, for I shall neither give you nor my self the trouble of any more Messages on this affair. I am

yours etc J: R

**15 Jan 1734    Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

Newcastle 15th Janry 1733

Sir,

I have before me yours of the 8, & 11th, the first Inclosing Mr Nevills bill on Mr Austin <Jennison> for eleven pounds w[hi]ch is paid, & plac[e]d to your Acco[un]t, but Mr Ward who promised me paym[en]t Yesterday has again disappointed me. As soon as I receive Directions about Lady (Barba) £50 a year will Endeavour to pay up all the Arrears without loss of time. In the meantime you receive

Inclosed a bill for Two hundred pounds, as below, to make good her half years Annuity due last Micha[elma]s, for w[hi]ch I desire you will send me Mr Mansells, & her receipt, as usuall I have heard nothing yet from Mr Cook or Procter. When Mr Major Allgood & Mrs Whithering Steward bring me any money will Endeavour to remitt it you, as you desire. I also inclose you another bill for One hundred pounds, as below, w[hi]ch I desire you will place to my Creditt, & advise me upon the Receipt hereof, the Acco[un]t between us stands as on the other side I believe shall be obliged to draw for the Balance in a little time, I am

Sr Yrs etc J R

Mr Xpher Denton (de) Grays Inn

Dr 1733

Novr 20 To Mr Bernardeaus bill on Messrs <Simonds>                    £ 216. 1.6.

Janry 15 To Mrs Stainforth on MrSte:Thompson                    £ 100. .

£ 316. 1.6

Per Contr      Cr 1733

Nov 14 Reced of Mr Rob Lisle by Mr Proctor	£ 9. 7.4
20 By my bill paybl to Mr Joye	186. 9.0
Janry 15 By Mr Nevills bill on Mr Jennison	11. .
	£ 206.16.4
Ball: due to J Richmond	109. 5.2
	£ 316. 1.6

York 5th Janry 1733

Fourteen days after date, Please to pay to Lanct Allgood Esqr or order the sum of Two hundred pounds, as (p) advise & place it to Acco[un]t of Your most humble servant Fran: Stainforth

Endorsed Lancl Allgood J:Richmond

To Mr Stephen Thompson Merch[an]t in Queen Street Cheapside London

York 5th Janry 1733

Fourteen days after date, Please to pay to Lanct Allgood Esqr or order the Sum of One hundred pounds, as (p) advise, & place it to Acco[un]t of Sir Your most humble servant Fra: Stainforth

Endorsed Lancl Allgood J:Richmond

To Mr Stephen Thompson Merch[an]t in Queen Street Cheapside London

**25 Jan 1734 Joseph Richmond to Peter Bernardeau**

To Mr Pre. Bernardeau

Newcastle 25th Janry 1733

Sir

Dalton & Robinson who weigh off all our Lead have been with me this day about the short weight w[hi]ch Mr Bonnett says he wants in the first 2000 pieces of Lead, & I think it appears very plain that the Mistake is in weighing the Lead at Rouen, for Mr Bonnett when he wrote to you says he had not weighed it all, therefore had probably Weighed some of the Common lead & computed the whole according to the weight in w[hi]ch case it would appear about 3000<£> short of your Invoice but the 200 pieces of Refined Lead w[hi]ch be had in the parcell would when he came to weigh them, make up that seeming Defect

I do not in the least question Mr Bonets Report. Nor do I doubt but both he & you will believe its our Inclination to do him Justice, but since the above is very probably the Case I only desire that in Order to sett the Matter in a more clear light, you will in the proprietors name & with his best Respects, desire that Gentle[ma]n to let you know what the first 2000 p[ie]ce[s] weighed at Rouen in their pounds, & also

what the 2d 2000 pieces weighed in pounds at Rouen. this I hope he wont take amiss,  
as it is only for the Justification of

Yrs etc J R

**2 Feb 1734    Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messr Cook & Abell

Newcastle 2 Feby 1733

Sirs I have this Day sent you pr Laycock the London Carrier one piece of Silver of  
1198½ oz, for w[hi]ch I desire you will Credit the late Sir Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors as  
below, & advise me upon your Receipt thereof I am

Etc J R

1198½oz at 5s9d p.oz is £344 11s 4d

**8 Feb 1734    Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 8 Feby 1733

Dear Sir

On Thursday last Mr Greive sent to Mr Steel £168 17s 10½d being Mr Manners  
half of the Princip[a]l Debt due to Mr Blackett, w[hi]ch Mony Mr Clarke & Mr Steel  
advised me to receive, I give my Receipt for so much rec[eiv]ed of Mr Manners in part  
of a Debt due to Mr Blackett, w[hi]ch I did accordingly, & hope it can be no hindrance  
in recovering the Remainder & Costs. You have a Copy of Mr Greives L[ett]re to Mr  
Steel & my Receipt to Mr Manners on the other Side. Whats needfull more I conclude  
this Post will bring you from Mr Steel. Mr Blackett is at Wallington whence he'll Return  
tomorrow to proceed in Entertaining the Comp[an]y w[hi]ch he begun with last  
Monday. Pray favour me with a line what Opinion you have taken on the Affair he  
wrote you last Tuesdays post. On the 4 inst. I drew on you for £42. 5.0. payable to Mrs  
Withrington 2 Days after date, w[hi]ch please to accept, & send me Mr Mansells  
Receipt for the £200 (p) first convenience. I am

