

13 Jan 1793 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

[Note: This letter, presumably a new copy made by JEB from an original copy still in his possession, was forwarded by Martin Morrison in the course of a dispute in the autumn of 1808 (4 years after JEB left the service of the Beaumonts) following the loss of the Court case with the Bishop of Durham. The dispute was apparently instigated by the Beaumonts seeking to reclaim pay taken by JEB during his years of service to them. It does not appear amongst the office copy letter books]

The following Letter sent by Mr Alderman Blackett to be forwarded to Colonel & Mrs Beaumont. Bretton 8th November 1808 MM

T R Beaumont Esq

Newcastle January 13th 1793

Dear Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 10th instant and observe the contents.

It never has been the custom during the possession of the Lead Mines by the late Sir Walter Blackett and Sir Thomas Blackett for a running Account to be kept with the Bank but as the Bills on London at 60 days were received the Bank gave Notes for them and the amount which they had in their hands depended on the time that the <large> Sales were made and the payments for the Same so that it will not be in my power to send you such an Account with the Bank that you require. Of late years the Lead Payments have been made so near the time of the Lead Pays that the Bank have not received the usual advantages and the very great Sums which have within these five months been drawn out of the Trade has discouraged their doing the Business on the same footing.

Give me leave now to mention a matter to you Sir which I have for some time intended doing which is the very inadequate allowance that I have had for conducting the business of the Concern for some years. The late Mr Richmond and Son who for Fifty years before the death of Sir Walter Blackett had the conduct of the Business had a Salary of £200 Per annum with a House Rent free, Coals, a House Kept, besides several other advantages etc the late Mr Richmond frequently told me that had his health allowed him to carry on the concern longer that he would not have done it unless he had a considerable increase of Salary. The Receivers for Greenwich Hospital have 5 Per Cent on the receipt for conducting the Mines & the Persons in this place who have the disposal of the Lead of the several Properties have one P[er] Cent on the amount and have no Concern or trouble whatsoever with the conducting of the Mines etc. Mr C Blackett and Mr Hall have each 1 P[er] Cent on the amount of their purchases for doing that Business alone and shipping the Lead the charges of which are allowed them.

The Sales of Lead from your Mines have been more than doubled for these same years past and the business of consequence considerably increased on which account I have thought myself deserving of £500 Per annum instead of £210 for doing the

Business; Some respectable Persons of this place who are good judges of the matter are of the same opinion and have frequently told me so; I mentioned this matter to Sir Thomas Blackett more than once, his answer was that he would consider of it which I fully expected that he would have done and in consequence would have complied with my application but not being so fortunate in having an answer it lays me under the unpleasant necessity of mentioning this matter to you and I trust that on full consideration with Mrs Beaumont that you will be kind enough to comply with my request and not let a near Relation of the Family suffer so materially by having the conduct of the Business for some years past at a much less Salary than it would have been done by any respectable Person of the Place by giving up so Considerable a proportion of his time which I have done and can prove to the detriment of my own private concerns and I had no doubt of its being made up to me. I have no doubt that Mrs Beaumont and you will on considering of the matter be of the opinion that my application is reasonable.

I have had some conversation with Mr Widdrington on the Paper that you enclosed me and with whom I am to have a meeting on Tuesday and should himself and Company undertake the business I shall place in the hands of their Friends in London £10,000 in addition to what they have now in their hands and the necessary Steps will be taken for the making of the Pay, but should they again decline it, the whole shall be paid into the hands of you Bankers in London, or as you may direct.

I am Dear Sir Yours &c
J E Blackett

19 Nov 1799 William Wilson to John Bell

Extract from the Revd. Mr. Wilson's Letter to Mr. Bell dated Novr. 19th. 1799

'A Person of some respectability has lately inform'd me that he & some Friends are ready to to take a Leadmine in the Parish of Wolsingham upon the following Terms which he desired me to mention and which I beg the Favour of you to communicate to Colonel Beaumont & Mr. Alderman Blackett if you think proper. If they can obtain a Lease they will agree to give 1/6 of the Produce clear of every Expence and pay the Rector's Tithe besides which would make the Dues little short of ¼.'

Extract from Mr. Wilson's Letter to Mr. Blackett dated Mar 21st. 1800

'If they can have a Lease from Colonel Beaumont they are willing to pay 1/6 of the Produce in clear well wash'd Ore ready for the Smelting Mill clear of all Deductions whatsoever, & also pay the Rector his Tithe'.

1 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr Bell Hexham Abbey

Newcastle January 1st 1800

Mr Blackett being much engaged in Company this day desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 31st ulto. enclosing Mr Woods Check & Bank Notes amount One hundred and twenty two Pounds, being in full for the Balance of your Account with him for Six Lasts of Rye at £32 p last, for the Poor of Hexham
I am sir &c. JEB

3 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col. Beaumont
Bretton Hall Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 3rd January 1800

D[ea]r sir

I was favoured with your letter of the 29th ulto. enclosing a letter from the Bishop of Durham, the necessary steps shall immediately be taken for the obtaining the proper Certificate to enable you to purchase your Landtax in Weardale, which shall be forwarded to you in Town ~ Thomas Crawhall is getting forward with the Accounts which when compleated shall be sent to Bretton & a Letter wrote to Mr. Bowns~ I observe that you have appointed Mr. Deakin your Steward in the place of Tweedale~

We had a great fall of Snow yesterday morning a violent Storm came on in the evening which drove a Number of Ships on Shore, this morning was fresh Weather, but there is an appearance of Frost this evening

I am &c. JEB

3 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr. Thos. Emerson
Newhouse Weardale

Newcastle 3rd January 1800

D[ea]r sir

My Lord Bishop of Durham, at Col[one]l Beaumonts request, having resigned to him the right of Purchasing the Land tax for Weardale mines &c. I have to request your getting a Certificate of the Amount of the Land tax paid for the Leadmines Lands &c. In Weardale from the Assessors of the respective Parish and returning by the first opportunity~Our Acco[un]t of Land tax does not agree with that of the Commiss[ion]ers at Durham, they having the Mines rated at £43.4. instead of £42.4. (the sum paid) and which they inform us they cannot correct without a Certificate from the Assessors. A part of the £45.17.4 mentioned by Mr. Mowbray we have not yet been able to make out. Killhope & Wellhope pays £1-18. Lands &c in Weardale <ditto>

12s/6d which makes only £44.14.6 instead of £47.17.4 p[er] Mr Mowbrays letter~If the Assessors know of any other Land tax pd. by Col Beaumont in Weardale desire they will include it in the Certificate~

I am &c. JEB

10 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle January 10th 1800

Gentlemen

I have this day sent you a ps[piece] fine silver, Containing one thousand one hundred and thirty six Ounces and one half which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with T R Beaumont Esq as below and advise me on your receipt of the same~I am &c JEB

A ps. fine Silver q 1136 ½ @ 6/- p[er] oz £340-19-

13 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 13 Jany 1800

Dear Sir

I received your Letter of the 10th inst. And I think that Smith should have employed the Person that I recommended to him (who I am informed is an excellent Workman) as I was very instrumental to his being continued in the Employ at the Abbey, I did not mean that more Workmen should be employed than were necessary.

Mr. Sorsbie's Ship is not yet arrived & the Rye last purchased in the East has been at advanced Price, I have this Morning agreed with Gray & Richardson for twenty Last more of Rye at £34 p[er] last, which they with some Difficulty consented to, on Condition of its being paid for this Day, let me know the Quantity that you may have Occasion for at Hexham

When you have perused the enclosed please to seal & forward it.

I am &c. J.E.B.

13 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Nicholas Ruddock

Nichs. Ruddock Esqr.
Hexham

Newcastle 13th Jan.y 1800

Sir

I received a letter from Coln. Beaumont enclosing one from you which he desired me to answer. The Notice given to you to quit the Possession of the Limestone Quarry on Keenly Leases certainly was at my Instance, being informed that it would be for the Interest of Colonel Beaumont to take them into his own Hands, for the Benefit of his Works at Dukesfield &c. Had this not been the Case, you certainly would have been continued Tenant. I am &c. J.E.B.

14 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Henry Hardinge

The Revd. H Hardinge
Stanhope Weardale

Newcastle January 14th 1800

Sir

It is Col Beaumont's Intention to purchase the Landtax pd. for the several LeadMines &c. In Weardale, and on his acquainting the Lord Bishop of Durham with such intention, he resigned to Col Beaumont his right of purchasing the Land tax paid for the Lott Ore &c. And I have no doubt but you will be pleased to do the same in respect to the £3.10. yearly for the Tythe Ore of Weardale mines

I am Sir &c. JEB

21 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Mess. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 21st Jan.y 1800

Gentm

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees, Burdon and Co. On Mess. Barclays and Co. At thirty Days dated this Day, for three Hundred & Seventy five Pounds, being for one Quarters Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Lead Mines due the 11th inst. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from Coln. Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill and inform Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£375

No 10600

Newcastle Jan.y 21st 1800

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esq. Three Hundred & Seventy Five Pounds value received Surtees Burdon and Co.
Messrs Barclays, Tritton & Bevan Bankers London

21 Jan 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq.
Durham

Newcastle January 21. 1800

Sir

I have no doubt My Lord Bp. Of Durham has acquainted you that he has waved his right of purchasing the Landtax of the Mines &c. in Weardale in consequence of an application to him by Col. Beaumont who intends purchasing the same. I am desired by Mr. Blackett to request you will inform the Commissioners for the sale of the Land tax at Durham with the same if not already done, as my coming over to Durham is fixed on saturday the 25th Inst. in order to get that business completed ~ I am &c. for TRB JC

27 Jan 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon & Webster

Mess. Wheeldon Webster
Derby

Newcastle 27. January 1800

Mr Blackett duly received your letter of the 23rd. Inst. and observes that you are much in want of the Litharge ~ Since the 18th ulto. we have not had an opportunity of sending it to you. there is at present a ship for Gainsbro' delivering at this Port (The Perseverance Captn. Dennis Cook) by which the Litharge shall be sent you, below you have the weight and particulars of each Cask~

I am &c. T.C.

Nos 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15 & 16 Wt 97-3-

Tare 3

94-3- @ 21 p Ton £ 99- 9-9

Wherry hire Sufferance &c. 10-3

£100- -

27 Jan 1800 Thomas Crawhall to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle January 27th. 1800

Sir

Mr. Blackett received your Letter of the 26th. inst. enclosing Mr. Woods Check on Mess. Surtees Burdon and Co. for one Hundred and two Pounds being in full for three

Lasts of Rye, one Last of which I have this Day given Jno. Forster a Tickett for to Messrs. Gray & Richardson, if the Gentlemen wish to have another Last of the Rye, they may have it on sending for, at the same Price~On the Other side you have Mess. Surtees & Cos. Check on Mr. Wood for three Hundred Pounds to enable you to pay Mess. Surtees & Brown &c. and which is charged to the Dr. Of your Acco[un]t. I am &c.T.C.

31 Jan 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle January 31st 1800

Gentm.

I yesterday received your Favour of the 29th inst. enclosing three Bills amount three hundred & fifty Pounds, which are placed to the Credit of your Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. for fine Silver sent you. I am &c. J.E.B.

6 Feb 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 6th Feby. 1800

Inclosed you have Jno. Watson, Pass & Cos Bill on Mr. Renwick for fifty Pounds, which has this day been returned for non-payment with fifteen shillings Expences upon the same and for which we have made your Account with Col Beaumont Dr. please to advise Mr. Blackett on your receipt of the Bill~ I am &c. TC

7 Feb 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon & Webster

Mess. Wheeldon Webster
Derby

N.Castle 7. Feb.y 1800

Gentm.

This day we have shipp'd on board the Perseverence Capt Cook Five Tons of Litharge in addition to the 16 Casks before shipp'd, and below send you the weight & particulars-I am &c. T.C.

Nos. 1 2 3 &c. to 17 q 103- -21

Tare 3- -21

100- @ £21 p ton £105- -

Wherry hire &c 9
£105- 9-

8 Feb 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. J. Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 8th. Feb.y 1800

Sir

Mr. Blackett received your Favor enclosing Bank Notes, Amount thirty- four Pounds, being in full for four Lasts of Rye engaged by you for the Poor of Hexham; three of which are already deliverd. The Barley is not yet arrived; Mr. Blackett cannot at present say whether you can be supplied with any either by him or Mr. Pollard, nor what the Barley will cost at this Place. I am &c T.C.

12 Feb 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
N 35 Portman Square London

Newcastle 12th Feb.y 1800

Dear Sir

I was at Hexham on the 3d inst. to meet your Mine Agents with Subsistence Money for the Workmen amounting to £2800. I was sorry to find from them that the Mines in General were Poor. The widow of Pringle has taken no further Steps respecting the very unfounded Claim that she made on you so I hope that she may be reduced to drop the Affair. It is fortunate that I purchased early a Quantity of Rye for your Workmen with wch. they are supplied at a reduced Price, they are Quiet & well satisfied, Rye that I purchased at £28, £32 & £34 the Last, is now selling at this Place at £42, & £44 p[er] Last, & altho' I bought between three and four Thousand Bushels the Quantity will not be sufficient for the Supply, & I thought it advisable to engage 300 Quarters of Kiln dried Barley from Lynn, which will come to about 5s the Win[cheste]r Bushel make good Bread, either alone or with Rye, other Concerns are now doing the like at an advanced Price, as several Ships with Rye frose up in the Baltick. Exclusive of the Quantity of Rye I mentioned I let Mr. Bell have 800 Bushels for the Poor of Hexham for which he pays me £328...On the 22d. Jan.y last I paid into the Bank of Messrs. Surtees, Burdon & Co. Bills dated the 9th ulto. at one, two & three Months Date to the Amount of £41,243.14.9. On the Divisions of the Commons in Weardale, a Dispute has arose about the Bounderys of the Commons of Newhouse & Blake Laws, & the Proprietors of the former wish to draw you into a Contest about a Matter of very little Consequence to you, for should you succeed it will be not more than about two Acres of bad Land, & you have the same right of working there provided you do

not succeed, so should any Application be made to you I would recommend that your refer them to me for an Answer. I am &c J.E.B.

The present lives in your Lease of Weardale Mines are

John Trevelyan

Charles Wilson now Captn. In the 4th. Regt. Foot.

Jonathan Depledge Query Where does he reside, what Employmt. & what state of Health.

The Lives in Kilhope, Welhope & Lintzgarth Leases are

Geo Robson – late Steward to Sir J.Eden now living I believe

Willm Sykes I believe of Bretton but I am ignorant

Richard Brook of their Employment &c.

15 Feb 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr. Thos. Emerson Jr.

Newcastle 15th. Feb.y 1800

Newhouse Weardale

Mr. Thos. Emerson Jr.

I am sorry to hear that your Father is thought to be in so dangerous a Way but I hope that he may recover. The Revd. Mr. Wilson has made Application to me to know on what Terms Coln. Beaumont would grant a Lease of Pike Stone Lead Mine, to a Gentleman of respectability; I desire that you & Mr. Crawhall will give me your Opinion how far you both think that it would be for Coln. Beaumonts Interest to grant such Lease, & bring another Concern so near his own & let me know if you are not at present working there? or have let a Bargain, If it should be thought promising by others why not work it on Coln. Beaumonts Account? I understand that the Bishop of Durham will not give his Consent to the Division of the Commons but on Condition that a Chapel be built & endowed & that he would do his part towards it, In the first Place I do not understand that a Chapel in that part is wanted, there being St. Johns Chapel &c besides several Desenting Meeting Houses, in the next I do not see that it is incumbent on Colonel Beaumont to contribute towards such Erection or Endowment, the Mines that he rents being so very heavily loaden with Dues to the Church.

When the Kiln dried Barley Arrives you shall have some which will make good Bread either alone or mixt with rye or soft wheat. I am &c J.E.B.

I observe that you have already Got Considerably above your Proportion Of the Rye sent from hence

15 Feb 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
No. 35 Portman Square London

Newcastle 15th. Feb.y 1800

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 12th ins. to which I refer you. I was Yesterday favoured with your Letter of the 12th inst. & observe the Conversation that you had with the Bishop of Durham respecting the Division of the Commons in Weardale; I am of Opinion that in Case the Bishops Consent to the Division, depends on a Chapel being built & endowed, that it will not take place for the reason that I gave Mr. Emerson in my Letter to him (a Copy of which I enclose you) unless the Bishop should take the Expence in a great Measure on himself which I do not apprehend that he will be inclined to do; his Lordship has formed a wrong Idea of the Common People of that part of the Country & looks on them to be very uncivilized & little better than Heathens, whereas they are very much otherwise; It is true that there are a great Number of Dissenters in that part, but I do not believe that is owing to the want of a Chapel, or that in Case of a one being built that the Presbyterians would quit their Meeting Houses & go to Chapel, besides provided your Workmen are peaceable & Quiet, of what Consequence can it be to you whether they go to the Chapel or the Meeting House?

The Revd. Mr. Wilson has made a fresh Application to me respecting a Lease of Pike Stone Lead Mine which Matter requires some Consideration. I have wrote to Mr. Emerson Jr. A copy of which you have enclosed; Mr. Emerson Senr. Is very ill & there is little Hopes of his recovery. I am not a little surprised at Mr. Burdons Application to you respecting the relief of the Miners in Alstone Moor, he must know that you have for some Time past, supplied your Workmen with Corn at a reduced Price, & that you have expended a Considerable Sum of Money for that Purpose; Can it then be expected of you to enter into a General Subscription or to go into any other Plan with the Lead Company Mess. T. Surtees & Halls &c. for the relief of the Miners in Alstone Moor &c. or that you shou'd allow them to have a part of the Corn that was early engaged for your own Workmen ; This Application to you I have no doubt comes from Mr. T. Surtees to Mr. Burdon; Messrs. Surtees & Halls have taken several Lead Mines in the County of Durham for which they pay a considerable, certain rent, & are buying up all the Ore at Alstone More that they can lay their Hands on; I suppose that the Application to Mr. Wilson comes from them.

I am &c. J.E.B.

6 Mar 1800 John Erasmus Blakett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs. Drummond
Bankers London

Newcastle 6th March 1800

Gentlemen

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees & Co. on Messrs. Barclays & Co. at thirty Days dated this Day for four Hundred & sixty two Pounds ten Shillings to pay half a Years Composition for the Lott Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th. ulto. to my Lord Bishop of Durham from Coln. Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£462.10.0 No. 11382 Newcastle upon Tyne March 6th. 1800
Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Four Hundred & sixty-two Pounds 10s/0d value received Surtees Burdon & Co.
Mess Barclays Tritton & Bevan Bankers London

6 Mar 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr.
Durham

Newcastle March 6th. 1800

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees, Burdon & Co. on Messrs. Barclays Fulton & Co. at thirty Days dated this Day for Seventy five Pounds 1/2d being for half a Years Moor Masters Rent due from Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esqr. the 2d. Ulto. to the Lord Bishop of Durham, with 1s/2d for Acquittance & Duty – Please to send a receipt for the same I am &c. J.E.B.

£75.1.2. No. 11383 Newcastle upon Tyne Mar. 6th. 1800
Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J. E. Blackett Esqr. Seventy five Pounds 1 s – 2d Value received Surtees Burdon & Co.
Messrs Barclays Tritton & Bevan Bankers London

14 Mar 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 14th. March 1800

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 6th. inst. & observe the Contents. The present failure of your Lead Mines is not owing to any natural impediments which sometimes arises, but to the Failure of the Veins, as well as the great Expence in Working some of the Mines accasioned by their great Depth & some Trials are making both at Coalcleugh & in Weardale in fresh Ground which I am informed are promising

& I hope may answer – Your Account with Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. that you sent me, on Examination we found some Errors, it was left with them to be rectified, they mislaid it & sent me the enclosed, which on Examination is found to be right, as far as the Transactions at this Place, as well as the Calculation of the Interest. What Sums were paid to you I am ignorant of; I likewise enclose your Account with them as far as relates to the receipts & payments the last Year, they promised me to send you the last Months Accot. I have received from Messrs. Barclays & Co. the several Certificates of the Redemption of your Land Tax for the Hexham Estate &c which are to exonerate you from any further Payments for those Premises & they are sent to Mr. Bell for that Purpose. I have not received any Certificate for the Winlaton Estate in the County of Durham from which I imagine that it has been delayed untill a Mistake which was in the Schedule of those in Weardale were rectified. I wrote several Letters to Mr. Bowes of Darlington (in whose Department it is) without having receiv'd a Satisfactory Answer, & I have sent Thos. Crawhall to the Commissioners at Durham several Times without obtaining the Contract, I have made fresh Application to Mr. Bowes, likewise to the Commrs. & I expect soon to obtain it when it shall be forwarded to you. – I have no doubt that there will be Money enough sufficient to answer for the Pays in May next but untill I hear from your Lead Stewards, I cannot form a Judgement what may be the Amount of the whole. I am &c J.E.B.

25 Mar 1800 Thomas Crawhall

Newcastle 25th . March 1800

Sent Mr Deakin Copies of the Quarter Accounts Rentals & Pay Bills &c. for the Lead Mines & Lead Mills up to the 31 December 1798 – p[er] Leeds Waggon T.C.

26 Mar 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Joseph Deakin

Mr. Deakin
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 26th. March 1800

Sir

Some Time ago Coll. Beaumont desired that the Leadmine Accounts &c. might be sent you at Bretton, accordingly have sent you from his Office at this Place Copies of all the Lead Mine & Mill Accounts, Rentals &c. from 1794, at which Time they were sent to Bretton, to the Close of the Year 1798. They are sent you p[er] Leeds Waggon directed for you to be left at the Staffords Arms Inn Wakefield, and which I hope you will receive safe. I am &c. T.C.

1 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to William Wilson

The Revd. Mr. Wilson
Rector of Wolsingham

Newcastle 1st. April 1800

Sir

I received your Letter of the 21st. ulto. by Mr. Emerson Junr. the Contents of which I shall communicate to Colonel Beaumont when I receive his Answer you shall be informed of it. Should he approve of the Terms offered for the Leases you mention, (notwithstanding the reduced Dues) they must be subject to the several usual Covenants in the Leases granted by Greenwich Hospital as well as that of a subsisting Agreement with a Person for the washing of the old Waste of Pikestone. I am &c.
J.E.B.

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2 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont M.P.
Portman Square London

Newcastle 2d. April 1800

Dear Sir

My last Letter to you was of the 14th. ulto. to which I refer you. Your Lead Stewards were with me Yesterday & received from me Subsistence Money for the Workmen amounting to £2750 - - and I have paid the Candle Bills for the last Quarter amounting to £1050 - - without applying to the Bank; As near as I can calculate at present about £54000 - - - will be wanted to make the several Mine & Mill Pays on the 21st, 22d & 23rd. of May next (the Time I have fixed with the Lead Stewards) I expect to receive about £5000 - - - before the Pay for Lead, Litharge & Silver sold & we shall want about £49,000 - - - from the Bank of which I shall give them Notice; I shall receive Bills in May, June & July for the Lead that I sold the beginning of the Year amounting to about £20,000---which I shall pay into the Bank. I expect this week to deliver pretty near the Quantity of Lead sold, when none will be left at Blaydon for sale; owing to the very wet Season last Year, the severe Weather since, & the Scarcity, & enormous Price of Provender, it has been impossible to get the Lead down to Blaydon notwithstanding the Advance offered to the Carriage, neither could they get the Ore brought down for the Supply of Dukesfield Mill which has been doing little or Nothing this year except the Wastes. Blaydon Refinery has no longer supply than this week; we are using our utmost Endeavours to get some refinable Lead now on the Roads brought down, & I hope to get it effected, but the Badness of the Roads, & the few Seasonable Days for sowing have been a great impediment to its being done; One Carriageman has lost nineteen Galloways, and a Number of them from five to ten; you may be assured that

no Means shall be wanting to forward this Business as much as possible. Allenheads Mines continue poor, but Mr. Crawhall has hopes of their improving; Coalcleugh is likewise not productive, the Amount of that Pay much the same as last year, but a greater Quantity of ore has been raised; Weardale Mines are more promising particularly Midlehope & Breckonsike Veins, the Pay for these Mines will be about £3000 - - more than last year, but the Quantity of Ore raised will exceed that of last year above 2000 Bings. The Quantity of Ore at the several Mines will be considerable. I now ask £25 the Fodr. for Refined Lead, & I expect to get it; Litharge £21.10 the Ton. Inclosed I send you Copies of the Revd. Mr Wilsons Letter to me; & my Answer which Mr. Crawhall & Mr. Dickinson (who have taken a View of the Place with T.Emerson Jr.) approve of; the Dues of 1/6 we think is fair & reasonable considering it will be free from Tithe. Mr. Emerson Senr. is better but not likely to continue long. The Workmen at the several Mines are very well satisfied with the reasonable Supply of Corn which they have had, for which they are thankful; had it not been done in Time the Consequence might have been fatal; as the next Pay will be to the end of Sept. Last & the Workmen were not supplied till Novr. & Decr. no Deduction will be made from their Pay till next Year. The Lead Company & Greenwich neglected to provide Corn in Time until it was too late to procure a Quantity, the Consequence is that they are obliged to advance their Workmen Money & they are at a great loss in supporting themselves & Families, for Corn is with Difficulty to be got in that Country even at a very high rate. We had about a Fortnight dry seasonable Weather for the Sowing, it has been succeeded by rain for those few days past but the Weather is mild. I am &c. J.E.B.

5 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr. Isaac Hunter
Dukesfield near Hexham

Newcastle 5th. April 1800

Mr. Isaac Hunter

The very great loss & inconvenience which has been occasioned by the Failure of the Lead Carriage in their Engagement, particularly the West Carriage at a Time the last year when they had it in their Power to have brought down their Lead to Blaydon, instead of leaving it at the Bankfoot and the great Quantity of Lead now resting on the Road has determined me on Advertising the Lead Carriage from Mayday next, & likewise of Appointing a proper Person with a sufficient Salary to have the sole Management and Superintendance of the whole of the Lead Carriage which will be a great Ease & Relief to you.

There are at present upwards of 8,000 Pieces of Lead of 1799 at this Time on the Road (exclusive of that of 1798) as well as about 4,000 Pieces of Dukesfield, as to the Allen Mill, I have no regular Account of the Lead from thence & unless Sparke is more regular & exerts himself much more than he has done, I shall Discharge him at the next

Pay; about 13 Pieces of WB Lead of 1798 was by Accident lately discovered amongst the Ling not far from Longley Mill it is probable that there were many more. On Monday the 21st. inst Mr. T. Crawhall will be at Blaydon to pay the Carriage for such Lead as may have been brought down from the Time of the Pay in December to that Time. I am &c. J.E.B.

5 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 5th. April 1800

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 2d. ins. to which I refer you. I have this Day wrote a very pressing Letter to Mr. Isaac Hunter to exert himself in getting the Lead down to Blaydon & the Ore to Dukesfield, there are at present about 15,000 Pieces on the Road, besides 14,000 Pieces at Dukesfield. I would recommend for the Future the Lead Carriage should be advertised from the 1st. May to be let & left open and that a proper Person should be appointed by you to have the whole Superintendence of the whole of the Lead Carriage with a sufficient Salary (as he must keep a Horse) and to be accountable to me from Time to Time, by which Means your Lead will be brought down much sooner to Market, it will in a great Measure prevent the Loss on the Road (which has been considerable) and it will enable Mr. Hunter to attend more closely to the Business at the several Lead Mills. I wish that you would send me down the late Bill (or the Acts in Case they are passed) with Respect to the Corn Mills and the Enclosure of Waste Ground for the Grouths of Potatoes. I am &c. J.E.B.

7 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle, 7th. April 1800

Dear Sir

I refer you to my Letters of the 2d. & 5th. inst. We had formerly some Difficulty in procuring a sufficient Quantity of Silver for the Lead Pays; £300 was the usual Sum wanted of late years when the Bank would part with but a very small Sum in Gold, I have got £600 in Silver, I understand that we are not to expect above £3,000 in Gold for the next Pay which will be too small a Sum, but to my Surprise they offer me £2,000 or 3,000 in Silver which induces me to think that the Silver Coinage is about to be called in, & as the loss may be considerable to the Holders the Bank is desirous of getting it out of their Hands; I shall not at any rate take above £1,000 - -but I wish that you would make enquiry respecting this Matter, and let me know if my Conjecture be well

founded, but Mr. Burdon (and Mr. Surtees who I believe is in Town at present) will be improper Persons to enquire of. I have applied to Mr. Boulton of Birmingham for £100 of the new Copper Coinage which will be of Service at the Pay, & may be a means of preventing the Circulation of the Base Copper in that part of the Country. I am &c.
J.E.B.

11 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 11th April 1800

Dr Sir

The enclosed letter was delivered to me this day at Noon & I take the first opportunity of sending it to you that you may act accordingly I had yesterday a letter from Mrs. Beaumont but she does not take the least notice of the Contents of Mr Rupell's letter - - I am &c. J.E.B.

P.S. I have received your letter of this date & note the Contents; Inclosed you will receive Mess. Surtees & Cos. Check on Mr Wood for Six Hundred Pounds on Account of Col Beaumont the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge & at the same time please to return me Mr Rupels letter.

12 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Under Cover to Col Beaumont
Portman square London

Newcastle 12th. April 1800

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your letter of the 8th. Inst: & observe that you are about having your two youngest Children Inoculated, in which I sincerely wish you Success I am extremely concerned for the loss that Mr. & Mrs. Lee have lately suffered; I acquainted Mr. Ingham (as you desired) with your determination of making use of the Cow Pox Matter for the purpose, by the advice of Doctor Denman & many other Medical Men, Mr Inghams answer was, that he would not Inoculate a Child of his own with that Matter. I had not been informed of the death of Richard Brook; Inclosed I send you the particulars that you require; I shall apply to Mr. Emm, the Bishops Agent to know what Sum of Money his Lordship will require for the putting in one Life in the Leases of Kilhope & Welhope & Lintzgarth in the place of the late Richard Brook; it will be necessary at the same time to produce Certificates that George Robson and William Sykes are living & in health at the present time which I will endeavour to obtain. The

Accounts that you require were forwarded as by the enclosed, those for the last year are not in readiness. We shall be under a necessity of paying the Landtax for the Winlaton Estate for the want of the Certificate which has not yet been sent me.

I am with Respects &c &c J.E.B.

12 Apr 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Joseph Deakin

Mr Deakin
Bretton Near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 12th. April 1800

Sir,

As it may be necessary that Col Beaumont should have a new Life added in his Lease of Kilhope Welhope Leadmines &c. in the place of the late Richard Brooks of High Hoyland in Co. of York Mr Blackett requests you will make enquiry if William Sykes Son of William Sykes of West Bretton yeoman (one of the Lives mentioned in the Leases) is living, & if so, that you will procure a Certificate of the same, saying if he is in good health, and send to this place as soon as convenient – I hope the Leadmine Accounts have arrived safe I am Sir &c.

18 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 18th. April 1800

Messrs. Goslings and Sharpe

Gentn. Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co. on Mess. Barclays & Co. at forty Days dated this Day for three Hundred and seventy five Pounds, being for one Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from Colonel Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill, & inform Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£375..0..0 No. 12100

Newcastle upon Tyne Apl. 18th. 1800

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E. Blackett Esqr. Three Hundred & seventy –five Pounds Value received Surtees Burdon & Co.

Messrs. Barclays Tritton & Bevan Bankers London
No. 97

19 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to William Wilson

The Revd. Mr. Wilson
Wolsingham Durham

Newcastle 19th. April 1800

Sir

I have not yet received and Answer to the Letter that I wrote Coln. Beaumont respecting the Proposals that were made (through you) for a Lease of a Lead mine in the Parish of Wolsingham; I understood from those Proposals that Colonel Beaumont was to have a sixth Part of the whole Quantity of the Ore raised, but Mr. Crawhall informs me that from the Conversation he had with you, he found that was not the Case, but that you expected to draw your Tithe Ore previous to the 1/6 being taken, on which Conditions Mr. Beaumont will not grant any Lease; as the Treaty is at an end, you will be pleased to return the Plan.

I am &c. J.E.B.

19 Apr 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Torry Elsdon

Mr. Torry Elsdon
Wisbeach

Newcastle, 19th. April 1800

Sir

Mr. Blackett has received your Letter of the 17th. and desires me to inform you that the lowest Price of Refined Lead at this Place is £21 p[er] Fo[dder] of 21 Cwt. and the usual Credit six Months, but do not allow Discount, and that at present he has not any to dispose of having sold a Large Quantity lately. I am &c. T.C.

25 Apr 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 25th. April 1800

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with your Letters of the 11th. & 22d. inst. with the several Parliamentary Proceedings, for which I thank you.

The Revd. Mr. Wilson has been with me twice lately, & I now find that notwithstanding the Proposals that he said had been made to him for a Lease of Pikestone Leadmine wherein they offered one sixth of the Ore raised for the Dues, clear of all Expences; he now puts in his Claim to his Tithe of 1/10th to be drawn previous to your 1/6 which would reduce your Dues to 1/7 besides the admitting of the Rector's Right to draw his Tithe of 1/10th . previous to the Bishops Lot Ore of 1/9th which notwithstanding Mr. Burton's Opinion in Favour of the Rector's Claim, we (having

other Opinions) do not admit of; this for the Present puts an end to the Treaty, Another Circumstance (which came to my knowledge this Morning) is a little extraordinary, that at a Time Mr. Wilson is representing the Proposals that have been made to him for such Lease, he has been making Offers to several Mining Companies, particularly the Lead Company whose Agents Letter to him on the Subject I saw this Morning. Mr. Wilson has likewise made another Request; that Mr. Bell may be sent up to Newhouse to search for some Papers of Consequence respecting Harehope Gill Lead-mine, which he supposes are secreted by the Emersons; now were they capable of such an Act (which I really am far from believing) they certainly would have destroyed Such Papers & in that Belief, they should no longer continue Agents, but in case that you do not give Credit to such charge, the step that Mr. Wilson recommends would be the Means of destroying all Confidence in those Agents, rendering them suspected by the Neighbourhood, & of little use in your Concern. I am informed that the Widow of T. Pringle is dead, its thought that her Iniquitous Claim dies with her, & that we shall hear no more of it. I shall acquaint Messrs. Surtees & Burdon that you expect that they will furnish us with more Gold (than they mentioned) for the Pay. We have had remarkable fine Weather for this Fortnight past which brought the Spring forward & dried the roads much & I was in hopes of getting the Lead down very fast, but this Day we have abundance of Rain on the Change of the Moon, which I fear may stop us much, we still want near 1000 ps. of ye. Quantity sold. I hope that I may congratulate Mrs. Beaumont & yourself on the Recovery of your Children from the small Pox. I am &c. J.E.B.

Since my Answer to Mr. Wilson I received a few Lines from him, a Copy of which I enclose you, but before I can give him an Answer as to the other Mines (except Pikestone) it will be necessary that your Mine Agents should be consulted.

Mr. Wilson's respectful Compts. to Mr. Blackett & after talking with Mr. Purvis his Attorney, will agree as far as concerns himself that the 5 Mines mentioned situated in the Parish of Wolsingham, should be let at 1/6 of the whole Produce to Coln. Beaumont, & for the takers to take the Rectors Tythe upon themselves. As there are now no farther Difficulties in ye. Business Mr. W- desires Mr. Blackett will be so good as to write immediately to Coln. Beaumont to know whether these five Mines in the Parish of Wolsingham Viz Pikestone, - West of Pikestone - Harthope - Southgrain & Fine Burn or Harthope West Burn - can be taken upon Lease on the above Terms & to request Coln. B. will please to return an Answer by return of Post.

2 Jun 1800 Joseph Earl to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: loose scrap of paper inserted in volume here.]

Jos Earl Lintzgarth Rookhope says he has lost <1>7 Horses & 5 Kine by Rookhope Mill Smoke and waits upon Mr. Blackett for relief

Ncastle June 2 1800

10 Jun 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr. Isaac Hunter
Dukesfield

Newcastle 10th. June 1800

Sir

I have given Directions that no Tickett shall be given for the Delivery of Corn for the Workmen without a Letter from the Agent not from the Carrier, or the Miller as has been done, & that Corn to be delivered out at the Discretion of the Agent, and a Particular Account to be kept of the same by you, I must likewise desire that a Copy of the enclosed Paper may be pasted or nailed up at each Corn Mill where any Corn is ground for the Workmen and that you do give the Miller Notice, that in Case of his not complying strictly with the Act of Parliament that he will be prosecuted at the Expence of Colonel Beaumont * [in margin] * a Copy of the above is sent to Mr. Crawhall Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Emerson

It is with Concern that I find so small a Quantity of Lead is yet brought down to Blaydon particularly the 8 Sto. Pieces, so that the Refinery will be again at a stand for want of Refinable Lead which must be attended with considerable Loss; Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont was at Blaydon the other Day, they complained to me of it, and said they would write to you on the Occasion. I do not understand that any agreement is yet made with the Lead Carriage, which makes me uneasy & I fear much that we shall loose many of them; We must not stand with them for even a further Advance than that we talked of, for at all Events the Lead must be got down to Market or we shall loose the Sale of it, when the Price is so high, be prevented making the Pays at the usual Time, and be under the disagreeable Necessity of reducing the Workings and discharging a Number of the Workmen on which Account I must beg of you to exert yourself, not only to get the Lead down, but the Ore to the several Lead Mills during these five Months, even tho' a Considerable advance be given which may induce new Carriagemen to engage. If this be not done without Loss of Time, you will at Dukesfield Mills be as unfortunately circumstanced as you were four Months this Year, which never was the Case before; For what reason is the working at Allenheads Mill discontinued? when so large a Quantity of Ore is wrought and on the Spot, & no want of Water at present If Sparkes Son is not capable of conducting it, a proper Person must be engaged. I am &c. J.E.B.

13 Jun 1800 Thomas Crawhall to William Wilson

The Revd. Mr. Wilson

Newcastle 13th. June 1800

Wolsingham Durham

Sir

Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont request me to inform you they are ready to grant Leases of Four of the Leadmines mentioned by you, all in the Parish of Wolsingham Vizo. Pikestone, West of Pikestone, South Grain and Fine or Harehope Burn, on Application of the Persons who are desirous to take them, and on the usual Covenants, reserving to Coln. Beaumont 1/6 of all the Ore raised in those Mines clear of all Tithes and Deductions whatsoever.

They do not intend to grant any Lease of Harthope at present; also that it is their Determination not to treat with any Company in which Messrs. Hall's are concerned, for the above Mines. I am &c. T.C.

14 Jun 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr. Isaac Hunter
Dukesfield

Newcastle 14th. June 1800

Mr. Isaac Hunter

Some of your Men from Dukesfield have been with Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont, with a Petition for an Advance of Wages, they refused to hear them and refer them to you to pay the same Wages as we settled, & as much as paid at Langley Mill &c. – they may have Rye at a reduced Price in Case that you will send for it, Coln. & Mrs. B. are surprized that you did not mention to them this Application of the Men as you must have known of it. You informed me that you had agreed with the East Carriage, I understand that is not the Case and that we are likely to loose many of them, you certainly should have made personal Applications to all Colonel Beaumonts Tenants, and if you had agreed with the Carriage have acquainted Mr. Emerson and given him their Names, I must desire that no Time may be lost in doing it, and I must likewise insist on a regular Account of the Lead deliver'd from Rookhope Mill being sent to Mr. Emerson at Blaydon as had formerly been done and which I frequently directed.

I am &c. J.E.B.

18 Jun 1800 Thomas Crawhall to T Bowes

Mr T. Bowes
Darlington

Newcastle 18th. June 1800

Sir

I am again to request you will have the Goodness to rectify the Mistake in the Land-tax Schedules sent by you to the Commissioners for the Sale of the Landtax at Durham.

That Error has been the Sole cause of preventing Colonel & Mrs Beaumont making the Purchase of their Land-tax in the County of Durham, & which you must be sensible has been occasioned by you or your Clerks, Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont request you to rectify that Matter with the Commissioners prior to the 7th. July, when I am to attend for the Purpose of getting this Business finally settled. I am &c. T.C.

19 Jun 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Joseph Deakin

Mr. Deakin
Bretton near Wakefd. Yorkshire

Newcastle, 19th. June 1800

Sir

We have this Day shipt on board the John & Mary, Captn. Barrowby, for Hull (per Mrs. Beaumonts Order) One Cask of Calcined Lead Fume, directed for Thos. R. Beaumont Esqr. to be left at the old Warehouse Wakefield, and which I hope will arrive safe. I am &c. T.C.