Sr Yrs etc J R

1733 Feby 6th Received of Mr Manners by the hands of Mr Greive the sum of One  
hundred & sixty eight pounds 17s & 10½ in part of a Debt due to Wr Blackett Esqr

Vide Mr Greives l[ett]re on the file (..)

Dove agt Blackett, Claimt debt & Costs £337.15. 9

Defendt Costs in London 26.17.11

Do in the Country pr Mr Steel 25. 9. 3

Blackett agt Dove in <Caue>

8.19. 8

**17 Feb 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 17 Februry 1733

Dr Sir

Mr Blackett sent one of his servants along with the Packett on Friday last with his petition for an act of parliam[en]t to take the name of Blackett, & I hope he will be with you tomorrow. I will return you Cap. Midfords annuity as soon as I possibly can but cant yet tell you when it will be, for the Spring trade does not yet comence & I must sell some lead before I can make that payment, The Capt came to this place last Friday, was arrested yesterday at the suit of one Baines for about 40£ & is now in Goal. He got 50 guineas of Mr Blackett about three months agoe & his expectancy of having the same repeated has brought him here again, but there is no End of supplying his Demand, unless the money can be stopt out of his annuity I am therefore ordered by Mr Blackett to desire you will upon receipt hereof enquire how far, I mean how long & in what Manner he has engaged his annuity in w[hi]ch you are desired to be as particular as you can & at the same time let me know what method you think is best for Mr Blackett to use in order to secure his own money in case he Discharges him out of his present Confinement for he will undoubtedly engage his annuity afresh on the expiration of this present term, w[hi]ch he declares ends at Lammass next, when he says there will be 160£ more than satisfise his present Engagem[en]t, but this I question, because it agrees not with what he said when here before

Pray answer this by Return of the post for Mr Blackett is uneasie at his confinement & send me a copy of his assignment to, in Contract with Robinson (&) w[hi]ch Mr Blackett desires to see before payment of any more money, I will write Mr Greive as advised in yr last I am Sir

Yr most h[um]ble Servant J R

**19 Feb 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 19 Februry 1733

Dr Sr

I acquainted you by last Post that Capt Midford was under Confinem[en]t here for about £40 since w[hi]ch sum other <entries> have been taken out against him, & Mr Blackett out of compassion to him has discharged them all, & sett him at Liberty with mony in his Pocket, w[hi]ch I believe is the last time he will ever Interfere in his affairs. He declares upon his honour his Annuity is engaged no longer than next Candlemass, & has given Mr Blackett an assignm[en]t thereof for £130 5s 6d w[hi]ch he has



advanced him, pray therefore give notice that he may not Engage his annuity afresh till that Sum is answered. It is the opinion of Counsell here, that Mr Blackett may Deduct this mony out of the last half years annuity notwithstanding his Engagem[en]t to the London Insurance office, the same being made without his privity. I saw Mr Greive yesterday I told him as you advised that Mr Blackett will expect the whole money, & Costs of Mr Manners who may take what security he pleases of Mr Cook. Pray send down a particular of the Whole Am[oun]t to Mr Blackett pr first opportunity Mr Greive tells me there is a mistake in your proceedings with regard to Mrs Middletons mony & he gave me a state of the Case w[hi]ch I gave Mr Steel & he promises me to send it you with his Sentiment thereon by this Post. I am  
Sr Yours etc J R

**23 Feb 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 23 Febr'y 1733

Dr Sir I have this Day been obliged to draw on you for the sum of forty seven po[un]ds & two pence as below w[hi]ch sum is I think the Ballance remaining due to me in yor hands, as per acco[un]t within sent you. If you find the same right I desire you will send me my Bills drawn on you pr first Conveniency. I shall be glad to hear how you proceed with regards to Mr Blacketts Petition. I am Sr  
Yours etc J R

£

21-. payable to Rich Duckford or order 21d after date  
26-. 2- payble to Edw Wiseman or ordr Do  
47-. 2.