12 Jul 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 12th. July 1800

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs. Barclays & Co. at Forty Days dated this Day, for three hundred and seventy five Pounds, being for one Quarter's Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. Henry Hardinge from Coln. Beaumont. Please to advise me on your receipt of the Bill and inform Mr. Hardinge of the same I am &c. J.E.B.

£375.-.- No. 13526 Newcastle upon Tyne July 12th. 1800

Forty Days after date pay to the order of J.E. Blackett Esqr. Three hundred & seventy five Pounds Value received Surtees Burdon & Co.

Messrs. Barclays, Tritton & Bevan Bankers London
No. 107

14 Jul 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Strothers

Messrs. Strothers

Newcastle 14th. July 1800

Leeds

Gentn.

I am favoured with your Letter of the 12th. inst. enquiring the Price of Litharge, the Quantity we have on hand at present is small, and I dispose of it almost as fast as it is made; it is in Casks of 6 cwt. each: the present Price is £23. the Ton of 112 lbs. payable in Bills on London due in 6 Months and we are at no Trouble or Expence in the Shipping &c. I am &c. J.E.B.

17 Jul 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr. Thos. Emerson
Newhouse Weardale

Newcastle 17th. July 1800

Mr. Thos. Emerson

I received your Letter and observe that you will be down with me for Subsistence Money &c. for the Workmen on the 22d. inst & that you will have Occasion for £1800. – which is a very large Sum and more than I expected. I think that the Application from the Workmen is very improper & unreasonable, Considering the great Increase of the of the lending Money, and the considerable Supply of Corn which they have at a reduced Price, but the Weardale Miners have of late Years been very Troublesome and the Promoters of Mischief &c. Prevent them if possible from coming down at this Time, as Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont are not at this Place at present, neither shall I till Monday, they will be at Allenheads & Weardale the middle of August at which Time and Place they may make their Application. I am &c. J.E.B.

23 Jul 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr. Isaac Hunter
Dukesfield

Newcastle 23. July 1800

Mr Isaac Hunter

This will be delivered to you by Mr Robert Mulcaster who by the particular directions of Col. & Mrs. Beaumont comes up to Dukesfield to inspect the Works & to make such remarks as he may think necessary, as to the conducting of the same, as well as to the Carriage of the Lead & I am directed by them to acquaint you that they expect that you, as well as the Workmen give him every information that you can as to the matter &c. and that you may follow such advice as he may from time to time give you respecting the same; & I beg leave to recommend it to you to join cordially with him in this business which is so much the wish of Col. & Mrs. Beaumont

I am Sir &c. JEB

6 Aug 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

NCastle 6 Aug 1800

Gentn

I have this day sent you John Pickersgill the Leed Carrier a ps. fine Silver Containing Thirteen Hundred and Four Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esq. as below and advise Mr Blackett on your receipt of the same – I am &c T.C.

For a ps. fine Silver <q> 1304 @ 6/4 p[er] Ounce £412.18.8.

19 Aug 1800 Thomas Crawhall to John White

Mr. Jno. White
No. 11 John Street Minorities London

Newcastle 19 Aug. 1800

Sir

The Refining Bellows wanted were to be of the following dimensions – The Pipe to be 2 Feet long being part of the 8f. 3 i. the whole length of Bellows from the breach to Muzzle, the Muzzle being the extremity of the Machine where the Pipe enters the Furnace & the Breach the other extremity – but as you have not yet proceeded in this part of the business please to make the length of the Bellows 8f. 8.i. instead of 8.f. 3. in (the Pipe being 2 f. ..of the said 8 f. 8 in); the Diam. of the Head to be 9 In. that is where the Pipe is inserted. the Pipe then to be round & of as large a Diam as the Head of the above size will admit & taper from thence to the Muzzle or extremity where it enters the Furnace and there not left round but flatted down for about 2In. into an Oval of the size directed inside measure - <Thou> we have at present have 2 Windfalls in the under Board that Board projects beyond the Leather to fasten the Chain to that moves the Bellows – Inclosed you having a Drawing of the above

I am &c. T.C.

28 Aug 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 28 Aug. 1800

I have to acknowledge Mr. Blackett's receipt of yours dated the 26. Inst. covering five Bills Amount Three Hundred and seventy five Pounds 6/8 which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Col. Beaumont for fine Silver sent you – Mr Blackett observes that you think the last ps. Silver charged high, he was advised of its having sold at the price in London charged you, but is agreeable to make you an abatement of /1d p[er] Oz. which will make the Amount as below

I am &c. T.C.

For a ps. fine Silver <q.> 1304 @ 6/3 p[er] Oz - £407.10.0

29 Aug 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Whitton

Mr. John Whitton
Hull

Newcastle 29 August 1800

Sir

your letter of the 27th Inst. to Col Beaumont came to my hand this day – The present Price of Litharge at this place is £22.10. p[er] Ton of 20 Cwt. payable by good Bills on London due in Six Mos: - The Litharge is all delivered at Blaydon, about three Miles from this place, and the purchaser is at every expence in Shipping, Wherryhire &c.

I am &c. J.E.B.

29 Aug 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Mess. Drummond
Bankers London

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess Surtees & Co. on Mess. Barclays & Co. at Forty Days dated this day for Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds Ten Shillings to pay half a Year's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26. Inst. to my Lord Bishop of Durham from Col. Beaumont – Please to advise me on your receipt of the same.

I am &c. J.E.B.

£462.10.. No. 13914

Newcastle upon Tyne Aug 29. 1800

Forty Days after date pay to the order of J.E.Blackett Esq. Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds 10/- Value recd Surtees Burdon & Co.

<to> Mess Barclays & Co London

29 Aug 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq.
Durham

N.Castle Aug 29. 1800

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Mess. Barclays & Co. at Forty Days dated this day for Seventy five Pounds 1/2 , being for half a Year's Moor Master's Rent due from Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esq. the 2d. Inst: to the Lord Bishop of Durham with 1s/2d for acquittance & duty Please to send a receipt for the same – I am &c. J:E:B:

£75.1.2 No. 13915.

N.Castle Aug. 29. 1800

Forty Days after date pay to the Order of J:E:Blackett Esq. Seventy five pounds ½ -
Value recd Surtees Burdon & Co.
<To.> Mess Barclays & Co London
Endors'd No. 113

5 Sep 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 5th. Sepr. 1800

Dear Sir

I received yours with your Rental for Martinmas 1799 with the several Vouchers which Rental after Examination shall be signed & returned to you. Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont left this Place on Sunday afternoon, they would reach Bretton on Monday & proceed for Buxton as this Day where the Colonel is advised, and I hope that he may receive a Benefit.

Thos. Crawhall went with Mr. Cockshutt on Monday morning to Blaydon & Dukesfield and was to proceed to the several Mines & Lead Mills; I expect them back on Thursday the <11>th. inst. with the several Agents with whom Mr. Cockshutt is to have a Meeting on the 12th. and I think that it would be well if you could make it convenient to to be here; the Stewards receive the Subsistence Money for the Workmen that Day instead of Tuesday the 16th. – T. Crawhall could not inspect the Loading of the Goods on Monday Morning, but Brown the Cook & Scott did, the latter informs me that three pair of Sheets six Pillow slips and three Blanketts that came from the Office were sent to Hexham.

I am &c. J.E.B.

20 Sep 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Middleton Hewitson

[Loose scrap of paper within volume]

M Hewitson Esq <NC.>

<Newbiggin> 20 Sept. 1800

Dr Sir

I was yesterday evening favoured with yr lre of 17 Inst. & observe the Contents Mr Ellill not accepting of my offer of 1000 ps Lead @ £21.10. in due course, I have since advanced the price to £22 p[er] t. at the usual credit, at which I am selling at present, & Mr Ellill may have One or Two Thousand ps. on these terms. I am much obliged to you for the information that you give me respecting the Sale which the Lead Co. have made. The present price of Lith[arge] is £22.10. P[er] Ton I have sold @ £22.15.

I am &c JEB

26 Sep 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Messrs Strothers

Mess Strothers
Leeds

NCastle 26 Sept. 1800

Yours of the 21st. came to hand in due course The present price of Litharge at this place is £22 $\frac{3}{4}$ p[er] Ton exclusive of any Charges in Shipping &c viz. Duty 3 p Ct & 10 p Ct Convoy Duty, Entry Cockt. & Suff[erance] Keeldues &c. also 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p[er] Cent. Commn. – your being entirely strangers to Mr. Blackett, he hopes you will excuse not executing your Order, without having a Credit upon a good House in London for the Amt. payable. in Six Mos. –

I am &c. T.C.

30 Sep 1800 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon & Webster

Mess. Wheeldon & Webster

N.C. 30 Sept. 1800

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your favor of the 24. Inst. inclosing a Bill Value £105.9. which Sum is in full for the Balance of your Accot. with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. for Litharge sent you – Mr Blackett's being from home, was the reason you had not an answer sooner – The present price of Litharge at this place is £22 $\frac{1}{2}$ p[er] Ton – I am &c. T:C:

18 Oct 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr. Thomas Emerson Junr.
Newhouse Weardale

Newcastle 18 Octr. 1800

I am sorry to find that the Ore continues to be sent from the Weardale Mines to Rookhope Mill in a very bad state, one fifth part at least of spar &c. to the Great injury of the concern, & so totally different to the good management &c. of the Agents of the Hospital & the Lead Company; I was in hopes that the former Complaints made to you on that head, would have been paid due regard to, but that not being the case, I shall be under the necessity of appointing Mr. Thomas Crawhall to inspect the Weardale Ore before it be sent to the Lead Mill.

I am &c. J:E:B:

20 Oct 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John White

Mr: John White
No. 11. John Street Minories London

Newcastle 20: Octr. 1800

Sir,

The Refining Bellows you advised me of some time ago have since arrived at this place, and on examination have been found to answer to the dimensions sent you – I now enclose you Mess. Surtees Burdon & Cos. Bill on Mess. Ransom Morland & Co. @ 40 Days dated this day for Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings, being the Amount of your Invoice, which you will please to acknowledge the Receipt of - I am Sir &c. J:E:B:

£30 – 16 - .. N0. 885

Newcastle upon Tyne 18:Oct 1800

Forty Days after date pay to the order of J:EBlackett Esq Thirty Pounds 16/- Value reced
Surtees Burdon & Co.

To Mess. Ransom Morland & Co Bankers London

20 Oct 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Mrs Forster

[Note: possibly Lucy Forster, widow of Westgarth Forster snr]

Mrs. Forster
Garrigill Gate Under Cover to Mr. Forster Coalcleugh

Newcastle 20th. Octr. 1800

The Annexed is a Copy of a letter that I received from Mr. Bowns who is concerned for Col. Beaumont in the Conducting of his Affairs, [in margin: For Mr Bowns' Ire See Lre File] you will see from this the necessity of the immediate payment of the Balance due

on your Bond, with Interest on the same, or your giving such security as may be approved of for the payment of the same by Installments

I am &c. J:E:B:

20 Oct 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas: Bowns Esq;
Banktop near Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 20th Octr. 1800

Sir

I was favoured with your letter of the 15th. Inst. I have accordingly wrote to Mrs. Forster on the business, & in case of her not complying with the terms proposed the measures shall be taken which you direct. In a few days an Account of the Contracts will be sent, and likewise an Account of the Bills received on Account of the Lead sold; I have made application to the Bank for their Quarterly Account which when received shall be sent you – I am glad to hear so good an Account of the health of Col. & Mrs. Beaumont & the young Folks

I am &c J:E:B:

24 Oct 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 24. Octor. 1800

Dr Sir

I yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Beaumont inclosing a part of your letter respecting the several Collieries of Stublock, St. John Lee & St. Oswald, & desiring me to give directions concerning them; Mr. Cockshutt being of opinion that the former may be worked to advantage by Col & Mrs. Beaumont under the direction of Mr. Crawhall &c. all thoughts of letting that Colliery will be drop'd for the present; I understand that Sir E. Blackett & Mr. H. Tulip Jnr. have given notice of giving up the two latter Collieries, a liberty which they had by the Lease, or Agreement, & which Mr. Errington made a Condition in case of his taking them. – I shall be at Hexham on Monday the 10th. of November & shall consult with you what is most adviseable to be done respecting those Collieries. – I understand that Col Beaumont is expected at this place tomorrow

I am &c J:E:B:

Mrs. Beaumont mentions in the Postscript of her letter that some Furniture is shipp'd for this place to be forwarded to Hexham, we imagine from London – on their arrival at this place you shall be advised, that some careful person may be sent for the same

25 Oct 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Memorandum – Octr. 25 1800. Wrote to Mr Bowns inclosing an Accot. of the Contracts for Lead &c. for Sept. Quar. also the Bankers Account for – Dr - J:E:B.

Wrote to Mrs. Beaumont at Bretton

5 Nov 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Curry

Mr. John Curry
Allen Mill

Newcastle Nov. 5: 1800

John Curry

Col. Beaumont having by the advise of myself and others thought proper to appoint William Dixon Principal Agent & Refiner at Allen Mill from Christmas next, it will be expected that you conform therewith & exert yourself cordially with him for the true Interest of that Concern. but should you be dissatisfied with this appointment & shew any reluctance in the exertion of such directions as he may give and of chearfully adopting such reforms in the Works as he may recommend and direct you may take this as your discharge from the concern from Christmas next, I shall be at Hexham on Monday next the 10th Inst: & expect to hear from you

I am &c. J:E:B:

13 Nov 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Mess. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 13. Novr. 1800

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Mess. Barclays & Co. at Forty Days dated this day, for Three Hundred and Seventy five Pounds being for One Quarter's Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. Ulto. to the Revd. Henry Hardinge from Col Beaumont Please to advise me on your receipt of the Bill and inform Mr Hardinge of the same

I am &c. J:E:B:

£375 – No. 15243 – N.Castle Nov.13 1800

Forty Days after date pay to the order of J:E:Blackett Esq. Three Hundred and Seventy five Pounds. Value reced Surtees Burdon & Co
Mess. Barclays & Co London

14 Nov 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to James Cockshutt

Jas. Cockshutt Esqr.
Huthwaite Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 14th. Novr. 1800

Dear Sir

Your Report of the Lead Mines & Lead Mills of Colonel & Mrs. Beaumont was delivered to me by the latter & after a serious Perusal I am of Opinion that the Remarks & Observations that you have made on the several Works, with your Recommendation for the Improvements of the same, are very Masterly & Judicious, & my best Endeavours shall not be wanting to have them carried into Effect, which I have no doubt will be to the great Benefit of the Concern; I met the several Agents at Hexham on the 10th. inst. I read over your Report &c to them, & shall send them Copies of sich Parts as relate to their respective Works; At the same time I gave them the enclosed Directions, which with the Assistance of Mulcaster I had formed, all which (with some further Instructions to them) will I am in hopes contribute to the Improvement & Reform in the several Departments of the Concern which has become highly necessary. – I shall send you by Mrs. Beaumont a Section of the Sills, beds of Plate &c. as they are found at Coalcleugh & Aldstone Moor, specimens of the same will be sent you by Mr. Crawhall. – No Rout is yet come for the 21st. Regt. wch. are at present at Carlisle, Penrith, Hexham, Corbridge & Morpeth & Coln. Beaumont's Going with them to Ireland is at present uncertain. – Mr. Fishwick late Partner with the Walkers has entered into an Engagement with the Surtees's in a very large Iron Work at Lemmington about four Miles above this Place, on the north Side the Tyne. they have engaged all the Iron Stone along the Coast near Whitby, & I am informed propose employing 400 Men.

I am &c. J.E.B.

Mr. Crawhall informs me that the Bretton Vein or Float is very promising, & another has lately been discovered at a small Distance.

Mr. Mulcaster desired me to mention to you that in the Construction of the Horizontal Chimney at Blaydon, he is of Opinion that Cylinders of rolled Iron 2 Feet Diameter to fit into each other, might answer the Purpose better than brick Work &c. but submits it to your better judgement.

20 Nov 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Wakefield

Mess. Wakefield & Co.
Kendal Cumberland

Newcastle 20 Novr. 1800

Mess. Wakefd. & Co.

Colonel Beaumont informs me that you made offers to him of a supply of Gunpowder for his Leadmines; I desire that you will let me know on what Terms, & if you have any Agent employed at this place to whose care you send your Gunpowder to be delivered out at the Gunpowder Magazines in such Quantities as may be wanted at the Mines from 10 to 20 or 30 Barrels at a time.

I am &c. J:E:B:

28 Nov 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Wakefield

Mr. John Wakefield
Kendal

Newcastle 28 Nov. 1800.

I am favoured with your letter of the 22d. Inst. & observe the terms on which you engage to deliver Gunpowder for the Leadmines of Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esq. the quantity used in those Mines is considerable, & in case of our being supplied with strong good Powder we shall deal with you to a large amount; Such orders as you may receive from Thos. Emerson Junr. Newhouse Weardale, from Thomas Crawhall Allenheads, & from Jos Dickinson Coalcleugh you will be pleased to comply with delivering the Powder for the former at Stanhope, & that for the two latter at Alstone sending them from time to time your Account for the same & duplicates to me

I am &c. J:E:B-

5 Dec 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
Bretton near Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 5th. Decr. 1800

Dear Madam

I hope that you are well after your Journey, & found your young Folks perfectly so, you have got home in good time before the severe Weather set in; Allenheads is covered with Snow & we shall have it soon.-

Mr. Bates called on me Yesterday with an Inventory of the Furniture which he said was lost or broke, (a Copy of which I enclose) I sent T.Crawhall to examine it with his Housekeeper & Genl. Balfour's Servant, & T.C. has made his Remarks on the several Articles; those Things that are really missing or broke must be replaced or mended, should this not satisfy Mr. Bates I would recommend it being left to the Decision of a

proper Judge of those Matters, for I can not take it on myself, should the Difference be trifling altho' very unhandsome of Mr. Bates to insist on ? will it not be advisable to settle the Matter with him, rather than have Dispute &c. with the Families of the Bates's and the Ellisons, Mr. Bates was this Morning paid £163.16.- for 26 Weeks Rent of his House & Furniture from the first of June to the 30th. Novemr. for which he gave his Receipt but at the same time said that your Servants slept in the House three or four Nights before, & that Coln. Beaumont told him at Morpeth that he would Sleep there on Sunday Night the 1st. June. Very shabby behaviour indeed.-

I have made enquiry of Waters (one of the first Painters in this Place) respecting the Charge made by Stephenson for painting the Colours that you presented to the Hexham Volunteers; he thought the Charge exorbitant , & that Stephenson would be handsomely paid with £30. - -the Sum that was offered him of which I shall acquaint Mr. Bell & return him the Papers; the pair of Colours which Mrs. Johnson presented to the NCastle Volunteers she got from London, they are well executed, & the whole Cost did not exceed £23. - - -

The Quantity of Lead for Sale at Blaydon is small & the Season will not admit of much more coming down, I am at present selling small Quantities for the White Lead Works at this Place at £23.5—p[er] Fodr. Lithge £23.15s-d the Ton.-

I shall be glad to hear that you had a good Account of Coln. Beaumont. – My Daughter joins with me in best respects to you. & I am &c. J.E.B.

24 Dec 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 24 Decr. 1800

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 18th. inst. and I hope that long before this reaches you, that you had a good Account of Coln. Beaumont & that he is in good Health in Ireland. I observe what you say respecting the Steel Hall Estate, which you have given up all thoughts of purchasing. Mr. Hunter & Mr. Anthy. Surtees have been informed of this Resolution, in Consequence of which that Estate will be advertised & every necessary Measure taken towards promoting the Sale of it, & enabling Mr. Hunter to discharge the Debt of £900. – I shall meet the Lead Agents at Hexham on Monday 29th. inst. when I shall have some Discourse with Mr. Hunter and Mr. Bell respecting the Business of Dukefield Dam, & I will strongly recommend that Mr Hunter shall as soon as possible, carry into Execution what his late Father had engaged to do respecting this Matter. – Mr. Bell has been wrote to about the Pavement of a part of the Stable Yard, but I will explain that Matter to him fully on Monday. What Mr. Bowns requires of Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. will be complied with. – I send you enclosed a Copy of Mr. C. Blackett's Letter to Messrs. <Pigons> & Andrews, & their Answer; I shall wait for your and Coln. Beaumont's Directions in this Matter, but I shall

direct the Lead Agents not to order any more Gunpowder from Mr. Wakefield until this Business has been considered, & I have your Answer.-

General Grant has been in this Place a few Days in his Way to Town, I called on him Yesterday & was glad to see him look so well. – I am &c. J.E.B.

The Gentlemen of the Law were to have met Yesterday in this Town respecting the Harehope Gill Business. but I believe that the Meeting is postponed till the. 26th inst.

28 Dec 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Jno. Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 28th. Decr. 1800

Mr. Jno. Bell

I have been for some time past, much indisposed with a violent Cold & feverish Complaint which has confined me to the House, but I fully intended meeting the Lead Stewards at Hexham on the 29th. inst. – yesterday (and not before) Mr. Heron acquainted me that it would be necessary that Mr. Emerson Jnr., Mr. Allgood, Mr. Crawhall & the Witnesses respecting Harehope Gill, should be at this Place (where the Arbitrators are now met) on Tuesday the 30th. inst. this induced me to have the Lead Stewards to come down to this Town on the 29th. inst. Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont expects that Mr. Isaac Hunter will give his Bond for £900 - - the Sum that he is indebted to them, from the 1st. Jany. 1801 which Bond you are desired to prepare & get executed; you are likewise desired to speak to Mr Hunter about that very small Piece of the Steel Hall Ground adjoining to Dukesfield Dam, which the late Mr. Hunter promised you to make over to Coln. Beaumt. by Deed, and they have no Doubt of Mr. Is. Hunter's fulfilling his Father's Promise, and of his doing it before the Disposal of the Steel Hall Estate; this is a Matter to which I am quite a Stranger, not having been made acquainted with it till the other Day by Mrs. Beaumont when she left the inclosed Plan with me.-

I understand that Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont on consulting with Mr. Bowns & Mr. Cockshutt have given up all Thoughts of purchasing the Steel Hall Estate, as well as the Land tax of Mr. Bosville's Estate. – Mrs. Beaumont desires that the part of the Stable Yard near the Trough (where the Carriages will stand to be wash'd) may be carefully & well paved, the Coachman thinks that large Pebble Stones will stand better than small Pebbles. –

I am &c. J.E.B.

30 Dec 1800 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont

Newcastle 30 Decr. 1800

Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your letter, and am very glad to hear that Coln. Beaumont arrived safe and well in Ireland, and that his Reception by the Lord Lieutenant was so much to his Wish. – I observe what you say respecting Mr. C. Blackett having the whole Supply of Gunpowder for the Mines and on the Terms offered, which shall be attended to. Notwithstanding I had been advised to keep the House ever since I wrote to you, I would certainly have met the Lead Stewards at Hexham on the 29th. had not Mr. Heron acquainted me (on the 27th.) that it would be necessary that Mr. Crawhall, Mr. Allgood and the several witnesses should be down at this Place (where the Arbitrators are met) on this Day, on which Account I thought it advisable for all of them to come down, I have been with them this Morning at the Office where they have received the Subsistence for the Workmen amounting to £2950 .. - .. – it is a Week sooner than usual, but the next Payment will be nine Weeks. The Stewards inform me that the State of the several Mines are much in the same Line that they were when you last saw them, the Floots at Allenheads not quite so promising, Coalcleugh much the same, Pudding thorn Mine adjoining to Kilhope in Weardale very promising, but on the whole the Quantity from those Mines will fall short this Year of 1798 & 99. –

There has not been time for all the different Regulations at the several Mines and Lead Mills to have been carried into Effect, but I hope that they will be completely so, during the Course of the next Year, if they are not, it will be the Fault of the Agents, for all the Reforms & Regulations that have been recommended by Mr. Bowns Mr. Cockshutt Mr. Mulcaster and Myself, & approved of and directed to be carried into Execution by you and Coln. Beaumont, have been mentioned to the Agents, and they will each of them in a few Days have the whole in writing. –

Since I wrote to you last I have sold to Mr. C. Blackett & Co. for their White Lead Works 600 ps. Refined Lead at £23.10.- p[er] Fother and 400 Pieces Common at £23.5.- The Stock at Blaydon at present does not exceed 400 Pieces Refd. 800 Pieces common 9,000 pieces Refinable 400 Pieces Slag, there may be about 1000 pieces on the Road, which every Endeavour will be used to get down to Blaydon before any more Lead is delivered from the several Mills. –The Price of Lead is (in my Opinion) likely to keep up, notwithstanding this unfortunate Breach with Russia, which, I do not think will have any material Effect on the Lead Trade. –

I have wrote fully to Mr. Bell respecting the Business of Dukesfield Dam, for as he was made acquainted with the Affair by the late Mr. Hunter & was privy to his Declaration on the Subject, he certainly will be the proper Person to transact that Business with Mr. Isaac Hunter, and to get that small Piece of Ground properly conveyed to Coln. Beaumont and you before the Sale of the Steel Hall Estate, I shall just mention the Matter to to Mr. Isaac Hunter as a thing of Course which I have no Doubt of his doing.-

I acquainted Mr. Bell with what you wish to have done in the Stable Yard at the Abbey near the Trough (where the Carriages stand to be wash'd) which is to be well paved with large Pebble Stones. –

I paid Mr. C. Blackett £1939.10.6 and Messrs. Rudman & Hall £455.2.0 for Gunpowder for the Mines, they allowing £119..14..6 for Discount of 5 Pr. Cent, this was certainly advisable, as they must have been paid in May without the Allowance of Discount.-

The Bill that was paid me by Walkers & Co. for £3283..7..1 at a Month, was not paid into the Bank, but reserved for the Purpose of enabling me to pay these Sums, the Subsistence Money, for Candles &c. – Mr. Bell is desired to prepare a Bond for Mr. Isaac Hunter to execute for his Debt of £900. – and a pressing Letter has been wrote to Mr. Forster. –

I understand that Genl. Balfour leaves this Place in a Week or ten Days, against which time he is to settle for the Rent from the 12th. or 15th. Septr. to the 30th. Novembr. 11 Weeks; the Matter in Dispute with Mr. Bates respecting what Furniture &c. was broke or deficient, must be left to an indifferent Person to settle what is fair and reasonable to be paid for the same.

I am &c. J.E.B.

The Gentlemen of the Law are sitting at present on the Harehope Gill Business, examining Records & Evidence, of hope that the Issue of it may be in your Favour. -

13 Jan 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr. Thos. Emerson Jr.
Newhouse Weardale,

Newcastle 13th. Jany 1801

Mr. Thos. Emerson

On the Complaint of the Lord Bishop of Durham's Secretary, Mr. Emm agst. one of Coln Beaumont's Workmen, John Bainbridge of Greenhead for not only destroying Game on the Moors of the Lord Bishop, but of the outrageous Offence of shooting a Dog of the Bishop's Gamekeeper, and making Use of violent Threats to the Person who hunted him, I desire that at the end of the Quarter John Bainbridge may be discharged from Coln. Beaumont's Works, but should he not be engaged in a Bargain, let him be discharged immediately at the same time acquainting him and the rest of the Workmen with the Cause of your doing so; Complaints have likewise been made by Mr. Emm against the Workmen in general for destroying the Game, but particularly against the Woodmen, at & in the Neighbourhood of Wolsingham. – I desire that you will caution them against killing the Game on his Lordships Moors under the high Displeasure of Coln. Beaumt. It is in the Power of the Lord Bishop to punish these Offenders in a severe and exemplary Manner, but he rather inclines at this time of scarcity to reclaim the Offenders by gentle Means. – Let me know how you go on in Weardale.

I am &c. J.E.B.

I have sent by Mr. Allgood a Book of Observations and Directions which Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont expect shall be strictly complied with by their several Agents. –

13 Jan 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

William Emm Esqr.
Auckland Castle.

Newcastle 13th. Jan.y 1801

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 10th. inst. and am sorry to hear that any of Mr. Beaumont's Workmen have behaved so ill as to destroy Game on the Moors of the Lord Bishop of Durham, but particularly for the late very outrageous Behaviour of Jno. Bainbridge which certainly deserves the most severe Reprehension & Punishment, and will give Mr. Beaumont very great Offence; I have given Directions to the Agent Mr. Emerson to discharge John Bainbridge of Greenhead, from the Works at the end of the Quarter, but in Case of his not being engaged in a Bargain, to discharge him immediately, at the same time acquainting him and the rest of the Workmen with the Cause of his doing so; Mr. Emerson has likewise Directions to caution the Workmen against killing Game on the Lord Bishop's Moors, particularly the Woodmen at, and in the Neighbourhood of Wolsingham under Mr. Beaumonts highest Displeasure. – I am happy in hearing that the Lord Bishop and his Lady are in good Health. – I made Application to you last spring about renewing the Lease to Mr. Beaumont of Kilhope and Welhope with Lintzgarth, by putting in a Life in the Room of the late Richard Brook deceased. the present Lives in that Lease are William Sykes and Geo: Robson, Certificates of their being living and in good Health I will endeavour to send you in the Course of ten Days, when I shall be glad to be informed what Sum his Lordship will require for putting in a fresh Life.

I am &c. J.E.B.

14 Jan 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Joseph Deakin

Mr Deakin
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle January 14 1801

Sir

I wrote to you in April last requesting a Certificate of Wm. Sykes' being in good health, in order that a new Life might be added to Mr Beaumont's Lease of Kilhope Welhope Leadmines held under The Lord Bishop of Durham which Certificate Mr. Blackett received in due course, but has not yet been able to get that business

completed - Mr Blackett has again made application to The Lord Bishops Secretary to know what Sum will be required for inserting a Life instead of the late R Brooks, and requests you will again send a Certificate of Wm. Sykes' health to this place as soon as you can conveniently procure it -

I am &c. T.C.

20 Jan 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Charles Bowns

Chas Bowns Esq
Banktop Barnsley Yorkshire

NCastle 20:Jany. 1801.

Sir

By Mr Blacketts direction I send you his Account of Contracts for Col Beaumont's Lead Litharge &c. together with the Bankers Account you will please to observe only the Sums <tickd.> with red have been received and paid at this place the other transactions we know nothing of ---In a few days Mr Blacketts Account of Rents &c. &c. arising from Col & Mrs. Beaumonts Estate will be sent you made out in the manner you directed

I am Sir &c. T:C -

21 Jan 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Joseph Dickinson

Mr Jos. Dickinson
Coalcleugh

Newcastle 21. Jany. 1801.

I send you inclosed an Account of the Corn sent from this place for the use of Col Beaumonts Workmen at Coalcleugh Leadmines with the price Mr. Blackett requests it may be charged to them from time to time as below

Rye from Decr 1 1799 to Jany 31 1800 @	14/- p Boll
Jany 31 to July 31	16/- do
July 31 to Dec 31	18/- do
Barley sent to Decr 8 1800	12/- p Boll
Decr 8 to Dec 31	16/- do

The above free of Carriage

Wrote Messrs. Crawhall & Emerson at same time as the above ---T.C.

23 Jan 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to George Robson

Mr Geo Robson
Monkend near Darlington

Newcastle 23. Jany. 1801

Sir

I have lately applied to the Lord Bishop of Durham's Secretary to know the terms on which one life may be inserted in Col Beaumont's Lease of Kilhope Welhop & Lintzgarth, in which you are a Life, held under the Lord Bishop, in the place of the late Richard Brook. The above is the reason of my now troubling you, to request you will procure a Certificate of your health, signed by the Clergyman of your Parish, and send to me at this place, in order that I may get that business completed

I am Sir &c. J.E.B.

Any expence you are at, I will be thankfull to pay your Brother

23 Jan 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Mess. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 23d. Jany. 1801

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Mess. Ransom Morland & Co. @ Thirty Days dated this day, for three hundred and seventy five Pounds, to pay One Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. Inst. to The Revd. H Hardinge from Col. Beaumont Please to advise me on your receipt of the Bill and inform Mr Hardinge of the same. –

I am J:E:B:

£375 - - - -No. 1647 - - - -Newcastle Tyne Jany. 23. 1801

Thirty days after date pay to the order of J:E Blackett Esq. Three Hundred and Seventy Five Pounds – value recd Surtees Burdon & Co.

Mess. Ransom Morland & Co Bankers London

24 Jan 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
Portman square London

Newcastle 24 Jany. 1801

Dr. Madam

I hope that this may find you and your young Folks well in Town, & Col: Beaumont arrived in good health.-I refer you to Mr. Herons letter respecting Harehope Gill Mine; the Award of the Arbitrators may very probably be some disappointment to you and the Colonel, but the Evidence which was brought forward by Lord Burfords Lessees to prove that the part of the Mine which has been so productive having been worked by some of them, or former lessees, between 30 or 40 years since, without any interruption or discharge from the Agents of the Bishop of Durham, or his lessee (at a time that the late Mr. Maughan was Agent to the late Sir W: Blackett) could not be contraverted; I am informed that the part allotted to them is nearly wrought out, In my opinion the first steps to be taken will be for the Agents of both parties to meet on the Spot and have the ground marked out agreeable to the Plan annexed to the Award, after which your Agents should have a meeting there to consider fully of the matter & to make their report as to the most adviseable measures to be pursued for the working of that Mine.

The Bishop of Durhams Agent complained to me of the Weardale Miners destroying the Game on his Lordships Moors, & particularly of John Bainbridge of not only doing it, but likewise shooting a Dog of the Bishops Gamekeeper & threatning him; I directed Mr: Emerson to discharge J: Bainbridge from the Works; I send you enclosed Copy of the letters. The small parcels of Lead that I am selling for the present supply of the White Lead Works is at £23 -10 -“ the Fother. Below is an Account of the Bills which will be paid to Mess Surtees & Co. in the course of ten days

I am &c JEB

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28 Jan 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
under Cover to Coln Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 28th. Jan.y 1801

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 26th. ulto. since which I am favoured with your Letter of the same date and I observe the Contents; I am not surprised that the Decision of the Arbitrators is some little Disappointment to you, as that part of the Mine which has been so productive, has been deemed to be Freehold, & consequently the Lessees of the Mine not amountable for the Produce for the Produce, on which Account the Damages

are trifling, but there was no getting the better of the Evidence which they brought forward, tho' in my Opinion it was very much strained to carry their Point; the Measures which (in my last Letter) I recommended, will I think be necessary to be adopted; and in Case of any Application being made by the Lessees of the Freehold to you and Coln. Beaumont for a Lease of any part of the Copyhold; it will be highly advisable to have that Matter very well considered before any Lease or Permission be granted; I should recommend your Working that part of the Copyhold where the Forehead of their Working points to, in Case it can be done at a moderate Expence, without the Use of their Levels, otherwise it may be thought advisable to grant them a Lease of such part.-

I am of Opinion that your Tithes at Hexham should not be leased to any Person or Persons; that they be annually valued by an understanding Man, not a resident in the Place, a fair and moderate value set on them to be offered to the several Proprietors who will be ready to take their own Tithes; by this Method I am of Opinion that they will have them, at a lower rate, than if they were taken of Mr. Ruddock, Leadbitter and Gibson, who certainly made an Advantage of them, the People will be better pleased and you will receive a higher rent.-

On Mr. Mulcaster going to Allen Mill & examining into the Matter that I mentioned, he did not find that any thing improper had been done, and since W. Dixons appointment to that Mill the Business has gone forward very well. –

Mr. Bell informs me that Mr. I. Hunter can not make you a little to that very small Space of Ground at Dukesfield Mill, without the Consent of his Uncle Surtees his Trustee, as well as the Mortgage, I shall speak to Mr. Ant.y Surtees about it.-

Isaac Hunter has not yet disposed of his Share in the Brewery, consequently not paid his £900 – neither has Mr. Silvertop yet paid the rent of grand Lease Colliery, nor Mrs. Forster discharged her Bond. both of whom shall be applied to. Major Addenbrooke paid £69.6.- for eleven Weeks Rent of Mr. Bates's House, he being allowed £8.0.0 for the Field being quite bare, and making very little or no Use of it for Genl. Balfour; and Mr. Bates has been paid £4.0.3 for sundry Articles broke and missing as valued by Dobson or his Foreman.-

I am glad to hear that you got up to town as well with your young Folks without suffering the least from Fatigue or taking Colds, and I hope that your next Letter may advise me of Coln. Beaumont's safe Arrival in good Health, - I do assure you that I never once heard that false and malicious Report you mention, of Coln. Beaumonts Regt. having suffered in crossing the Sea, had it been mentioned I certainly would have contradicted it.

I am &c. J.E.B.

5 Feb 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
under Cover to Coln. Beaumont

Newcastle 5th. Feb.y 1801

Portman Square London

Dear Madam

I have the Favour of your Letters of the 30th. ulto. & 2d. inst. I was in hopes that your last would have informed me of the safe Arrival of Coln. Beaumont from Ireland; I had the favour of a Letter from him, wch. I delayed answering as I understood that he was about leaving the Country in a few Days.-

Some of your Enquiries respecting Harehope Gill were answered in my Letter to you of the 28th. ulto. – Mr. Wilson the Rector of Wolsingham called on me at the Office this Morning, and I was very glad to find him so well pleased with the Award of the Arbitrators, which he said was (on the whole) more favourable than he expected, and that except the small part which he allowed had been very rich (and of which they had produced uncontrovertible Evidence of the Enjoyment) that a greater part was deem'd Copyhold than he had reason to expect, or indeed that you had at first claimed to be so, and that there was every Appearance of the Rich vein pointing towards the Copyhold; I acquainted him with what I mentioned to you in my Letter, respecting the Boundaries being settled by the Agent, after which your Agents (after taking a View of the Spot and considering the Matter fully) would make their Report to you of the most advisable Mode of working the Mine, and that he should be acquainted when your Agents took a View of the Place, as his Information and Advice would be necessary.-

Some time since I desired Mr. Bell to fill up a Bond for the Amount of Mr. I. Hunter's Debt dated 1st. Jan.y 1801; and to get it executed by him, I shall write to him again about it, and shall mention it to Mr. A. Surtees; the latter assured me that every necessary Care should be taken respecting the small Spot of Ground at Dukesfield Dam, before the Sale of the Estate.-I shall write to Mr. Bell my Opinion respecting Hexham Tithes. – The Rent of your 1/12th. of Stella grand Lease Colliery is £40. p[er] Annm. Mr. Silvertop was at Christmas last 9 Years in Arrear, which I assure you has not been owing to any Neglect in making Application for the Rent due, we have been put off from time to time, the Cause of which (altho' Mr. S. does not avow it) is I apprehnd. a late Claim that he makes of a part of the Lands farm at Winlaton, an out Rent for which 17s. 6d. had for many Years been paid t the Owners of the Lands which had the Claim for that farm, which of late Years has been refusd. by Mr. S. tho' regularly tendered to him by Mr. Mulcaster before a Witness; Miss Simpson annually receives an out Rent of 17s. 6d from you for the same farm; thus the Matter rests at present, the out Rent being annually tendered by your Agent and refused by his; but I strongly suspect that in Case of Colonel Beaumont's executing the new Lease of the Colliery previous to his Rent being paid, that Mr. S. would say that he was ready to settle with Coln. Beaumont for that rent, provided he will do the like with him for the Lands Farm, but this Claim must be resisted and I do recommend that Coln. Beaumont do not execute the Lease of the Colliery, until the full Arrears are paid. One great Objection to any Lease of Harehope Gill Mine being granted by you and Coln. Beaumont to the Lessees of Lord Burford would be that as they pay lower Dues to him, than you would oblige them to pay, they would be tempted to bring up the greatest

part of the Ore at the Shaft on their side, and by that Means you would be defrauded of your Dues.-

I continue selling from 100 to 1,000 Pieces of Lead for Exportation and the white Lead Works at £23.5 – and £23.10- p[er] Fo[dde]r. and Litharge at £24 “ – p[er] Ton, by which Means you will be sooner in Cash for the Amount, than by making no Sale until we had 5 or 10,000 Pieces ready.-

About the middle of this Month I shall receive Bills at two Months date for about £3400.— which shall be paid to the Bank – I shall be happy to hear of Coln. Beaumonts Arrival in good Health. – I am &c. J.E.B.