**2 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Mr Crowe**

To Mr Crowe

Newcastle 2d Mar 1733

Sir

Inclosed you receive your Acc[oun]t for the last year w[hi]ch I hope you will find right, I desire you will examine it pr first opportunity w[hi]ch will be doing me a service, for my own Acco[un]ts for the last year are now under examination, & cant be settled till the Aldn or you sign me the Inclosed w[hi]ch is the only unstated Acco[un]t, I am in want of, your dispatch therefore in this affair will much oblige

Sir yrs etc J R

**8 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 8 Mar: 1733

Dr Sir

I have rec[eiv]ed yours of the 2d inclosing a Copy of the agreem[en]t proposed between Mr Ord & the Cred[itor]s of West Kenton, In answer thereto, if the rest concerned come in, to that proposalls Mr Blackett will do so too, & according both, he, & Mr Clarke has signed an order upon the Dra[f]t you sent me, for you to sign the originall. I suppose Mr Allgood will also sign it when he comes to Town, & then it shall be sent you. Mr Greive has not desired any meeting about Mr Manners Affair. I hope your Ire will put him upon making an End of it. He wrote me the 25 last month desiring I would write to Mr Cooke, or Mr Procter, to pay (in) the other half of the mony or an Execucon would be Imediately taken out. But I shall not write any thing to Mr Cook or his attorney on this matter but leave it to you Gentm of the Law who best understand one another. I am Yr etc J R

**8 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Richard Grieve**

To Mr Greive Attry at Law in Alnwick

March 8 1733

In answer to your Favour of the 25th past, I rec[eiv]ed your Memorand[u]m left me when last in Town & forwarded it to Mr Denton. As to my Writing to Mr Cook or his attorney, its what I have no direction to do & I cannot think it would have any Effect upon them. I am

Yrs etc J R

**8 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Cuthbert Ogle**

To Mr Cuthb[er]t Ogle

Newcastle Mar 8th 1734

The Arrears of Rent for Ord Estate being grown very large & Mr Blackett having very great Occasion for Money at the time orders me to acquaint you that he desires & expresses you wont fail of letting him have four hundred pounds in part thereof against the 20th ins for w[hi]ch sum he has drawn upon you then payable at my Office & commands me to Advise you thereof, who am etc J R

**12 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle Mar 12 1733

Dr Sr Inclosed is a Copy of Mr Blacketts Bill signed by him. Wee can meet with no opportunity of sending the other copy by a Person that sees Mr Blackett sign it, & Mr Clarke thinks theres no necessity of sending a messenger on purpose if you have any Reason to think it will be required one may be sent away by the Return of the Post. I fancy the Serv[an]t that bro[ugh]t up the petition is coming home. If not, pray dispatch him as soon as you have done with him. Mr Blackett bides me let you know that he hears theres a Danish ship lost on the Irish coast & that the Cargo w[hi]ch was of great value having been stole & embezelled by the Country People, the proprietors are applying to the Gov[ernmen]t for satisfaction. He therefore desires you'l enquire into the Fact, & if true, that you'l advise what steps he is to take in applying for his Debt due (for) the king of Denmark, since this may be a fair opportunity for him to (renew) the Application made on that Acco[un]t from time to time by the two last Sr William Blacketts. I am

Yr J R

**14 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**

To Mr Peart

Newcastle 14 Mar: 1733

On Receipt hereof Mr Blackett orders you to go over to Dr Watts at Wolsingham & consult with him, & others of the principall Parishioners about the Grove that Mr Hutchinson is now working near the Boundary of that Parish, w[hi]ch he says is in the Parish of Eggleston, but Dr Watts insists is in the Parish of Woolsingham. He has got 15 or 20 Bings of Oar as I am informed this Day & if he should be allowed to do that in Mr Blacketts Liberty without your taking notice of it, it will certainly be a very great Reflection upon you & all Mr Blacketts managers, therefore <leave> no time in considering this affair, & what steps are to be taken in it. I am Yrs etc J.R.

**26 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 26th Mar 1733

Inclosed is a bill for 20 w[hi]ch Mr Allgood desired me to send you on Mr <Witheringtons> acco[un]t. You have likewise inclosed Mr Pre Bernardeaus bill on Messr Simonds for four hundred pounds due 29th inst. I desire you will apply £200 of the said bill in paym[en]t of Capt Midfords last half years annuity, & send me his bill or Receipt for it, the remaining £200 please to let remain in your hand till further notice, & pray favour me with a line adviseing the Receipt of these two bills I fancy Mr Ord expects some abatement on West Kenton, for he will never give it up after laying out so much mony on it as he has done, pray let me know whether he has actually quitted it & if so what are the the new objections he boggles at. I am etc

J.R.