10 Feb 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

Willm. Emm Esq.
Auckland Castle

Newcastle 10th Feb.y 1801

Dear Sir

I delayed acknowledging the Receipt of your obliging Favour of the 21st. ulto. until I had procured the Certificates of the two remaining Lives in the Lease of Kilhope and Welhope and of Lintzgarth which I now send you, the Rental &c of which you have at foot; when you have taken into Consideration the Sum to be paid to the Lord Bishop for a Renewal of the Lease by the Insertion of a new Life in the Place of the late Richd. Brook, be pleased to advise me of the same.-

I am glad that the Dispute respecting Harehope Gill Lead Mine is at length settled; the Award of the Arbitrators is sent up to London; as soon as it is returned, it will be highly proper that no time may be lost in having a Meeting on the Spot of the Agents of the Parties in the Presence of the Agent of the Lord Bishop, that the Boundaries may be finally settled agreeable to the Award and Plan annexed thereto, which may prevent any further Dispute.

I am happy in finding that my Endeavours to suppress the iniquitous Practice of the Miners destroying the Game on the Moors of the Lord Bishop, meets with your Approbation, i have given the several Agents of Mr. Beaumont the necessary Directions for that Purpose, and be assured that I shall from time to time enforce the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

Annual Rent of Kilhope and Welhope	£135.17s.0d
The Lord Bishop's Rent	£1-18s-4d
Land Tax	1-18. –
Annual Rent of Lintzgarth	10 - -
Land Tax	5- 4

12 Feb 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
under Cover to Coln. Beaumont
Portman Square London.

Newcastle 12th. Feb.y 1801

Dear Madam

Since my Letter to you of the 5th. inst., nothing further has occurred respecting Harehope Gill; the Award which was sent up to London by Arbitrators, has not yet been returned.-

I find that Mr. Heron is much hurt, at not receiving a line from you in answer to the two Letters that he wrote you, he certainly has taken a great deal of Pains in that Business.-I hope that Coln. Beaumont is safely arrived in good health; I had the favour of a Letter from him, but as he proposed leaving Ireland in a few Days, and I had wrote to you on Business, I did not trouble him with a Letter, nor do I at this time, as his present Engagement must engross most of his time.-

I enclose you Copy of a Letter that I received from Mr. Hunter, he is to be with me on Saturday to meet Mr. Mulcaster on Business, when I shall give him Directions to get the necessary Repairs done, & to employ the Person that has the Care of the planting at Allenheads to fill up the Spaces where the Plants have failed, or been destroyed.

As a Number of the Carriagemen are making Application for Money on Account of their Leadings, I have thoughts of paying early in March, not only the Lead Carriage, but the Ore, which usually was not paid until the great Pay in May; this will be of great Service to them, be an encouragement to them to commence leading very early, and be a means of preventing the Halls & Co. from enticing your Carriagemen to quit your employ; besides it is done both by the Lead Company and the Hospital; it will of Course reduce the Sum for the pay in May, and I hope that you will have no Objection to it.-

Mr. Emerson Jr. writes me, that Breckonsike and Burtreepasture Groves are likely to raise Ore very well, the latter has been very poor and expensive, but is now come in very hopeful at the <f>ound; Puddingthorn and Rogers Well, both continue good, but they have not yet got them opened so as to employ many Men at them. I am in Treaty with the Agents of the Bishop of Durham for the renewal of the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope and of Lintzgarth in Weardale by the Insertion of a new Life in the place of the late Richard Brooke of Bretton. I have taken the Liberty of naming your Son Mr. Wentworth Beaumont, who I hope may outlive many a Bishop, when I know the terms demanded, you shall be informed. Pray what is your Opinion of this Change of Ministry?

I am &c. J.E.B.

Mr. J. Bell has wrote to me for Money to pay Surtees & Brown's Note for Timber, Mr. Cookson's for Fire Grates, your Subscription for the Poor, and Donation at Christmas, and Money to pay the Workmen; I have sent him £250 - - Wheat at Hexham on Tuesday was 17s.1d. pr. Bushel, Barley 9s/.d oats 8s/.d - - -Soup Kitchens are

established at this Place, for the poor, supported by the more opulent Householders & Persons in Trade; I submit it to you whether it would not be proper that Coln. Beaumont should subscribe.

12 Feb 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr.
Durham

Newcastle 12th. Feb.y 1801

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. at forty days dated this day for seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d being for half a year's moor Masters Rent due from Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. the 2d. inst. to the Lord Bishop of Durham, with 1s/2d for acquittance and Duty. –

Please to send Receipt for the same. – I am &c. J.E.B.

£75.1..2 No. 18014

Newcastle upon Tyne Feb.y 12th. 1801

Forty days after date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Seventy five Pounds 1s.2d Value received Surtees Burdon & Co.

Messrs. Ransom Morland @ Co. Bankers Pall Mall London
No. 154

14 Feb 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 14th. Feb.y 1801

Dear Sir

I received your Letter acknowledging the Receipt for the Check of £250 - - -

In a Letter that I had from Mrs. Beaumont she desired to have my Opinion respecting Hexham Tithes, the Lease of which to Mr. Ruddock, Mr. Leadbitter and Mr. Gibson will expire at May next, I understand that they were let to these Persons for the purpose of accomodating the several Proprietors of Lands with the Tithe of their own Ground, which certainly must be a great Convenience to them, but it cannot be supposed that these Gentlemen would undertake the Trouble without some private Advantage to themselves, and as it is the Wish of Colonel, & Mrs. Beaumont that each Proprietor should have the Offer of his Tithe at a fair price, I would recommend that the Tithes be annually valued by a skilful Person (not of the Neighbourhood) at a fair and resonable Rate not too high, and that each Proprietor may have an Offer of his Tithe, and in Case of his Refusal, to offer it to his Neighbour or any other Person; this I

have mentioned to Mrs. Beaumont and should you have any Objection to it, you will please to acquaint me.

I am &c. J.E.B.

17 Feb 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
under Cover to Coln. Beaumont
Portman Square London.

Newcastle 17th. Feb.y 1801

Dear Madam

I have the Honour of your Letter of the 12th. inst. on which day I wrote to you. – I send you inclosed Copy of my Letter to Mr Bell respecting Hexham Tithes, and his Answer; there certainly is some Reason in his Objection to the Mode that I proposed, as in Case of any of the Proprietors or their Neighbours refusing to take their Tithes at the rate set on them, you would be under the Necessity of drawing them, which would not only be attended with a good deal of Trouble and Expence, but in the Situation in which Colonel Beaumont is, might be looked on, in an invidious Light; at the same time I think it would be advisable to have a fair Value set on the Tithes, whether they are let for one, or three Years, with a resonable Allowance in the Price for the Trouble &c. and that the present Tenants may have an Offer of them on a Stipulation that each Proprietor shall have an Offer of his Tithe at a reasonable rate, this mode would I think obviate Mr. Bell's Objection. – I shall be happy to hear that this finds Colonel Beaumont safe arrived from Ireland & in good health. – I am glad that you gave Mr. G. Silvertop the Answer you did; I have for some time past suspected the Cause of the Rent of Stella grand Lease Colliery being withheld; Mr. Mulcaster and I have been with Mr. Heron to advise with him what Steps are proper to be taken on the Occasion of his Claim on the Winlaton Lands, as well as your Demand on him for the Arrears of Rent of the Colliery.-

I received the enclosed Letter and Proposals from Mr. <T.> Simpson Lessee under Greenwich Hospital of the gray mare Colliery, from which Dukesfield has been supplied with Coals and Cinders to the amount annually of from 3 to £400 -; the terms that he Offers are I think very high, and which I would not for many reasons recommend to you and Coln. Beaumont; the Coals from Mr. R. Surtees's Colliery at Medomsley from whence Dukesfield has annually had to the Amount of from 1 to £200; is a few Miles further distant, but the Quality of them are infinitely preferable, I am told that one fother of Medomsley is nearly equal to three of the former for the Works; besides they will I hope in the Course of a Year be supplied from Stublock Colliery, on which Accounts I would recommend that Mr. Simpson's Offer be rejected.-

I observe what you say respecting the Use of quick Lime in the Mine in <Aid.> of Gunpowder; I have heard that it has in some Parts been made use of for the Purpose,

but it has not been the Practice in your Mines; however I shall be glad if you could procure some further Particulars in Writing from the Gentlemen you mention.

I am &c J.E.B.

6 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 6th. March 1801

Dear Sir

I was favoured with your Letters of the 23d. and 25 ulto. the latter inclosing a Letter from Mr. Spence the Dentist to Mr. Summers which I delivered to him, and I acquainted Mr Spence with his Answer, but I omitted saying that Summers has the Appearance of being ignorant, & illiterate, and it is said that he is addicted to Liquor.-

Your Lead Agents were with me on Tuesday & I had a good deal of Conversation with them on your Mine Concerns; inclosed I send you what I could collect from them as to the present State of your Mines, as well as the Prospect which offers of their Improvement &c. The Carriage Pay to be made next Week, is considerable, but it becomes necessary at this time, as the Lead Company, G[reenwich]: Hospital, and the Halls & Co. pay their Lead & ore Carriage twice in the Year, & unless you do the same, you will loose a part of the Carriage; this Sum, with that paid for Gunpowder & the Supply of Corn for the Workmen will greatly reduce the Sum wanted to make the several Pays in May next, the Amount of which you shall be informed of as soon as the Lead Stewards make out the Pay Bills, or can form a guess of the Amount.-

The Bishop of Durham's Agent Mr. Emm has not yet informed me what Sum the Bishop demands on the renewal of the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope and of Lintzgarth, and the putting in a new Life; please acquaint me if it be agreeable to Mrs. Beaumont & you, that your Sons Life be inserted.-

After Mr. Bates had consulted that Dobson or his foreman should set a Value on the trifling Articles of Furniture that were broke or missing, wch. amounted to the sum of £ [blank] Mr. Bates refused to accept of it saying they were not proper Judges of joiner's Work and he sent another Bill which he expects shall likewise be paid but which I refus'd; Copies of which I enclose for your Direction. No Lead at Blaydon except for refining; amounting to about 5,000 Pieces, is coming slowly down from Allen Mill, but the other Carriage will not start till about the end of April; I wish that the price of Lead may keep up, but I doubt it.-

I hope to have it my Power to send Mr. Makepiece two Cakes of Silver next week.

I am &c. J.E.B.

I by this Post recd. Mr. Spence's Letter.-

12 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read, Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 12th March 1801

Gentn.

I received yours of the 7th. inst. and observe the Contents: had you applied to me sooner, I could have sent you a Piece of Silver; at present it is not in my Power as I am about sending the four next Pieces to London, where it is much wanted and the Price considerably advanced. – I do not incline to enter into any Engagement for all the Silver we refine, nor indeed for a part of it. I am &c - - - J.E.B.

13 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Messrs. Makepeace
Serle Street Lincolns Inn Fields London

Newcastle 13 March 1801

Sir

I yesterday sent you p[er] Jackson Willan & Co. the London Carriers a ps. fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred and fifty three Ounces and one half which I desire you will place to Account with Thos. Richd. Beaumont Esq. another ps. fine Silver will be sent you from this place p[er] first Waggon. – Please to advise me on your receipt of the piece sent you and inform me if any more will be required than another ps. I am &c.
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13 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 13th. March 1801

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with Mrs. Beaumont's Letter of the 5th. & yours of the 9th. & 11th. inst. I have made several Enquiries as to Labourer's Wages; Mr. Walton informs me that G:[reenwich] Hospital pay 18d. a Day, but he expects that they must be advanced; at this place & Neighbourhood 2s/.d & 2s/6d are paid, I have in Consequence wrote to Mr. Bell to pay the Labourers employed at the Abbey 1s/8d pr. Day & I wish (as Hexham is rather a dear Place) that they may be satisfied with those Wages: I have likewise repeated my request to Mr. Bell to draw up a proper Bond (as I am not accustomed in these Matters) for £900 at 5£ pr. Cent to be dated the 1st. Jan.y last and to get Mr. Isaac Hunter to execute it. Mr. Bowns's Opinion respecting the

living of St. John Lee appears to me to be very judicious and proper; I have accordingly sent it to Mr. Bell with my Sentiments, wishing it to be carried into Execution.-

I shall write again to Mrs. Forster and acquaint her that unless her bond be discharged in the Course of a Month, that Mr. Heron will have Directions to compell the Payment –

I have not yet had an Answer from the Agents of the Bishop of Durham respecting the Amount of the fine demanded on the renewal of the Lease of Killhope, Wellhope & Lintzgarth; when I have, you shall be advised of it; should we agree on terms I shall wish your Leave to insert the Life of your Son Thomas Wentworth. I have desired Mr. Bell to get the Lead Yard ready as soon as possible, as the Lead will now begin to come down, and that at Hexham is laying in a very loose Manner; there will be about 2000 Pieces of Lead at Blaydon by the end of next Week; I was there this Morning to have some Discourse with Mr. Mulcaster on the Business of Allen Lead Mill, and the Lead Carriage, I yesterday sent Mr. Makepeace by the London Waggon (of which I advised him) one Piece of fine Silver of 1153 ½ Ounces which came from Dukefield; a Piece was taken of this Morning at Blaydon of about 770 Ounces which I shall weigh at the Office tomorrow morning, & send to Mr. Makepeace by the London Waggon on tuesday; another Piece from Allen Mill will be sent to him the week following, for which I expect that he will give the Market Price 6s/6d at least. I had a Letter from Mr. Makepeace this Day which I have answered, but I can neither promise him one Piece monthly nor to let him have the Silver on the same terms that Langlands & Robertson of this place have paid, as Silver has had a considerable Advance lately.-

Thos. Crawhall and R. Mulcaster went with Mr. Hunter to Blanchland (the most convenient place) and made the Pay on Monday for the Carriage of Ore and Lead amounting to £7250.-of which the Sum of £5200. -. was received of Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co the Carriage Men were much pleased and I have no Doubt that your Lead Concern will find the Benefit of it.-

No trials of the quick Lime have yet been made to ascertain the Benefit of it.-

I send you enclosed the heads of the Lease of your 1/12th. of Stella grand Lease Colliery drawn up by Mr. Heron from Instructions given him by Mr. Silvertop, and likewise a Copy of Mr. T Gray the Lessor's Viewer's Letter to me with his Remarks, which I have communicated to Mr. Gray of Backworth one of the Proprietors (who is at present with Mr. Brandling at Middleton) and he agrees with me in objecting to execute the Lease unless the proper Clauses &c. be inserted; this I have acquainted Mr. Heron with, and desired that he would inform Mr. Silvertop of the same. I observe what you say as to Mr. Bates's demand I shall send T. Crawhall and again make a tender of the £4.0.3 and pay no further Sum.-

Lead and Litharge continue at the same Price at present, but as the Summer advances and Lead comes down to Market, I am very doubtful of the Price keeping up, considering the Situation of the Country. – I am &c. J.E.B.

14 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 14th. March 1801

Dear Sir

The enclosed was sent me by Colonel Beaumont, and he wishes that what Mr. Bowns recommends may be carried into Execution; should you find any Objection to the Mode of proceeding, you will please to mention it. – Coln. Beaumont likewise desires that what I mentioned to you in a former Letter respecting your preparing a proper Bond for £900. – at 5 pr. Ct. dated 1st. Jan.y last, for Mr. Isaac Hunter to execute, may be immediately done by you, and that you will get it executed.-

On Enquiry of Mr. Walton he informs me that G.[reenwich] Hospital do not pay more than 18d. p[er] day for Labourers, but as Hexham is rather a dear place, I hope that your Labourers will be satisfied with 20d pr. Day.-

As the Lead from Allen Mill will now be coming down very fast (and possibly some from Dukesfield) and the Lead now at Hexham lays in a very loose Manner, you are desired to give Directions that the Lead Yard at the Abbey may be got ready as soon as may be, for the Reception of the Lead.

I am &c. J.E.B.

14 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr. Isaac Hunter
Dukesfield

Newcastle 14th. March 1801

Mr. I: Hunter

I find that both Thos. Atley and Thos. Fairlamb are very improper Persons for keeping an Account of the Lead, from their frequent Mistakes and Neglects which you must be sensible of yourself, on which Account I would have you immediately apply to -- Ellerington at the Bank foot (who takes an Accot. of a part of the Lead Company's Lead) and in Case he will undertake to keep an exact Account of Coln., Beaumont's Lead, to agree with him on the best terms that you can, I imagine that he will be well satisfied with £10 or ten Guineas pr. Annm. – I am not a little surprised that Allenheads Mill was off work on Tuesday & Wednesday last, when there was plenty of Ore and of Water, what could be the Occasion of it? Allen Mill will be off work in a fortnight for want of Ore, if it should not be sent from Coalcleugh or Wearale, it must be sent from Allenheads without Loss of time

Mr. Harrison cannot execute your Order for the Iron Castings, so you must apply to Mr. Cookson's Foundary in the Close. – Mr. Harrison will send you his bill for what you have already got from him, which on your examining and sending it me, with an Accot. of the old Castings got from Dukesfield, I can settle with him.

I am &c. J.E.B.

17 Mar 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Str Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Newcastle 17 Mar: 1801 –

Sir

In Mr Blacketts absence I have this day sent you p[er] Jackson Willan & Co. a ps fine Silver containing Eight Hundred and Nineteen Ounces which I desire you will place to Accot. with T:R Beaumont Esq. as usual – Please to advise on your receipt of the same

Yours &c. T:C:

22 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
under Cover to Coln. Beaumont
Portman Square, London

Newcastle 22d. March 1801

Dear Madam

I have been favoured with Coln. Beaumont's Letter of the 14th. & yours of the 9th. inst. with the several Inclosures.-

The Instalment of 20p[er] Cent on your Subscription to the new Branch from Corbridge to Heddon on the Wall, is paid; Thos. Salkelds late Father had been employed as Agent at Dukesfield Mill, fifty Years, and was a faithful, honest Servant; he was Cousin German to the Grandfather of Mr. Bell of Wolsingham; his Son is employed under T. Westgarth and has only 8s/.d p[er] Week Wages, which is less than is paid the common Labourer: if on Enquiry it be found that he behaves well, I think that his Wages should be advanced.-

I observe Mr. Bowns's Remarks on the Draught of the Lease of Stella Grand Lease Colliery, which shall be shewn to Mr. Heron for his Government.-

Mrs. Gretton's Letter gives a very pleasing Account of your two Sons as to health, as well as every other Blessing, which I am happy to hear.-

James Dale the Officer of the Excise (whose Letter you enclosed) shall be acquainted with what you mention. Two Cakes of Silver have been sent to Mr. Makepeace of which he is advised, and for which I expect that he will allow at least 6s..6d p[er] Oz. when the other Cake of Silver arrives from Allen Mill, it shall be sent to Mr. Makepeace.-

The Bond from Mr. Isaac Hunter for £900 – dated the 1st. January last, has been executed by Mr. I. Hunter. Mr. J. Bell has given the necessary Directions for the Lead Yard at the Abbey to be got ready as soon as possible; he has sent me the Bill of R: Langstaff who has done the Business (or a great part of it) of Plumber and Glazier at

the Abbey amounting to £146..3.8 desiring me to make enquiry of the Persons in that Business at this Place, as to the Prices &c. of which I shall do; a former Bill of the same Person, was paid by Mr. Bell amounting to £126 ---as well as one of W:Watson of this Place for £106---amounting in the whole to about £380 ---a very large Sum indeed for these Articles solely; particularly when he had your Lead for the Purpose from Dukesfield; this matter requires to be well examined into, but it is Mr. Bell's Business to do it, and is quite out of my Way; I am ready to give my Advice, but an do nothing further in it. –

I am &c.- J.E.B.

Mr. Bates has received the £4--odd for Loss & Damage of furniture and given a Receipt for the same.-

23 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs. Drummond
Bankers London

Newcastle March 23d. 1801

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Cos. Bill on Mess Barclays Tritton & Co. at Thirty Days dated this Day; for four Hundred and sixty-two Pounds, ten Shillings, to pay half a Year's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th. ulto. to my Lord Bishop of Durham from Colonel Beaumont.- Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£462..10---0 No. 16177

Newcastle upon Tyne 23d. Mar. 1801

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E. Blackett Esqr. four hundred and sixty two Pounds 10s/- value recd.- Surtees Burdon & Brandling
Messrs. Barclays Tritton & Bevan Bankers London.

24 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
under Cover to Coln. Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 24th. March 1801

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 22d. inst. to which I beg leave to refer you.-

Mr. Ant.y Surtees has been with me this morning to inform me that there is a Prospect of Mr. I: Hunter disposing of his Share of the Brewery at Alstone, but it will

depend on the following Circumstances: That the Payments for the same be at six, twelve, and eighteen Months, that you shall be paid four or five Hundred Pounds in the Course of three Months (in part of his Bond) and the remainder at 18 Months provided you will give up the Interest for the whole term; this Proposal Mr. A: Surtees desired that I would communicate to you and Coln. Beaumont for your Determination.

Any Opposition that be given to the additional Duty on Lead exported, I apprehend would not avail at present; this Duty cannot by the Act of Union effect the Lead of those Mines that were worked at the time of the Union and the Scots Claim, that Exemption for a great part of their Mines.

I am &c.- J.E.B.

P.S. I received a Letter from Mr. J. Bell acquainting me that there has been sent from Dukesfield for the Abbey 92 Pieces of Lead near 7 Ton. The Lead is finished &c.

31 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
under Cover to Coln. Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 31st. March 1801

Dear Madam

I have the Favour of your Letter of the 28th. inst. and observe what you say respecting the Proposal that Mr. A: Surtees has made: there can be no Doubt that you are well entitled to the Interest of the £900 – that Sum having been some time due and no Interest allowed for the same, but if by means of your accepting of the Terms offered, you can secure the the principal Sum (altho' with the Loss of near £40 – Interest) probably a Year or two sooner than you would otherwise get it, you and Colonel Beaumont must judge and determine how far it may be advisable.-

The enclosed Schedule under another Cover, was sent me by Mr. Bell to fill up; that of last Year was filled up (I believe) by Mr. Bowns and signed by Colonel Beaumont; as that Gentleman may probably be in town he can do it, if not, on Coln. Beaumont's signing it, and sending it to him, he can do the needful and return it to Mr. Bell. – You and Coln. Beaumont are very obliging in what you are pleased to say respecting Mr. Bell's Applications to me about the Tradesmen's Bills on Account of Hexham Abbey.

I have already sent Mr Makepeace two Cakes of Silver which are arrived in town, a third Cake will be sent to him tomorrow Morning by the London Waggon, the weight of the whole of which being 2771 ½ Ounces at 6s/7d p[er] oz amounts to £912.5.8 for which Sum I have this Day drawn a Bill on Mr. Makepeace at 30 Days Date, and paid the same into Messrs. Surtees and Burdon's Bank: the end of next Month I shall send him another Cake. –

I am &c. –J.E.B.

31 Mar 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Street Lincolns Inn Fields London

Newcastle 31st. March 1801

Sir

I have been favoured with your several Letters of the 24th. & 26th. instant with an Account of the Receipt of two Cakes of Silver as at <f>oot; I have this Day sent you another Cake of fine Silver of 799 Ounces by Jacksons London Waggon, which I hope may arrive safe, the Amount for the whole being £912.5.8. – I have this Day drawn a Bill on you at 30 Days date payable to the Order of Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. which I doubt not will be duly honoured.-I shall send you another Cake if agreeable to you about the end of April. I am &c J.E.B.

Oz
1st Cake 1153 ½
2d. do 819
3d. do 799
2771 ½ at 6s/7d p Oz is £912.5.8

P.S. I find that the Waggon does not go till Thursday the 2d. April so I shall date the Bill that Day.

10 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

C Bowns Esq.
Banktop Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 10th. April 1801

Sir

I have received yours of the 5th. Inst. & observe the Contents. It is not in my power at present to ascertain the Nett receipt from Col. Beaumont's Lead Mines for the year 1800 – the several Leadmine Agents not having yet made out & sent me their Accounts of Charges &c. attending their Mines for that year, nor the quantity of Ore raised in the above time, that being the case, I think no better mode can be adopted than that of making the return of Income the same as last year

I am &c. J:E:B:

10 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Wilkinson

Jno. Wilkinson Esqr.

N.Castle 10th. April 1801

Chesterfield

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 7th. inst. enclosing a Copy of Mr. Barker's Letter to you, and I observe what you say on the Subject. - No Measures have yet been taken by the Proprietors of Lead Mines in these parts, towards giving any Opposition to the additional Duty on Lead exported, for altho' it was certain to be attended with Loss to the Trade, as well as a great Discouragement to Mine Adventurers, yet the very small Hopes they entertained of meeting with Success has so far prevented them taking any active Steps in this Business; on the former Duty being imposed in 1785 a strong Opposition was given to the Measure by the Proprietors and Adventurers of Lead Mines in the several Counties of Derby, York, Durham & Northumberland as well as by the Trade, but without Effect, which it is apprehended would be the Case at present was it opposed; I have however wrote to Colonel Beaumont on the Subject and enclosed him Copies of Mr. Barker's Letter as well as that of the Memorial presented to the Treasury from these parts in 1785: I have likewise recommended it to him to confer with the Governor of the Lead Company and other Proprietors in Town on the Business; it would be well if Mr. Barker (who is Master of the Subject) would take the Trouble of calling on Coln. Beaumont at his House in Portman Square, who I shall prepare for the Meeting and you will please to mention it to Mr. Barker. -

Very little has been done in the Lead Trade at this Place for some Months past and the Stocks on hand at present are very small, but next Month the Lead Carriage will lead briskly. - The Mines in these parts have been very unproductive for some time past; but those of the Lead Company are at present in an improving State. I have been selling small Quantities from 100 to 1000 ps. at £23-10- - the Fodr. & I hope that the Price may be supported.

I am &c.- J.E.B.

10 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 10th. April 1801

Dear Sir

I have received a Letter from Mr. Wilkinson of Chesterfield inclosing one from Mr. Barker (Copies of both I send you under another Cover) respecting the additional Duty which is proposed to be laid on Lead exported, I likewise send you Copy of the Memorial which was presented to the Treasury in 1785 when the former Duty was proposed by the Minister, which (notwithstanding the Pains that was taken to oppose the Measure) had no Effect, nor do I beleive that it would succeed better on the present Occasion should it be opposed; however you will have an Opportunity of knowing the Sentiments of Gentlemen in Town who have Mine Concerns, as well as the Governor of

the Lead Company & others concerned in the Trade, and of taking such Steps as may be thought advisable; should Mr. Barker not have left Town, he will wait on you and have some Conversation with you on this Business.

I am &c. -J.E.B.

I had no Opportunity of mentioning this Matter to Mr. Walton as he was from home and may not return for two or three Days.

14 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square, London

Newcastle 14th. April 1801

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 10th. inst. to which I refer you; It is with Concern that I acquaint you with the sudden Death of Mr. Ralph Heron yesterday evening at 8 o' Clock; I understand that he had been complaining for some Days before, but saw persons on Business, so I imagine that he must have gone off in a Fit. It is probable that you will be applied to by his Son Walter, not only to succeed his Father in your law Business, but likewise as Clerk of the Court for the Manor of Hexham, in which Mr. J. Bell was his Deputy; Walter Heron is I believe very capable of Business, sober & diligent; he has had but indifferent Health for some time past, but is getting better: As he has been employed in your Law Business &c. with his late Father, should you think proper to continue him in the same, I have no Doubt of his executing it with Diligence and Integrity.-

I last Week sent Mr. J. Bell £600 – to pay the 5 & 6 Instalments on your Income Tax for the former year and for his Payments on Account of Hexham Abbey.-

I have been applied to by the Bishop of Durham's Agent Mr. Mowbray respecting the renewal of the Leases of Kilhope & Welhope & of Lintzgarth by the putting in a new Life in the room of R. Brooks and exchanging a Life in Room of ---Robson who I understand is not in a very good State of Health and he weighs 24 Stone, and I think it advisable to take this Opportunity of exchanging his Life; Mr. Mowbray says that the Bishop is very desirous of there being a Clause in the Lease, empowering the Bishop to take off and enclose as much of the Land (I suppose the Moor Land & not that at present enclosed) as may serve for the Support of a couple of Horses and three Cows for the Curate of a Chapel proposed to be built by his Lordship and for the School Master; that this Ground so to be reserved shall be at such part as may be settled & set off by the Agents of the Bishop and your Agents, and to be at a part that may not interfere or be prejudicial to your Concerns; as the Bishop has the Power in some Measure in himself, this request cannot well be refused, provided it be executed in the Manner that I mentioned, which I have no Doubt that it will be; your Son Mr.

Wentworth Beaumont, and T.Crawhall (who is in the Office) will be in the Place of R. Brooks & -- Robson.-

There is no Demand for Lead at present either for abroad, or by the London Buyers and in the present Situation of the Trade I fear that the present Price cannot long be supported, when I have been selling Lead for some time past at £23.10.- p[er] Fodr. the Price at Hull has not exceeded £22.10.- and as the Season advances, Lead will be coming down to Market very fast, I understand that Surtees Halls & Easterby are sending their Lead to London where they have a wharf and that they have at present near 20,000 <ps> [pieces]. for Sale.

I am &c. J.E.B.

20 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Sqr. London

Newcastle 20th. April 1801---

Dear Sir

Since my Letter to you of the 14th. inst. I have had some further Conversation with the Bishop's Agent Mr. Mowbray respecting the Terms on the renewal of the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope, which I send you enclosed, with my Opinion of the same; he is to be with me again on Friday, before which time I shall see Mr. Crawhall (who is well acquainted with that Farm and in whose Rental it is) and have some Conversation with him on the Business: Should Mr. Mowbray persist on the terms proposed, I would recommend it to you not to accede to them, as you have at present two Lives in your Lease against the Bishops, and his Successor may be treated on more moderate terms. The Bishop has formed an Idea that the common People in Weardale are in a very uncivilized State, which is very far from being the Case; he is quite mad about Chapel Building, but should he carry his Plan into Execution and erect a Chapel in that part, it will not have the Effect that he expects, as much the greater part of the Inhabitants of that part of the Country are Presbyterians & will follow their Own Persuasion.-

I congratulate you on the late glorious News, hoping that the Effects of it may be a Means of bringing about an advantageous Peace, & of Course a great Demand for Lead.-

I have this Moment been favoured with your Letter of the 18th. inst. and observe that Mrs. Beaumont & you have come to a Resolution of appointing Mr. Walter Heron to succeed his late Father in your Law Business, as well as bailiff of the Manor of Hexham, in both which I hope that he may execute the Business to the Satisfaction of you both, as well as to his own Credit, you have done a most kind thing to the Family at this time, and I think myself much obliged to you for what you so kindly say as to any Recommendation from me. I am &c. J.E.B.

21 Apr 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Maullin & Co

Messrs Maullin & Co.
Birmingham

N.Castle 21:April 1801-

Gentn.

Your letter of the 17th. came to Mr Blacketts hands in due course.- the present Price of Lead at this place is for Ref[ined]d Lead £23-10 p[er] F[od]d[e]r. of 21 cwt. Com[mo]n. Lead £23.5- p[er] f[od]d[er]. exclusive of all charges attending the Shipping &c. of <do.> - The Lead disposed of by Mr. Blackett is all delivered at Blaydon, about three Miles distant from this place, and the Purchaser is at every expence in the Shipping &c. which will render it necessary that you Commission some person in this Town to execute that business for you. I am &c. T:C-

24 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas. Bowns Esqr.
Bank-top, near Barnsley, Yorkshire

N.Castle 24th. April 1801

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 19th. inst. and observe the Contents.-

So far as I am capable of judging of the Hexham & Allendale Inclosure Act, I am quite of your Opiniion respecting Mr. Leek's Allotment, & I have in Consequence acquainted Mr. J. Bell, that in case of Mr. Leek's not taking the Benefit of the Clause in the Act that you allude to, that I should recommend your Advice to be followed, that Colonel Beaumont should lend the Money upon Mortgage in the Manner which you have pointed out.-

I have lately been in Treaty with the Agents of the Bishop of Durham for the renewal of the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope in Weardale, and of Lintzgarth in Rookhope, by putting in a new Life in the Place of the late Richard Brooks, I have had some Meetings with Mr. Mowbray on that Business, but the Terms which he proposes, appear to me so very unreasonable, that I cannot recommend it to Colonel Beaumont to accede to them; I have acquainted him with it, & you will probably hear from him on the Subject. Colonel Beaumont's Lead Agents have been with me this Morning for Subsistence Money for the Workmen; I am sorry to say that the Mines are not at present in an improving State and that there is very small Demands for Lead at present.

I am &c.- J.E.B.

24 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Jno. Bell

Newcastle 24th. April 1801

Hexham Abbey

Dear Sir

I have had a Letter from Mr. Bowns (a Copy of which I enclose you.) Should Mr. Leeche persist in declining to avail himself of the Benefit that Clause in the Act gives him, I think that it will be advisable for Colonel Beaumont to adopt the Mode recommended by Mr. Bowns. I am &c. J.E.B.

27 Apr 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 27th April 1801

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs. Barclays & Co. at Thgirty Days dated this Day, for three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds, to pay one Quar[te]rs. Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. H: Hardinge from Coln. Beaumont. – Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill, and inform Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am &c. -J.E.B.

£375 ---- No. 16312 Newcastle upon Tyne 27th. Aprl. 1801

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds; Value received Surtees Burdon & Brandling
Messrs. Barclays, Tritton & Bevan Bankers London

20 May 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Street Lincolns Inn, London

Newcastle May 20th 1801

Sir

I have this Day sent you p[er] Jackson & Potts, the London Carriers, a ps. fine Silver containing one Thousand and fifty-nine Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Thomas Richd. Beaumont Esqr. and advise me on your Receipt of the same. – I am &c.-J.E.B.

26 May 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Charles Bowns

Chas. Bowns Esqr.

N.Castle 26th. May 1801

Bank Top, near Barnsley, Yorkshire

Sir

Mr. Blackett recd. yours of the 17th. inst. when in the Country attending the Lead-mine Pays; he has not yet returned; but has directed me to forward the Accounts herewith sent to you; his Cash Account has been made out some time, but he has not yet had time to examine it.-

In the Bankers Account you will observe the Ballance brought forward £4,000--- less than the Account ending Xmas, which they inform me was for 2 <Dfts> made by you, and which should not have been placed to Cash Account till the 15th. & 23d. of Jan.y the times of their becoming due.

I remain &c. T.C.

8 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Street Lincoln's Inn Fields

N.Castle 8th. June 1801

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 30th. ulto. & observe that there is a Reduction in the Price of fine Silver of one Penny an Ounce; as you are in Want of that Article, I shall send you on Wednesday next by the London Waggon a small Cake of fine Silver containing 853 ½ Ounces, for which you will please to allow the Market Price

I am &c.-- J.E.B.

8 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 8th. June 1801

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 20th. ulto. from Dukesfield; since my return from the Lead Pay I have not had Occasion to trouble you with a Letter; I wish that it was in my Power to give you a more pleasing Account of the State of your Mines; they are much the same as when I wrote last a Quantity of Ore has been raised at Allenheads, but it will come rather high; you will please to observe that I have frequently made Complaints of the very foul State of the Ore sent to the Lead Mills, and I have cautioned the several Agents about it, & am sorry to find that there is not any Improvement in that respect, for the Washers are such a Parcel of Rascals that they will cheat you unless they are very narrowly watch'd, which in your Concern I do not find that it is in the Power of

your Agents to do, and I do not see any remedy to this great Evil, but your Appointing a Person to superintend the Ore Washers at the several Mines, and to have no Ore pass'd or sent away but under his Inspection, he should be well skill'd in the washing Business, so as to know all the Tricks of Deceipts of the Washers; a very active Person of proper Age, and above all of good Character for Integrity, to whom a Salary should be allowed sufficient to put him rather above doing a bad Action, and likewise to enable him to keep a Horse which he cannot do without, as he must attend the several Mines, and occasionally the Lead Mills; a Person that appears to answer this Description has been recommended to me; you will be pleased to take this Matter into Consideration & favour me with your Answer, as the Lead Agents are to be with me for Subsistence for the Workmen on the 22d. inst. I have had some Discourse with Mr. N.Walton on this Business, who is of Opinion that such an Agent will be very necessary; Mr. Walton met me at Allen Mill and dined with me at Allenheads on the 21st. of May. There are at present about 16,000 Pieces of Lead at Blaydon ready for Sale and more is daily coming down from the several Lead Mills; the London Buyers have not yet made any Offers except Walker's & Co. for 1000 Pieces of common for their White Lead Work, I asked £23.---p[er] Fodder which they refused to give; they have a large Quantity coming from West Chester which they say will stand them in at this Place only £21-10—p[er] Fodr. Mr. C. Blackett's Friend Mr. Locke has engaged all Lord Pomfret's A.D: Lead that comes down to Stockton at a certain Price (I am informed pretty high) & that there will be near 50,000 Pieces down by the end of the Year; the Baltick being opened for the trade, will occasion some Demand, but I am apprehensive that the present Price cannot be supported, but I shall be better able to judge during the Course of this Month.-

I some time ago spoke to Mr. Walton about the Person he employed to value the Tithes of Greenwich Hospital, & he is so obliging to allow him to value the Tithes of Hexham Town Fiends, & Hexham common, & he has wrote to him accordingly, which Letter I have enclosed to Mr. Bell, he having wrote me that owing to the Forwardness of the Season, the sooner the Valuation is begun with the better.-

I enclose you a Copy of a Bill sent to the Office, you will please to give the necessary Directions about the Payment of it. I am &c.-- J.E.B.

8 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 8th. June 1801

Dear Sir

In Consequence of your Letter I made Application to Mr. Walton, to whom Mrs. Beaumont had spoke respecting a proper Person to set a Value on the Tithes of Hexham Town Fields, and Hexham Common; I accordingly received the enclosed Letter to Mr. <T> Surtees, respecting which you will please to take the necessary Steps.

I got home with my Granddaughter on Thursday last after a very pleasant Jaunt, which has been of Service to us both. I am &c. -J.E.B.

13 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 13th. June 1801

Dear Sir

I yesterday heard a Rumour that the Workmen at your Mines & Lead Mills had left off work & assembled in great Numbers in a riotous Manner; on this Report being confirmed to me I was about sending Thos. Crawhall to the Mines to learn the cause of it, but was prevented by the Arrival of all the principal Agents; they informed me that the Miners at Coalcleugh (where this this Matter originated) having joined those in Weardale, proceeded to Allenheads and the several Lead Mills, and stopp'd the several Works; they complain that the Dearnness of Corn, as well as every Article of Provisions, puts it out of their Power to support their respective Families at present, and they request that the lending Money may be encreased, that instead of their having one Guinea & half each able Workman every two Months, that they may have that Sum every Month; which being done they do not desire any Corn to be provided for them; this on Enquiry is now done by the Lead Company; I had some Conversation yesterday Evening with Mr. Walton on this Business, and he has very kindly met the Mine Agents at your Office this morning for a couple of Hours, when we had the Matter very fully discussed with a couple of the Workmen who were deputed by those of Weardale, after considering of the whole Business, Mr. Walton and I are both of Opinion that it will be advisable to comply with their Requests, so far as relates to the lending Money, but on Condition that they peacably disperse & go to their respective Works; the Men being desirous of having something drawn up to satisfie the rest of the Workmen, I signed a Paper (a Copy of which I enclose you) for the Consideration of Mrs Beaumont and yourself, I shall be happy if it meet with your Approbation, but I must request that you will please to favour me with an immediate Answer.-

Should this Measure take place the lending Money will be doubled , the Lead Pay lessened, & you will be releived of the Expençe of supplying your Workmen with Corn at a reduced Price, the charge of which has been from £1,200 to 1,600 p[er] Annum.

I am &c.-- -J.E.B.