PS I hear nothing from Mr Greive

Mr Ismay

Kendal Mar 8th 1733

Twenty eight days after date please to pay to Mr Wm Herbert or order Twenty pounds value rec[eiv]ed as by advise hereof & place it to the Accot of Your humble serv[an]t Wm Mackreth

Endorsed Wm Herbert Henry Coulson

To Mr Jos: Ismay at his Warehouse in old Swan Lane London

Newcastle Janry 29th 1733

At Two Usances pray pay by this my sole Bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos Richmond or Order, the sum of four hundred pounds, value in Lead of Wm Blackett Esqr & place it to the Acco[un]t of Mr J.B.B. of Rouen as (p) Advise from

Your most humble serv[an]t Pre Bernardeau

To Messr Pre & J.C.Simond Prod Mercht

In London

**26 Mar 1734 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**

Mr Peart

Newcastle 26th Mar 1734

I desire you will send down to Mr Dalton two pounds weight of Oar from the undermentioned Groves, & let the parcells be marked what grove they belong to, the Reason is, he <re.> [=refined?] all Rookhope lead last year & it produced full 8 Ounces in a Fothr w[hi]ch is well worth looking after when wee have no better work. Therefore I want to be satisfied whether it is one or more groves that produces the silver, or whether they are all alike in order to seperate, or keep the Oar together as wee see occasion I am

Yrs etc J.R.

PS. All the groves that produce any quantity of Oar in Weardale

**5 Apr 1734 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messr Cook & Abell

Newcastle the 5th April 1734

Sirs

On the 30th ultm I drew on you for the sum of forty Pounds payable at 30 days to Gilpid Lawson Esq or order & this day I have drawn on you in two bills as below for the sum of three hundred pounds, of which I desire your acceptance & that you will place the same to the Credit with the late Sir Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors I am Sirs Yor most h[um]ble servant JR

£200 payl to Mr Henry Allison or order at 40d date  
100 payl to D[itt]o at 35 date  
£300

**9 Apr 1734 Joseph Richmond to Lancelot Allgood**

To Mr Allgood at Rideing

Newcastle 9th April 1734

Sir

Please to let me know whether Mr Bacon's lease of his lead milne is finished & <who> the fine agreed on is, for having an Acc[oun]t now to settle with him for wood bought by Jno Armstrong & for his proportion of Weardale Rents. I shall have mony to pay out unless that fine is charged in Acc[oun]t, w[hi]ch should have been paid 8 or 9 years ago for I believe its so long since the old lease expired w[hi]ch you may remember I gave you to draw the new lease by & am Etc JR

**9 Apr 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 9th April 1734

Dear Sir

I have before me yours of the 30th ulto. What can I say to Mr Nicholas Widdons its certain the £7 odd has been paid by Sr Wm as appears by a stated Acco[un]t of the £65000 & if the Remainder was not deducted in the Acco[un] of the £12000 mortg[ag]e w[hi]ch Mr <Hathons> Accot gives no light into, the Trustees must give an order for the paym[en]t of it. I will endeavour to get you such an order the first time they meet together, for I cant take upon me to order the paym[en]t of it myself being an Entire strainger to the matter. Pray can you without much difficulty or trouble find what mony Cuthb[er]t Ogle has p[ai]d into the Bank on Acco[un]t of Mrs Blackett's estate since 29 July 1726 when the <Ma.rs> reported all rent to be paid to the 1st May 1725 Mr Ogle charges the following sums w[hi]ch I want to know if right. Do you know if any body was bound w[i]th Mr Ogle for performance of the Covenants of the Lease, & have you any (less) of the <Ma.rs> report made when Mr Blackett received his Lady's mony out of the Court of Chancery w[hi]ch Report, I should be glad to see. I am Dr Sr Yrs etc

J R

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**16 Apr 1734 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**

To Mr Jos: Peart

Newcastle 16 Apl 1734

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed yours w[i]th the samples of Ore w[hi]ch shall be tryd w[i]th all expedition. I want very much to know w[ha]t passed between Dr Watts & you ab[ou]t Hutchinsons Grove in order to lay the same before Mr Blackett, therefore write me very fully thereon on receipt hereof & give your (own) Opinion. I have spoke to Mr Kennedy about his Grove & told him wee must discharge his workmen. His answer was Mr Blackett may (do it) when he pleases, he'll defend himself & prove the Ground to be Freehold by the whole Country thereabouts & if that wont do he'll justify it in another & better manner, so that you see he is very stiff & possitive in the affair he can be off no service to Mr Blackett, therefore its time wee should vindicate his right to this Grove if you think its Copyhold Tenure, but pray let us go upon Good grounds & therefore inform your self more certainly in this Matter, if you can possibly get any further Information amongst the old People in the Neighbourhood, when you have done you'll take Mr Allgood in your way to Newcastle & lay both y[ou]r & Dr Watts affair before him & take his directions what must be done, & get his Lre to Mr Blackett upon it that we may not be chargeable with neglect of Duty. I am etc