I am in treaty with the London Lead Dealers for a pretty large Quantity of Lead, the Success in which you shall be informed in a few Days. —

17 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont, under Cover to
Coln. Beaumont, Cheltenham Gloucestershire

Newcastle 17th. June 1801

Dear Madam

In my Letter to you yesterday, I informed you that your Workmen at the several Mines and Lead Mills had gone quietly to their different Employments,-

The Person that has been recommended to me to superintend the Washing of the Ore, and examining it before it be pass'd and sent off to the several Mills, I believe is likely to answer the Purpose; if on trial I find him so, I shall engage him, as you approve of the Measure--I observe what you say respecting Mr. W. Heron, I understand that his Health is now very much improved, and that it is thought he will be able to transact Business to the Satisfaction of those that favour him with their Employment, and that he will apply closely to his Profession; I am informed that he has agreed with Mr. J. Bell to act as Deputy Bailiff, whose Son's Name was (with the Approbation of yourself and Coln. Beaumont) to be in the Appointment; it will be absolutely necessary that the Bailiff should either reside at Hexham, or that Mr. Bell should be his Deputy, as he is perfect Master of the Business of the Court, and has for a number of Years executed it so much to the Satisfaction of the Copyholders in general; should you & Coln. Beaumont think Proper both to take your Business out of the Hands of Mr. W. Heron, and likewise displace him from his Appointment of Bailiff, the Consequences to him must at this time be fatal; when you come in to the North should you find that your Law Business has been neglected, and that Mr. Heron is not equal to the Transaction of it, you can then put it into the Hands of Messrs. Surtees & Purvis.-

Mr. J. Surtees of Ebchester, who Mr. Walton recommended to me, will settle with Mr. Bell as to the time for the Valuation of the Tithes, & will go up to Hexham for that Purpose. When the Packages you mention arrive from London they shall be forwarded to Hexham. I shall according to your Desire make Enquiry about Lodgings for you for the Assize Week, of which I shall advise you.-

I have some Business in the North, and as I am not on the Turf, nor an Admirer of the Diversion, I shall take the Opportunity of that Week (after the Business with the Lead Stewards is finished) of going from home for ten Days but shall be back against the Bishop of Durham comes to this Place &c. on his Visitation, & to confirm the 6th. July. - I am &c.- -J.E.B.-

18 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey Mr. J. Bell

N.Castle 18th. June 1801

Mr. John Surtees of Ebchester who Mr. Walton recommended to me for making a Valuation of Hexham Tithes, called on me & wished that Business might be delayed a

short time, and that he would call on you & settle with you as to the time of its being done.-

Some Packages are expected from London which on their Arrival, shall be forwarded by the Carrier to Hexham.-

If Mrs. Hales on Examination of Mr. Mather's Bill for sundry Articles for the Abbey, should find it right, I desire that she may sign it and send it to the Office that it may be discharged. I am &c.- J.E.B.

19 Jun 1801 Thomas Crawhall to John Bell

Mr Bell Hexham Abbey

N.Castle 19 June 1801

Mr. Blackett being engaged in business desires me to say he has received your letter he refers you to his letter of the 18th. Inst. and approves of what you say about letting the Tithers keep the Tithes this year at a moderate value, but still to have a valuation taken as soon as an opportunity occurs

I am &c T.C.

20 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Street Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Newcastle June 20th. 1801

Sir,

I have this Day drawn a Bill on you at Thirty Days date, payable to the Order of Messrs. Surtees, Burdon & Brandling for £850 - - -on Account of two Pieces of fine Silver already sent you, & one Piece do. weigh'd this Day qty 701 Ounces, which will be sent you on Tuesday first, and which I desire you will place to Accot. with Coln. Beaumont at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of the same.

I am &c.----J.E.B.

21 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to William Shaftoe

Mr. Willm. Shaftoe
Deputy Auditor Copyhold Office Durham

N.Castle 21st. June 1801

Sir

Your Letter to me of the 19th. inst. has rather surprized me, being wrote in a Style which I had no reason to expect.-

I have always been ready on the part of Coln. Beaumont to discharge every proper Demand on him, on being applied to for the Purpose, and I hope to satisfie the Lord Bishop of Durham of the same, when I have the Honour of seeing him at this place on the 6th. July & shewing him your Letter & a Receipt of Mr. Wm. Charlton for his Lordship's Rent for Lands at Winlaton due Martinmas 1791 amounting (after Deduction of the Land Tax) to £4.10.8. The Sum due for nine Year's Rent, will be paid at Colonel Beaumont's Office in this place, when applied for. I am &c. -J.E.B.

22 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. John Bell Hexham Abbey

N.Castle 22d. June 1801

Dr. Sir

I received your Letter & observe what you say respecting the letting the Tithes of Hexham It was by Colonel Beaumont's Direction that those Tithes were to be valued, at the same time intending to let the Occupiers have their own Tithes at a reasonable rate; If the present Tenants have them again at the same Rent, I do not see any Benefit arising to Coln. Beaumont by having them valued, nor for what Purpose it will be, after the Directions which have been given, I do not find that any discretionary Power is lodged with me, to act otherwise: So, in Case the present Tenants should give more Rent, of Course the Occupiers must pay more for their Tithes. I am going to the North tomorrow on Business & shall not return till the 4th. July. I am &c. -J.E.B.

22 Jun 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont, under Cover
to Colonel Beaumont Cheltenham Gloucestershire

Newcastle 22d. June 1801

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 17th. inst. & am glad that you & Colonel Beaumont approve of what has been done respecting the Lending Money for the Workmen; I am in hopes that on the whole that it may not be attended with any Loss to the Concern, but their Manner of obtaining it, was unjustifiable & highly improper, and what must be discouraged as much as possible ; the Workmen returned quietly to work on the 9th. inst. The Lead Stewards are with me at present for the Lending Money for the two Months which for the several Mines & Lead Mills, with some Wood Payments amounts to £4650 – –

In Weardale the Mines of Breckonsyke & Puddenthorn are doing very well, the rest of the Workings are but indifferent; At Allenheads they are raising Ore very well at a Floom lately discovered, the rest of the Works are not very productive at present, but are in a promising Way. Both high & low Coalcleugh are poor. –

At the foot you have an Account of the Sales that I have lately made; in small Quantities I am selling at £23 -5 - & £23.10. p[er] Fo[dder]. Litharge £24 the Tone – I wrote to you the 17th. inst. to which I refer you. – The Packages from London are arrived & will be forwarded by the Carrier to the Abbey on Friday.

I go into the North on some Business tomorrow and turn by [sic] back on the races and all the Gaities of the Week. I am &c. J.E.B

17 Jul 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

N. Castle 17th. July 1801

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Brandling, on Messrs. Ransom & Co. at thirty days dated this Day, for three hundred & seventy five Pounds, to pay one Quar[te]rs. Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from Coln. Beaumont. – Please to advise me on your Rect. of the Bill, and inform Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am &c.---J.E.B.

£375 -0 -0 No. 3516

Newcastle upon Tyne 17th. July 1801

Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of J.E. Blackett Esqr. three hundred & seventy-five Pounds value received. Surtees Burdon & Brandling-
Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. Bankers Pall Mall London

6 Aug 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon & Webster

Mess. Wheeldon Webster
Derby

Newcastle August 6: 1801-

Gentlemen I have this day shipp'd on board the Perseverance Captn. Dennis Cook Ten Casks of Litharge, the particulars of which have sent you, to the care of Good-ger & Co. Gainsbro' which I hope will arrive safe I am &c. T.C.

For 10 Cks Lith: <Neat Wo. bo.> @24 p[er] Ton £72–
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8 Aug 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Rt. Makepeace
Serle Strt. Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Newcastle Augt. 8. 1801-

Sir I have this day sent you p[er] Jackson & Co. the London Carriers, two pieces of fine Silver Containing together One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One & a hald Ounces which Mr Blackett desires you will place to Account with T.R Beaumont Esq. at the Markett Price and advise him on your receipt of the same.-

I am Sir &c. T.C.

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22 Aug 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq.
Durham

N. Castle Augt. 22d. 1801

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Mess. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Mess. Ransom & Co at Forty Days dated this day for Seventy five Pounds ½ being half a years Moor Master's Rent due from Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. the 2d. Inst: to the Lord Bishop of Durham with acquittance & Duty. Please to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Bill No. 188 Yours &c. J:E:B:

27 Aug 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Mess Drummond
Bankers London

Newcastle 27 Augt. 1801

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Mess. Ransom & Co. at Forty Days dated this day for Four Hundred 7 Sixty Two Pounds 10/- to pay half a Year's Comp[ositio]n. for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26. Inst. to my Lord Bishop of Durham from Col: Beaumont – Please to advise me on your receipt of the same-

I am &c. J:E:B:

£462 -10-.. No. 4052 -

Newcastle upon Tyne 27 Augt. 1801

Forty Days after date pay to the order of J:E:Blackett Esqr. Four Hundred and Sixty two Pounds Ten Shillgs Value received Surtees Burdon & Brandling To Mess. Ransom Morland & Co.Bankers London

10 Sep 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Street Lincolns Inn Fields London

Newcastle 10th Septr. 1801-

Sir

I have this day drawn a Bill on you at Twenty Days date, payable to the order of Mess. Surtees Burdon & Brandling for £567.14.9. being the Balance of your Account with This. Rd. Beaumont Esq for fine Silver sent you –

I am &c. J:E:B:

Bill No. 191-

16 Sep 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr. Durham

N.Castle 16th. Septr. 1801-

Sir

I wrote to you on the 22d. ulto. enclosing a Bill amount £75-1-2 to pay ½ a year's Moor Master's Rent due to the Bishop of Durham, but have not recd. your Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the same which you will be pleased to send me.-

Coln. Beaumont is desirous of having the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope renewed, subject to the Condition of giving up to the Lord Bishop of Durham (should it be required) such part of the common as may fully answer the several Purposes intended for the building a Chapel, Houses & Ground for the Chaplain & Schoolmaster; but Coln. Beaumont can not consent that it should conclude any part of the enclosed Ground, as it would very materially affect his Works.-

This Lease was originally granted by the Bishop for the Accomodation of his Lessee of the Mines, & after an Improvement had been made & Houses built for that Purpose at a considerable Expence, it would be very hard on Colonel Beaumont to be deprived of the most valuable & necessary part of the Ground for his Works.

I am &c. J.E.B.

5 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Wheeldon & Webster

Oct. 5: 1801. Sent Wheeldon & Webster the separate Weight of each of 10 Casks Litharge shipp'd on board the Perseverance Capt. D. Cook on thier Accot. the 5 Aug last

8 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col:Beaumont
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 8th- Octr. 1801

Dear Sir

The enclosed Papers had been mislaid, Geo. Forster called this morning with his Candle Bills for Coalcleugh, & Allenheads, signed by the Agents amounting to £186.10... which I paid; On my giving him Notice that no more Candles would for the future be taken from him for your Mines; he made a request that his Stock of Candles in hand which had been made for the use of your Mines may be taken from him amounting to about 100 Dozen, I thought it reasonable & consented to it.

I am &c. J:E:B:

9 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

Willm. Emm Esqr.
Auckland Castle.

Newcastle 9th. Octr. 1801

Dear Sir

I have been for some time in treaty for the renewal of the Lease of Kilhope and Welhope with Lintzgarth in Weardale, held by T.R.Beaumont Esqr. of the Lord Bishop of Durham, & I wished much that it might be carried into Execution before his Lordship left the Country; the particular spot of Ground pointed out by Mr. Mowbray which was to be given up for the Purpose of a Chapel being erected with a School House and Ground for the Minister & Schoolmaster, having been thought very prejudicial to Mr. Beaumont's Lead Concerns, I represented the same to Mr. Mowbray, since which Mrs. Beaumont has been on the Spot, & after having taken a View of the Ground, & fully considered the Matter, she wrote me her Sentiments on the Business, which I take the Liberty of enclosing to you, to be laid before the Lord Bishop, should you think proper; Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont leave Hexham on Monday the 12th. inst. & intend sleeping at the Inn at Bishop Auckland. I am &c. -J.E.B.

14 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe

Newcastle 14th. Octr. 1801

Bankers London.

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. on Messrs. Ransom & Co. at forty days dated this day, for three Hundred and seventy-five Pounds, to pay one Quarters Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. H.Hardinge from Coln. Beaumt. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & advise Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£375-.-.. No. 4573. Newcastle upon Tyne 14th. Octr. 1801

Forty days after date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Three hundred & seventy five Pounds, value received. Surtees Burdon & Brandling.
Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co.Bankers Pall Mall London

15 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Newcastle 15th. Octr. 1801

Sir

I yesterday sent you p[er] Jackson & Co. the London Carriers a ps. fine Silver containing twelve hundred & forty Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. at the Market Price and advise me on your Receipt of the same. – Since I sent you the last Piece I have obtained 6s/0 ½ p[er] Oz. for fine Silver at this Place, & hope you will not charge the above at a lower Rate. I am &c. J.E.B.

P.S. I have Applications from Sheffield, Birmingham and this Place to take all the Silver I may have to dispose of.

19 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover
to Coln. Beaumont, M.P. Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 19th. Octr. 1801

Dear Madam

This I hope may find you, Colonel Beaumont & Family perfectly well, that Master Wentworth did not suffer from the Journey & that he daily gains Strength &c.-

I had the Honor of your Letter from Bishop Auckland enclosing the Observations that you made when you were at the Mines &c. they appear to me to be very judicious & proper, you & Coln. Beaumont may depend that I shall pay every Attention to them

that is in my Power & I am very sensible of the Confidence which you are pleased to place in me. I observe what you say respecting Mrs. Robinson, her Behaviour to me has not been very proper but I excuse her, after having by her Servant applied to me for a large Cake of Silver which came from Blaydon & which I intended for Mr. Makepeace, she called on me & on my acquainting her that I could not let her have it, she told me that I would be the Occasion of her shutting up her Shop, & that in Case I refused her having it, she would immediately complain of me to you, I told her that she was perfectly at Liberty to do so; on which she left me, but I did not imagine that she would have given you this Trouble. I have not sold Mrs. Robinson any Silver since her Husband's Death, not being perfectly satisfied as to her Circumstances, & she did not say anything to me as to the Payment; on her return she called on me again, but was much more moderate, which I attributed to the Answer that you had given her, I then told her that she should have the first small Cake of Silver which I expected in about a Fortnight from Dukesfield, at the same time I acquainted her that it was more than her Behaviour merited. I expect that Thomas Crawhall would get to Bretton on Saturday, by whom I sent Mr. Wakefields Letters: Mr. C. Blackett assures me that Messrs. Andrews & Cos. overcharge of 10s/.d the Barrel of Gunpowder shall be deducted, that he has wrote to them, & has no Doubt of their conforming to the Price at which Mr. Wakefield makes an Offer, in which Case I imagine that you will prefer having the Gunpowder from Andrews & Co. by Mr. C. Blackett.-

I observe the Contents of Mr. Ruddock's Letter; At the next Meeting of the Trustees of the new road, should the Duke of Northumberland as well as the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital come into the Measure of advancing 30 p[er] Cent on their Subscription I would recommend it to you & Coln. Beaumont to do the like, for altho' the Expence of making this new Branch will far exceed the Estimate, yet should it not be completed, what you have already subscribed for the Purpose (which will be of Benefit to the Lead Car[ria]ge.) will be thrown away.-

You could not well have avoided accepting Mrs. Barrington's obliging Invitation, & I am glad that you did; the Bishop would have some Conversation with you respecting the Chapel which he proposes building. I hope you convinced him of the Impropriety of its being built for the Purpose which he wished, at the part which Mr. Mowbray pointed out, as well as the great Loss, as well as the Inconvenience that it would be to your Mine Concerns in Weardale. I am &c. J.E.B.-

I have this Moment received your Favour of the 16th. inst. & am happy to hear that you found your young Folks in good Health & Spirits, & that Master Wentworth bore the Journey so well; I am much pleased to hear of your gracious Reception at the Castle, and that every thing respecting the Chapel passed off very well; I don't wonder at his Lordship admiring your excellent Letter and being likewise flattered by the Compliment that you paid him; in Consequence of his Lordship's Acquiescence in this Business, I shall without Loss of time <make> Application for a renewal of the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope with Lintzgarth, by putting in a new Life, & by the Exchange of another in the room of Robson; the sort of Persons that you mention will certainly be

the most proper, I have no Lives at present in View. – As you are pleased to say that you would look out for two good Lives, I wish that you would do so, & when you have done it, please to inform me of their Names &c. the Health as well as the Longevity of their Parents should be attended to.

I observe what the Bishop said respecting having the Concurrence of yourself & Coln. Beaumont for the enclosing of Bollyhope Common, I do not at present see that you can make any well grounded Objection to it, but you shall very soon hear further from me on the Subject, it would have been included in the former Bill, had not Mr. Tweddale at that timne opposed it; Division of Commons in that Quarter are certainly rather Disadvantageous to your Mine Concerns, you cannot well oppose them, but any Injury to your Concerns arising from such Division must be guarded against as much as possible.-

The Lead and Lead Fume shall be got ready as soon as possible and sent to Hull, of which your Steward shall be advised.-

20 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Mr. Thos. Emerson
Newhouse Weardale

N.Castle 20th. Octr. 1801

Mr. T. Emerson

I understand it is intended that Application shall be made to Parliament, to divide & enclose Bollyhope Common, I desire that you will without Loss of time inform me how far Coln. Beaumont will be interested in such Division & point out to me the probable Advantage or Disadvantage which may arise from it to his Mine Concerns in Weardale.-

I am very sorry to observe that the Ore from Weardale still comes to the Mills in as foul and Bad a State as ever; if this is not remedied and that very soon, some other Measures must be adopted; we are very much deceived in our Calculations on the Quantity of Ore raised, when 1/5th & sometimes 1/4th is Stone & Dirt; this Evil I am informed is not the Case at the Mines of the Lead Company, I am sorry that it is at Coln. Beaumonts. I am &c.- J.E.B.

28 Oct 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont M.P. Bretton Hall Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Newcastle 28th. Octr. 1801

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 19th. inst. to which I refer you. Mr. Emerson writes me that you & Coln. Beaumont cannot be in any way interested by a Division of Bolyhope

Common, neither can you be injured by it, provided a proper Clause be inserted in the intended Bill, empowering you to work [2-3 words missing] without subjecting you to the Payment of any Damage; it was provided against in the former Bill for the Division of Stanhope Common & Stinted Pastures, and I will take Care that the like Clauses be inserted in the Bill for the Division of Bolihope Common, which the Bishop can have no Objection to.-

When you send me the Names of the two Persons whose Lives you would wish to be put in the new Lease of Kilhope & Welhope with Lintzgarth, I will endeavour to get the Business put forward.-

I have not heard what was done at the Meeting at Hexham of the Subscribers to the new Branch from Corbridge to Heddon on the Wall, when I do you shall be informed.-

Since you left the North I have sold Lead & Litharge to the Amount of about £9,000 -- 3,500 Pieces of Lead at the advanced Price of £24. the fo[dder]r. you ordered yours in good time so you will not be charged the advanced Price. Silver is falling in Price from 6s/7d to 6s/4 ½ d p[er] oz. the Price which Mr. Makepeace pays for a Cake of 1240 Ounces sent him this Month, he writes me that he has at present above 14,000 Ounces by him, & that it will be lower.-

I shall be looking for Thos. Crawhall's Return about the end of next Week.-

I imagine that Colonel Beaumont will be gone up to Town. I am &c. J.E.B.

4 Nov 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 4th. Novemr. 1801

Gentn.

Please to inform me if you are wanting a ps. of fine Silver, & the Price that you give p[er] OZ as I may have an Opportunity of sending you a piece in a Short time should you want any. I remain &c.- J.E.B.

7 Nov 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Joseph Deakin

Mr. Deakin
Bretton

Newcastle 7th. Novr. 1801

Sir

I have shipped in the Unity Captn. Cox for Hull by Mrs. Beaumonts Directions 100 ps. of Ref[ine]d. Lead qy 150 cwts 2 qrs 21 lb, 6 Casks Lead Fume & one small Cask as p[er] Account enclosed, there being no Convenience at Blaydon for the grinding the Lead Fume, I was under a Necessity of getting it done at Messrs. James & Co.s White Lead Work & Caking a small Quantity of their White Lead and Fume mixed for the

Purpose of cleaning their Mill; they are directed for T.R.Beaumont Esqr. to the old Warehouse Wakefield, it will be necessary that you should employ some Person to take the Charge of them at Hull to pay the Freight &c.-

It will be necessary that you should send me a fresh Certificate that Richard Brook is living as I am about making Application again for the renewal of Kilhope, Welhope &c.

Please to ask Mrs. Beaumont if the enclosed Bill must be paid. I am &c.- J.E.B.

P.S. I have paid Mrs. Hudson's Bill £5.5 for Lodgings & 2/6 for China Broke.-

9 Nov 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey

N.Castle 9th. Nov. 1801

Dr. Sir

I received your Letter of 8th. inst. & observe the Contents; Inclosed I send you a Check for £100 -- -- the Receipt of which you will please to acknowledge.-

Thos. Crawhall went to Bretton the & was to have returned the 5th. inst. but I hear nothing of him. I propose being at Hexham on Monday the 16th. inst. to meet the Lead Agents, of which please to acquaint Mrs. Thompson. I am &c.- J.E.B.

12 Nov 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Robert Makepeace

Mr. Robt. Makepeace
Serle Street Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Newcastle 12th. Nov. 1801

Sir

I have this Day drawn a Bill on you at Twenty days date payable to the Order of Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Brandling, for three hundred and ninety-five Pounds, five Shillings, being the Balance of your Account with Thomas Rd. Beaumont Esqr. for fine Silver sent you. I am &c.- J.E.B.

15 Nov 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 15th. Nov. 1801

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has recd. yours of the 10th. inst. & begs leave to observe, that not being favoured with an Answer sooner, he supposed you were not at present in Want of fine

Silver, and Yesterday disposed of a ps. offered to you on the 4th. inst. The present Price at this Place is 6s/4 ½ d p[er] Oz. I am &c. T.C.

21 Nov 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 21 Nov. 1801

Since I wrote you on the 15th. Ins Mr Blackt. has had another ps. of fine Silver which he disposed of at this place previous to receiving yours of the 18th. as you did not seem very desirous p[er] your former letter that any shd be sent you. Mr Blackett does not expect to have another Piece to dispose of before the latter end of next Month but desires me to inform you, you may rely upon his first piece being sent you. I am &c. T..C..

24 Nov 1801 Thomas Crawhall to George Robson

Mr George Robson
Monkend near Darlington

Newcastle Nov. 24. 1801

Sir

Mr Blackett wrote to you in Jany last to request a Certificate of your good health, being at that time in treaty with the Lord Bishop of Durham for the insertion of one Life in Col. Beaumonts Leases of Kilhope, Welhope & Lintzgarth (in which you are a Life) in the place of the late Richard Brookes. The treaty not being at that time compleated is the reason I again trouble you to request you will procure and send to me at this place a Certificate of your health signed by the Clergyman of your Parish. – We have reason to believe that the above business will be compleated shortly, and hope we will not be under the necessity of again troubling you on that subject, for some time

I am T..C..

Any Expence you have been, or may be at, on this business, Mr B. will be thankful to pay your Brother at this place.

26 Nov 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Joseph Deakin

Mr. Deakin
Bretton Hall Wakefield Yorks

Newcastle Novemr. 26. 1801

D Sir

Mr. Blackett has at length come to an Agreement with The Lord Bp. of Durham's Agent for the renewal of Kilhope Welhope & Lintzgarth Leases. The Bishop having, thro' the persuasion of Mrs. Beaumont, given up his intention of reserving ground for a Chapel &c. proposed to be built in Kilhope and requests you will procure a Certificate of the health of William Sykes of West Bretton (one Life mentioned in the Leases) signed by the Clergyman of the Parish and send the same to this p[er] first opportunity. As this business can not be further proceeded in, till we are made acquainted with the names of the Persons, who are to be inserted in the place of the late George Brooks and of Geo. Robson: you will please to request of Mrs. Beaumont to know if she has already fixed upon any, and whom. I am &c. T..C..

29 Nov 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

Willm. Emm Esq.
Auckland Castle

Newcastle 29th. Novr. 1801

Dr. Sir

Your Favour of the 20th. inst. I duly received and would have sooner answered it but I waited in hopes of seeing or hearing from Mr. Mowbray respecting the Business of the renewal of the Leases of Kilhope & Welhope as well as that of Lintzgarth, the rentals of which have been shewn to him: Coln. Beaumont wishes to exchange the Life of Geo: Robson who is in good health at present, and resides at Croft in Yorkshire, Certificates of him & Wm. Sykes being living, as well as the Names of the two fresh Lives, I expect to have it in my Power to send you in a few Days; the existing Lease I am ready to Surrender to Mr. Mowbray whenever he may please to call on me. The Person to whom Possession may be given in the Name of the Lease will be Thos. Emerson of Newhouse in Weardale.

I am &c. – J.E.B.

2 Dec 1801 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. M.P.

Acct. sent viz Bretton Hall Wakefd. Yorks:
States of the Mines

Newcastle 2d Decem. 1801

Sir

Mr. Blackett directs me to forward <to> you the several Papers, herewith sent you
From Sir &c. T..C..

2 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey

N:Castle 2d. Decr. 1801

Dr. Sir

I have heard from Colonel and Mrs. Beaumont in answer to the Proposals of Thos. Hill & James Heston for a Lease of a part of the Colliery of St. Oswald; they are of Opinion that the certain Rent should not be less than £25 – p[er] Annm. to commence at May-day next on a Term of fifteen years, to be at Liberty of giving up the Colliery on six Month's Notice being given; they likewise desire that Mr. Ruddock may be acquainted that Coln. Beaumont is willing to subscribe 30 pr. Cent on his former Subscription to the Branch Road from Corbridge to Heddon, presuming the Duke of Northumberland & the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital will do the like.

I am &c. - J.E.B.

7 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 7th. Decr. 1801

Dr. Sir

I have been favoured with Mrs Beaumont's Letter of the 26th. & yours of the 29th. Ulto. as they did not require an immediate Answer, I postponed giving you the Trouble of a Letter. I am of Mr. Bown's Opinion respecting Stublock Colliery, particularly should it be thought that it could be won by means of a Level from the River without having recourse to Fire Engine, & I have no Doubt that Mr. Cockshutt will be of the same Opinion. –

It was my Mistake in making Application for a Certificate of Richd. Brook being living instead of Wm. Sykes, which Certificate as well as the Names of the two good Lives & the places of their Abode I wish to have as soon as convenient.-

I wrote Mr Bell my Sentiments respecting the Proposals for the taking of a part of St. Oswald Colliery & I desired him to acquaint Mr. Ruddock that you was willing to subscribe 30 p[er] Cent on your former Subscription not doubting that the Duke of Northumberland & the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital would do the like.-

You certainly subscribed to Morpeth Races & I was told that Mr. Grey did the like, but I shall make further Enquiry & let you know.-

I have not yet made a Sale of Lead, the London Buyers make me an Offer of £24 -10 – p[er] Fo[dder]. I stand at £25 and am in hopes of obtaining it: Mr. Walton sold at £24 – 10 –..

Thos. Crawhall goes on Monday the 14th. inst. to the several Mines & Lead Mills with Subsistence Money for the Workmen.- I have had a Letter from Mr. Cockshutt

which I have answered & send it you under Cover, after your Perusal please to seal and forward it. I am &c.---J.E.B.

7 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to James Cockshutt

James Cockshutt Esqr.
Huthwaite near Barnsley

Newcastle 7th. Decemr. 1801

Dr. Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 1st. inst. & observe the Contents.-

Inclosed I send you the Amount paid for Timber Iron &c. for the several Mines & Lead Mills of Colonel & Mrs. Beaumont for three Years past, with the Prices paid to enable him to form a Judgement how far it may be advisable for them to import a Cargo of square Timber, Deals & Iron from Rusia.-

Thos. Crawhall will be at the Mines &c. next week, and will endeavour to inform himself from the several Smiths of the Quantity of Iron they may have Occasion for the ensuing Year, and the Assortment.-

I have not a Doubt that an Importation of the kind may be a considerable Saving, in the first Instance, but whether the Loss by a part of the Timber & Iron not suiting for the Purposes for which they may be wanted, may not counter-balance the former Advantage, I cannot judge but an Experiment of the kind will be worth making, and when T. Crawhall returns you shall hear from me further on the Subject; Mr. Mulcaster & Mr. Crawhall will be ready to answer the Questions which you may put to them in the most satisfactory Manner in their Power & will be much obliged to you for any Information which you may please to give them.-

I shall not come into your Neighbourhood without waiting on you & seeing your Works, & I shall be happy in seeing you again in the North & shewing you the great Iron Works carried on by Fishwick & Co. a few Miles up this River, it is thought that from the very great Expence attending them, they cannot answer. – I am &c. - -J.E.B.

8 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 8th. Decr. 1801

Dr. Sir

Since my Letter of the 7th. inst. I am informed that the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital have subscribed 40 p[er] Cent on their former Subscription to the new Branch from Corbridge to Heddon, the Duke of Northumberland Mr. Walton, Mr. C. Blackett &c. 30 p[er] Cent, so I am in hopes that this Road may be soon compleated.-

When Mr. Cockshutt was at Allenheads he observed that the mathematical Instruments there were very indifferent & could not with Accuracy be depended upon, he recommended that a new Set should be purchased & made me an Offer of procuring a complete Set from the first hand; they arrived the other day& as far as I can judge they will fully answer the Purpose proposed: in my Letter to Mr. Cockshutt I omitted acquainting him with the Receipt of the Box & Case of Instruments, & returning him my Thanks for the Trouble that he had, which I must request that you will do when you see him, at the same time I shall be glad to know the Cost of them, that I may remit a Bill for the Amount.-

I have seen Mr. Wilson of Morpeth who assures me that Mr. Grey subscribes annually ten Guineas to Morpeth Races. I am &c.- J.E.B.

11 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coln. Beaumont
Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 11th. Decr. 1801

Dr. Sir

I wrote to you the 7th. inst. to which I beg leave to refer you.

When you have perused the enclosed please to seal & forwd. it. I have not yet made a Sale of Lead, but expect that I shall tomorrow of about 11,000 ps. at 25£ p[er] Fothr. which I expect to deliver in the Course of next Month. I am &c. J.E.B.

11 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to James Cockshutt

James Cockshutt Esqr.
under Cover to Coln. Beaumont Yorkshire

Newcastle 11th. Decr. 1801

Dr. Sir

I wrote to you the 7th. inst. to which I refer you; I have since been favoured with your Letter of the 1<0th/st> inst. the Remarks & Recommendations in your Letter to Mr. Mulcaster & Mr. Crawhall appear to me to be very judicious & highly proper; I hope that as far as it is possible, that they may be carried into Execution; the very bad State of the Ore sent from the Mines has been a growing Evil; I have long complained of it to the Mine Agents & done what was in my Power to remedy this great Evil, which has had some Effect, but not so full a one as I wished, and it becomes highly necessary that some Method should be adopted to prevent so great an Imposition which must be attended with a very heavy Loss to the Concern; the Mine Agents certainly have not paid that Attention to the Fraud committed by the Washers (in concert with the Miners) nor to the Neglect as well as the Connivance of the under Agent, which it was their Duty to have done, and some of them from their Wish to Increase the Quantity of

nominal Ore from the Mines under their Inspection have permitted it to be sent to the Lead Mills in a very foul State, not considering the very great Loss (in many Shapes) which must attend it; the Ore from Allenheads has been sent from the Mines in a much cleaner State than that from the other Mines, owing to the Attention paid to it by Mr. Crawhall, & the Workings being in a narrow Compass. The Mode which you propose for the remedy of this Evil (could it be carried into Effect) would certainly answer the Purpose, but I have my Doubts of its being practicable in the Extent wished for.-

A Box & Case of very fine mathematical Instruments came from J. & E. Troughton's London, lately, directed to me, which I imagine you have been kind enough to procure for Coln. Beaumont's Mines; as I have not recd. any Letter with the Charge for the same, I shall be glad to be informed of it, that I may remit the Amount.

I am &c.- J.E.B.

12 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 12th. Decr. 1801

Dr. Sir

Since my Letter to you of the 11th. I have made a Sale of 10,000 ps. Lead to the several Buyers, one half refined at 25£ p[er] Fothr. payable in six Months; I shall probably sell 1,500 or 2,000 ps. more in the Course of this Month.-

I this day received from Mr. C. Blackett, Bills amounting to 12,000£..payable at 1,2,3 & 4 Months which are paid to Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. –

Thos. Crawhall goes tomorrow with Subsistence for the Several Mines & Lead Mills. I am &c. – J.E.B.

24 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont
Bretton Wakefd. Yorks:

Newcastle 24 Decr. 1801

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 21. Inst: to which I beg leave to refer you. You will receive enclosed Copy of Mr. Emm's letter from which you will see that the Bishop is averse to the exchanging of a life; I wish that it had been otherwise as I look on Mr. Robson's to be a very bad one; he is 24 Stone, lives full, drinks a great deal of Yorkshire Ale, is very lethargick, & has twice lately drop'd off his Chair; As soon as I receive the Name & residence of the New Life & a fresh Certificate of Willm. Sykes being living & in health, this business will be concluded, & the sooner it is the better, least Robson should die. A copy of the Agents reports of the State of the Mines, as well as that of Harehope Gill,

will be sent you by the Coach, [in margin: – Sent p[er] Coach Decr. 26 1801. T.C.] Mr. Heron has not yet procured the Award, or a Copy of it, but I understand that it does not give Col. Beaumont & you a power to enjoy the benefit of the level & Engine of the lessees in the Freehold of Lord Burford. I am with best respects &c. J:E:B:

Notwithstanding your Arrangement of the Candle business for the Mines (of which I informed Mr. Allgood) he insists of sending his Candles to the Weardale Mines, instead of Allenheads as you directed.

26 Dec 1801 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

William Emm Esqr.
Auckland Castle

Newcastle 26th. Decr. 1801

Dr. Sir

I was favoured with your Letter, with the terms of renewing the Lease of Killhope & Wellhope with Lintzgarth &c.

I am rather surprized that the Lord Bishop of Durham should be averse to the exchange of a Life. Mr. Robson is not of an advanced Age, and is in good health, as you will observe by the Certificate which I shall send you (with that of Sykes) and the Name & Residence of the new Life, in a few Days, along with the subsisting Lease and a Bill for the Amount of the renewal and Fees &c. I am &c. J.E.B.

3 Jan 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

N. Castle 3d. Jan.y 1802

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 30th. ulto. & observe what you say respecting the renewal of the Lease of Killhope & Welhope &c. as soon as I receive the necessary Certificate & the Name of the new Life, no time shall be lost in getting that Business concluded, least G: Robson should drop; but in Case his Life could be exchanged at the same time, it would be very well, as it would (at least) save the Expence of Stamps & other Charges amounting to about £15

In Case of Mr. Allgoods not complying with the Plan that you laid down respecting the Candles, I shall acquaint him with your Determination. Mr. Bell called on me yesterday to acquaint me with the Accident which happened to Hexham Mill by the Flood & the Ice, & to consult with me what was advisable to be done on the Occasion, of which he said that he had acquainted you; I understand that the Tenant rents the Mill at £200 p[er] An. from year to year, & that he is not able to bear the Expence of

repairing the Damage (the Amount of which cannot at present be ascertained.) but in Case that Colonel Beaumont & you will take it on yourselves, he is willing to pay 5 p[er] Cent on the Amount of the Repairs in Addition to the Rent, wch. is to cease until the Damage be repaired; during wch. time his Profit will cease, & he will be at the Expencc of his Servants Wages & Maintenance: the Weather will not at present admit of the Repairs commencing, but it appears absolutely necessary that a Body of Water & Ice (which is collected) should be set off as soon as possible to prevent as much as is practicable further Damage being done; this I took upon me to direct being done without Loss of time; if you do not totally give up your Manor Mill, this Damage should be repaired as soon as the Season will admit of it, & I do not see any other Means of doing it, than in the Manner that I have mentioned, which in Case it should be approved of will make it necessary that the Tenant should enter into a Lease for a Term of Years, subject to the old, as well as to the accruing Rent. – Your Answer to Mr. Bell will be expected. – The Weather is set in very severe with Frost & Snow.

I am &c. – J.E.B.

5 Jan 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

William Emm Esqr.
Auckland Castle.

Newcastle 5th. Jan.y 1802

Dr. Sir

I wrote to you the 25th. ulto. to which I beg leave to refer you.

I now enclose you Certificates of William Sykes & George Robson being living & in health (the two Lives in the present subsisting Lease of Kilhope & Welhope) and likewise Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Cos. Bill on Ransom Morland & Co. for £195 . 16 . 7 the Amount for the Renewal of the Leases with the Charges.

Thomas Bayldon son of John Bayldon of Nether-Shetlington in the Parish of Thornhill & County of York Farmer is the Person whose Life we wish (in margin: Leases sent p[er] Mail Coach) to be inserted in the new Lease in the Place of the late Richard Brooke deceased; the Leases shall be sent you by the first safe Conveyance.

I am &c J.E.B.

£195 – 16 – 7 No. 5617 NCastle upon Tyne 5th. Jan.y 1802

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E. Blackett Esqr. one hundred & ninety-five Pounds 16s/7d Value received. – Surtees Burdon & Brandling Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. Bankers Pall Mall London

5 Jan 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esqr.
Banktop Barnsley, Yorkshire

Newcastle 5th. Jan.y 1802

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 2d. inst. enclosing a Certificate of Willm. Sykes being living & in health, which with that of Geo: Robson, I have enclosed to the Bishop of Durham's Agent Mr. Emm, with the Name of the new Life (Thomas Bayldon) & likewise a Bill for £195 – 16 – 7 the Amount of the Sum for the Renewal with the Charges, so I expect this Business will be speedily concluded. – I wrote to Mrs. Beaumont on the 3d. inst. on Business respecting Hexham Manor Mill, to which I refer you. I am &c. – J.E.B.

12 Jan 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 12th. Jan.y 1802

Dr. Sir

I was favoured with your Letter of the 5th. inst. enclosing Letters from Merchant School Master & Loftus Clerk of the Races; the former I beleive is an American by birth, he some time ago made Application to me on his Subscriptions having fallen off, but I declined subscribing on Account of the Number of Charity & Sunday Schools at this Place; he appeared to be a sensible, clever Man in his Line; he has a large Family & I believe is in distressed Circumstances; Mr. Fishwick who is his chief Support at present, is at the Head of the Anabaptists at this Place. It does not appear that Mr. C. Grey is a Subscriber to the Gold Cup, & you not being engaged on the Turf, I have acquainted Mr. Loftus that you are declined subscribing.-

I observe what you say respecting your Friend Mr. Bosville, who I am sorry to hear is so much indisposed; his usual Set of Company at Dinner will not help to make him better; when the Weather will admit of it I will employ the same Person who is to value your Estate, to value Mr. Bosville's, but it will be necessary that Mr. Bosville should acquaint Mr. <J> Bell with ye. same We have a severe Frost with a deep Snow, & this day it has scarce ceased falling.-

I have sent the Bishops Agent Mr. Emm a Bill for £195 – 16 – 7 for the renewal of the Leases of Kilhope & Welhope with Lintzgarth and the Charges thereon, & likewise the Certificates, with the Name of the new Life & I expect soon to receive the new Leases. –

Thos. Crawhall went on Sunday last with Subsistence Money for the Workmen of the several Mines and Lead Mills; a short time since a vein of Ore 2 ½ Feet was cut in the Property of Greenwich Hospital by a Company, but unfortunately it is at the Distance of two Miles from your Property; as Mr. Bowns has wrote to Mr. Bell on the Subject of Hexham Mill it is not necessary for me to say more on that Business.- I was

favoured with Mrs. Beaumonts Letter of the 9th. inst. for which I am much obliged to her; as I was writing to you I would not give her the trouble of a Letter.

I am &c. J.E.B.

20 Jan 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle Jan.y 20th. 1802 –

Gentn.

I now send you p[er] the Leeds Waggon a piece fine Silver containing Twelve Hundred & seventy-eight Ounces & one half, which I desire you will place to Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. as below, & advise me on your Receipt of the same.