J R

**19 Apr 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 19th April 1734

Dr Sir

I have yours of the 13th with Capt Midfords receipt etc & repeat my Request as to Cuth: Ogle with whom I fear Mr Blackett will have some trouble, if he be not a sufferer by him, for he is far behind with his Rent, has neglected most of the conditions of his lease, & I doubt no security was given for their Performance. According to the Acco[un]t you sent me Mr <Manner's> Debt & Costs amount to £499.12.2 ½ of which £165.17.10 ½ has been paid, if thier is any alteration or addition to be made thereto, pray let me know pr first conveniency that I may be prepared when Mr Greive calls & also let me know what discharge I am to give him on payment of the Remainder of the



money etc. Inclosed you receive my bill on Messrs Cook & Abell for £200 out of w[hi]ch I desire you will pay Mr Blacketts  $\frac{1}{2}$  years annuity due 1st May next & Mrs Withrington £60 w[hi]ch Sum I have received here of her Steward, taking her receipt for the same to discharge the Receipt I have given for (that) money the remaining £40 please to keep in your hands on my acco[un]t till you hear further from me You may draw more what you please for the £200 you mention, giving me a week's notice before you draw, if at sight as to the £400 to be paid the 1 May. I know not how it can be done for I cannot raise £500 here towards the last  $\frac{1}{2}$ year's Interest w[hi]ch I expect Mr Joye will be in a great hast for: another  $\frac{1}{2}$ year being almost due. neither do I think it well for me to mention the money to Mr Blackett who has never name it to me I rather wish you would be so good as remind him of it I mean the £400

I am Sir Yor most humble Servant

J R

Ps Pray advise the receipt hereof

Newcastle the 5th April 1734

Sirs Forty days after date pay Mr Henry Allison or order the sum of two hundred pounds value received & place it to Acco[un]t as advised by Sirs Yor most humble servant Joseph Richmond

To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

### **21 Apr 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 21st April 1734

Dr Sr

This day Mr Blackett told me of the Acc[oun]t w[hi]ch is to be paid the 1st May & said he would write you by this Post to desire you would endeavour to get the mony in London, & draw upon him for it here, where bills are not to be got for any Sum. As you say you want to draw for £200. I hope you will be able to make it £400 without any unreasonable premium, since you may draw at sight if ought can be (saved) thereby, but 15 or 20 days would do much better, for I know not yet where to find the money. I wait your answer. I am etc

J.R.

### **16 May 1734 Joseph Richmond to John Armstrong**

To Mr Armstrong

Newcastle 16th May 1734

I have just now rec.d yours of the 9th setting forth the Practice of applying to other uses the choicest of the wood bought for the Use of the Groves only. I am sensible of the ill Consequences that may attend it, I therefore desire & take upon me to commission you for the future, not to suffer any Person whatsoever to cut or meddle w[i]th any wood

intended for the Groves till he produce you an order in writing from Mr Blackett, Mr Allgood or myself setting (forth) the Quantities, & for what Uses, & even then it must be under your direction what Trees [struck out: 'to have'] they are to have, for the Wood bought for the groves is solely under your Management & you must account for the application of it. It has been all along all charged to the Groves & if so much of the choicest & longest wood has been put to other Uses without leave, or any Acco[un]t given of it, its what's quite wrong, & I call it your fault for suffering it, therefore hope you'll prevent it for the future. If you have any Acco[un] of it pray let me know what quantities of wood have been taken for the Mills, farm houses etc for 4 or 5 years past & the value of it, as particularly as you can. I am

Yrs etc J.R.

**25 May 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 25th May 1734

Dear Sr

I have yours of the 14th & hope Mr Blackett has given you directions to endeavour to make Mr Groce & the rest that want money of him easie till he can remit it them, for at present I can raise none. About the middle of next Month he proposes I believe to send you at least £500 w[hi]ch I suppose he has told you. I received a letter last week from Mr Joye for the last half years Intrest, w[hi]ch I cant yet get a shilling of. All trading is so very dull, & Money so scarce here. I am glad the Corporation has put in their Answer, & hope the cause will now go forward, Mr Allgoods & my Acco[un]ts to Xmas 1731 come this day by the carrier in a Box directed for you. You are Witness to Mrs Blackett's signing my Acco[un]ts but there is no Witness to Mr Blackett, Mr Allgood & Mr Clarks signing them. You know their hands, & believe may remember their assent thereto when you gott Mrs Blackett to sign, w[hi]ch I hope will do before the Ma.r [Mayor?] if not you must put me in the right way, Mr Allgood says your evidence will be sufficient & that if any body should witness to their signing here, they will be obliged to come up to London. I am      Sr yrs etc J R

**31 May 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 31st May 1734

Dr Sr.