I am &c. J.E.B. –

A ps. fine Silver of 1278 ½ Ozs. at 6s/5d p[er] Ounce £410 – 3 – 8

31 Jan 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Coln. Beaumont Bretton Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 31st. Jan.y 1802 –

Dear Madam

I have been favoured with your several Letters of the 25th. & 28th. inst. in Consequence of the Latter, I shall endeavour to engage Mr. Lawson to take a View of your several Estates, & to value the same, Coln. Beaumont & you may be assured of his Abilities for the Purpose, as well as his Integrity: - I observe what you say respecting Mr. Bosville's Agent Mr. Hall and I think that you judged very properly on the Occasion: - what you mention respecting Mr. <J>. Bell surprizes me, his Conduct on the Occasion has certainly been very improper & I much disapprove of it: exclusive of the good Opinion that I have of Mr. Lawson, I should prefer him to a Stranger on Account of his known Skill & Integrity, which has great Weight & Influence with the People of the Country. –

I observe what you say respecting Harehope Gill Mine I had a Letter from one of the Lessees yesterday, desiring to have an Answer to the Proposals that they made for a Lease of a part of the Copyhold; I shall through your Agents (Mr. Emerson & Mr. Crawhall) inform them that you expect one full sixth part of the Ore, they satisfying the Rector for his Tithe, in such Manner that he may have no Claim on you, & likewise stipulating that a certain Number of Workmen shall be kept employed at that part of

the Mine agreeable to the Clauses in Leases of the kind; when I have their Answer you shall be informed. I send you enclosed Copy of Mr. Emm's Letter & by the Leeds Coach tomorrow, the Leases & the Counterparts of Kilhope & Welhope &c. likewise Power of Attorney to be executed by Coln. Beaumont & returned to me, you will receive in the same Parcel the Banker's Account of Contracts for December Quarter.-

I was not a little surprized at a Letter which I recd. from Mr. Allgood (a Copy of which I enclose you) the Notice is short, & I think very unhandsome, but he certainly will be no Loss to your Concern; it will be necessary that an experienced Miner, a steady Man of good Character should be engaged in Allgoods Place as soon as possible, but as that may possibly be attended with some Difficulty, I will have some Discourse with Mr. Emerson & Mr. Crawhall on the Business, & get the Assistance of Geo: Crawhall until a proper Agent can be engaged for the Purpose.-

With the Approbation of Coln. Beaumont & yourself I would recommend that T. Crawhall & Sons should supply the Weardale Mines & one half of Coalcleugh Thos. Emerson the other half of Coalcleugh and Allenheads Mines with Candles: I am quite of Mr. Cockshutt's Opinion respecting Stublock Colliery. –

Mr. Hunter has not paid any part of his Bond for £900 the Estate of Steel Hall is not yet sold, neither have the Payments for his Share of the Brewery at Alstone become due.-

The Newtons have not yet settled & cleared off the Ballance of their Account.-

The last Lead Carriage Pay has been made; the Allen Mill Carriage Pay will be made next Week, & that for Dukesfield in March, these early Payments will be of great Service to the Carriagemen & will have a good Effect: on a close Examination we find that there is no Deficiency in the 8 stone Pieces of Lead from Rookhope, & only 10 Pieces from Dukesfield unaccounted for at present, which if not brought in before the Carriage starts, shall be paid for by the Carriagemen.-

In a few Days I shall pay Mr. C. Blackett for the Gunp[owd]er. he making the Allowance of Discount agreed on: these several Payments will greatly reduce the Am[oun]t. of the Lead Pay in May next. I shall acquaint Mr. C. Blackett with what you mention respecting the Paint, I suspect that the Fault may not be in their White Lead, but in Steavenson the Painter; the higher the Price of the white Lead, the greater Temptation there is for Fraud by mixing Whitening with the Paint, which is too frequently done by the Painters.-

The last Lead that I sold was about 500 pieces at £25 – 10 – “ p[er] Fo[dder]. there are at Blaydon about 5,000 ps. ready for sale at present, I ask £26 - - p[er] Fo[dder]. which I may possibly get before new Lead comes down to Market, but then I apprehend that it must drop, for I am well informed that Lead is at this time lower in France than in this Country.

I am &c. J.E.B.

3 Feb 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers, London

Newcastle 3d. Feb.y 1802-

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees, Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Co. at forty Days dated this Day, for three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds to pay one Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. Ulto. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from Coln. Beaumont.

Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & advise Mr. Hardinge of the same.
I am &c. J.E.B.

£375 No. 6,000 Newcastle upon Tyne 3 Feb.y 1802

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. three hundred & seventy-five Pounds. Value received. Surtees Burdon & Brandling
Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. Bankers Pall Mall London.

3 Feb 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

A.Mowbray Esqr.
Durham

Newcastle 3d. Feb.y 1802-

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees, Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Ransom, Morland, & Co. at forty Days dated this Day for seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d being half a year's Moor Master's Rent due from T.R. Beaumont Esqr. the 2d. inst. to the Lord Bishop of Durham with Acquittance & Duty. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£75 – 1 – 2 No. 6,001 Newcastle upon Tyne 3d. Feb.y 1802

Forty days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d. Value received.
Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. Surtees, Burdon & Brandling
Bankers, Pall Mall, London

8 Feb 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont M.P.
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire.

Newcastle 8th. Feb.y 1802-

Dr. Madam

I wrote to you the 31st. ulto. to which I refer you: since which I have had a Letter from Mr. Bowns respecting the Leases that I sent you, & as soon as I can procure Mr. Williamson's Opinion on that Business it shall be sent you.-

Mr. Crawhall & Mr. Emerson were with me on Saturday & after having some Discourse with them respecting a proper Person to succeed Mr. Allgood, we were of Opinion that George Crawhall will answer very well, and I think preferable to any Person to be met with at present, which I submit to the Approbation of yourself & Colonel Beaumont.

The Mines at Allenheads are at present more promising, particularly Bretton Vein to the last as well as the Floom, Mr. Crawhall forms great Expectations.- Weardale Mines likewise are in an improving State, as you will observe by the enclosed Report. – Lord Burford's Lessees have not given any Answer to the offer made them of a Lease of a part of the Copyhold, they paying one full sixth part of the clean washed Ore, clear of all Claims of the Rector, with the usual Covenants. Thos. Crawhall went with his Father Yesterday to Allenheads &c. with Subsistence Money for the Workmen. I have not made any sale since my last Letter.

I am &c. J.E.B.

10 Feb 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read, Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 10th. Feb.y 1802

Gentn.

I am favoured with your Letter of the 8th. inst. enclosing Bills & Notes amounting to four Hundred & fifteen Pounds which is placed to the Credit of your Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr.-

I expect a piece of Silver soon, which shall be sent you. I am &c. J.E.B.

10 Feb 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas. Bowns Esqr. under Cover to
Coln. Beaumont Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire.

N.Castle 10th. Feb.y 1802

Dr. Sir

I have been favoured with your Letters of the 5th. inst. the latter with the Leases executed by Coln. Beaumont, which shall be disposed of as you direct; as soon as I get Mr. Williamson's Opinion respecting the Leases it shall be sent to the Colonel.

I am &c. J.E.B.

16 Feb 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle February 16 1802-

Gentn.

I have this day sent you p[er] the Leeds Waggon a Piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Ninety four Ounces which I desire you will place to Acct. with This. Rd. Beaumont Esq. as below, and advise me on your receipt of the same.

I am &c. J:E:B:-

For a Piece fine Silver q. 1194 Ounces @ 6s./5d. p[er] Oz. £383.1.6

16 Feb 1802 Thomas Crawhall to George Race

[Note: Will of George Race, farmer, Wolsingham dated 1804 Durham CRO D/HH 3/8/460]

Mr. G Race
Wolsingham

Newcastle 16th. Feby. 1802

Sir

On my return from Allenheads last week, I laid your letter before Mr. Blackett who begs to refer you to Col. 7 Mrs. Beaumont's former answer that they are not inclined to let any lease of Harehope Gill Leadmine at less than One Sixth Duty, clear of all deductions whatsoever

I am Sir &c. T:C:

19 Feb 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to William Emm

William Emm Esqr.
Auckland Castle

Newcastle 19th Feby..1802.

Dear Sir

Mr. Williamson being of opinion the Leases of Kilhope & Welhope &c. should (agreeable to the Will of the late Sir Thomas Blackett) be made out to Thomas Richard Beaumont and Diana his Wife I have sent them to Mr. Beaumont in London, & as the Lord Bishop will be there the addition may be made & the Counterparts of the Leases left with his Lordship.

I am respectfully &c. J:E:B:-

1 Mar 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Mess.s Drummond
Bankers London

N.Castle March 1st. 1802

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon 7 Brandling on Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. at forty Days dated this day, for four Hundred & sixty-two Pounds, ten Shillings, to pay half a year's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th. Ulto. to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Colonel Beaumont. Please to advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

1 Mar 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield.

Newcastle 1st. March 1802

Gentn.

I am favoured with your Letter of the 27th. Ulto. covering four Bills, amount three Hundred & eighty-three Pounds & eight Shillings, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account, with T.R.Beaumont Esqr. for fine Silver sent you. I am &c. J.E.B.

19 Mar 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman square London

Newcastle 19th March 1802

Dear Sir

Since my letter to Mrs. Beaumont of the 20th Ulto. I have for want of an answer been at a loss what steps to take respecting the Surveying & the Valuation of your several estates &c. this being the proper season for that purpose. I likewise wait for your answer respecting letting a Lease of Harehope Gill. I have already paid about £4000 - . - on Account of the Lead Carriage to the 31 Decr. last; the Ore Carriage (Amounting to about £5000) will be paid early the next month, the General Mine & Mill Pay I propose to make on the 26th, 27, & 28th May. The whole of the Lead sent from the several Lead Mills the last year, have been accounted for, & not one Piece lost.

I am with best respects to Mrs. Bt. &c. J.E.B.

When the business is settled with the Bishop of Durham respecting the Leases of Kilhope, Welhope & Lintzgarth & the Counterparts left with the Bishop, you will be pleased to send the Leases to me.

20 Mar 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Hunter
Dukesfield

N.Castle 20th. Mar. 1802

Mr. I. Hunter

I have received the Accounts of the Ore Carriage Pay from Allen & Allenheads Smelt Mills which are very distinct & regular, those from Dukesfield & Rookhope are much otherwise, so that the Quantity of Ore from each Mine, as well as the several prices, are not described, & the Ore Pay cannot be made till I have such Accounts sent me, which I expect may be done immediately, & that you will likewise make out & send me an Account of the Lead Carriage Pay from Dukesfield Smelt Mill as I am determined on that Pay being made very early the next Month. – Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont have taken Notice, that you do not send an Account of the State & Produce, with the Profit &c. of Dukesfield Smelt Mill & Refinery, as is done of the latter by Mr. Mulcaster: as the Mill & Mine Pays will be on the 26th, 27th, & 28th. of May, I shall expect to receive your Pay Bill & Account when you come down to this Place on the 3d. May.

I am &c. J.E.B.

28 Mar 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont, under Cover to Newcastle 28th. Mar. 1802
Coln. Beaumont, Portman Square – London.

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letters of the 23d. inst. & am much concerned to hear that you have been so much indisposed, I sincerely hope that this may find you perfectly well, & that I may soon have a very pleasing Account of you. –

It would have been well if Coln. Beaumont had executed the Counterpart of the Leases without these several Queries & Opinions being taken & particularly the shewing them to the Bishop's Secretary Mr. Burnes After the Bishop has granted Coln. Beaumont the Leases which certainly stood good at all Events, it was not the Business of himself or those concerned for him, to point out the Propriety of a fine being passed &c. &c. at a very considerable Expence as well as Delay.-

The late Query to Mr. Williamson he considers as very improper, & if he had not been concerned for Colonel Beaumont as well as for the Bishop of Durham, he would

not have answered it; I have enclosed the Case & Opinions under another Cover to Coln. Beaumont, & as Mr. Bowns's Letter does not relate to any other Business I have not answered it. – The valuation of the several Estates will be postponed till the next year for the Reasons mentioned; in the Interim, Surveys will be taken.

I am &c. J.E.B.

6 Apr 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

[Note: See also letter of 10th April 1802]

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield.

N.Castle. April 6th. 1802

Gentn.

I have this day sent you <per> the Leeds Waggon, a piece fine Silver containing one Thousand five Hundred & Fifteen & one half Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. as below, & advise me on your Receipt of the same.

I am &c. J.E.B.

For a ps. fine Silver q 1515 ½ at 6/5 ½ p[er] Ounce £489 – 7 - (this figure scored through twice)

[in margin:] Sent April 10.

7 Apr 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Coln. Beaumont, Portman Square – London

Newcastle 7th. April 1802

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 2d. inst. enclosing Mr. Cockshutt's Drawing & Description of the weighing Machine for the Lead Ore; I think it is a very ingenious & simple Invention, & I have no Doubt of its fully answering the Purpose proposed; that of a saving in Labour, and preventing Imposition. – Thos. Crawhall went on Sunday with Subsistence Money for the Workmen of the several Mines and Lead Mills & to make the Car[ri]age Pay. I observe what you say respecting Mr. Paris & Mr. Warre having purchased Lead for the Rusia Market at £29 the Fodr. of 19 ½ Cwts. they must have had it of the London Houses; who at that Price put it free on board paying the Duty of £3-5-,, the Ton & other Charges. The Repeal of the Income Tax will be a pleasing Measure to the Publick, particular to the trading part. I do not hear the least Rumour of an Opposition for the County & hope that all will be quiet; it will be very

necessary that every Charge respecting the two last Elections should be settled & cleared off, as we are on the Eve of another; all the Expences were paid & carried to Account, except those of the Law to Mr. Williamson & the late Mr. Heron, the latter had a Sum of Money on Account, I believe about £130 - - (for T. Crawhall has the Book locked up) I have frequently made Application to the late Mr. Heron, as well as to Walter Heron to have the Business settled, & Mr. Williamson paid properly for the Trouble &c. that he had, which certainly should have been done by Mr. Heron long ago. and now it becomes highly necessary that this Business should not be further delayed, & that Mr. Williamson should have a retaining Fee against the approaching Election; I wish that Coln. Beaumt. would write to Mr. Heron to hasten him to get the Business concluded: you will I hope excuse me troubling you with this Matter, which I would not have done had I not been answering your Letter. -

Pray is it thought a general Land tax is to be a Substitute for the Income Tax? - I hope soon to have a very pleasing Letter from Coln. B. - I am &c. J.E.B.

10 Apr 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 10th. April 1802

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has this Day received your Favour & observes you think the Piece fine Silver sent you charged too high. The present high Price of Lead & the great Waste attending the Operation of refining rendered some Advance in the Price of fine Silver necessary, and not being advised of any Reduction in the Price of that Article in London, he charged it 6/5 ½ but has now altered that Price to 6s/5d p[er] Oz with which he hopes you will be perfectly satisfied. I am &c. T.C.

11 Apr 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas. Bowns Esq. No. 79. Bond Street London
Under Cover to Col. Beaumont M.P.
Portman square London

Newcastle 11th. April 1802

Sir

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 6th. inst. enclosing Mr. Williamson's Opinion which I have put into the Hands of Mr. Heron with Direction to prepare a proper Surrender of the Leases now to be renewed, to pass a Fine accordingly, the Draft of which to be approved of by Mr. Williamson on the part of Coln. Beaumont, as well as on that of the Bishop of Durham, the Drafts of the undermentioned Leases are now with Mr. Heron, I am ignorant of any others which may have been granted by

Coln. Beaumont under the Inspection of Mr. Bell; the Leases of the Mines were granted by the Bishop of Durham to the late Sir Thos. Blackett, the Lives in which are I believe at this time existing. – I am &c. J.E.B

Drat. of a Lease of a Colliery in the Township of Wall in the Chapelry of St. Oswald in the Parish of St. JohnLee <R>everly for 15 years from the 12th. May 1802 at £25 – a year.

Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. And Diana his Wife
to Messrs. Thos. Hill & Jas. Weston

Jas. Cockshutt Esqr. to Mr. Christr. Emerson & Co.
Drat. Lease of the Leadmines under the Copyhold parts of Harehope & Biggins Estates in the Parish of Wolsingham and County of Durham –
Term 21 Years

14 Apr 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 14th. April 1802

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. at forty Days dated this Day for three hundred & seventy-five Pounds to pay one Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from Coln. Beaumont. – Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & advise Mr. Hardinge of the same.

I am &c. J.E.B.

£375 No. 6932 Newcastle upon Tyne 14th. April 1802

Forty days after Date pay to the Order of J.E. Blackett Esqr. Three hundred & seventy-five Pounds Value received Surtees Burdon & Brandling
Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. Bankers Pall Mall London
No. 25

14 Apr 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Lancelot Allgood

Mr. L. Allgood
Alum Works Whitby.

Newcastle 14th. April 1802

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees & Co. on Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co at forty days dated this Day for ninety-seven Pounds six Shillings & five Pence, in full for Candles delivered by you for the use of Coln. Beaumont's Leadmines in Weardale after deducting £17 – 3 – 7 Duty paid for you at this Place. – You will be pleased to sign the Receipt annexed to the enclosed Accot. & return me. I am &c. J.E.B

£97 – 6 – 5 No. 6933

Newcastle upon Tyne 14th. April 1802 –

Forty days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Ninety-seven Pounds 6s/5d Value received.- Surtees Burdon & Brandling
Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co Bankers Pall Mall London
No 252

20 Apr 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 20th. April 1802

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett was this Day favoured with yours of the 17th. covering six Bills amount. four hundred & eighty-one Pounds 5s/-d which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. for fine Silver sent you. I am &c. T.C.

15 May 1802 Thomas Crawhall to William Emm

William Emm Esq.
Auckland Castle

Newcastle 15th. May 1802

Sir

In Consequence of some Informality in the late Renewal of Kilhope & Welhope and Lintzgarth Lands from the Bp of Durham to Coln. Beaumont. Coln. Beaumont advised it is necessary that the Leases already drawn be reindorsed, & they with the Counterparts having been sent to London sometime ago – I am directed to request you will favour Mr. Blackett with Copies of the same as last drawn by your Direction per the first Opportunity –

I am &c. T.C

15 May 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coln. Beaumont

Newcastle 15th May 1802

Portman Square London

Dr. Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 12th. inst. & am happy to hear that Mrs. Beaumont & her little Boy are doing well. – Two of the Bishop of Durham's Agents Mr. Mowbray & Mr. Cassells called on me on Friday & desired to be informed of the Quantity of Ore raised from the Weardale Mines during the time that the Bishop has been in Possession of that See, as he has reason to believe that the Sum that he had received as a Composition for his one Ninth or Lot Ore, was far from being an Equivalent to the sum that he was entitled to for his one ninth part of the Ore; I told them that the Agreement which the Bishop entered into I imagined would be binding on his Lordship; they seemed to think that the Agreement entered into with the late Sir Thos. Blackett could not be binding on the Bishop & produced a Letter from him to Mr. Mowbray saying that he was induced to enter into it on the solemn Assurance of Mr. Blackett that the Sum offered was a full Compensation for his Dues of one ninth of the Ore, & that he expected to have a fair Account from your Books of the Quantity of Ore raised from those Mines during the time that he has been in Possession of the See of Durham.

I gave a positive denial of having made any such solemn Declaration & told them that I should acquaint you with the Bishops Demand & let Mr. Cassells know your Answer; I have mentioned this Matter to Mr. Williamson who goes from home tomorrow, but I shall be with him on Tuesday Morning when the Agreement with a State of the Case (which I have drawn up) shall be laid before him for his Opinion which you shall be informed of, & in the Interim should the Bishop or his Agent Mr. Mowbray (who is going up to town) make any Application to you on this Business, please to refer them to me until we have got Mr. Williamson's Opinion, without letting them know that his Opinion will be taken; this Claim of the Bishops has surprized me very much, he is I imagine put on it by Mr. Mowbray, but it is very disgraceful to him; if I can get the Opinion on Tuesday, you shall hear from me by the following Post.

I am &c. J.E.B

18 May 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portland Square London

Newcastle 18th. May 1802

Dear Sir

I wrote to you the 15th. inst. respecting the Claim made by the Bishop of Durham. I have this Morning consulted Mr. Williamson on this Matter, he was much surprized at this extraordinary Claim, & he is clearly of Opinion that the Agreement entered into with the Bishop will be fully binding on him; he recommends that you may as soon as possible wait on the Bishop (taking some proper Person with you) & acquaint him, that

having been informed by me of the Claim which his Lordship had made, that you took the first Opportunity of acquainting him with your Resolution on the Subject of his Claim: that you looked on the Agreement with his Lordship for the Lot Ore as legal and binding on him, & that you would abide by it; Mr. W. advised that you do not enter further into the Business with the Bishop: Mr. W. has no Doubt of the Bp's having been put on this very ill advised Measure by his Agent, & that on finding you resolute, that he will drop all further Proceedings in it, but should the B. be advised otherwise Mr. W. cannot be employed on either side as he is likewise concerned for the Bishop, Mr. W. excused himself from giving a written Opinion on that Account, & he declined taking a Fee, at the same time he desired that his Name may not be mentioned in this Business.

As to what the B. alledges that he had a solemn Assurance from me that the Sum offered him, was a full Compensation for his one ninth part of the Ore on an Average; I deny having made any such Declaration, neither could I with any Consistency – I possibly may have said, that circumstanced as Sir Thos. Blackett was at the time the Agreement was entered into respecting the Contingency of those Mines, & the Inability that he must be under of working the most expensive part of those Mines without a considerable Loss to himself, unless he had the Dues on low Terms, & the Obligation that he was under of paying the Composition in Case the Mines were laid in, that these Matters being considered I was of Opinion that the Composition offered and accepted of was fair & reasonable. ---

In Case Mr. Bowns should not be in Town, Mr. R. Wilson (on being informed of the Business) may be a proper Person, to go with you to the Bishop.---

Mr. Mowbrays bringing Mr. Cassells with him on making this Claim, without giving me the least previous Notice, was very unhandsome, & indeed unfair; it was meant that taking me by surprize they might reap some Advantage from it, but they failed in their Attemp.

I am &c J.E.B

22 May 1802 Unsigned to Messrs Drummond

Messrs. Drummond
Bankers London

N.Castle May 22d. 1802.

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Ransom & Co. at thirty Days dated this Day, for four hundred & sixty-two Pounds, ten Shillings, to pay half a year's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th. inst. to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Coln. Beaumont. Please [struck out: to send me a proper] acknowledge the Receipt of this sum, [struck out: on the other Side is a Copy of that formerly given.] for that purpose. I am &c -

[paragraph struck out: Received 16 March 1797 of Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. by the Payment of J.E.Blackett Esqr. the Sum of four hundred and sixty-two Pounds 10s/-d for half a years Compositon for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th Feby last to the Lord Bishop of Durham, by whose Order and for whose <lese> the same is received by us.-

£462 – 10 - ..]

£462.10. .. No. 7375 Newcastle upon Tyne May 22d. 1802

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. four Hundred & sixty-two Pounds ten Shillings Value recd. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling
Messrs Ransom Morland & Co. Bankers Pall Mall London

8 Jun 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 8th June 1802

Gent.

Yours of the 2d. Inst. was forwarded to Mr Blackett in the Country who has returned it me to answer. I have been making enquiry respect[in]g Mess. Campbell & Co; Color Makers, and find they are little known in this Town; I have not yet been able to obtain the information you wish in a few days I hope to do it, from a person to whom I have applied, when you shall be acquainted therewith - - -

I have this day sent you p[er] the Leeds Waggon a Piece fine silver containing Twelve Hundred and Sixty Eight Ounces which you are requested to place to Accot. with T.R.Beaumont Esq. & acknowledge the receipt of the same, the Price you will be informed of in a few days, when Mr. B. is expected home -----I am &c. T..C..

15 Jun 1802 Thomas Crawhall to W. Shafto

Mr W.Shafto
Auditor's Office Durham

Newcastle 15 June 1802

Sir

Sometime ago I applied to Mr Emm at Auckland Castle requesting of him, Copies of the Leases last renewed by the Bishop of Durham to Col. Beaumont (in Col. Bts. name) of Lands called Kilhope & Welhope & Lintzgarth to obtain which, he referred me to you. I have now to request you will favor me with Copies of the same, as last drawn, p[er] the first opportunity . . any expence incurred in procuring the same will be thankfully paid

Sir yours, &c T..C..

15 Jun 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 15th. June 1802

Gentn.

I have now to inform you that the piece fine Silver lately sent you has been charged to your Account as below, which we hope you will not think too high -- after enquiry of the trade we have not been able to get any satisfactory Ans[we]r. respecting Mess. Campbell & Co. and suppose them entire strangers in this Town.

I am &c. T..C..

June 8. For a p. fine Silver q. 1268 Ounces at 6/3 p[er] Oz £396.5. ..

19 Jun 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield.

N.Castle 19th. June 1802

Gentn.

Your Favour of the 18th. inst. has come to hand, covering your Bills value four hundred Pounds 15s/.d which Sum is placed to your Credit with Coln. Beaumont for fine Silver sent you.

I am &c. T.C.

12 Jul 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 12th. July 1802

Gentn

In Mr. Blakett's Absence I have this day sent you a p[iec]e fine Silver containing fifteen hundred & forty-five Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account as below with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. & advise me on your Receipt of the same.

I am &c. T.C.

July 12th, a ps. fine Silver q 1545 Ozs. at 6s/3d p[er] Oz £482.16.3

13 Jul 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 13th. July 1802

Gent.

Since writing to you on 12 Inst. We are informed that fine Silver had at that time experienced a considerable reduction in value and have accordingly altered the Price then charged to 6/- p[er] Oz as below

I am &c. T..C..

July 12 For a ps. fine Silver q. 1545 @ 6/- p[er] Oz - £463.10. ..

16 Jul 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Isaac Watt

Mr. Isaac Watt Dundee

Newcastle 16 July 1802

Sir

Mr. Blackett has received yours of 14. inst. and desires me to inform you, he cannot at present supply you with any Lead having lately sold more than he can deliver before the beginning of Septr next. Mr. B. has lately sold One Hundred Tons for the Russian Market @ £29 ½ p[er] F[odde]r he now means to ask £30.

I am &c. T..C..

22 Jul 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 22d. July 1802

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has p[er] this Post recd. your Favour inclosing eight Bills amount four hundred & sixty-two Pounds, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Coln. Beaumont for fine Silver sent you. I am &c. T.C.

27 Jul 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs. Wheeldon & Webster
1801

To Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq.<D.>

Augt. 5th. For 10 Casks Litharge q. 60 cwt. - . qrs. - ..lb at £24 p[er] Ton £72 - .s - ..d

Messrs. Wheeldon & Webster Derby.

Newcastle 27th. July 1802

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has this day drawn a Bill on you at thirty days, for seventy-two Pounds, the Amount of the above Invoice, and which he has no Doubt you will duly honor. I am &c. T.C.

27 Jul 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle July 27th. 1802

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. at thirty days dated this Day for three hundred & seventy five pounds to pay one Quarters Composition for the Tithe of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from Coln. Beaumont. – Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & advise Mr. Hardinge of the same.

I am etc. J.E.B.

£375 -.. - .. No. 8070 Newcastle upon Tyne 27th. July 1802

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Three Hundred & seventy five Pounds Value received.- Surtees's Burdon & Brandling Messrs. Ranson Morland & Co.Bankers Pall Mall London

30 Jul 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 30th. July 1802 –

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has this Day sent you a piece fine Silver of nine hundred and one half Ounces, which he requests you will place to Account with Thos. Richd. Beaumont Esqr. as below & advise him on your Receipt of the same. I am &c. T.C.

For a ps. fine Silver q 900 ½ Ozs. at 6s/.d p[er] Ounce £270 – 3s - ..d

2 Aug 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas. Bowns Esqr. under Cover to
Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 2d. August 1802

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 26th. ulto. & observe that Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont are desirous of discharging the Debts (or a part of them) of the late Sir Thos. Blackett amounting to about £21,000 -.. - .. I think that they judge very prudently in so doing: The enclosed Account will shew you the Amount of what may be expected to be received till Jan.y next, as well as that of the Payments until that time; but you will please to observe that the Amount of the Receipts from Jan.y to May next, must be very small; it will be the middle of Septr. before the whole of the Lead that I have sold can be delivered; that the Stocks of Lead at the Mines as well as that on the Road are at present very small, & that the wet Season of the approaching Harvest, will be the Means of impeding the Lead Carriage. – that the Payments during that time will be considerable, as well as the Lead Pay in May supposed to be between £30,000 & £40,000 - .. - .. What Sum Mr. Beaumont may have Occasion for when in the North to draw from the Bankers until the Spring, he will judge of, which must in some Measure be a guide to you, as to the Sum which they may be enabled (with Convenience) to discharge in calculating the several Sums to be received, I have taken the earliest Date, supposing them to be punctual.

Mr. Hunters Debt is secured to Mr. Beaumont by Bond dated 1st. Jan.y 1801 but no part of the Sum has been discharged.-

Mrs. Forster's Bond has been mislaid, Mr. Crawhall of Allenheads has a Sum of Money in his hands arising from the Sale of her Share of the Brewery at Alstone equal to the Amount of the Bond and Interest. I am J.E.B.

12 Aug 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 12th. August 1802

Gentn

Mr. Blackett has recd. your Favor of the 10th. inst. covering two Bills value £270 --- which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with T.R.Beaumont Esqr. for fine Silver sent you. I am &c. T.C.

14 Aug 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs. Wheeldon & Webster

N.Castle 14th. Augt. 1802

Derby

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has received yours of the 7th. inst. inclosing a Bill value £72 – 6 - .. which I am desired to return to you, he having already drawn on you, at 30 Days dated the 27th. Ult. for the Amount; of which you were advised and he hopes you will duly honor the Bill.

I am &c. T.C.

Note. The Amount of the above became due on the 5th. Feb.y last.

18 Aug 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Wilson

Richd. Wilson Esqr.
Lincoln's Inn Fields London

Newcastle 18th. Augt. 1802

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 14th. inst. to Mr. Beaumont with a Copy of the Bill in Chancery filed against him & Mrs. Beaumont by the Bishop of Durham, have been shewn me & I have carefully perused the same, that part of it which sets forth that upon my being asked by the Bishop whether the Sum of £900 which I offered him, was the full Value of his one ninth part of the Lead Ore, that my Answer was, that it was the full Value of the said one ninth part, I deny having said; that on my being asked by the Bishop whether it was not worth so much as £950 a year, I positively having made such Declaration that I assured him upon my word and Honor, that it was not worth so much as £950 a year, I positively deny having made such Declaration to the Bishop; I said that under the Circumstances which the late Sir Thos. Blackett worked those Mines that in my Opinion £925 was a fair Compensation for the Bishop's Lot Ore, those Mines being burthened with a very heavy charge, infinitely more than the neighbouring Mines on Alston Moor being held by Lease for three Lives & subject to a very heavy fine on the renewal of a Life, as well as to the Moor Master's Rent, so that working them on a large & extensive Scale, depended entirely on the Agreement made for the Lot & Tythe Ore, as you may observe on the Perusal of the enclosed Papers.-

I was not asked for an Account of the Ore wrought during the preceeding years; in case that I had such Account should have been produced; but had the Bishop have insisted on a Composition equal to the quantity of Ore raised &c. two third parts of the Mines must in Consequence have been laid in, the Workmen discharged, & only a small part of them could have been wrought to any Advantage.- The Mines at present are far from being in a Productive State, and there is not a Prospect at present of above one half of the Quantity of Ore being raised this year which has been raised in a former year altho' they are worked at a considerable Expence; The present high Price of Lead should not be taken into Consideration in this Matter, it being a mere Contingency,

subject to Fluctuation; the Average price of Lead in the year 1791 when the Agreement was made with the Bishop was £17 – 15 - - p[er] Fothr.-

The first time that I was informed that the Bishop was dissatisfied with the Agreement for the Composition paid him for his Lot Ore, was on the 14th. May last, when the Bishops Agents Mr. Mowbray & Mr. Cassells called on me and acquainted me with the same and demanded an Account of the Ore wrought during the time that the Bishop had been in Possession of the See of Durham. – knowing that there was a subsisting Agreement between the Bishop & the Representatives of the late Sir Thos. Blackett for the Bishop's Lot Ore, I declined giving such Account.

The last Receipt expressed to be for the Composition of the Bishops lot Ore is dated the 16th. March 1797 a Copy of which I send you enclosed; after which time being desired to remit the Amount of the Bishop's Composition to his Bankers Messrs. Drummond, has been regularly done half yearly, for which I have recd. the Banker's Acknowledgement in the Manner and Form that I send you enclosed.-

You will be pleased to observe that Mr. Hardinge the Rector of Stanhope would not enter into an Agreement with the late Sir Thos. Blackett for his Tithe Ore for a longer term than seven years, at the Expiration of which term he insisted on drawing his Tithe, unless he had £1,500 – a year during his Possession of the living of Stanhope & as the Mines were at that time more productive & the Prospect promising, his Demand was acquiesced with.-

You will, I have no Doubt do what is necessary as to retaining the proper Council in the Court of Chancery you will be pleased to inform me how far you may think it necessary & advisable to retain Serjt. Cockle Mr. Wood & Mr. Topham, in Case of the Cause coming before the Lower Court. I am &c. J.E.B.

2 Sep 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 2d. Sepr. 1802

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive Josh. Shaw & Co.'s Drt. on J & J Neale, London, for twenty-five Pounds, which has this Day been returned to us for Nonpayment with 3s/6d Expences upon the same, for the Amt. of which your Accot. with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. is made Dr. – Please to advise Mr. Blackett on your Rect. of the same. I am &c. –T.C.

7 Sep 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Wilson

Richd. Wilson Esqr.
Lincoln's Inn Fields London

N.Castle 7th. Sepr. 1802

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with a Letter from Mr. Chisholm, acknowledging the Rect. of my Letter to you of the 18th. ulto. with the several Papers; I now enclose you under another Cover some further Instructions to enable the Council to prepare an Answer to the Bill filed by the Bishop of Durham against Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont; you will be pleased to inform me as soon as you conveniently can, what further Information may be thought necessary in this Business as I go from home on the 16th. inst. & shall not return till the 2d. Octr. – I shall be obliged to you for your Opinion on this strange Claim of the Bishop & likewise to be informed what Council you have retained.

I am &c. J.E.B.

8 Sep 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 8 Sept.r 1802

Gent.

I am favoured with your letter of the 7th. Ins. inclosing a Bill value £26. which Sum is placed to your Credit with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq on Account of fine Silver sent you I am &c. J.E.B.

The first ps. fine Silver I have to dispose of shall be sent to you----

13 Sep 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 13th. Sep.r 1802

Dr. Sir

I send you enclosed Copy of Mr. Williamson's Opinion taken the 9th. Aug.t 1792 on the Agreement. made with the Bishop of Durham for his Lott Ore of Weardale Mines; which Opinion was taken in Consequence of the Death of Sir Thos. Blackett, and soon after which I am informed (for no Application was made to me) that the Bishop being dissatisfied with the Agreement which he entered into for his Lot Ore in the Year 1791, he took Advice about the breaking of that Agreement, but not on the Score of Fraud which he charges me with in the Bill filed, not meeting with any Encouragement to proceed, he dropt the Affair till lately, when he now brings forward the Charge of Fraud; if it is thought a Fraud at this time, why was it not thought so at the time the Bishop endeavoured to break the Agreement, & took Advice for that Purpose. ---I write

by this Post to Mr. R. Wilson, who will for the Future correspond with Mr. W^r. Heron in this Business.

I send you enclosed a Letter which I have wrote to Mrs. Forster and Sons, should it meet with your Approbation, Mr. Bell will forward it to one of the Lead Agents to deliver to her. I am &c. J.E.B.

I have not yet sold any Lead at £31 the Fo.[dde]r but am on the Point of doing it for Quantities of 600 Pieces for the Lead Works.

15 Sep 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Lucy Forster

[Note: As with letter of 20 Oct 1800, it is assumed that this was Lucy Forster, widow of Westgarth Forster snr.]

Mrs. Forster and Sons

Newcastle 15th. Sep.r 1802

I am directed by Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont to acquaint you, that unless the Balance of your Bond with the Interest thereon, be paid immediately, that Mr. Heron has Directions to put the Bond in Suit; As it was your Intentions that the Money left in the Hands of Mr. Crawhall arising from the Sale of your Share of the Brewery at Alston, should go towards the Discharging of the Debt, it will be necessary that you & your Sons should as soon as possible give an Order under your Hands to Mr. Thos. Crawhall of Allenheads to pay the said Sum resting in his Hands, unto Coln. Beaumont or his Agent; the Bond is at present in the Hands of Coln. Beaumont. – your immediate Compliance with this, will stop the Proceedings against you. I am &c. J.E.B.

15 Sep 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Wilson

Richard Wilson Esq.
Lincoln's Inn Fields London

N.Castle 15th. Sepr. 1802

Dr. Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 10th. inst. I am happy to find that you think so favourably of the Cause with the Bishop of Durham. I now send you enclosed an Acco.t of the Compositions pd. to the Bishop & to the Rector of Stanhope from the year 1781 to the year 1801 distinguishing when an Alteration took place & likewise a Copy of Mr. Williamson's Opinion taken the 9th. Aug. 1792 on the Agreement entered into with the Bishop for his Lot Ore, which Opinion was taken in Consequence of the Death of Sir Thos. Blackett; I am inform'd (for no Application was made to me) that soon after which the Bishop being dissatisfied with the Agreement which he had entered into for his Lot Ore in the year 1791, that he took advice about setting aside that Agreement, but not on the Score of Fraud which he charges me with, in the Bill filed; not meeting

with any Encouragemt. to proceed in the Affair, he dropt all further Claim till lately, when he now brings forward the Charge of Fraud: If all this Period it is thought a Fraud: Why was it not thought so at the Time that the Bishop endeavoured to break the Agreement, & (I am informed) too Advice for for that Purpose?

You will be pleased to observe that the Agreement entered into with the Rector of Stanhope in the year 1792 for his Tithe Ore for the Sum of £900 p[er] year, was for the Term of seven years, at the Expiration of that term, the Mines being in a promising State, & the Rector complaining of the Smallness of his Composition for the former years, an Agreement was entered into with him for £1,500 - -. You will be pleased for the future to correspond with Mr. W^r. Heron in this Business. I am &c. J.E.B.

25 Sep 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esqr.
Durham

Newcastle Sepr. 25th. 1802

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling, on Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Co. at Twenty Days dated this Day, for seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d being half a year's Moor Master's Rent due from Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. the 2d. Ulto. to the Lord Bishop of Durham, with 1s/2d for Acquittance & Duty. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the same. I am &c. -J.E.B.

£75-1-2 No. 8704 Newcastle upon Tyne 25th. Sept.r 1802

Twenty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d Value received. Surtees Burdon & Brandling Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Co Bankers, Pall Mall London

1 Oct 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Read, Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 1st. Oct.r 1802

Gentn.

I have this Day sent you p[er] the Leeds Waggon, a ps. fine Silver containing One Thousand & Sixty-five Ounces, which Mr. Blackett desires you will place to Acco.t with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr. as below, & advise him on your Receipt of the same. I am T.C.

1802 Oct.r 1st. For a ps. fine Silver q 1065 Oz at 6s/. p[er] Oz. £319-10-..

3 Oct 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 3d. Oct.r 1802

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with both your Letters, and I observe what Mr. Allgood alleges in Justification of his Conduct; he certainly was much dissatisfied on Mr. Emerson's Appointment to succeed his Father as principal Agent, but no promise of the kind had ever been made him; he gave no regular Notice of quitting the Employ, until he had engaged himself to Lord Mulgrave, & then he came over to acquaint me; altho' the Notice was short, I did not oppose his leaving the Concern, knowing that Emerson & him had long been on bad Terms, at the same time I did suppose that he would settle every Matter with Mr. Emerson respecting the Concern in which he was entrusted; & deliver up all the Papers & Accounts &c. which he promised me to do; if he has not done it it certainly was the Duty of Mr. Emerson to charge him with the same before his leaving the Concern, specifying what he withheld.-

Mrs. Forster's Bond has been sent to Mr. Bell.-

The Lead Company have made a Sale of 10,000 ps. Lead to the London Houses at £31-10-.. the Fo.[dde]r – I have sold 500 ps. half refined to Doubleday & Easterby at the same Price, I declined selling them a larger Quantity; I have no Doubt of obtaining that Price at least, for as much as we can expect down during the Course of the year.-

Bills have been paid into the Bank the last Week amounting to the Sum of £43,983 -.. -.. at the Dates when due of Nov.r Dec.r Jan'y & Feb.y. - £1400 of which Sum is already due. I am &c. -J.E.B.

Inclosed I send you a Copy of the Bankers Account to the 30th. Sep.r - Balance in your Favour £23237 – 12 -8.

12 Oct 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 12th.October 1802

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett was yesterday favored with your letter of the 9th. Inst. covering Three Bills Amount £315-3-8 which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Accot. with TR Beaumont Esq. for fine Silver sent you. – Mr. Blackett is sorry to observe the last ps. Silver sent you was not clear of Lead, and hopes from the directions given, that a similar occurrence will not happen in future.-

I am Gent &c. T..C..

16 Oct 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs. Wheeldon & Webster
Derby

N.Castle 16th. Oct.r 1802.-

Gentn.

Inclosed you have your Draft on Messrs. Webster & Co. London, which has this Day been returned to us for non Payment with £1 -2 - 10 Expences upon the same, for the Amount of which your Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq is made Dr. – Please to advise Mr. Blackett on your Receipt of the Bill. – I am &c. T.C.