We are told that Mr Carr has formed a petition against Mr Blackett upon the Acco[un]t of his giving two Plates to our Races, as you will see by the News paper Inclosed, wch its Insisted upon (its) Contrary to the Act 7th Wm 3d, as being advertised

after the Test of the Writt, the first Advertisement was I believe after the Date of the Writts, but the Plates were given the 4th Aprill before the Writts were out. The thing seems a Meere Trifle & cant surely be construed to be a breach of the above or any other Act of Parliament. Its not the first Plate he has given to the Town, if it were, Its not easy to find out <wther> publick or private Corruption in it. I am very certain he has not gained a Vote by it. It was done by the Advice of Aldm Ridley, & I wish it had been let alone. You are desired on Receipt hereof to take the best Opinion upon it, in as private a Manner as possible, & send it by the Return of the Post to Mr Blackett at Calverley In Yorkshire, & pray favour me at the same time w[i]th your thoughts what Construction may reasonably be supposed will be put upon this affair, if it should be brought before the House.

You receive by the Post a letter from Mr Blackett about Mr Groces Affair, You will receive In a Fortnights time a bill for £200 or £220, as to the rest you must manage as well as you can Mr Steel sent the Execution ag[en]t Manners to the Sheriff who would not grant a warrant, but said he would take care of it, what return he will make I know not. I dont find wee are like yet to get the Money. I am

Sr Yrs etc J R

Post Wee are told Mr Carr has actually Sent up a Petition & that Sir R...t has Given it his Approbation

**31 May 1734 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Cha: Joye Esqr

Newcastle 31st May 1734

Sr. I received yours of the 16th & am sorry I cant yet return you the last half Years Interest. I am doing all I can towards it but the times are so bad w[i]th Tenants that wee are forced to give ours very great Indulgence, who cant pay their last Martinmass Rent till they have had the advantage of the Fairs next Month. A little more of your Indulgence as to this half year, will I doubt not be made amends for by a quicker paym[en]t of the next. I am

Sr Yrs etc J.R.

**7 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to John Brinsdon**

To Mr Brinsdon in Durham Yard London

Newcastle 7th June 1734

Sir

I have put on Board the Greyhound Thos Allaley Master four Hampers directed for you containing Eighteen dozn & eight Bottles of Burgundy, w[hi]ch Mr Blackett

ordered me to return you it not being to his likeing, & desires you'l advise him when it comes to hand. I am

Srs Yrs etc J.R.

**7 Jun 1734    Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Xpher Denton

Newcastle 7th June 1734

Sir.

Inclosed is a State of the Case with the King of Denmark, the amount brought down to 1731, & a Schedule of what papers wee have relating to that affair, by w[hi]ch you will see it has been solicited in almost every Reign without obtaining any Satisfaction & I therefore doubt wee are likely to receive none now, I hear nothing from Mr Greive, only Mr Steele has received a letter from him desiring the Execution against Cook may be sent him but Mr Blackett will not meddle any further with Cooke, You will see what return is made by the Sheriff & then let me know whats to be done further. I thought an affid[avi]t should have been made of the Refusall to grant a warrant but Mr Steele says its of no Use. You will receive the £200 to pay Mr Groce in a few Posts, & I have two persons ready to swear they received each half a Guinea of Mr Carrs Ag[en]t to give him their Votes w[hi]ch they gave notwithstanding to <Mr A> do you think their Affidavits would be of any Service against Mr Carr in case he should give Mr Blackett any Trouble by a Petition

I am etc J.R.

**9 Jun 1734    Joseph Richmond to Mr Armorer**

To Mr <Armorer>

Newcastle 9th June 1734

Sir

Yesterday Mr Bulman was here, & showed Mr Steele & me, a Division Deed made in 1619 of the Ground & Royalty in Dispute between Morton, & Unthank executed by the then top Gentlemen in the County w[hi]ch wee look upon to be a good Deed, & for further Satisfaction he is willing to have it laid before any Council. It appears thereby, that Unthank is Intitaled to two fifths & Morton to three fifths of the Colliery in Dispute, but that sinking of Shafts to the Coal, is to be at equall charge between them, & if either party refuse to work the other may proceed & take the whole profitts, so that in our Opinion its advisable to joyn in working that Coll[ie]ry till further Ordered. As to the herbage – one third is set to Unthank, & two thirds to Morton w[hi]ch somewhat exceeds the Division of the Coll[ie]ry in favour of Morton. I desire you will give my service to your Father, & tell him I desire the Remainder of Mr Ogles Arrears w[hi]ch shall be got in by him may be paid to me. I am

Yrs etc J R

**11 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 11th June 1734

Dr Sir

Inclosed is Mr Abr[aha]m Dixons bill on Mr Jno Still for the sum of two hundred & twenty pounds, w[hi]ch I desire you will advise the Receipt of, & mention that it is to pay Mr Groce so much due to him from Mr Blackett, so that your l[ett]re may be a Voucher to me for so much money. I hope this will make all Matters easy for the present, for times are so bad, that there's no money stirring for any thing here. I received the Rule upon the Sheriff, but Mr Steel makes so many Objections against the serving it, that I desire your further directions in it. He says it's not consistent w[i]th Mr Blackett honour to proceed in so harsh a Manner against Manners only, & spare Cook, & as to the Sheriff he says he will probably return no goods to be found sufficient, & then it will be Incumbent upon us to prove the Contrary, that executions against the Bodies of both Manners, & Cook would have been more elligible w[i]th a great deal more Argum[en]t, I am no Judge of, he knows

Mr Blackett is not Incluable to proceed any further against Cook w[hi]ch was the reason the Execution was not sent against him, being still in Mr Steels hand, but Mr Greive has writt a lre complaining of the Unequall procedure against Manners, & this I presume has wrought upon him to raise these objections. I have desired him to give you his Reasons for this Demurr, but he declines it, & says he will do as I order him, but had rather forbear forwarding the Rule, till I hear again from you, pray therefore please to direct peremptorily by the Return of the Post, & if he will not execute the Matter some body else must, he says waiting your Answer will be no damage therefore I am prevailed upon to give you this Trouble, & am as always

Yrs etc J R

June 11th Tuesday <Mr Clark> put your lre <.. above B..> into the Posthouse

Newcastle 11th June 1734

Sir Twenty five days after date pay to Mr Chrisr Denton or his order Two hundred & Twenty pounds, value rec[eiv]ed of Wr Blackett Esqr as advised by Abra: Dixon  
To Mr Jno Still Merch[an]t In March Lane London

**12 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Harry Hopper**

To Mr Harry Hopper

Newcastle 12th June 1734

Sir

If Dr Watts will be at home on Friday the 28th of this Month, I will call upon him at Wolsingham by Ten a Clock that morning in order to consult whats to be done with regard to the Grove now working by Mr Hutchinson. I desire he will against that time try what Result he can bring the Landholder to, for tho. the Bp, I believe will lend us no assistance Mr Blackett will defend his Rights, if the Dr & Landholders will enter into reasonable measures with him to preserve theirs. I hope the Dr received Mr Blackett's lre, pray let me have an Answer hereto sometime next week, for the week following I intend to be at the Leadmines, & to call upon the Dr on my Return home, if the time I have fixed will be agreeable, I am

Sir Yrs etc J.R.

**16 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr Blackett Esqr

Newcastle 16th June 1734

Honrd Sr

Nothing materiall has offered since my last, here has been the least company I ever saw, few of the Northumb[erlan]d Gentlemen being at the Races. Your two Plates were carried from the Towns hall, & attended by a few friends that thought fitt to go out with them without any Invitation, so that there was not the least Noise or bustle about <th..> w[hi]ch would have been Inavoidable if you had been in Town, & I do not here that you being away is taken amiss by any body. Mr Shaftoe of Whitworth has sent you three Fawns. I gave the servant that brought them half a guinea. I have returned Mr Brinsdon 18 dozen & half of Burgundy, & this day, I rec[eiv]ed four Hampiers of Wine w[hi]ch I presume comes from him. The bad state of Affairs abroad gives generall a Damp to all Trade, our French Correspondents wont buy a Pig of Lead at any price, so that Commodity must still sink considerably, wee have a great Quantity at Markett but I cant sell at any price I have not sold above 3000ps this year, whereas by this time in former Years wee seldom fell short of 10 or 11000ps, so that I know not what to do with the Corporation who begin to make a great <Armour>, there being a Years Interest behind the 14 next month & I have not 100 towards paying them. As to the Rents what I have got this Year is most sunck at Wallington. This is a disagreeable Acco[un]t, but as it is a true one I hope you will think it my Duty to lay it before you. Below is an Acco[un]t of the Races, Sr Edwd is still here, he has lost the <Main>. I am

Honrd Sr Yrs etc J.R.

**18 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart**



Mr Peart

Newcastle 18th June 1734

I rec[eiv]ed yours with March account which runs very high, the Oar got in that, & the former Qua[rte]r costs Mr Blackett more than he can sell it for, for lead now is not worth more than £12 & I don't believe any Body will give that for a large Quantity. All the lead we have got down this Year is unsold, & no body will buy at any price, you must therefore shorten your hand, & what will not work at 22s or 23s a Bing all charges whatsoever laid on must be let alone till further Orders pray therefore take Notice your Acco[un]ts are not to Outrunn that Charge upon the Oar you send to the Mills, As to the Tackers I cant yet tell you what to charge them, I am satisfied you cant in Justice exceed 21s since Xmas last. I expect to see you here on Tuesday the 25th to accompany us to Dukesfield, I intend to go from Thence to Wolsingham to talk with Dr Watts about the Grove wro.t by Mr Hutchinson

I am Your very humble servt

J R

PS I have now an Answer that in France they wont give £12 p. Fother so you must regulate the Tacks accordingly I dont believe I shall get £11 before this year is ended