17 Oct 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Coln. Beaumont Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 17th. Oct.r 1802

Dear Madam

I have the Favor of your Letter of the 13th. inst. & I observe what you say as to the Advance of Price on Lead; I am inclined to think that the Persons from whom Coln. Beaumont had the Information, were influenced in their Opinion, more by their own private Wishes &c. than from any well founded Knowledge of the present State of the home and foreign Markets. I am well informed that there is at this time at the London Market, about 40,000 ps. of Lead on Sale; the India Company have not only refused making any further Purchase from the London Houses at the present prices, but they have restricted their Servants, as well as the private Trade, from doing it; Mr. Locke of London who has the Contract for the whole of Lord Pomfrets Lead which comes down to Stockton has within this Month sold 5,000 ps. for the Works on this River & for Holland at £30 the Stockton Fo.[dde]r of 22 cwt. is equal with the Charges to £29 the Fo.[dde]r at this Place; Walkers & Co. have lately purchased a considerable Quantity of Lead from Wales at £25 p[er] Fo.[dde]r which allowing for Freight, Insurance, and other Charges will stand them delivered at their Works not exceeding £27-10- or £28 the Fo.[dde]r

I have enclosed you a Copy of a Letter that I received from Mr. Meason (a considerable Lead Mine Proprietor) and likewise Extracts of Letters to shew you the present State of the foreign Markets.-

Since the Lead Company sold the London Houses 10,000 ps. Lead at £31-10-.. the Fo.[dde]r they have sold them 8,000 ps. at the same price, but a longer Credit.

It is too late in the Season to send Lead to the Ports in the Baltick, it will very soon be so to Holland, there does not appear to be a Demand at the present Prices for France,

Should the India Company continue firm in their resolution, not to purchase at the price it was at which it was offered them, & considering the Stock at the London Market, I really do not see the least Probability of the Price reaching £40 the Fo.[dde]r or even near it, I am rather apprehensive of a Fall in the Market, & was I possessed of a Quantity of Lead at this time I do assure you that I would not hesitate accepting of £32 or even £31-10 - - No offers whatever have been made to me since you left the North; After the State that I have given you with my Opinion thereon, I leave you & Coln. Beaumont to judge on the Matter; but I shall fix the Price at £40 the Fo.[dde]r & none shall be given away under agreeable to your Information & Opinion & I do assure you that I shall have a pleasure in acknowledging that my Conjectures were ill founded.-

With Respect to the Office of Bailiff of the Manor of Hexham &c. the late Bailiffs Mr. Ellis and Mr. Heron were resident on the Spot, of Course there was no Necessity for a Deputy, nor will there be in Case you should think proper to appoint Mr. Bell to that Office, nor indeed do I apprehend that your doing so, can be attended with any Inconvenience or bad Consequences to your Concerns, was a Deputy to be appointed, I am of Opinion that the Business would not be so well conducted, nor so much to the Satisfaction of the Steward & the Copyholders.

I propose meeting the Lead Agents at Hexham on Wednesday. I am &c. J.E.B.

22 Oct 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

[Note: unsigned, but presumably JEB or TC]

Messrs. Goslings & Sharp
Bankers London

N.Castle 22d. October 1802.-

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling, on Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. at thirty Days dated this Day for three Hundred & Seventy-five Pounds, to pay one Quarter of a years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. inst. to the Revd. Henry Hardinge from Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esqr.. Please to advise on your Receipt of the Bill and inform Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am &c.

£375 -.. -.. No. 8976 Newcastle upon Tyne 22d. Oct.r 1802.-

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esqr. Three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds value received.-

Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Co.

Bankers Pall Mall London

Surtees's Burdon & Brandling.

24 Oct 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to Newcastle 24th. Oct.r 1802.-
Colonel Beaumont M.P. Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire.-

Dr. Madam

I am favoured with your Letters of the 20th. & 21st. inst. I observe what you say respecting the Sale of your Lead; you and Coln. Beaumont may rest assured that the Confidence which you are pleased to place in me, shall not be abused: since the Receipt of your last, I have accepted of the Offer made me by Doubleday & Easterby for 500 ps. Lead half refined @ £32 p[er] Fo.[dde]r at the usual Credit: no other Offers have been made.-

I met your Lead Agents at Hexham on the 20th. inst. there are very little Variations in the State of the several Mines, excepting Breckonsyke Vein in Weardale, being not so promising, & the other Workings there poor. –

I was apprehensive that your Lead Mills at Dukesfield & Rookhope might be laid off work for Want of Ore, before the Carriage would begin leading in the Spring, which induced me to meet the Agents to arrange Matters, so that the Evil may be prevented as far as possible.-

I find that upwards of 4,000 Bings will be wanted for that Purpose: as the Ore Carriage is falling off and will totally stop very soon & not commence leading until the middle or end of April, I fear that the Quantity may fall very short: I have however given such Directions as I hope may expedite the Business as much as possible, and every Exertion shall be used. I dined with the Stewards at the Head Court, a very respectable Company of about 40.- Mr. Hunter, Mr. Sparke, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Clarke &c.

I find from your Letter as well as from Mr. Williamson, that the Appointment of the Bailiff is during Pleasure; I took no Notice of the Change that was intended to be made either to Mr. Heron or Mr. Bell, as you were of Opinion that it would be better to postpone doing it, until you came to some Resolution respecting the Stewardship.-

The Form of the Notices to be given, I got from Mr. Bell, I have has a Number printed off (One of which I enclose you) they shall be sent to the several Stewards to fill up & have them regularly served, those to the several Agents shall be signed and served by T. Crawhall.-

I have seen and had some Conversation with Mr. W. Bates who will proceed with the Valuation of the several Estates, which when finished shall be sent you.-

I have had a Letter from Mr. Bowns respecting your Claim on Mr. Errington; I understand from you that it was thought advisable not to proceed in the Suit, but to receive the Payment of £5 – p[er] Ann. with the Arrears: Mr. Williamson is of that Opinion.-

Mr. Walton is from home: at his Return I shall apply to him to make the necessary Enquiry as to the sum they set on the Estates of Steel Hall & Westerbyers with the Wood: Mr. Hunter's Valuation appears to be quite out of the way.

I observe the Agreement made by Mr. Cockshutt with the Tenants of the Wallfell Colliery, for the Lead which they may meet with in working the said Coll.y it appears to be fair & reasonable.

I am &c. J.E.B.

26 Oct 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Messrs. <Raver> & Co

Messrs. <Raver> & Co.
Birmingham

Newcastle 26th. Oct.r 1802

Gentn.

The Lead disposed of here p[er] Mr. Blackett is the WB Lead and is delivered about 3 Miles distant from this place; the present Prices at this Port are for ref.[ine]d Lead £32-5-.. p[er] Fo.[dde]r of 21 Cwt. or 2352 lbs Ref.d & Comon Lead in equal Portions £32 p[er] Fo.[dde]r of 21 Cwt. & Litharge £32-10—p[er] Ton of 20 Cwt. payable by Bills on London due in six Months. – The Purchaser being at every Charge in Shipping &c. which will render it necessary, in Case you become a Purchaser, that you engage a Person here to transact that Business for you: Mr. B. having made some Sales lately at the above Prices his Stock in hand is at present small. I am &c. ---T.C.

14 Nov 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont MP Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle 14 Novem.r 1802

Dear Madam

I had the Favour of your Letter of the 7th. inst. I should not have wrote to you on the Subject of your Claim on Mr. Errington, had I not received a Letter from Mr. Bowns on that Business after you left the North & Mr. Heron had in Consequence taken Mr. Williamson's Opinion, which certainly puts that Matter out of Dispute; I have accordingly wrote to Mr. Bell to receive the former Payment with the Arrears.-

T.Crawhall jnr. went this Morning to Allenheads with Subsistence Money for the Workmen, he will acquaint Mr. Hunter that you & Coln. Beaumont acced to his Proposals for the Purchase of the Steel Hall Estate on the following Conditions: that no Attention whatever shall be paid by the Referees to Mr. Hunter's former Valuation to make it the Ground of the proposed Referance; that a weeding of the Wood having been made since the Valuation a fresh Valuation must be taken; that the two Referees shall previous to their proceeding on the Business, make choice of a third Person unconnected with either Party, as Umpire in Case of any Difference of Opinion arising between the two Referees: I believe that Mr. W. Bates, who you already employ, will be

a proper Person to make Choice as your Referee, should you approve of him for the Purpose, on your informing me, I will desire him to undertake the Business.-

The Maps of East & West Allen were sent in a small Box directed to Coln. Beaumont by the Leeds Coach this Morning, that of Hexhamshire will be sent by the Coach tomorrow, if these Maps are not soon returned, Mr. W. Bates cannot compleat the Valuation of those Estates before you go South.- With Respect to the Offer made for the Coll.y of St. John Lee, as my Brother is in some Degree interested in that Matter, I must desire to be excused giving any Opinion on the Business, further than saying that Mr. <H.> Errington's former Offer of £200 per] Ann. with Liberty of giving it up, on six Months Notice, was chiefly for the Purpose of disappointing my Brother of having it under the Promise of the late Sir Thos. Blckett. –

Had it not answered Mr. Errington's Expectations it would have been given up but in Case of his succeeding he would (with his own Colliery adjoining) have commanded the Trade, & made the Town of Hexham pay his own Price for their Coals & his Plan for so doing would have been the high Rent of your Colliery. –

Refined Lead is at present scarce; the high Price of Lead, the reduced Price of Silver, & the Poorness of the Ore in Silver occasions the refining at present a loosing Trade, if it was not on Account of the Litharge Trade, which must not be dropt, you must have given up refining for a Time; Mr. Walton & I have taken this Matter into Consideration & to enable the refining being carried forward, we have advanced the Price of refined Lead to £33 -10 -.. p[er] Fo.[dde]r Com.[mon lead] to £33 -.. -..

I have not made any Sale since my last Letter, nor have any Offers been made, either by the London Houses, or for the foreign Markets, the only Demand at present is for the Lead Works on this River. –

I paid Coln. Beaumont's Subscription to Morpeth Races ten Guineas, Mr. Grey, Sir C. Moncke &c. having subscribed the same for three years; I have likewise pd. Mrs. Wilson of Alnwick five Guineas for her Lodgings which Mr. Heron said was proper & had been omitted, the Guinea that she returned being left for the Servants. –

I am &c. J.E.B.

No further Accot. of the Bishop's Proceeding.

20 Nov 1802 John Erasmus Blckett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Bretton, Wakefield Yorkshire

Newcastle Nov. 20th. 1802

Dr. Sir

I was favoured with your Letter of the 15th. inst. enclosing me Colonel Scott's Letter for which I am much obliged to you.-

T.Crawhall has wrote to his Father to know what he paid on Account of Mr. Lee for the Poney &c. when we have his Answer, you shall be informed.

The very wet Weather we have had prevents Mr. W.Bates proceeding with the Valuation of your Estates: it is not possible they should be finished before you go up to Town.

The Mines in Weardale are much in the State they were when the last Report was made, Coalcleugh something better: on Tuesday last a fresh Float was cut at Allenheads to the East of the former wch. has a very promising Appearance. – I am &c.- J.E.B.

The Mill at Blaydon Burn, of which you were (as one of the Lords of Winlaton) 1/4th concerned, has been burnt to the Ground, the Lords only received £11 -.-.. annual Rent; it certainly will not be advisable for the Lords to rebuild it, or to be at any further Expencc on that Account: this I thought proper to mention to you, least any Application should be made to you.-

By this Post I have your Letter of the 17th. inst. & observe the Contents, which shall be attended to: Should Mr. Deakin come on Tuesday next, T.Crawhall shall go with him to Hexham & Dukesfield, tho I can very ill spare him at this Time, having this Evening received from Mr. Heron, the Answer from you & Mrs. Beaumont to the Bill filed against you by the Bishop, which shall be revised and taken into full Consideration.-

I shall answer Mrs. Beaumont's Letter in a Post or two

26 Nov 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs. Drummond
Bankers, London.

N.Castle Nov.r 26th. 1802.-

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. at forty Days dated this Day, for two Hundred & thirty-one Pounds, five Shillings, to pay one Quarters Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines, due this Day to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Mr. Beaumont. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that Purpose. I am J.E.B.

£231 – 5 - .. No. 9299 Newcastle upon Tyne 26th. Nov.r 1802.-

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esq Two Hundred & thirty-one Pounds 5s/ Value received. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling
Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Co. Bankers, Pall Mall, London

2 Dec 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 2d. Decem.r 1802

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has this Day sent you a ps. fine Silver p[er] the Leeds Waggon which he desires you will place to Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. as below, and advise him on your Receipt of the same. I am &c.----T.C.-

For a ps. fine Silver q 1175 Oz @ 6s/1d p[er] Ounce - £357 - 7- 11

14 Dec 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 14th Decemr. 1802.

Dear Sir

I yesterday received Mrs. Beaumonts Letter of the 11th. inst. enclosing yours of the 30th Ult. which she desires me to answer.

As she takes no Notice of what you wrote respecting the Security upon the Tolls of the new Branch Road, you will keep it in your hands, until you hear further.-

As the late Tenant of the Colliery on Hexham Fell, died insolvent and was by Agreement bound to fill up the Pits, it certainly must be done in such Manner as may be most advisable; I think that either myself or T. Crawhall jr. by Letter desired you to receive of Mr. Errington the £5 a year, as well as all the Arrears for Cocklaw, however if you have not already done so, you will please to do it.

The Boots for the Use of the Men when repairing the Race of the Mill, will be very necessary; Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont are of Opinion that it will be fair & reasonable that the Miller should be at one half of the Expence, they at the other half, he will have them in his Possession & will of Course be interested in the Preservation of them.-

You may no Doubt distribute £20- to the Poor of Hexham at Christmas, as Mrs. Beaumont in her Letter to me does not say to the Contrary. --- I am &c.---J.E.B.

15 Dec 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 15th. Dec.r 1802

Dr. Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 14th. inst. & am happy in hearing so good an Account of yourself, the Colonel and your Children after your Journey.-

I have had a violent Attack of gouty Spasms in my Stomach, which has confined me to the House some Days, I got out for a couple of Hours this Morning, but I find myself feeble & much shook by the late Attack.-

T.Crawhall went on Sunday to Allenheads with Subsistence Money for the Workmen, where the rest of the Agents were to meet him.-

I shall send for Mr. W. Bates & have some Discourse with him respecting the Valuation of the Steel Hall Estate: should he undertake it I will give him the necessary Instructions & forward the Business as much as is in my Power.

I observe what you say respecting the Appointment of a land Steward; I shall be making the necessary Enquiry for a skilful Person that may be likely to answer your Purpose. I think that Mr. Bell was desired to receive the £5 – p[er] Ann. as well as all the Arrears of Mr. Errington respecting Cockland, however I have repeated that Direction to him & answered the other parts of his Letter.-

As to the Boots for the Use of the Men for the Purpose of repairing the Mill Race &c. they certainly will be very necessary, but I think that it will be fair & reasonable that the Miller should be at one half of the Expence, Coln. Beaumont & you at the other, the Miller will have them in his keeping, and will of Course be interested in the Preservation of them; altho' I don't object to the Payment for Boots, I have lately done so for Spurs, for I refused a Demand on Colonel Beaumont for fifty pair of Spurs; I gave the Person from Birmingham the Colonel's Direction.-

You do not say whether you approve of what I recommended in my last Letter respecting the Bishop and his Lady &c.-

Since my Letter to you I have sold to Messrs. Doubleday & Easterby 1,000 ps. Ref[ine]d. Lead at £33 – .. - - 1,000 ps. Com[mo]n at £32 – and 500 ps. Slag at £31 – 15 – p[er] Fo[dde]r. for their Lead Works; I shall at the end of this Month have 14,000 ps. of Lead ready for Sale, but the London Houses I fear will not purchase at the present high Price, when they can be supplied with Stockton and Welch Lead so much lower; our Dependance at present must be on the Demand for the Works on this River, & some of them have been supplied as above & there has been even Importations of Ore from Wales for these Lead Works. – I am &c. –J.E.B.

17 Dec 1802 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 17th. Dec.r 1802.-

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has this Day been favoured with yours of the 15th. Inst. inclosing Seven Bills Value £363-14 - .. which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with

T.R.Beaumont Esqr. for fine Silver sent you: Mr. Blackett will forward you another piece fine Silver about the 1st. of January next. I am &c.- T.C.

31 Dec 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Richard Wilson

Richard Wilson Esq.
Lincolns Inn Fields London

Newcastle 31st. Dec.r 1802 –

I refer you to my Letter of the 20th. Ulto. from Morpeth. I now enclose you under two Covers to Mr. Beaumont the several Accounts that you required & likewise Copies of such letters that I have wrote to Mr. Beaumont on the subject. Should you require Copies of the letters from Col. Beaumont to me on the business they shall be sent you. How far it may be adviseable to setting out at first the Account you mention unless compelled I submit to you I am &c. J.E.B.

3 Jan 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 3d. January 1803

Gentn.

I have this day sent you p[er] Leeds Waggon a ps. fine Silver containing Eight Hundred & Fifty Nine Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Tho. Rd. Beaumont Esq as below & advise me on your receipt of the same

I am &c J.E.B.

For a ps. fine Silver q 859 @ 6/1 p[er] oz. - £261.5.7

17 Jan 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 17th. January 1803

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has been favoured with yours of the 14th. Inst. enclosing three Bills, Value two Hundred & fifty-two Pounds, two Shillings, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Accot. with Colonel Beaumont. I am &c.----T.C.

23 Jan 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to George Silvertop

George Silvertop Esq.
Minsteracres

Newcastle 23d. Jan.y 1803.

Dear Sir

I was favoured with your Letter of the 14th. Inst. – After consulting with some of Mr. Beaumont's Lead Agents & full considering the Matter; I am of Opinion that it will be advisable not to make any Change in the Mode of the Lead Car[ria]ge. –

I have the Honour to be &c.----J.E.B.

25 Jan 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. John Bell
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 25th. Jan.y 1803

Dear Sir

My late Illness prevented me answering your several Letters, indeed we have had a very sick House. I am better, but Adml. Collingwood is still confined to the House by his Cold.

I have not had answer from Mrs. Beaumont respecting Mr. Errington refusing to pay the £5 p[er] Ann. & the Arrears until he is reimbursed his Expences on Account of the Action brought against him; the Law must decide that Matter. It is fortunate that the Fire in the Roof of the Chancel of Hexham Church was so soon extinguished: Would it not be advisable for Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont to insure it as well as the Abbey at the N.Castle Fire Office?

Has there been any Meeting amongst the principal Inhabitants of Hexham & the Neighbourhood respecting a Dispensary at that place? An Institution of this kind should properly originate at such a Meeting.-

John Hetherington called on me this Morning, he (poor Fellow) slept in the Cart that brought him the last Night; I gave him a recommendory Letter to the Infirmary; I procured him a Lodging till Thursday near me & he shall have his Meat from my House. I am &c. –J.E.B.

T.C. will meet the Lead Agents at Hexm. on Monday the & Feb.

30 Jan 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle 30th. Jan.y 1803.-

Dear Madam

I have the Favour of your Letter of the 25th. Inst. & I am glad to find that the late Sales of Lead that I have made & purpose of supporting the Price, is approved of by you & Coln. Beaumont: the latter Sale of 12,000 ps. to Easterby & Co. at £32 & £33 cannot be completed before the end of March or the beginning of April: since my last Letter to you I have sold 1,500 ps. Comon Lead for the Petersburgh Market at £32 ½ ; by the Letters that I have had from Scotland, Derbyshire & Wales, I think there is no Doubt of the price being kept up.-

I enclose you Copy of Mr. Silvertop's Letter: I have considered the Matter fully with Mr. Mulcaster and we agree in Opinion that the leading your Lead a small Part of the Way down Mr. Silvertop's Waggon Way, would be attended with so many Difficulties, that we can on no Account recommend your making any Change in the Mode of Carriage & I have acquainted Mr. Silvertop with the same.-

I shall make Enquiry for a proper Person likely to suit you as a Land Steward, but it will be necessary that I should be informed of the Salary that you are willing to allow. – Mr. W. Bates called on me yesterday with the Surveys & Valuation of your several Estates (except Winlaton which he cannot go upon 'till the Snow be of the Ground) they appear to be very well executed; they (& the Bankers Account) shall be sent by the Leeds Coach on Tuesday directed to Mr. Bowns at Bretton who can forward the Box to you should you think proper, but it will be highly necessary that the several Tenants should have as early Notice as possible of the Advance which you expect on their Farms &c.

I understand from Mr. Heron that for his Trouble on Account of the late Election, as well as preparatory to it (in Case of an Opposition) that he expected one Hundred Pounds, I have therefore paid him that Sum & taken his Receipt for the same; he is certainly very well paid, at the same time I did not think it advisable to haggle about the Matter, as it is a Charge once in seven years, and for other Considerations. I am &c
--J.E.B.

If Coln. Beaumont should have a printed Abstract of the consolidated Duties proposed; I shall be obliged to him for one.-

1 Feb 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Charles Bowns

Chas Bowns Esq
Banktop Barnsley Yorks.

Newcastle Feby 1st. 1803

Dr Sir

By Mr Blackett's direction I have this day forwarded p[er] Leeds Coach directed for you at Bretton a Box containing W Bates' Valuation of Mr & Mrs. Beaumont's several Estates in this Country except some which cannot now be proceeded upon, the ground being covered with Snow) their Bankers Accot. up to 31st. Ulto.-Accots. of Contracts for Lead &c. to 31 Decr. last, several parcels of the Lead not being weighed off till

Christmas was the cause of those Accounts being so long delayed. Mr Blackett has made Mrs. Beaumont acquainted with the valuation &c being sent you, & purposed writing you today but is indisposed With the box is a small Parcel of Garden Seeds [note in margin at this point not deciphered] Mrs. Beaumont sent for p[er] Mr Deakin when in the No. by your taking the trouble of which you will oblige yours &c. T.C..

5 Feb 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq
Durham

Newcastle 5th. Feb.y 1803.

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Forster, Lubbocks, Forster & Clarke at forty days dated this day, for Seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d being half a year's Moor Master's Rent due from T.R. Beaumont Esq the 2d. inst. to the Lord Bishop of Durham, with 1s/2d for Acquittance of Duty.- Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£75 – 1- 2 No. 157 Newcastle upon Tyne 5th. Feb.y 1803-

Forty days after Date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esq Seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d Value Received. Surtees's, Burdon & Brandling
Messrs Forster, Lubbock, Forster & Clarke Bankers London

5 Feb 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 5th. Feb.y 1803

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling on Messrs. Forster, Lubbocks, Forster & Clarke at forty days dated this day, for three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds, to pay one Quarter of a year's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. Ulto. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from T.R.Beaumont Esq. – Please to inform me on your Receipt of the Bill, & inform Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am J.E.B.

£375 -.. - .. No. 156 Newcastle upon Tyne 5th. Feb.y 1803.-

Forty days after date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esq. Three hundred & seventy-five Pounds Value received.- Surtees's Burdon & Brandling

Messrs. Forster, Lubbocks, Forster & Clarke Bankers London

6 Feb 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 6th. Feb.y 1803.-

Dear Sir

I have been applied to by Mr. Clark Jr. of Hexham, to know if you or Mrs. Beaumont had given any Directions respecting your Subscription towards the building a small Vestry at the Chapel at Binfield, of which you have the Presentation; the Estimate of the Expence does not exceed £30 -.. -.. Mr. & Mrs. Clark give the Ground, Mr. Clark Jr. £5 -.. -.. Mr. H. Errington £5 -5 -.. Mr. Ord of London will contribute towards it; it is certainly a necessary Measure; Mr. Clark at the same time mentioned the late Fire on the Roof of the Chancel of Hexham Church, which Accident has been twice occasioned by the Carelessness of the Plummer leaving the Work to idle Prentices; as the Lead of the Chancel is in very bad Condition and will want frequent & expensive Repairs, it will certainly be advisable that the Lead be taken off & replaced with Westmorland Slate; which would be attended with little or no Expence; possibly some gain; in Case this should be approved of; the sooner in the Summer that it is done the better, but previous to the Measure, it will be necessary that Application should be made to the ArchBishop of York and his leave obtained for the Purpose; in similar Cases it has commonly been complied with.-

This Morning the Mother of Hannah Ashton called on me to return Thanks for my Attention to her Daughter, who she intends to take home with her on Tuesday next by Mr. Ingham's Advice; she is very much reduced, and so weak that she can with Difficulty be got home, and I fear that there is little Prospect of her Recovery.-

I have not heard of a Person that may be likely to answer your Purpose as a Land Steward who is willing to reside at Dukesfield. – T. Crawhall goes tomorrow with Subsistence Money for the Workmen, and to make a Lead Carriage Pay.

I am &c. J.E.B.

13 Feb 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 13th. Feb.y 1803.-

Dear Sir

I refer you to my Letter of the 6th. inst. I have now to inform you of the Death of Geo. Robson a Life in the Leases of Kilhope & Welhope & Lintzgarth under the Bishop of Durham, which Lease was renewed in Jan.y 1802 when Thos. Bayldon was inserted

in the Room of the late Richd. Brooks, I was desirous at the same time of exchanging the Life of Geo. Robson for the Life of your Son Wentworth, but the Bishop would not consent to an Exchange. The Sum paid for the Renewal (with the Fees of Office) amounted to £195-16-7 but the Lease has not been sent to me, owing I believe to the Advice of Mr. Williamson &c. who recommended that those Leases be granted to some Person in Trust, who should execute a Declaration for the Purpose; it now becomes necessary that the Bishop or his Agent should be applied to, to know the Terms on which he would consent to a Renewal of those Leases, by putting a new Life in the place of Geo. Robson deceased.-

As Mr. Bowns will be in Town about this time, he will be a very proper Person to transact that Business, I possibly may not be thought eligible, & indeed it is my Wish not to have any further Transaction with his Lordship.-

Nothing further has been done in the Lead Trade since I wrote to you.

I am &c. ---J.E.B.

15 Feb 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 15th. Feb.y 1803.-

Gentn.

I have this day sent you p[er] Leeds Waggon a ps. fine Silver containing eleven Hundred & twenty-eight Ounces, which I desire you will place to Accot. with T.R.Beaumont Esq as below, & advise on your Receipt of the same

I am &c. T.C.

For a ps. fine Silver q. 1128 Ozs at 6s/1d p[er] Ounce £343 – 2 - ..

19 Feb 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle 19th. Feb.y 1803

Dear Madam

I wrote to Coln. Beaumont the 13th. since which I have been favored with your Letter of the 12th. I observe what you say respecting Mr. Clark's Application; the Chapel of Binfield has no Connection whatever with the Church of Hexham, but belongs to that of St. John Lee, of which you & Coln. Beaumont have the Presentation, and it is the only one that has no Vestry; it is true that your Tenants do not attend the Service at that Chapel, neither do they at that of Warden or Chollerton; on these

Considerations give me leave to recommend a Subscription from you of ten Pounds towards the Erection of a Vestry.-

I fancy there will be no Doubt of the Arch Bishops Consent to the taking off the Lead of the Chancel of Hexham Church, & replacing it with Westmorland Slate, it will contribute much to the Warmth of the Church; as soon as leave is obtained for the Purpose, Mr. Bell will give Directions accordingly. –

Mr. R. Wilson's Application respecting sounding Mr. Mowbray, surprized me not a little; I think that it was highly improper. – I observe what you say of the Bishop's Courtsey, you was even with him I think –

Mr. Granger is a stranger to me, he is I believe concerned for the Bishop in some Matters and was recommended by Mr. Mowbray to be one of the Com[missione]rs. – on the Division in Weardale, he certainly would not quit the Country and his present Engagements.-

Mr. W. Thomas is Agent to Mr. Montague at Denton near this place, he is likewise employed by other Persons as a very skilful Colliery Viewer, & is allowed to be a very understanding Man in that Line & of good Character: but I am confident that he would not give up his present Engagements &c. to be solely concerned for you, and to reside either at Dukesfield or Hexham, which you would expect your Steward to do; your Estates (as well as those of Mr. Bosville) are so extensive & lay at so great a Distance from each other, that it would be full Employment for one Person & if he be a skilful Man, he will expect a handsome Salary. – Altho' I am of Opinion that Mr. Heron judged ill in his Demand on Account of the late Election, yet whatever Resolution you may come to respecting your Law Business, it certainly will not be advisable to make any Change during the Time of this Suit with the Bp.

Mr. Wm. Bates called on me Yesterday; now the Snow is gone off the Ground, he will survey & value some small Farms that lay detached: - the Willington Estate was valued and let on Lease by Mr Armstrong in 1796 for nine years: it has since been surveyed & a plan taken by Fleck, it will be needless having it valued until the Autumn 1804. – No Lead has yet been sold at this place, at a price exceeding £33 the Fother.-

Since the above I am favoured with your Letter of the 18th. inst. & observe the Contents; as Mr. Bowns is in Town I am of Opinion that no time should be lost in making Application to the Bishop or his Agent respecting the Renewal of the Lease of Kilhope & Welhope, & putting in a new Life; should his Terms be thought unreasonable the Treaty may then be delayed; I should imagine that he will not ask more than he had for the last Renewal; there certainly will not be any reasonable Cause for it; there cannot be a more proper Life than your Son Wentworth, nor (I hope) a more durable one.-

I am of Opinion that you may safely purchase fifteen Thousand Pounds into the Funds. I observe that Mr Bowns proposes being in Northd by the 1st of May to relet your several Estates, which will be very necessary. Mr W Bates is a very good Judge of the Value of Land, & I should not imagine that he has rated it too high; he has not yet proceeded on the Value of Mr. Hunter's Estate owing to a Person not being yet named

on the part of Mr. Hunter according to his promise; he has been wrote to about it, & I have spoke to Mr. A. Surtees about it.

By the Death of Mrs. Smith the other day, the Estate of the Riding & other Property to the Value of about £20,000 – has devolved to the Father of Mr. Surtees which he has very handsomely given up to his Son Mr. A. Surtees.-

Give me leave again to repeat that in Case of your expecting your Land Steward to reside at Hexham or Dukesfield & to give up other Engagements, that I am satisfied that neither Mr. Granger nor Mr. Thomas will undertake it; you may get a young Man but no experienced, skilful Person will engage with you on that footing without a handsome Salary.

I am &c. J.E.B.

1 Mar 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

[Note: 1802 is a mistake – correct year is 1803]

Messrs. Read, Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 1st. March 1802

Gentn.

Your favour of the 26th. Ulto came to my Hands, in Mr. Blackett's Absence, covering two Bills value three Hundred & sixty-seven Pounds, twelve Shillings, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. On the other Side is your Account current with him for the year 1802, which I hope will be found right. I am &c. T. C.rawhall

6 Mar 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

N.Castle 6th. March 1803.-

Dr. Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 28th. Ulto. & observe what you say respecting the Remonstrance of Mr. Burdon against your drawing out of their Bank £10,000 – to invest in the Funds; it is certainly very unhandsome in them, & I think very ill judged and I much approve of your Resolution of carrying that Purchase into Execution; enclosed I send you a Sketch of an Account of the Payments to be made 'till August next, with the several Sums that we may expect to receive till that time, from which (with the Balance in your Favour in Account with your Bankers on the 1st. Feb.y) you may judge how very unreasonable it is in them to have made the least Objection, and to expect that you should keep so very large a Sum of Money shut up in their Hands, and by that Means to enable them to speculate so very largely in different Concerns.-

The Lead Houses are run out of Lead, & obliged to come to Market, I yesterday sold to Walker's, Parker & Co. 1,000 ps. Refd. Lead at £34 – and 1,000 ps. Com[mo]n. at £33 p[er] Fo[dd]e[r]. & 120 Casks of Litharge at £34 p[er] Ton; I likewise sold to Easterby & Co. 100 Casks of Litharge at £34 p[er] Ton; these Quantities with the former Sales I expect to compleat by the middle of April.-

Mr. Grainger, the Person recommended to you by Mr. Burdon, as a Land Steward, I am informed was a Partner in the Stokesly Bank which stopt Payment, and that Matter is yet unsettled.-

The Country is at present covered with Snow & a severe Frost, which prevents Mr. W. Bates making a Valuation of Mr. Hunter's Estate &c. –

I shall go to Hexham on Monday to meet the Lead Agents & with Subsistence for the Workmen; it becomes highly necessary that the Mine Agents & the Mill Agents should have particular Directions given them as to the mixing of the Ore, & to have certain Remarks on that kind of Lead which is fit for Litharge, that we may reserve it for the Purpose, and not dispose of it to those Works, which are endeavouring to get a part of that Trade from us; it will likewise be necessary to use every Means for getting down the Ore to the several Lead Mills; Dukesfield and Rookhope Mills having smelted all their Stocks, and are I believe, at present laid off work on that Account.-

I observe that London is very sickly; I am glad to hear that your Family escape this Influenza, it has been general at this Place, but not to that Degree as in the South; I have had my Share of it. I am &c.-----J.E.B.

Would you have Mr. Ingham's Bill for Medicine & Attendance on Hannah Ashton, sent to you or must I pay it?

12 Mar 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont, under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square – London

Newcastle 12th. March 1803.

Dear Madam

The Lead Agents met me at Hexham on Monday morning; I send you enclosed an Account of the present State of the several Mines and Lead Mills &c. –

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 8th. inst. & observe what you say respecting the Conversation which you had with Mr. Burdon; that Bank have formed Expectations which surprizes me; they have 5 p[er] Cent on the Amount of the Sums which you may at any time exceed the Balance in their Hands; you are allowed 3 p[er] Cent on the Balance after the Bill with the three Days of Grace have become due altho' the Bills are negociable as Cash at a Month's date, which must be a very great Benefit to them; they have told T. Crawhall jr. that they were promised that a Balance of £15,000 should always remain in their Hands, in Consideration of the Trouble of doing the Business; I am quite a Stranger to any such Agreement being entered into, & I think

that with the Benefit which they already enjoy, that it would be very unreasonable to expect it particularly as they are not at any Expence & Risque in bringing down Cash for the Lead Pay, which was the Case with the Old Bank; of late it has been with Difficulty that we could procure £1,000 in Cash for the principal Lead Pay.-

Mr. Burdon may as well tell you that altho' you will have at least £25,000 in their Hands, that with the very numerous and extensive Engagement which they have entered into they cannot with any Convenience allow you to draw out of their Hands £10,000 at this Time: you will be pleased not to mention this Matter to them as my Sentiments, as they would never forgive me.

Since the above I have your Letter of the 9th. inst. enclosing Mr. Thomas's Letter; he has the Character of being an honest, diligent, understanding Man in Land & Collieries; I expect to see him some time this Day.-

Mr. Thomas has been with me; he resides at Denton, about three Miles west from hence; he cannot remove to Hexham or Dukesfield, nor totally give up his present Engagements with Mr. Montague; but in Case that can be dispensed with, I am of Opinion that he will answer your Purpose very well; he is willing to undertake the Stewardship of your several Estates as well as those of Mr. Bosville for £150 - - p[er] Ann. and he hopes to give you both Satisfaction: If you expect to have an experienced Man of Character, I don't think that you can have one for less: the sooner you come to a Resolution in this Matter, the better; and should you determine on engaging of Mr. Thomas, it will be proper that the Valuations and Surveys should be sent to Mr. Thomas to take them into Consideration before Mr. Bowns comes down, but on reletting the Farms, the time is so near run, that in Case any of the Tenants should not agree to the Advance proposed, he must continue the Farm on the old Rent, or so much more as he will give for one year, & be served with a fresh Notice; there will be no alternative, either this Measure, or a Farm untenanted. –

The Head Court at Hexham is fixed for the 24th. April, so it becomes highly necessary that Mr. Heron & Mr. Bell should be wrote to by you & Coln. Beaumont on the Change and no time should be lost in doing it. – It would be well if Mr. Bowns could be at Hexham at that time, & in Case of your making choice of Mr. Thomas, he could meet Mr. Bowns there.-

I am concerned to hear that there is a great Probability of this Country being engaged in another War, but I hope that it may be avoided: should you hold your Resolution of purchasing into the Funds, the present I think will be a good time.

Mr. Stead intends disposing of his Estate at Ryal adjoining to that of Mr. Bosville's, & purchasing in the South; it will be soon advertised; it is about £500 p[er] Ann. and in three years will bear a considerable Advance.-

I had a Meeting with Mr. Losh the Council and Mr. Heron the other day about the Bishop's Bill; I have not heard if the Answer is put in, or what is doing in the Business.

Since my last I have sold 1000 p[iece]s. ref[ine]d. Lead for the Works at £34 – I may have it in my Power to sell & deliver about 600 p[iece]s. chiefly common by the 1st. May. –

I am sorry to observe that Nothing further is done respecting the Leases of Killhope & Welhope, & the Agreement for the inserting a new Life in the Room of the late Geo: Robson. –

I am &c.J.E.B.

19 Mar 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Rev. W. Fleming

[Note: A loose piece of paper in the letter book]

Sir,

Mr Blackett received your letter with those of Mr Shaftoe, which requiring more time to answer than he can at present apply to that purpose, being engaged in a multiplicity of business and totally unacquainted with the nature of the dispute he hopes you will have the goodness to excuse him in not answer[in]g your letter.-Mr. Shaftoe's behaviour on the occasion Mr. Blackett thinks very unhandsome, but rather than be involved in a Law Suit (particularly with Mr. <S>.) he would advise a proposition to him to leave the matter in dispute to reference by two disinterested persons should Mr. Shaftoe object to this mode of settlement, and the custom of the Manor can be ascertained, he would recommend that Mr. Williamsons opinion be obtained [struck out: as to the dispute in question] respecting it.

I am &c. T. Crawhall

N.Castle 19 Mar:1803

Revd. W Fleming Hexham

29 Mar 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to J. Manifarges

Mr. J. Manifarges Rotterdam

Newcastle 29 March 1803.

Sir

I received yours of the 22d. Inst: and observe what you say respecting the disposal of Lead – The Lead I dispose off is all delivered at this place and shipped at the risque and expence of the Purchaser, I have never yet consigned Lead to any Port for sale, and have only a small quantity on hand at present. I must of course decline complying with your request I am obliged by your favoring me with the Price of Lead at your Market & am Sir &c. J:E:B:

The selling price of Lead at this Market is for Refd Lead £34. Comon Lead £33 – p[er] Fod. of 21 Cwt. Lith[arge] £34.10.. p[er] Ton – very little at Market and a prospect of an advance.

2 Apr 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to John Bell

Mr. Bell
Hexham Abbey.

Newcastle 2d. April 1803.-

Dr. Sir

I observe what you say as to Mr. W<r>. Heron's Appointment of Bailiff of the Manor of Hexham not being filed in the Court as Mr. Heron reported, which Colonel Beaumont shall be informed of. – I have acquainted Mr. Beaumont that you will be fully engaged with the Business of the Manor Courts on the 25th. 26th & 27th. inst. after which Time you will be at Leisure to give Mr. Bowns and Mr. Thomas every information in your Power respecting the several Estates under your Charge; it will be necessary that the Tenants should be called together, the Time & Places should be fixed on, of which Notice should be given: What Days and Places are you of Opinion will be most proper? I certainly shall not meet Mr. Bowns and Mr. Thomas at Hexham, I propose going to Morpeth the 11th. & I may probably stay there a Fortnight.

I am &c. -J.E.B.

3 Apr 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Coln. Beaumont, Bretton, Wakefield, Yorkshire

Newcastle 3d. April 1803

Dear Madam

Since my Letter to you of the 28th. Inst. Mr. Bell informs me, that Mr. W<r>. Heron's Appointment of Bailiff of the Manor of Hexham, is not filed in the Office of the Manor Court as he reported, of which he has been acquainted, & he is desired to send it to you; it will be necessary that Mr. Bell should have his Appointment as soon as you can conveniently send it, that he may be empowered to do the necessary Acts, previous to holding the Head Courts. –

Mr. Thomas will be at Liberty to proceed with Mr. W. Bates to take a view of the several Estates & Collieries as well as the Estates of Mr. Bosville, previous to their meeting Mr. Bowns at Hexham on the 24th. inst.; after the 27th. Mr. Bell will be at Liberty to give them every Information in his Power, when it will be necessary that the Tenants should be called together to be treated with about their Rent; I don't understand that Mr. Thomas has yet had an Appointment from Mr. Bosville; will not that be necessary? I have given him your full Directions as to the Lands and Collieries.

Thos. Crowthall goes tomorrow to make the Lead Carriage Pay, which together with the Subsistence Money for the Workmen and the Candle Bills, will amount to upwards of £9,000 no part of which has been drawn from the Bank.