**21 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett**

To Wr Blackett Esqr

Newcastle 21st June 1734

Honrd Sr

It is my opinion that your coming to Town three Weeks or a Month hence, if most agreeable to your self, will be altogether as well as coming just after the Races are over. if anything happen that may make your presence necessary before that time, I will Imediately let you know. Mr Fenwick of Bywell having served Spanton of Sheilds with a speciall writ for making too free with his principles & Character Mr Carr in order to get that prosecution dropt, is endeavouring to make what Reprisalls he can here. its privately whispered that he has got an Information of Messrs N.V. F...k having drunk to the health etc of a certain Gentleman abroad, & that he will proceed upon it against them. he also makes a great Noice about a l[et]re wrote by Mr Simpsons bookkeeper to him when at York Election giving a Ludicrous Acc[oun]t of his behaviour at Alnwick & terming him a Wapping solicitor etc wch lre the Sheriff having lost, has some way or other fallen into Mr Carr's hands, the Sheriff & his man have both been called to Acco[un]t about it, & the latter is threatened to be quite undone, Inclosed you in my last a lre wh came under Cover to you For Sir Edward, which he desires you will please to send to him at Hexham. He with Lady Blackett Mr & Mrs Roberts present their humble Service to you & your Lady & return their thanks for the Use of your House. they went away on Monday. I sent the Chaise harness by Forster last Saturday.

I amYrs etc J R

PS Lead now sells at London for £12 W[hi]ch in your Quantity will make the produce of your Mines £4500 a year less than you have known it

**24 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ridley**

To Aldm Ridley

Newcastle 24th June 1734

Sir

Having fixed the pays of our Milns for next Thursday, & expecting Mr Hunter (here) to morrow for the money, I desire you will please to let me have £200 in part of the last Years Ballance. I have applyd to Mr <Crowe> without Effect, w[hi]ch obliges me to give you this Trouble. I doubt not but you will be pleased to excuse it, & order the sum desired on this Emergency by  
Sr Yours etc JR

**25 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Charles Joy**

To Chas. Joye Esqr

Newcastle 25 June 1734

Sir

Inclosed are three bills for the sum of six hundred pounds, as above, in part of the last <half> Years Interest on the late Sir Wm Blackett's mortgage, the Receipt of which I desire you will please to advise. This Remittance falls short of what I did expect to have made you by this time, but its all I can at present do. The Remainder shall be returned you will all possible Expedition by  
Sr Yrs etc JR

Newcastle 11th May 1734

At two usances, pray pay by this, my sole bill of Exchange unto Mr Jos: Richmond, or order the sum of Three hundred & forty pounds sixteen shillings & five pence, Value rec[eiv]ed in Lead of Wr Blackett Esqr & place it to the Acco[un]t of the directors of the french India Comp[an]y as (per) advice from Your most humble servant Pre  
Bernardeau

To Mr Daniel Frederick Collr      In London

Sir

June 10th 1734

Twenty days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond, or order, the sum of One hundred pounds, as by advice from Sr Your humble servant E Blackett  
To Mr Jno Mallory at the Indian Queen In the Strand      London

Sirs

Newcastle 25th June 1734

Thirty dates after date pay Charles Joye Esqr or order the sum of One hundred & fifty nine pounds three shillings & seven pence, value received and place it to the Account as advised by Sirs Your most humble servt J Richmond

To Messrs Cook & Abell Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London

**25 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Cook & Abell**

To Messrs Cook & Abell

Newcastle 25th June 1734

Sirs

I sent you on Saturday last by Laycock the Carrier five hundred forty six Ounces fine silver, as below, for w[hi]ch I desire you will Credit the late Sr Wm Blackett's Ex[ecu]tors & advise me on your Receipt thereof. I have allowed you one Ounce, w[hi]ch I hope will make good the Deficiency you complain of in the last p[ar]cell, I have this day drawn on you for One hundred fifty nine pounds, three shillings, & seven pence payable to Chas Joye Esqr, or order, thirty days after date, w[hi]ch I desire your Acceptance of, & that when paid you will place the same to Account with the late Sr Wm Blacketts Ex[ecu]tors. I am

Srs yrs etc J R

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**30 Jun 1734 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton**

To Mr Denton

Newcastle 30th June 1734

Dear Sir

I have before me yours of the 25th & agreable thereto I inclose you my Article with Sr Wm Blackett w[hi]ch I desire your Care of, & that you will advise the receipt. I believe you are well enough acquainted with all the hands at it, As to the Sheriffs return Mr Steel had the Execution the 3rd day after I rec[eiv]ed it, & I believe sent it away Imediately but for the Satisfaction he says he will send by next Post his Clerks Affidavit when it was served, so if it was not served in Time the Fault will appear to lay at his Door. I will write Mr Blackett about the Denmark affair & desire him to give you what Directions he thinks proper. I am

Sir Yrs etc J R