Mr. C. Blackett has yesterday paid £3,500 on Account of the Balance due from Messrs. Locke Blackett & Co.; there remains due, about £4,000 – which we expect against the Lead Pay in May; he desires me to inform you & Colonel Beaumont, that he is doubtful whether he shall have it in his Power to pay that Sum against the Time, &

that he requests the Favour of a little Indulgence for a short Time, & that he is very willing to allow 5 p[er] Cent for the Sum for a short time; his Engagements with Mr. Locke in the Lead Works at this Place, have been attended with a much greater Expence than at first was expected, & altho' they are doing very well at present, he is very uneasy least he should disappoint in the Payment of the Sum in due Time. –

Mr. Heron has been repeatedly applied to respecting the Business of Killhope & Welhope, and he promises to get it done: for my part I wish that it had never been brought on the Carpet, it certainly was not the Business of your Agents to have done it; the Lease granted was (by the best Advice) allowed to be binding on the See of Durham, & this Fine & Surrender will entail an Expence, Delay & Inconvenience that was not foreseen. –

I understand that Mr. Bosville has contracted Plans of his Estate which he had from Mr. Bell; they would be of great Service to Mr. Thomas in his taking a View, were they sent him, they will be returned. –

I observe the Arrangement which you have made respecting Mr. Thomas's Salary, which in my Opinion is very fair and equitable. –

I have repeatedly spoke to Mr. Isaac Hunter, as well as his Relation Mr Anty. Surtees, respecting the Valuation to be taken of his Estate, which they have promised me shall be gone into about the middle of the Month, at which Time (on Notice being given) Mr. W. Bates will attend them, so that it may be compleated against Mr. Bowns comes down, I can do no more in the Business & I believe that some Business I have in the North, will oblige me to be there at that Time. –

No Information has been obtained respecting the Lead that has been stolen. Since the above, Mr. Heron has sent me his Appointment to the Office of Bailiff to the Manor of Hexham, which I have enclosed under another Cover. –

I am &c.J.E.B.

I have by this Days post received Mr. Bowns's Letter of the 1st. Inst. enclosing the Appointment of Mr. Bell, which shall be forwarded to him. -

22 Apr 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe
Bankers London

Newcastle 22d. April 1803. –

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs. Surtees' Burdon & Brandling, on Messrs. Forester, Lubbocks, Forester & Clarke, at thirty days dated this day, for three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds, to pay one quarter of a years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. Inst. to the Revd. H. Hardinge from Thos. Richd. Beaumont Esqr: Please to advise me on your Receipt of the Bill & inform Mr. Hardinge of the same. I am &c. J.E.B.

£375 -...-

No. 646 Newcastle upon Tyne 22d. April 1803. –

Thirty Days after date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esq Three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds - value received. – Surtees' Burdon & Brandling
To Messrs. Forester, Lubbocks, Forester & Clarke Bankers London

5 May 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Daniel Turner

Mr Daniel Turner
Copyhold Office Durham

Newcastle 5 May 1803.

Sir

Above you have Mess Surtees' & Cos. order on the Durham Bank payable to you for £4 -10-8. to pay One Years Rent due at Mart[inmas]s last from Col. Beaumt. to the Lord Bp Durham out of Lands at Winlaton with acq: & duty after deducting 10/- for Land tax for the same – Please to return a receipt for the above & you will oblige

Yours &c T.C.

9 May 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield Newcastle 9th. May 1803

Gentn.

In Mr. Blackett's Absence I have this day sent you p[er] the Leeds Waggon, a ps. fine Silver containing One Thousand, three Hundred and Twenty seven Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq as below, & advise Mr. B. on your Receipt of the same.

I am &c.-T.C.

For a ps. fine Silver q 1,327 ozs. at 6s/2d p[er] Ounce -----£409 -3 -2

20 May 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle 20 May 1803 –

Gent.

I have to acknowledge the rect. of your favor of 21 Inst. covering 6 Bills amot. £402–1–6 which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Act. with Thos. Rich. Beaumont Esq for fine Silver sent you. – Your letter arrived when Mr Blackett & I were both absent in the

Country, which was the reason of its rect. not being acknowledged 'ere this I am &c.
T..C..

22 May 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Coln. Beaumont, Portman Square London

Newcastle 22d. May 1803.-

Dear Madam

Inclosed I send you the Answer that I had from Mr. Bell respecting the Application made by the Revd. Mr. Richardson to Coln. Beaumont. – When Mr. Bowns was at Hexham Mr. Thomas informs me, that it was settled between them that Mr. Bell was to receive the Rents due Mart[inma]s last & to make up his Accounts & settle to Midsummer next, but Mr. Bowns, when he returned appeared to have changed his Opinion, & that they might be received by Mr. Thomas, since which I have had some Conversation with the latter, and we are both of Opinion that it will be best that Mr. Bell should receive them as it was at first settled, for he had at that Time received a part of those Rents; when Coln. Beaumont gave J. Bell his Discharge in March last, he certainly did not mean that it was to take place from that Time, but only as a Notice, and I really think it reasonable and fair that Mr. Bell should receive his Salary to Midsumr. when his Accounts would be finally closed, and I hope that you and Coln. Beaumont may approve of the same; I yesterday received of Mr. Bell £500- on Account of the Hexham Rents –

The Lead Agents will be with me tomorrow for the Pay of the several Works, they go to Dukesfield on Tuesday and I propose meeting Mr. Thomas that Day at Hexham to settle the Business with the Slater &c. respecting the new Covering of the Chancel; I would recommend, that on the Lead Covering being valued on the Spot, and whatever that amounts to, (should there be any Surpluss) it should be laid out in making such Improvements in the Body of the Chancel as you & Coln. Beaumont may think proper.

I propose going to Allenheads the 26th. taking Allen Mill in my Way. -

I think notwithstanding the War, that the Price of Lead will keep up, at least for some Time. I am &c. J.E.B.

11 Jun 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

[Note: This letter is the only one in the book for June, and this and the next letter make it clear that others were written but have not survived as copies in this volume. Note in the margin 'JEB wrote to Coln. Beaumont the 30 June or 3d July <...> to have not been Copied]

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 11th. June 1803

Dear Sir

I wrote to Mrs. Beaumont from Morpeth on the 31st. Ulto., since which I have been favoured with your Letter of the 7th. Inst. enclosing Mr. Knights Letter; the Contents of which I communicated to Mr. Featherston as well as to Mr. Johnson.

I have had a Letter from Mr. Cockshutt; (a Copy of which I enclose you) I approve much of what he recommends & I have had some Conversation with your Agent Robt. Mulcaster on the Subject; he has no Objection to what Mr. Cockshutt proposes, and on his Summons will take a Place in the Leeds Coach & proceed to Huthwaite. –

I have this Morning had some Conversation with your Land Steward Mr. Thomas, who is proceeding very properly in the Business of your Concerns.

The Demand for Lead at present is very trifling and I am apprehensive that the War will have a bad Effect on the Trade, particularly should the French take Possession of Hamburgh &c. – I have at present about 10,000 ps. ready for Sale, and more daily coming down; I could wish (under the Circumstances of the Times) to make a Sale, even at a small reduced Price but the London Houses make no Offers. What Time may we expect to see Mrs. Beaumont and you in Northumberland.

I am &c. J.E.B.

2 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

[Note: Note in margin:* Copy sent to Mr Bowns]

Colonel Beaumont M.P.
Cheltenham Gloucestershire.

Newcastle 2d. July 1803.

Dear Sir

I refer you to my Letters of the 30th. Ulto. & the 1st. Inst. I now enclose you a short State of your Account with Messrs. Surtees's Burdon & Brandling, as it stands in your Books, exclusive of what you may have drawn from the Bankers in London since the 7th. June, and likewise a State of your Account with Easterby & Co. –

The Notes of their Bank that were paid to your several Lead Agents on the 27th & 28th Ulto. on Account of Subsistence for the Workmen, have of Course been refused in Payment & some of the Agents have already come down with the Notes, I expect the Rest of them: I am apprehensive of the Workmen being clamorous & may possibly stop working; I have told the Agents strongly to recommend it to the Workmen to continue at Work for the present, & that very shortly something will be done to give them that Relief & Satisfaction which has been interrupted by this unfortunate and unexpected Stop of the Bank of Messrs. Surtees' & Co.; at the same Time I have recommended it to the Agents to postpone the letting of the Bargains till they hear further as it may be thought advisable to reduce some of the Works particularly the Dead Work, & the new Trials for the present. The Publick are very much dissatisfied with Messrs. Surtees' & Co. for not coming forward with some Proposition respecting

their present Situation &c – which has prevented the other Banks & the Country from giving them support which they were inclined to have done, on my making Application to them, I could not get any satisfactory Answer, as to their future Proceedings; Mr. Burdon is expected down on Monday or Tuesday, when it is thought that some Declaration will be made of the State of their Affairs &c.; As to their carrying on the Bank for the future, it is the general Opinion (and it is said their own) that it cannot be attempted: they have certainly lost the Confidence of the Country. – I should suppose that Mr. Burdon must have given you some Intimation of this very unpleasant Event; you certainly had a good Right to expect it, & have amongst them been very ill treated.-

It was expected that as this was the Market Day, that there would have been a considerable Run on the several Banks from the Country, but it has not been the Case; the Demand has been trifling; the Subscription entered into has been the Means of preventing it, & of causing great Confusion in the Country, Stagshawbank Fair will be on Monday next, when the Resolution entered into, will I have no Doubt have the like good Effect in giving that Confidence to the Country which is highly necessary at this Time.

I am &c.-J.E.B.

I am at present quite at a Loss what is to be done respecting the future Subsistence of the Workmen, as well as the conducting your Concern: I shall use my Endeavours in collecting what is due to you for Lead sold. -

4 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Mess. Drummond
Bankers London

Newcastle 4th. July 1803 –

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir Wm Loraine Bt. Baker Pearson Maude & Co. on Messrs. Veres Lucadou Troughton Lucadou & Smart at Thirty Days dated this day for Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds Ten Shillings to pay half a Years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to The Lord Bishop of Durham from Col Beaumont the 26 May last. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that purpose --- I am &c. J.E.B.

No. 1173 £462 – 10 - .. Newcastle upon Tyne 4th. July 1803 –

Thirty Days after date pay to the order of JEBlackett Esq. Four Hundred & Sixty Two Pounds 10/0 Value received Wm. Loraine Junr. For Sir Wm Loraine Bt Baker Pearson Maude & Co;
To Messrs. Veres Lucadou Troughton Lucadou & Smart Bankers London

Consequences to the Concern very handsomely came forward & made an Offer of supplying an equal Sum of Viz. £2,300 - - in Cash & Notes of their Bank for the taking up the other Notes, which liberal Offer I accepted of, & immediately acquainted your Lead Agents with the same, that they might meet Thos. Crawhall Jr. early this Morning at Hexham where he went with the Notes & Cash.-

As there is very little Prospect of the Continuence of the Bank of Messrs. Surtees' Burdon & Brandling, I would recommend to you & Coln. Beaumont the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine, Baker, Pearson & Co. they have no Mercantile Connections & are free from all Speculations.

I fear much that the Stop of the Bank of Surtees' & Co. will be the Occasion of some Houses stopping Payment which are indebted to you for Lead, particularly that of Losh Lubben & Co. for £761 - 17 - 8 who have had considerable Dealings to Hamburgh, but I should hope that altho' it may be attended with great Inconvenience to you, yet that the Debt may be safe.

I yesterday was under an Examination for some Hours by the Commissioners appointed by Chancery on the Bishops Bill (not the most pleasant Business) but I must do the Bishop's Comr. Mr. Cassells the Justice to say that he conducted himself in a liberal Gentleman-like Manner, this Business and the former has quite got the better of me, & I must get into the Country as soon as I can as I find myself unequal to it.

I am &c J.E.B.

8 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont

Newcastle 8th. July 1803

Cheltenham Gloucestershire.

[In margin: copy sent to Mr. Bowns]

Dear Sir

I wrote to Mrs. Beaumont the 6th. inst. I yesterday wrote a Card to Messrs Surtees's requesting to have a Conference with them: Mr. <F.> S. was engaged, I saw Mr. A. Surtees, he told me that they has been under a Necessity of stopping Payment by a Number of unfortunate Circumstances, that they could not at present come forward with any Proposition, but that they waited for the Answer that may be given by Governmt. to the Application made to them by the Gentlemen that went up for the Purpose; at the same Time he gave me the strongest Assurance of their Bank being perfectly solvent.

I am this Day favoured with your Letter of the 5th. Inst. enclosing a Copy of Mr. Burdon's Letter to you; I do not approve of it, for he speaks too lightly of the Business; for altho' he strongly represents the ultimate Stability of the Bank, he lays no Stress on the present Inconvenience which your Concerns must be subject to, not only from their Bank, but from their Connections in Trade. - I have this day had a Letter from Mr. Bowns a Copy of which I enclose you. -

You will observe by the Advertisement in the Newcastle Paper, that Messrs. Surtees' Burdon & Brandling decline any further carrying on the Bank &c.

I understand that the Gentlemen who went up have had a Conference with Mr. Addington on the Business; that he appeared to be well inclined to give the Assistance of Government at this Time, but would take it into further Consideration, the result of which we shall be informed of by Tomorrow's Post; this unpleasant Business and some Expectations of seeing you or Mr. Bowns, or possibly both, keeps me at home when my Mind at present requires a little Ease & Relaxation.

I am &c. J.E.B.

I am happy to find by Mr. Bowns's Letter, that a Sum of £17,800 was drawn out of the Bank & which I was not informed of; I wish that you & Mrs. Beaumont had followed my Advice with Respect to the £55,000 to purchase into the Funds. <cr>

9 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq
Bank top, Barnsley Yorkshire.-

Newcastle 9th. July 1803

Dear Sir

I wrote to you by the last Post & enclosed Copies of my two Letters to Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont. I likewise gave Directions that the Newcastle Paper should be sent you: - I have this Day the Favor of your Letter of the 7th. Inst. & observe the Contents. - I send you herewith a Copy of Mr. Burdons last Letter to Coln. Beaumont & likewise the Bank Accot. got from them this day, with our Remarks on the same, an Account of the several Sums that are & will become due for Lead, with my Remarks, & an Account of the several Payments which will become due from Coln. Beaumont until the 1st. Octr., exclusive of what he may have Occasion for on his private Account, from both which & his Information, you may form a Judgement what Loan may be required to enable Coln. Beaumont to discharge the several Calls on him for his Lead Concerns, as well as his private Affairs; you will observe in my former Letter to Mrs. Beaumont, my Opinion of the Bank of Sir Wm Loraine & Co. & what they did to assist us; I think it will be for the Interest of the Concern to open an Account with one Bank only, so as to make it well worth their Trouble &c. provided that Bank keeps clear of Commercial Connections as well as all Manner of Speculations I have not yet been informed of the Answer by this days Post from the Gentlemen that went up to Town on the Business, but I am much concerned to find that an Extent is come down against the Property of the Partners of the Bank of Surtees', Burdon & Brandling for a large Sum on Account of the Excise.-

You will observe in the Bank Accot. that the Payments made by Morland & Co. we are Strangers to. - I am of your Opinion that the Presence of Coln Beaumont at this Place will be highly necessary & the sooner the better. I am &c. J.E.B.

Exclusive of the Balance stated in the Bank Account, there will be the Amount of the Notes taken up by others advanced by Loraine 7 Co. £2,300 - -

There are about 20,000 ps. of Lead ready for Sale, but no Demand.-

10 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to Newcastle 10th. July 1803.
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London.

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 8th. inst. to Cheltenham & yesterday to Mr. Bowns with some Inclosures, Copies of which (except the Bank Accot.) I send you herewith. – I have been favoured with your Letter of the 6th. with a Copy of Mr. Morland's Letter, & Coln. Beaumonts of the 5th. with a Copy of Mr. Burdons Letter of the which I must say that on the whole I think is a very extraordinary one & merits Censure: - The first Information that I had of the Stop of the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Brandling was from the Hand Bill on Thursday Noon the 30th. Ulto. I am sorry to find by a letter from the Deputation by this Post that the Minister declines granting any Relief to the Bank & to the Publick at the present Time: but of this you will be more fully informed in Town; the Bank of England may possibly be prevailed on to lend their Aid, on Security being given. – yesterday Afternoon an Extent for £16,000 Excise was served on the Bank Property, Mr. Aub. Surtees' House in Saville Place, another for £3,000 Stamp Duty is expected down, it is thought that Mr. W. Surtees who went up to Town, has found Means to sitisfie Government for the Amount of the Taxes, & Mr. Brandling & the Collector for £3,000 – of the Customs. –

I am by this day's Post favoured with your Letter of the 7th. & one from Mr. Bowns of the 8th.; you will observe that I sent him by the last Post the necessary Information that he wanted, but least my Letter may not have come to his Hands I enclose them, & you will I expect find him in Town.-

As to a Bank to undertake your Business, I have wrote to you and Mr. Bowns on the Subject & wait your Answer. The Payments which have been made of late, have been by Checks on the Bank & not by Bills: I shall speak to Mr. C. Blackett, but I apprehend that it will not readily be in his Power to raise the £5,000 – on Interest.-

I think that Coln. Beaumonts writing to the Lead Agents on this Occasion, will not be necessary & had best be let alone, but I have wrote to them directing the Dead Work for the present to be dropped, as well as the new Trials and that in letting of the Bargains for the next three Months, those Groves only that are productive are to be wrought, and that as soon as it is found advisable to continue the present Workings, they shall be acquainted; this Measure I thought advisable for the present, which I hope that you & Coln. Beaumont may approve of.- This very unfortunate Affair has been occasioned by the very unwarrantable & shameful Speculations of the Surtees', nor has

Mr. Burdon been clear of them: their Conduct has certainly been inexcusable, & latterly I have been of that Opinion as you may please to observe by my Letters to you & Coln. Beaumont of the 19th. Feb.y the 6th. & 12th. of March; this unfortunate Event has led to others of the like Nature and there is no forming a Judgement how far it may extend.

I am &c. J.E.B.

[In a different hand:] The Surtees have not yet come forward with any Propositions to their Creditors & the Publick, & Circumstanced as they are at present I do not apprehend that they can very soon.

11 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett

Copy of a Letter to the Lead Agents

Newcastle 11th. July 1803.-

Sir

In Consequence of the present unsettled State of Affairs, Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont have given Directions that all the Dead Workings & new Tryals at their Leadmines under your Inspection be immediately suspended, & that you (at the ensuing Bargains) only let those Workings which are most productive, & such as cannot be discontinued without great Injury to the Workings in General. – You will at the same Time inform the Workmen under your Management that they are not in future to expect a larger Supply of Subsistence Money than £1-10- per Mo. as was usual before the last Advance took place in 1801.

I am &c. J.E.B.

13 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 13th. July 1803

Sir

I wrote to Mrs. Beaumont very fully on the 10th. Inst., I wish that it was now in my Power to give you a more favourable Account of the Situation of your Affairs at this Place; Mr. Burdon is come down, but I have not yet seen him, nor would it have been of any Consequence if I had, circumstanced as their Bank is at the present Time; I am informed that he has brought down with him a Mr. Black, a very eminent Accountant, & skilful in the Valuation of Property, it is expected that they will soon be enabled to lay before the Publick, a State of their Affairs, when I hope the Aspect of them may be more favourable than it is at present: those of Easterby & Co. as well as Losh Lubben & Co. depend in some Measure on that Event.

I send you enclosed a Copy of the Letters which I have sent to your several Mine Agents, which I hope that you may approve of as a proper Measure at present. –

I informed you in my last Letter that there is not any Demand for Lead at present, nor indeed do I see any Prospect of it; the Foreign Ports are, the Chief of them shut against the Importation from this Kingdom, of Consequence the several Lead Works on this River &c. are doing little & have large stocks of the manufactured Lead &c; the Prices at the foreign Markets are not the least encouraging, & the India Company will not buy Lead at the present high Price; the Price in China not enabling them to do it; indeed I have always been apprehensive (as you may have observed by my former Letters) that the Prices for some Time past could not long be supported, & that they originated in a very illjudged & ruinous Speculation, as the Event has proved.-

The Price of fine Silver has had a great Fall; that I sold the 13th. May was at 6/2d the Ounce, two Pieces that I have lately sent to Messrs. Read & Lucas, at Sheffield, I do not expect according to the present Price, to get above 5s/11d p[er] Oz. Mr. Walton & other Lead Dealers are likewise involved in this unfortunate Business, by their Sales to Easterby & Co. Walton had a considerable Commission on his Sales & stands answerable to G. Hospital for the Amount of the Debt, which I understand amounts to upwards of £8,000 –'' –'' – It is said that a State of the Affairs of the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Brandling will be laid before their Creditors very soon, & that the Amount of their outstanding Notes will be about £150,000 - - for the two Banks: I wish that they may not prove to be to a much larger Amount. – I am to have a Meeting with Mr. Burdon Tomorrow; Mr. Walton and I have had a Meeting with Mr. Easterby this Day & he is to lay before us a State of their Affairs, & we are to have a previous Meeting at Mr. Herons on Friday; the Sessions at Hexham prevent it being Tomorrow; I have this day made a Sale of 2,000 ps. of Refined Lead at £30 p[er] Fo[dder]. to Walkers, Parker & Co., it was the very utmost that they would give; I considered it well, & the Circumstances of the present Times, if I had not closed with them, others would; I stood out for some Time for a shorter Credit, but could not obtain it; I hope that considering all Circumstances that you may approve of what I have done.-

I have this day been favoured with your Letter of the 10th. inst. with the Inclosures, & am of your Opinion respecting Mr. Burdon & his Application to Mr. Morland & I approve much of Coln. Beaumont's Letter to Mr. Burdon. – In Case you should not think it necessary to come down yourself, it will certainly be advisable that Mr. Bowns should, for this very unpleasant Business at my Time of Life has quite got the better of me , disturbs my Rest & disorders me very much. I am &c. J.E.B.

I am very sensible that Lead must still be much lower soon.

15 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Portman Square London.

Newcastle July 15th. 1803.-

Dear Sir

I wrote to you very fully the 13th. Inst. to which I refer you. Mr. Burdon called on me Yesterday Morning for half an hour, he complained much of his Partners in the Bank having brought him into this very unfortunate Situation; he gave me the strongest Assurance that as far as he could then judge that the Effects of the Bank would be fully sufficient to discharge all their Engagements, but that it would require Time, possibly a year & a half or two years' to wind up all their Concerns; he declared to me that his unsettled Property amounted to upwards of £130,000 exclusive of what he had resting in the Bank and the Property of his Partners, that the floating Paper of both Banks, he was positive would not exceed £150,000 he has told me, that he had brought down with him a very skillful Accountant, who was busily employed in arranging in arranging the Accounts of the Bank, which when done were to be inspected by four or five Gentlemen of Character of this Place, when a State of them would be laid before the Publick; he desired me to assure you of the Solvency of their Bank, & of his utmost Exertions being used, to bring the Business to as speedy a Conclusion as possible; Mr. Burdon said that he had good Reason to expect that the Mines in Yorkshire, in which his Bank Partners as well as Easterby & Co. were engaged, were in a very prosperous State and if properly & judiciously conducted, would be of the greatest Benefit to the Creditors; for that Purpose he, as well as Easterby & Co. strongly recommended to you & Mr. Walton, that three or four skilful Lead Agents be sent over as soon as possible to take a view of those Mines, the Stock of Ore at Bank &c. & to make their Report to the Creditors; as the expensive Part of the Concern is chiefly over, should it be thought advisable to carry on the Works at that Part, where the Lead may be raised at a low Rate, laying off the Dead Work & the new Tryals, & that the Lead may be disposed of for the general Benefit of the Creditors, which appears to be the most eligible Mode of turning those Mines to their Benefit, & that should this be neglected, almost the whole of that valuable Concern would be lost to them; I understand that the Lease from the Lords of the Arkindale Mines, that in Case of the Lessees becoming Bankrupts, or in Case of a Transfer of their Lease, that those Mines become forfeited to the Lords, of Course it will be for the Interest of the Creditors at large, that both those Events may, if possible, be avoided.

Mr. Williamson is of Opinion that it may safely be done by a Letter of Licence from the Creditors, with the Consent of the Lessees, & that it will be the best & only Method of turning those Mines to the Advantage of the Creditors; but this must depend on the Report made by the Persons that may be sent to view the Mines, that it will so far be advisable that proper & skilful Persons be sent for the Purpose; I am fully of Opinion, the other Matter will require full and mature Deliberation.

Messrs. <Hevery> & Co. of Howdon Dock, are very deep with the Bank, & have in Consequence stopt Payment, but having great Resources, the whole of that Debt is safe and will in a short Time be satisfied.

Nothing will be lost to Creditors by the Lemington Iron Works in which the Surtees' are concerned; two Persons of Property & Character at Hull, with Fishwick the present

Partner have made an offer to come forward with £50,000 - to take up the floating Paper of that Concern, & to give Messrs. Surtees' £10,000 for their Share, which is £2,000 more than they have advanced, this Offer the Surtees' were unwilling to come into, wanting to retain it in their own hands which the Creditors will not allow, and will oblige them to accept the Offer.

The Extent for £16,000 of the Excise, was an unfortunate Event & gave an Alarm to the Creditors, I am informed that the Collector has received £7,000 & that he has Security for £9,000; it is said from Mr. Graham Clarke &c. the other Extents for the Customs, the Taxes & the Stamps, have been taken out but not issued, though they will certainly take Place off the other Creditors; it is now said, that the one for the Excise being put in force, was owing to a Mistake, as it was not intended.

Mr. Williamson tells me the Gentlemen of the Committee did every Thing in their Power to prevent those Extents being granted, but without Effect.

I yesterday received a Bill of Messrs. Walkers & Co. for £584<6> - 18 - 7, which I lodged in the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. on your Account, and I hope that you will approve of the same, as well as of the last Sale that I made, though I am sensible the former Prices of Lead could not be obtained, I would not have sold at that reduced Price, but for the particular Purpose at this Time, being satisfied at the same Time, that in Case of my Refusal of the Offer it would have been accepted of by some other Person.

I am by this days Post favoured with Mrs. Beaumont's Letter of the 12th. Inst. & am pleased to find that you both approve of what has been done respecting Sir Wm. Loraine & Co's. Bank, that you have acknowledged the Favour & will open an Account with them; you will be pleased to observe that I have already done so, & what Bills or Cash I may hereafter receive, I shall place in their Bank. - Mr. Walton for the Debt due to the Hospital had made a Seizure of the Lead Mill &c. of Easterby & Co. on the South Side of the River in the County of Durham, for which they have given special Bail & Mr. Easterby assures me they will use every Endeavour that no Creditor shall have an undue Preference.- The Debt from Losh Lubben & Co. in a great Measure depends on the Solvency of the Bank, & until their Accounts are investigated; I cannot say any Thing positive, but they certainly have large Effects both in Holland & Hamburg. - My Information respecting the Amount of the Extent for the Excise, & that Mr. Graham Clarke being Security for a Part, may not be correct, for I have since been informed that it amounted to only £9,000 -'' -'' that a part has been pd. & they are about discharging the Remainder. - I have this Evening had a Meeting with Mr. Walton & his Attorney Mr. Peters at Mr. Herons, to consider of what will be the most advisable Measures to be taken respecting the Demands due from A. Easterby & Co. who not having complied with the Promise he made of laying before us some Propositions, & not appearing himself, we gave Mr. Heron & Mr. Peters Directions to call on them & acquaint them, that unless it was done to our Satisfaction on Monday next, we should no longer delay taking the most vigorous Measures against them. -

This very unpleasant Business has taken up almost my whole Time & Thoughts and affected me to that Degree, that I have been under a Necessity of making Use of an Amonnensis.

I am &c. J.E.B.

17 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to Newcastle 17th. July 1803
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Dear Madam

I am happy in hearing from Mr. Bowns of the 14th. Inst. of your Arrival in Town in good Health, that Coln. Beaumont had received Benefit from the Cheltenham Water, & that you found your young Family very well.

I observe that the Colonel & Mr. Bowns have been with a Banker & that an Arrangement will be made for the Purpose of carrying on the Lead Works; I wrote to Coln. Beaumont very fully on the 15th. Inst. since which I have placed in the Bank of Loraine & Co. £600 – in Cash on your Account, & I expect that in the Course of ten Days, that I shall place there near £3,000 – more but at the present Time I can with Difficulty get in the Money due for Lead: Mr. C. Blackett has wrote to his Partner Mr. Locke, that he has come to a Resolution of disposing of his Share in the White Lead Work for the Purpose of discharging his Debt to you.

All the Lead which had been sold to Easterby & Co. was actually delivered before the 30th. Inst. much the greater part had been disposed of; but they may have a Part at their Works; I had sold them 50 Casks of Litharge & given a Ticket for the Delivery, but not being delivered, I cancelled the Ticket.

Mr. Black (the Gentleman brought down by Mr. Burdon) with the Gentlemen who have undertaken that Business, are busy in arranging the Affairs of the Bank, so that they may be laid before the Publick; those of Easterby & Co. are likewise in a Train to be laid before their Creditors in a Week before w.ch Time they could not complete it.

I am &c. J.E.B.

20 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 20th. July 1803.

Gentn.

I have received your Letter of the 18th. enclosing 8 Bills amount £432 -12 -6 w.ch Sum I have placed to the Credit of your Accot. with T.R.Beaumont Esq. for fine Silver sent you. – I observe what you say respecting the considerable Drop in the Price of fine

Silver, & though I have been selling it at 6s/2d p[er] Oz at this Place, I have made an Abatement in your Accot. of the odd 2d p[er] Oz but hope you will not object to allow me the same Price (6s/'d p[er] Ounce) for a piece sent you this day p[er] Leeds Waggon containing 1060 Ounces, which you will place to accot. as usual, and advise me on your Receipt of the same.

Bills at a short date will be very acceptable at this Time. I am &c. -J.E.B.

20 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings
Bankers London.

N.Castle 20th. July 1803.-

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir Wm Loraine Bt. Baker & Co. on Messrs. Veres Lucadon & Co. at forty days dated this day, for Three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds, to pay one Quarters Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th. Inst. to the Revd. Henry Hardinge from Col. Beaumont. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & advise Mr. Hardinge of the same.

I am &c. ----J.E.B.

No. 1284 £375 Newcastle upon Tyne 20th. July 1803.-

Forty days after date pay to the Order of J.E.Blackett Esq. Three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds Value received – For Sir Wm Loraine Bt. Baker Pearson Maude & Co. Wm. Loraine Junr.

To Messrs. Veres, Lucadou Troughton Lucadou & Smart, Bankers London.

20 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to John Wakefield

Mr. John Wakefield
Kendal, Cumbd.

N.Castle 20th. July 1803.-

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 16th. Inst. & enclosed have returned a Bill on London for £96 -- the Amount of your Note for Gunpowder sent for the Use of Mr. Beaumont's Leadmines; I am sorry it should have remained so long unpaid, which was entirely occasioned by Neglect of the Agent at the Mine in not delivering an Account of the same to me at this Place, but hope a similar Neglect will not occur in future. – Please to forward on Mr. Beaumont's Accot. 20 Barrels of Gunpowder directed to Mr. Emerson Newhouse, Weardale, & acknowledge the Receipt of the enclosed Bill, & you will oblige Yours &c. – J.E.B.

£96 --

Newcastle upon Tyne 20th. July 1803.-

Forty days after date pay to the Order of John E. Blckett Esq. Ninety-six Pounds, value received.-

For Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker, Pearson, Maude & Co. Wm. Loraine Junr.

To Messrs. Veres, Lucadou Troughton Lucadou & Smart, Bankers London.

No. 1285

21 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blckett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq.

N.Castle 21st. July 1803.

Banktop, near Barnsley Yorkshire.

Dear Sir

I was yesterday favored with your Letter of the 18th. Inst. by which I hope that this may find you at home & well after your Journey.-

I observe that Coln. Beaumont has opened an Account with Ransom, Moreland & Co. who have engaged to furnish all such Monies as may from time to time be wanted for the carrying on the Lead Works, as well as for his private Concerns, the former I presume through the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine, Baker, Pearson & Co. who have already furnished Subsistence Money for the Workmen, Bills for the Bishop of Durham & Rector of Stanhope's Dues &c. & to whom I have paid what Cash & Bills that have come to my Hands in Payment for Lead &c. – the several Sums which will become due this Month, Augt. & Sepr. are not in Bills in my Custody (as you supposed) but when paid will be placed in the Bank of Loraine & Co. for the above Purposes. There has not yet been a Necessity for discounting any of the Bills, should there be it shall be done. The Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Co. shall be debited for the Bill of £1,500 – which has been refused Acceptance; their Accot. includes all Bills paid to them, they not being the Holders of any Bills that have not yet become due, the Cause of which has been owing to the chief Sales of Lead this year being to Easterby & Co. by their giving a higher Price than the London Houses &c. were induced to do, in Consequence their Payments as they became due were not in Bills on London, but in Checks on the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Co. The Notes of that Bank which I received the 25th. June for Subsistence for the Workmen which were returned, amounting to about £3,000 – I have in my Hands & have not carrd. to the Bank Account, it being expected that their Notes which were in Circulation at the Time the Bank made the Stop will be taken & discharged sometime prior to their other Concerns being settled. – Mr. Burdon is at this Place at present with the Accountant that he brought down, arranging their Bank Concerns previous to their being laid before the Gentlemen who have engaged to inspect the same & to communicate to the Publick a State of their Affairs. Easterby & Co. with their Solicitor are doing the like which they promise to lay before their Creditors this

Week. I observe that you propose coming North the first Week in August, I would recommend that it may be early in that Week, for our Assizes will commence the 6th. Augt. when it will be difficult to get any Business transacted.

I am &c.-J.E.B.

P.S. I have this day recd. from James & Co. a Check on the Bank of Lampton & Co. for £2,031 – 6 –'' & a Bill from Locke Blackett & Co. at 40 Days on <J> Locke of London for £681-2-3, both which I have placed in the Bank of Loraine & Co.

23 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London.

Newcastle 23d. July 1803. –

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 20th. Inst. & observe the Contents.-

Inclosed you have a Copy of my Letter to Mr. Bowns who I expect at this Place the 1st August.

No Propositions have yet come from the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Brandling, nor from Easterby & Co. to their Creditors; I understand that the Arrangement which has been made of their Concerns by Mr. Black (the Person which Mr. Burdon brought down) will next Week be laid before the Gentlemen who have engaged to inspect the same, when a State of them will be lain before the Publick; Easterby & Co. have engaged to do the like.

Mr. C. Blackett thinks himself highly obliged to you & Coln Beaumont for your very kind Indulgence; at the same time he begs leave to assure you that he shall take the necessary Steps towards the Discharge of his Debt as soon as possible. – Notwithstanding you have about £80,000 –'' –'' locked up (as I may say) by this very unfortunate stop of the Bank & the Consequences attending it; it has been in my Power to place in the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. upwards of £10,000 –'' –'' which will be fully sufficient to discharge all Demands on you in this Quarter as well as for carrying on your Works for some Time, which with the Lead at Blaydon & what may be expected down, on a favourable Sale being made, will relieve you from any Uneasiness respecting the several Lead Pays. When the Propositions of the Bank &c. are known we shall be better able to judge how far it may be advisable to renew the Dead Work at the Mines as well as the new Trials, which have been laid off for a Time. –

The Reduction that I made in the Price of the Parcel of Lead that I sold, was only for a temporary Purpose, which I thought at that time expedient, being satisfied had I not accepted of the Price at that Time, that others would, & as a Proof of it, neither Walkers & Co. nor the other Houses would at the Time purchase more at the reduced Price, it was not to make Price, for I now stand at £32 & £33 p[er] Fod[de]r., but I really do not expect to obtain it, many of the Ports being at this Time shut up, & the London

Houses stand off in Expectation that the Lead &c. in the Possession of Easterby & Co., must for the Benefit of their Creditors, soon come to Market, which must affect the Price. I have consulted Mr. Heron respecting having Recourse to coursive Measures being adopted with Easterby & Co. which will be attended to: the Seizure made by Mr. Walton has not answered his Purpose, Bail being given, so I understand that he has not gained any Advantage; I certainly agree with you, that neither Honour nor Honesty is to be expected from Easterby & the Halls. I am &c. J.E.B.

26 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to John Brumell

John Brumell Esq
Newcastle.

N.Castle 26th. July 1803.

Sir

I have been favoured with your Letter, enclosing a Letter from the Individuals composing the House of Easterby & Co., the Contents of wch. I observe & am ready to concur with Mr. Walton in sending a skilful Person on the Part of Coln. Beaumont to examine the present State of the Arkendale Mines, & to make their Report thereon. – I have given Directions accordingly, & Mr. Thos. Crawhall of Allenheads will be at Newcastle on Monday the 1st. Augt. when Mr. Bowns who is employed by Coln. Beaumont in Law Business will I expect be there. I am &c. -J.E.B.

30 Jul 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas Bowns Esq
Banktop Barnsley Yorks:

Newcastle 30 July 1803-

Dr Sir

I this day attended a Meeting of the Creditors of Mess.< Anty> Easterby & Co. from 12 to 3 o'clock and inclose you a Copy of their statement of their affairs as well as of the resolutions come to at the meeting, the former of which I am induced to believe will be found to be very fallacious – The Committee have appointed to meet on Monday morning in order to investigate the Acco[un]ts. produced at this meeting & the Deputation will proceed to the View of Arkendale Leadmine on Monday senight, the issue of which I hope may prove favourable – Inclosed is Sir Wm. Loraine & Cos. Bill [in margin: Bill No. 359] at One Mo. on Veres & Co. for One Thousand Pounds the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge & you will oblige -yours &c J:E:B:

1 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 1st. Augt. 1803

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 23d. Ulto. to which I beg leave to refer you, as well as to what Mr. Bowns would inform you of. –

On Saturday I attended a Meeting of the Cred[it]ors. of Messrs. Easterby & Co. and inclosed I send you a Statement of their Affairs which they laid before us, & likewise a Copy of the Resolutions come to at the Meeting; the Statement appears to be very fallacious in many Respects, & I fear it will prove so; the Committee are proceeding in the Investigation of their Statement. – Mr. Crawhall & Mr. Emerson with Mr. Walton &c. propose going to the Arkendale Mines the middle of next Week or the Week following, that it may not interfere with their Meeting Mr. Cockshutt at the Mines. – I understand that the Workmen are much dissatisfied in not having their lending Money every Month as usual of late, on which Account I have consented that they shall have £2-,-,-, every two Months instead of £1-10,-, which I intended & which I hope will satisfy them for the present; I wrote to Mr. Bowns on the 30th. enclosing a Bill for £1,000-- & a Copy of the enclosed papers; I send by this Post for Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. a Bill for £2,000— [in margin is written: Bill No 360] , in a few Day £1,000-- more shall be remitted to them on your Account.-

I proposed to the Committee that Mr. C. Blackett should attend for me in the Investigation of the Accounts of Easterby & Co. but it was objected to, as he was a Purchaser of Lead and in Consequence was interested in the Reduction of its Price. – The Lead Houses refuse to give £32 p[er] Fo[ot]d[er]. & I am apprehensive that the present Price cannot be supported from the small Demand, & from the foreign Ports being shut against Importation. – The House of Messrs. Losh Lubben & Co. who are indebted to you upwards of £1,600 – have become Bankrupts & I fear you will be a Sufferer by them.

The Gentlemen who undertook the Investigation of the Bank Accounts, are proceeding with them, and the Proprietors have consented to allow 5 p[er] Cent Int[er]est. from the 30th. June for the Debts due from them as well as their Notes in Circulation. –

The Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. & Co. are dissatisfied with Mr. Bowns Mode of conducting the Business & I do not believe they or any other Bank at this Place will carry it on, on that Footing, neither do I believe that your great Pay can possibly be made in Notes of the Bank of England: the Number of forged Notes that have been in Circulation have prejudiced the Country against accepting them in Payment nor could they get small Change for <...> from any of the Banks of this place [struck out: from which they were.] I am &c. J.E.B.

1 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Unsigned file note but probably by John Erasmus Blackett]

Aug. 1. 1803. Wrote Mess.es Ransom Morland & Co: inclosing Sir Wm. Loraine & Co's Bill on Veres & Co. at One Mo. for £2000 on Mr Beaumont's Accto. Bill No. 360

3 Aug 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

N.Castle 3d Aug: 1803.

Gent.

Mr. Blackett has this day been favored with yours of 1. Inst. covering 6 Bills amount Three Hundred and Twelve Pounds 5/7 which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account for fine Silver sent you as usual

I am &c. T..C..

6 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq
Banktop, near Barnsley, Yorkshire

Newcastle 6th. August 1803-

Dear Sir

Since I saw you I have fully considered the Arrangements you have made with Messrs. Ransom Morland & Co. for the carrying on the Lead Concerns of Coln. & Mrs. Beaumont: I am of Opinion that the Mode you pointed out cannot be carried into Execution; neither the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. nor any other Bank at this Place will on that Footing undertake the Business, as to discounting the Bills they are averse to the Measure at any time and will be particularly so at the present; in Case an Account is opened with two Banks, neither of them will think it an Object worth their Attention. When the Pays are made, particularly the great Lead Pay, I have great Reason to believe that London Bank Notes would be objected to by the Workmen owing to the Difficulty of getting Change for them at any of the Banks and the Number of forged Notes of the Bank of England which have been in Circulation, have prejudiced the Country against the Receipt of them in Payment. – Since the Stop of the Bank of Surtees's' & Burdon & the Run on the other Banks, the Country People have rather inclined to keep the Notes of the N.Castle Banks than exchange them for those of the Bank of England: I don't believe that the Agents of the Lead Co. or Mr. Walton would prefer making their Pay in Notes of the Bank of England to those of the Newcastle Banks. – In Case Coln. Beaumont should come to a Resolution of issuing his own Notes it would require a separate Establishment and a Fund of 20 or £30,000 – s – d at least for carrying that Matter into Execution, for after a Lead Pay a sufficient Fund must be provided for taking up the greater part of those Notes. I am &c. - - J.E.B.

Should Coln & Mrs. Beaumont have an Inclination of trying the Experiment in making the Lead Pay in the Notes of the Bank of England & Cash from thence, it shall be done, but knowing how the Country was disposed at this Time I thought it advisable to give you my Opinion.

8 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq Durham.

.Castle 8th. August 1803.

Sir

Inclosed you will receive Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker & Co.'s Check payable at Durham Bank for seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ a Year's Moor Master's Rent due from Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq. to the Lord Bishop of Durham, with 1s/2d/ for Acquittance & Duty. – Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that Purpose. I am &c. -J.E.B.

Newcastle upon Tyne 8th. August 1803

Received of Messrs. Wetherell & Co. p[er] Payment of J.E. Blackett Esqr. Seventy-five Pounds 1s/2d to Account for on Demand. For Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker, Pearson, Maude & Co.

£75 -1 -2.

Wm. Loraine Junr.

10 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Worthing, Sussex

Newcastle 10th. Augt. 1803.

Dear Sir

Mr. Cockshutt & his Niece Miss Bland came to this place the 4th. Inst. they dined with me the day following & went to Wylam on Saturday; Thos. Crawhall went with Mr. Cockshutt to the several Mines & Mills on the 8th. where Mr. Mulcaster was to meet them, as was Mr. Thomas at Hexham, and I expect them back on Sunday. – We had a Report that the Workmen had all stopt work in Consequence of the lending Money being reduced & were mischievously disposed which alarmed me very much, & Mr. Cockshutt undertook to speak & reason with them, & to acquaint them that 40s/.d lending Money was the Sum that we could allow them every two Months: this Morning a Deputation of the Workmen came down with the inclosed Petition & behaved with the greatest Decency and Propriety. – On fully considering their Case as to the Difficulty & Charge they must unavoidably be under at this Time in providing Substitutes not only for the Militia but the Army of Reserve, I have promised them to

represent their Case to Mrs. Beaumont & you, & that I had little Doubt of their Request respecting the lending Money being complied with by having 60s/.d p[er] 2 M[onth]s. as usual the next lending Day the 24th. Inst. and 30s/.d p[er] Month after; I convinced them of the Impossibility of making the Pay at Christmas, but should recommend to you, that on making it at May next that they should be paid to the 31st. Decr. next instead of 30th. Septr., with Respect to increasing their pay by the Bing for the ore, I told them that it, as well as the working of such Mines as may be thought advisable at the present Time, must be left to the Discretion of the Agents, taking into Consideration the Price of Lead as well as the Demand, they went away very well satisfied, & had not the least Doubt of its being so to the whole.

Mr. Crawhall & Mr. Emerson with Mr. Walton & his Agent Mr. Dickinson, go on Monday to examine the State of the Arkendale Mines, & to make their Report to the Committee.

No Report is yet made as to the State of the Bank of Surtees' & Co.

No Demand whatever for Lead, & I fear that the Price must drop.-

Inclosed you have a Copy of my Letter to Mr. Bowns. I am &c. J.E.B.

10 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Worthing Sussex.

Newcastle 10th. August 1803.

Dear Madam

Since my Letter to Colonel Beaumont, I have the Favor of your Letter of the 7th. Inst. & I am glad to hear that you, the Colonel and your young Folks are in good Health. –

I refer you to my Letter to Coln. Beaumont; from some Circumstances in the Petition of the Miners, as well as from their peaceable & proper Behaviour, & the Information that I had obtained of what was done by the Agents of the Lead Company, I have been induced to make the Recommendation respecting their Subsistence Money, which really circumstanced as they were, became necessary, & I have no Doubt will have its proper Effect with them.

I have not the least Apprehensions of the Bank that you at present do Business with at this Place, as I know that they neither engage in any Speculations, nor do they issue Notes beyond the Capital that they can command. I observe what you & Coln. Beaumont are so kind to propose to me respecting having the Assistance of some Gentleman of Knowledge in Business who could on Occasion be an Ease & Relief to me; I think myself much obliged to you for this Consideration; I mentioned it to Mr. C. Blackett who very kindly offered me his Assistance whenever there may be Occasion; at present I do not see any Necessity for any further Application, or saying any Thing more on the Subject.

I am &c. J.E.B.

13 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont
Worthing, Sussex.-

Newcastle 13th. August 1803

Dear Sir

I wrote to you & to Mrs. Beaumont on the 10th. Inst. & I have this day been favoured with your Letter of the 16th. Inst. from Worthing.- I observe that you are in daily Expectation of being called upon, in Consequence of the Offer which you had made to Government, which had been accepted of, which with the Shortness of the Time, would not admit of your being at the Country Meeting at Alnwick on Wednesday the 17th. Inst. which I understand is for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Defence of the Country &c; An Address to the King went from the high Sheriff, Grand Jury &c. last Tuesday, and Yesterday there was a full Meeting of the Deputy Lieutenants at Alnwick on the aforesaid Business. The Duke of Northd. (excepting his Lameness) is in good Health, & I understand that he intends making some Stay at Alnwick Castle.

Mr. Cockshutt is not yet returned from the Mines; I hope that his Report may be favorable, he goes the next Week to Alnwick Castle, on some Business with the Duke.

The Price of Lead is kept up by the Lead Co. and myself at 32 & 33 but we have no Demand, and the little there is at present, is supplied by the Hull & Chester Markets, which are so much lower.

I had this day a Letter from my Friend Mr. Meason at Edinburgh, a considerable Lead Proprietor, saying 'I always thought that they had got the Lead too high I don't see how it can stand, or where the Demand can come from, as we are shut out from all the World; if it is true that they will want none for India I don't see where it can be sent; the Petersburg Market I suspect is overstocked: I wish the Price could be maintained at £30 – but no Body is asking about it.'

Mr. Chapham from the ArchBishop of York called on me a few Days since respecting the Application made to Mrs. Beaumont & you by the Revd. Mr. Richardson of the Chapel of Nine Banks, who had by obtaining of Queen Ann's Bounty, agreed for the Purchase of a Copyhold Estate within the Manor of Hexham, which Mr. Bell (for Reasons that he alledged) objected to its being carried into Execution, in Consequence of which you had some Application from the Arch Bishop; I consulted Mr. Williamson on the Matter, & I could not find from him that there could be any reasonable Objection made to the Transfer of the Property, as it will continue Copyhold, & be subject to the same Claims &c. Richardson (owing to his Ignorance once) wrote you a very improper Letter, but I understand that there cannot be any well founded Objection to his being admitted a Copyholder under the Manor. I am &c. - - - J.E.B.

21 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Worthing, Sussex.

Newcastle 21st. Augt. 1803.

Dear Madam

I am favored with your Letters of the 14th. & 18th. Inst. & observe the Contents. I am pleased to find that you & Coln. Beaumont approve of what I recommended respecting the Subsistence Money; the Calls on the Workmen at this Time on Accot. of the Militia, the Army of Reserve &c. made it necessary. – Thos. Crawhall Jr. went this Morning to Allenheads &c. with Notes from the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. for that Purpose for two Months as well as for a Carriage Pay amounting on the whole to near £5,000 - - Mr. Cockshutt in his Inspection made many useful & judicious Observations, of wch. he will inform you, some of which it may not be advisable at the present Time to carry into Execution, but may be delayed 'till a more favourable Opportunity. – Mr. Walton returned from making the Inspection of the Arkendale Mines with T. Crawhall T. Emerson yesterday Evening; their Report (a Copy of which shall be sent you in a day or two) I understand is very favorable, but the great Difficulty will be, the Mode of carrying on the Works for the Benefit of the Creditors, conformable with the Lease of the Lords of Arkendale, which are Sir Chas. Turner, Mr. <Slea> of Stockton & Mr. <Fron> Forster of Buston in Northumberland, the Rent £3,900 - - p[er] Ann. the Lot ore & Tythe Ore to Lord Louth, one tenth; you shall hear further from me on the Business when I have seen or heard from Mr. Crawhall who has crossed the Moors from Arkendale.

The Committee for examining the State of the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Co. have not yet made their Report; three of the Gentn. were in my Opinion very improper, as to Justice T. he is no Man of Business, & his Deafness renders him utterly unfit for it; you & Mrs. Beaumont have so very large a Sum locked up (as it were) have great Reason to complain, on which Account a Letter from you to Mr. Burdon to spur them up a little will in my Opinion be very proper.

The Losh's & Lubben are Bankrupts, & the Loss will I fear be great, they were not suspected till very late & some Persons at this Place are Creditors from 2 to £5,000 another House at this Place have stopped Payments, but you have no Concern with them at present.

There is not any Demand for Lead at present, chiefly on Account of the several Ports that are shut up against Importation, & the little that is purchased is at Hull & Chester; the Lead Company, Mr. Walton, myself &c. still stand at £32 & £33 for Refined, but I doubt much our obtaining those Prices.-

I observe what Mr. Burdon told you in April last as to the Intentions of the Halls to pay you the £5,000 they were indebted to you; I am very confident that they never had the least Intention of doing it, it was to give you Confidence at the Time & it serves to confirm me in the very bad Opinion that I have of the Halls, & to surprize me that Mr.

Burdon should be so blinded & grossly imposed on by them. I expect Mr. Cockshutt from Alnwick Tomorrow or Tuesday.

I am &c. -J.E.B.

22 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to Newcastle 22d. Augt. 1803.
Colonel Beaumont Worthing, Sussex.

Dear Madam

I wrote you a long Letter by the last Post to which I refer you.

I have seen Mr. Thomas this Morning, he will be at Hexham tomorrow & will call on Captn. Carr and in your Name acquaint him that the Colours presented by you to the Hexham Volunteers, which are at present deposited at the Abbey, shall be deliv.d to them when desired.

Mr. Walton has spoke to me about the Black Book of Hexham, which will be necessary to be produced by the Bailiff Mr. J. Bell before the Commissioners for the Division of Alston Moor respecting the Boundary &c. but not to be parted with out of his Possession; Mr. Walton had some Doubt whether it remained with Mr. Bell in the Manor Court Office, or was in your Possession at Bretton, should it be with Mr. Bell what Directions would you have given? or would you have the Opinion of the Steward of the Manor taken as to the Propriety of the Measure of producing it, and how far you may be compellable to do it.

With 28,000 ps. of Lead at Blaydon & more coming down daily, I wish much to make a Sale; I am of Opinion that as most of the foreign Ports are shut up, & of Course little or no Demand for Lead at present, that the Prices is of £32 & 33 cannot possibly be obtained, & that the Hull & Chester Markets will supply the small Demand at a reduced Price, Mr. Walton differs with me in Opinion but I saw a Letter this Morning that Walkers & Co. had bought a Quantity of Welch Lead at Chester for their Works at £26-5-'' their Fo[dde]r. which is more than the Newcastle Fother & were about purchasing a larger Quantity at the same Price, their Lead is of an inferior Quality, but the Difference of Price is very great. I was blamed by Mr. Walton & Easterby for selling the 2,000 ps. last Month at £30 – they have not since sold higher & I wish that I could get that Price for 20,000 ps at present to the London Houses; I shall on the 26th Inst. remit to Ransom * Co. a Bill dated this Day at 2 Months for £4,454-11-11

I am &c.J.E.B.

25 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to Newcastle 25th. August 1803.
Colonel Beaumont

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 21st. & 22d. Inst. I now enclose you under two Covers a Copy of the Report made by the Persons that went to Arkendale to take a View of those Mines, & likewise Calculations formed by the Committee thereon; as well as the Proposals of Easterby Hall & Co.; the Report appears to be very favourable, & altho' there may have been more Money expended in the several Works than were absolutely necessary, yet the Reporters are of Opinion that it has not been thrown away & that the several Works are the most compleat of their kind, that they were examined, & that the Works have been conducted in a very judicious Manner; Mr. Walton is in high Spirits on the Occasion, he & Mr. Hopper &c. are of Opinion that were the Effects &c to come to the Hammer, they would not go for half their Value, & that the Loss to the Creditors in Consequence must be very considerable; they likewise are strongly of Opinion & recommend that the Works may go forward by the Company under the same Management &c. subject to the Inspection & Control of a Committee of the Creditors & their Agents, by this Method there appears to be every Reason to believe that the Debts of the Company with Interest thereon may be paid off in the Course of two Years, & that in Case of any other Measure being pursued, that the Loss to the Creditors must be very heavy; the Lease of the Lords of Arkendale to their Lessees is laid before Mr. H. Williamson for his Opinion, & there is to be another Meeting of the Committee of the Creditors on Saturday next. – I was at a Meeting of the Creditors of Losh Lubben & Co. on Tuesday last & I am sorry to inform you that it is thought that their Affairs will turn out very ill: I herewith enclose an Affidavit for Col: Beaumont, to be taken by him before some Master in Chancery as to the Truth &c. Attorneys are generally Masters in Chancery; when taken please to return it.-

Mr. Thomas has been with me & informs me that Capt. Carr of Hexham was much pleased with your Attention to the Corps, & will let you know when the Colours will be wanted; a Subscription for the Purpose of finding the Uniform of the Volunteres &c. is set on Foot at Hexham & the Neighbourhood of which Captn. Carr will write to Colonel Beaumont or you.

I am &c. J.E.B.

27 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Ransom, Morland & Co

[Note: File note probably by JEB or Thos Crawhall]

Aug. 27. 1803. Wrote Ransom, Morland & Co. including <W.W.> Parker & Cos. Bill on Walkers Maltby & Co at Two Months Date dated the 22nd. Inst. for Four Thousand Four Hundred & Fifty Four Pounds 11s/11d on Mr Beaumont's Account. [In margin: Bill No. 369]

28 Aug 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Worthing, Sussex.

Newcastle Augt. 28th. 1803.

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 23d. Inst. & observe what you say respecting Mr. Burdon's Application to you & Col: Beaumt. I think what he proposes is most unreasonable after having so large a Sum locked up by their Means, to offer you Security for the greater part of the Debt at a Time when they must be sensible of having put you to the greatest Inconvenience; it is certainly very ill usage; I do not apprehend that they will make a Payment for some Time, and their first will be their taking up their Notes in Circulation at 5 per] Cent Interest.

A Meeting of the Creditors of Easterby Hall & Co. was held yesterday, the Resolutions of which you have inclosed; another Meeting will be held on Saturday the 3d. Sepr.; Mr. Walton is very sanguine on their paying the whole in twenty-one Months with Int[eres]t. on the same. T.Crawhall returned from the Mines on Friday last; the Workmen were all peaceably at work & very well satisfied; what Mr. Cockshutt said to them on the Enormity of the Offence of stopping the Works, had a very good Effect; his Advice & Recommendation to them will be sent to the several Agents, & I have no Doubt that when he writes he will send you a Copy of it; he left this Place this Morning, being sent for by Mr. Wortley, who he is engaged with in a Corps of Yeomanry. By this Post I have remitted a Bill to Ransom Morland & Co., for £4,454 -11 -11 which will be due in seven Weeks.

The London Houses are in Want of Lead, & as the East India Contracts will be made about the middle of next Month, I expect soon to have Applications, and shall be happy if the present Prices can be supported. I am &c. J.E.B.

30 Aug 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Crawhall

[Note: From the son in the Newcastle office to the father at Allenheads]

Mr. Crawhall Allenheads

Newcastle Aug. 30. 1803.

Inclosed you have some remarks on the late Stop of the Workmen in Col. & Mrs. Beaumont's employ drawn up by Mr. Cockshutt and addressed to them; which on your receipt, you are desired to forward Copies of to Mr. Emerson and Mr. Dickinson; all of whom will make it publick amongst the Workmen under your several inspections at the same time presenting them with a Guinea at each Mine, Weardale Coalcleugh & Allenhds. in his Name for the purposes therein mentioned which Sums I will repay when I meet Mr E. Mr D. & you I am &c T.C.

1 Sep 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq. Darley Hall
Barnsley Yorks:

Newbiggin 1st. Sepr. 1803

Dr. Sir

Your favor of 29th. Ulto. was forwarded to me at this place where I have been a couple of days, & propose staying till the 7th. Inst. being advised to the Sea Air on account of my health having been much indisposed lately. The questions that were proposed to me by Mr: Wilson were answered some time since through Mr. Heron &c. which I suppose Mr: Wilson has forgot, there is no end to his perplexing Queries, I do not think that he pays that attention, & lays that stress on what I think to be the principal point in dispute Viz Did HB by any deceit or false representation say any thing to the Bishop to mislead him, or secret any thing from the enquiry of the Bishop, and by those means induce the B. to enter into the agreement? I shall communicate the several Queries again to Mr. Heron & Mr. Losh & consult them thereon. I have wrote to Col Beaumont this day, but I am quite a stranger as to what is doing at Hexham respecting the Volunteers raised at that place. I remitted a Bill the 20 Inst. to Mess. Ransom, & Morland & Co. for upwards of £4,000 – that will become due about the 25th Octr. I dont think that it will be in my power to remit you a Bill for £1500 at a shorter date, when I return home I shall use my endeavour. The Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Co. are not likely to make a paymt. for a considerable time, nor will the House of Easterby Halls & Co. be in a state to do it, as you may observe by the Papers which I inclosed to Mrs. Beaumont in my letters to her of the 25, 27, & 2<8>. Inst to Worthing – I am respectfully &c. J.E.B.

2 Sep 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont M.P.
Bretton Wakefield Yorks

Newcastle 2d. Sepr. 1803-

Dear Sir

I wrote to you yesterday & have since received your favor of the 31st. enclosing Mrs. Beaumont's letter; I agree with you both in opinion that you have been treated very ill by Mr. Burdon as you had placed a confidence in him & he must have been sensible of it, I am glad that Mrs. Beaumont has wrote him her sentiments on his Conduct on this business. Should any General Meeting of the County be advertised you shall be informed.

I am &c. J.E.B.

9 Sep 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Chas Bowns Esq
Banktop Barnlsey Yorks:

Newcastle Sepr. 9th. 1803.

Dear Sir

I have communicated the Contents of your letter of the 2d. Inst: to the Bankers at this place, the house of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. is willing to transact the business of Col. Beaumont here, but requests that he or you will name the terms on which you wish his Account to be kept by them with the deposit you propose allowing them; as you best know what Sums are intended in future to remain in the hands of Mess. Ransom & Co., when they will give an answer. Inclosed you have (in margin Bill sent No.371) their draft on Mess. Veres & Co. for £2,000 - -on Col. Beaumonts Account I am sorry to say I will not have it in my power to remit you any further Sums on his Account for some time in consequence of the advance Subsistence Money being continued to his Workmen at the Mines & the very large Sums he as locked up at this place. The Tyne Iron Co. propose to pay ½ the amount of their Bills on the 5th. Oct. the remainder at the end of 3, 8 & 12 Months after that date with Interest, the former part of which I have thought it prudent to accept of, for the Bill you left here; the remainder I conceive the house of Surtees' & Co. liable to, not having had any concern with the Iron Co., and which must be paid off at a much earlier period than that they propose

I am &c. J.E.B.

9 Sep 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under cover to
Col. Beaumont M.P. Portmansquare London

Newcastle Sept. 9th. 1803

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 6th. Inst. from Newbiggin, this I hope may find yourself the Colonel & your young Folks perfectly well in Portman square. The Bank Committee have not yet made any report; the first payment they make after satisfying the Government Extents will (I imagine) be the taking up of their Notes that were in circulation.

The India Company's Contract for Lead will be made this Month, which will in some measure regulate the price, it will be highly necessary that I should make a Sale soon, & a large one. I shall be happy in case the prices of £32 & £33 p[er] F[odde]r. can be obtained, but I doubt it much. I write by this Post to Mr. Bowns & inclose him a Bill for £2,000 - - on Col Beaumonts Accot., a Copy of which letter I enclose you.

I am &c. J.E.B.

9 Sep 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Mess. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle Sept. 9th. 1803

Gent.

I have this day sent you p[er] the Leeds Waggon a ps. fine Silver containing Nine Hundred and Seventy Three Ounces which I desire you will place to Acct. with Col. Beaumont as below & advise me on your receipt of the same. I am &c. j.E.B.

For a ps. fine Silver qu. 973 Ounces & 6/- p[er] Oz £291 – 10 –

P.S. I have been advised that Mess. <Shaw & Rothmans draft> on Mess. Thomas & Co. due 26 Sept. for 50 <£>. reced of you, has been refused acceptance answer 'No advice'.

19 Sep 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs. Drummond
Bankers London

Newcastle Septemr. 19th. 1803.

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker & Co. on Messrs. Veres & Co at forty days dated this day, for Two Hundred & thirty-one Pounds, five Shillings to pay one Quarters Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Coln. Beaumt. the 26th. Ulto. & Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that Purpose to yours &c. J.E.B.

£231 -5 – Newcastle upon Tyne 19th. Sepr. 1803.

Forty days after date pay to the Order of J.E. Blackett Esq Two Hundred & thirty-one Pounds five Shillings value received. – For Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker, Pearson, Maude & Co. Wm. Loraine Junr.

To Mess.rs Veres, Lucadou Troughton Lucadou & Smart Bankers London
No. 1650

19 Sep 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads
Sheffield

Newcastle 19th. Sepr. 1803.-

Gentn

Your Favour of the 17th. has come to hand covering eight Bills amount Two Hundred & ninety-five Pounds Fourteen Shillings & four Pence as you advise, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Accountt with Coln. Beaumont for fine Silver sent you.

We can now furnish you with another ps. fine Silver if you are much in Want with which you will be pleased to advise us by Return of Post as we have Applications for the same here. I am &c. T.C.

25 Sep 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq
Darley Hall Barnsley, Yorkshire

Newcastle 25th. Sepr. 1803.-

Sir

I duly received your Favour of the 12th. Inst. & delayed answering it until I had an Answer from Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. to the Proposition that you offered them, which I have not yet obtained; they wish to know if the Deposit of £5,000 – is understood to be a full Compensation for the discounting such Bills as I may pay into their Bank, should they be at two, three, or four Month's Date. – I am concerned to find that the Affairs of the Bank of Surtees's & Co. have not so favourable an Aspect as was at first represented, & that it is not probable they will be soon settled; the Creditors begin to be very uneasy & some talk of making them Bankrupts, but I hope that Measure may be avoided, for in that Case every Advantage arising from the future Workings of the Arkendale Mines by the present Lessees would be lost to the Creditors.

An Offer was made to me by Mr. Easterby (with the Consent of the Committee of the Creditors) to give me their Note (payable in London) for the Amount of the first Instalment due the end of Decr. (as a Convenience to Col: Beaumont) they having no Doubt that Messrs. Ransom & Morland would readily discount the same; I was of a different Opinion & not inclining to change the Security I declined accepting of their Offer. Great Pains have been taken by the London Lead Houses to reduce the price of Lead; a Proposition was made me to defeat Mr. Ellill &c. in his Offers to the India Company, which I declined; that Person got the Contract for 2,000 Tons at £24 -19 -,, the Ton, equal to £26 -17 – 6 the Newcastle Fo[dde]r. , had I come into the Measure, it would probably been a Loss to Coln: Beaumont of upwards of £10,000-

I have the Pleasure to inform you that on Thursday last I sold to Messrs. Walkers, Maltby & Co. 1,500 ps. Lead at £32 & 33 the Fo[dde]r. & to the Works on this River about 600 ps. at the same price. – I expect the other Houses will make Purchases, tho' not of large Quantities at present. – The Lead Mr. Ellill sold was chiefly Slag Lead & Welch Lead which is no better.

Inclosed you have an Account of our Receipts & Payments till March next as near as I can calculate; what Lead I may sell from this time, will be in Aid of them and the Lead Pay in May.

I wrote to Mrs. Beaumont Yesterday. I am &c. – J.E.B.

6 Oct 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Coln. Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle 6th. Octr. 1803.

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 4th. Inst. & am happy in hearing so pleasing an Account of Mrs. Beaumont & her little one. The Bill of £4,454 -11 -11 was received from Walkers & Co. & remitted to Ransom, Morland & Co. the 22d. Augt. & will become due the 22d. Inst.

The Bank Committee have made a fresh Arrangement for the Payment of the Bills &c. of the Lemington Iron Company & have obliged the Surtees's as well as the other Owners to sell wholly out, but not on so good Terms as has been offered by two Getlemn. of Hull some short Time since, before the Committee had taken that Matter into their Hands.

The Surtees's were unwilling to part with that Concern, & I understand that J Surtees very improperly broke off the Engagement, by which Means the Committee were afterwards under a Necessity of making the best Agreement that they could for the Sale of that Property; the Payments are to be made, one fourth in this Month, the Remainder in 3,6 & 12 Months.

With Respect to your taking the Bill out of the Bank of Ransom & Morland when it will be so near due, it certainly will be looked on by them as leaving their Bank, but that I think is of little Consequence compared with your safety at this Time, you giving them the Reason for so doing which you mention: I am of Opinion that your making the Change to the Bank of Alexr. Davidson & Co. will be an advisable Measure, not only as to the Stability of that Bank, but on Account of the Offer which Mr. Davidson made you; which should I not make a pretty large Sale in the Course of a Month; you may be under a Necessity of accepting against the Lead Pay; should you make this Change – the sooner it is done the better.

In August when I received the Bill for £4,454-11-11 I received another Bill dated the 9th. at 4 Months for the like Sum which is in the Hands of the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. to answer the Payments for Subsistence, Lead Carriage &c. that Month exclusive of this Bill, that Bank has not at present above £200 – of your Money, there is about £3,500 – due for Lead, which I am in Hopes of receiving this Month to answer further Payments; but at present People are very backward in their Payments.

The Lead Company & other Lead Holders of any Consequence stand at the Price of £32 & £33 - - the Quantity at Hull is very small, & I have Advices from Derbyshire & from Scotland, that since the Sale of the Lead of inferior Quality to the India Company that their Prices have advanced; I am satisfied that the London Houses are in great Want of good Lead, but in the present Situation of this Country, they do not incline to make any large Purchase: I this day sold to Walkers, Ward, Parker & Co. for their Works 600 ps. Ref[ine]d. & Com[mo]n. & 25 Casks Litharge at £32 & 33; I am selling small Quantities for the Works of James & Co. at the same Price, & Litharge for the Glass Houses at £33 the Ton. – I yesterday received from Wm. Bates the Valuation of

the Steel Hall Estate (exclusive of the Wood) which is rated higher than I expected, it is sent to Mr. Thomas, from whom you will hear; the Payment at this Time may be attended with Inconvenience. T.Crawhall Jr. returned from Allenheads yesterday after paying the Workmen their monthly Subsistence; the Mines there, are at present rather poor those in Weardale more promising. –

John Lee of Rise Green near Allenheads, who I mentioned in a former Letter, is a most troublesome lawless Fellow: he paid no Regard to my Letter & says that he knows that his Letter to you was stopped at Durham; the Hexham Bailiffs dare not execute a Process against him; it would be well if you wrote him a very threat'ning Letter by Post & for Mr. Thomas to call on him afterwards; he is a most dangerous Person & keeps Possession of a House & Ground of yours paying no Rent and in Defiance of Law.

I am &c.-J.E.B.

8 Oct 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq
Darley Hall near Barnsley, Yorkshire

Newcastle 8th. Octr. 1803.

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 1st. Inst. and observe the Contents.

The Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. have agreed to transact Coln. Beaumont's local Business on the Terms that you proposed, but there is not a Probability that the Deposit of £5,000 can possibly be made for several Months; they have not at present quite £200 – of Coln. Beaumonts in their Hands besides a Bill on London for £4,454 -11-11 which will become due the 12th. Decr. next, & will answer for the Subsistence, Lead Carriage Pay &c. that Month, other Receipts for Lead &c. will about answer the several Payments for this & the next Month without having Recourse to the Bank. The Affairs of the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Co. I am sorry to say are not likely to be soon settled, but I understand that three of the Extents are already satisfied & the last is in a Way to its Discharge; the Committee have disposed of the Surtees' Share of Cowpen Colliery & of the Lemington Iron Works, & are relieved of the floating Paper of that Concern. – Mr. Burdon has disposed of a Fishery on the River Tweed to Mr. Davidson for £12,000 - & he is about disposing of his House in Town and other Property. The former Proposal for the Purchase of the Lemington Iron Works went off owing to Mr. J. Surtees, & the Committee have been under a Necessity of disposing of that Property on Terms less beneficial, one fourth to be paid in the Course of a few Days, the Remainder by Instalments at 3, 6 & 12 Months, which Sums shall on the Receipt be remitted to you. Should the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Co. be declared Bankrupts, every Advantage that may arise from the Arkendale Mines would be lost.

The present Demand for Lead is small; I have sold small Quantities at £32 & £33 p[er] Fo[dder]. but in the present Situation of the Trade, it is not in my Power to make more advantageous Stipulations for the Payment. I believe that Coln. Beaumont has

Thoughts of making a Change of the Bank of Mess. Ransom Morland & Co. for that of Alexr. Davidson Esq & Co. I am JEB

26 Oct 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Gosling & Sharpe

Messrs. Goslings
Bankers London

Newcastle 26th. Octr. 1803

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker & Co. on Messrs. Veres, Lucadou, & Co. at Forty Days dated this Day, for three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds, to pay one Quarter's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 15th. Inst. to the Revd. Henry Hardinge from Col: Beaumont. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill and advise Mr. Hardinge of the same.

I am &c. - - J.E.B.

£375 Newcastle upon Tyne 26th. Octr. 1803.

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of John E. Blackett Esq. three Hundred & seventy-five Pounds Value received.

For Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker Pearson, Maude & Co. Wm. Loraine Junr.

To Messrs. Veres, Lucadou Troughton, Lucadon & Smart Bankers London

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29 Oct 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont: under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont M.P. Portman Square London.

Newcastle 29th. Oct. 1803

Dr. Madam

I wrote to you the 13th, 14th, 15th, & 16th. Inst. to none of which I have received an Answer, which has alarmed me, least you, or some part of your Family may be ill; I wrote again the 25th. inst. to which I expect an Answer by Tomorrow's Post, which I hope may relieve me from my Apprehensions. – I shall go to Hexham on Monday with Subsistence Money for the Workmen, & Wood Payments, where I shall meet your Lead Agents.

I am told that Losh & Lubben, who lately failed, & are in your Debt £1,600 – are gone up to London (one, or both of them) to endeavour to get their Creditors to sign their Certificate; it does not appear that there is a Probability of their paying 2s/6d in the Pound, nor do I think that there appears to be any favourable Circumstance to entitle them to that Indulgence; they may probably call upon you for that Purpose.

Messrs. Walker's Partner Mr. Parker informs me this Day that they have made a Purchase of the Lead Company of 10,000 ps. of Lead, at some Pounds lower than the Price I asked; he would not name the Price nor the Credit; should it be £30 or 31 I should suspect that the Credit will be will be shorter than 6 Months possibly you may have an Opportunity of learning by some Friend; I have applied to the Agent of the Comp.y who informed me that such Sale has been made, but that he had not been informed of the Terms.

As you have a large Quantity of Lead at Blaydon near 40,000 ps. it certainly will be advisable to sell, & shall not scruple to sell from 20,000 to 30,000 ps. on the Terms that the Lead Co. have sold.

I am &c. J.E.B.

Walkers & Co. purchased the other Day 800 ps. Lead at Stockton, the Fo[dde]r. of 22 Cwts. at £30 p[er] Fo[dde]r. & had an Offer of more at the Price; I saw the Agreement: & some small Quantities from Alston Moor have been sold at this Place at £30-15 -,,

3 Nov 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq
Darley Hall Barnsley, Yorkshire

Newcastle 3d. Novr. 1803.-

Sir

I have received your several Letters of the 15th. & 29th. Ulto.. I delayed answering the former until some Agreement had be entered into with the Bank of Davidson & Co. which by a Letter that I received from Mrs. Beaumont yesterday I find to have been comcluded with them; it appears to me, to be on much more favourable Terms to Col: & Mrs. Beaumont, than those which had formerly made with the Banks of Surtees' Burdon & Co. and with Ransom Morland & Co., but until Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. hear from Davidson & Co on this Business they cannot give an Answer as to the transacting of the Business by them. – The Balance at present in the Hands of Loraine & Co. does not exceed £300 – exclusive of some Bills which will become due the end of this Month, which will amount to about the Sum which will be required for Subsistence for the Workmen & other Payments during the Course of this Month; the same will be the Case the next Month, at the end of which I would recommend that a Balance should be struck, & the Amount of which, with the first Instalment payable at that Time by Easterby Halls & Co. be remitted to Messrs. Davidson Noel & Co. and that for the Future the Business be carried on in the Manner which you point out, provided the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. agree to the Terms proposed by Davidson & Co. I am &c J.E.B.

5 Nov 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Alexander Davidson

Alexr. Davidson Esq
St. James's Square London.

Newcastle 5th. Novr. 1803.

My Dear Sir

I have the Favour of your Letter of the 2d. Inst. & observe that Col: Beaumont has opened an Account with your Bank for the transacting the whole of his Business for the future in the Manner which you describe, which I assure you is a great Satisfaction to me; but I have some Doubt whether the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. after having accepted of the Terms proposed to them by Mr. Bowns, will think it an Object worth their engaging in, to transact Col: Beaumonts Money Concerns at this Place in the Manner which you propose.

At the great Lead Pay, as well as the monthly Mine Payments of between two & £3,000 – in Notes, one half, & probably three parts, instead of circulating in the Country as formerly, will probably come back to them in a Week or ten Days, for which they are under a Necessity of either paying Cash or Bills on London at a very short Date, ten or fourteen Days; this they have already experienced.

The Balance at present in the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. in favour of Col: Beaumont will not be £200; they have Bills which will become due the end of this Month, which may about answer for the Payments at that Time; the same will be the Case in Decr.; I would beg leave to recommend that the Balance should then be finally struck, & the Amount, with such Bills as I may possibly receive at that time be remitted to your Bank, to which I sincerely wish every Success. I am &c. –J.E.B.

6 Nov 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London.

N.Castle Novr. 6th. 1803.-

Dear Madam,

I am favoured with your several Letters of the 31st Ulto. & 1st. Inst. enclosing Copies of Mr. Morlands Letter, & the Terms of Agreement with Messrs. Davidson Noel & Co. Bankers, Pall Mall: on the whole I think that the Terms are much more favourable to you & Coln. Beaumont, than those entered into formerly with the Bank of Surtees' Burdon & Brandling, & I approve much of the same; I have had a Letter from Mr. Alexr. Davidson, acquainting me with this Matter, which Letter I have answered; Sir Wm. Loraine & Co. have likewise heard from Davidson & Co. on the Business, of which they require some little Time to consider; I have some Doubt whether they will agree to the Terms proposed by Davidson & Co, as it would greatly extend their Circulation of Notes, which at the present Time I understand is not desirable; At the Lead Pay as well as at the monthly Mine Payments, one half & probably two-thirds of the Notes instead of circulating as formerly, will now come back to them in a Week or

ten Days, for which they are under a Necessity of paying Cash or Bills on London at a short Date, a Week or ten Days; this they have already experienced; the Balance at present in the Bank of Sir Wm. Loraine & Co in favour of Colonel Beaumont will not exceed £200 -; they have Bills which will become due the end of this Month, which may about answer for the Payments at that Time; the same will be the Case in Decemr.; I would beg leave to recommend, that the Balance should at that Time be finally struck, & the Amount, with such Bills &c. as I may possibly receive be remitted to the Bank of Alexr. Davidson, Noel & Co.: I observe what you say as to the Deposit of £9,000 – that you made with the Bank of Davidson & Co. & the Sum of £4,000 – wch. you had of Mr. Bosville, which is a most friendly kind Act; - I saw Mr. Burdon yesterday, he is much better, but looks very ill; when he first came down, after the Stop of his Bank, he proposed to me to be one of the Committee; I thought at the Time (circumstanced as I was) that there would be an Impropriety in my acting in that Capacity (notwithstanding some of the Gentlemen who compose the Committee are equally objectionable in other Respects) Mr. Williamson agreed with me in Opinion, on which Account I excused myself: I do not at present see any Prospect of their Affairs being soon settled; they are at present using every Endeavour to call in their Effects.

Easterby & Halls continue to carry on the Arkendale Mines under the Direction & Control of the Committee appointed, & the first Instalment will be paid the end of Decemr. by a Bill which shall be remitted to Messrs. Davidson Noel & Co. on Colonel Beaumonts Account; by Report those Mines continue in a very productive & promising State.-

The Sale of the Lead Company was 10,000 pieces of which 1200 were refined, the greater part of the Rest small Pieces of 8 Sto; the Price £30-p[er] Fo[dde]r. payable in 6,9 & 12 Months; I have refused selling on those Terms, & hope ere long to obtain better.-

I met your Lead Agents at Hexham on Monday with Subsistence Money for the Workmen and some Wood Payments. – The Workings in Weardale, much the same, except Breckonsike which rather falls off: Allenheads, the Bretton Vein rather poor: Coalcleugh much the same; there is Ore at the several Lead Mills to keep them employed till the Spring.

I am sorry to find that both yourself & little Girl have been so much indisposed, & I sincerely wish that the Exercise & Change of Air, may have the desired good Effect on you both.

I am &c. -J.E.B.

14 Nov 1803 John Erasmus Blakett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle 14th. Novr. 1803.-

Gentn.

I have this day sent you p[er] the Leeds Waggon, a piece fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Thirty-five Ounces, which I desire you will place to Account with Thomas

Rd. Beaumont Esq as below, and advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am &c. - - -
J.E.B.

1803 Novr. 14th. For a ps. fine Silver q 1135 Oz. @ 6s/<1>d p[er] Oz. 345-4-7

18 Nov 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to Newcastle 18. Novr. 1803
Col. Beaumont M.P. Bretton Wakefd. Yorks

Dr: Madam

I am favoured with your letter of the 16th. Inst. & am very glad to hear of your arrival safe & well at Bretton & that neither yourself nor your young travellers suffered from the cold & fatigue. Myself & family are much obliged to you for the anxiety which you express on our account respecting the Fever at this place; At this season of the year there has usually been a fever in the <low close> part of the town, the late close weather & the obstinacy of those inhabitants in not admitting Air to their habitations, contributed to increase it, but the accounts of it in the Papers were greatly exaggerated, for which some of the Publishers are under prosecution; at present the fever has subsided, & the Town is as healthy as usually at this Season. I observe that Mr. Cockshutt has been staying with you, no person is more able to give you information & advice respecting your Mine Concerns than that Gentr. & we have experienced his readiness on all occasions to do it, his observations at the Mines, as well as the letter he addressed to the Workmen, were very judicious & highly creditable to himself – An Experienced Agent is certainly wanted for Coalcleugh, I shall make every necessary enquiry for such a person, & it would be well if he could be found in that part of the Country who is well conversant in the Mines of those parts. –

I observe the paper you enclose, & I feat that nothing can now be recovered from the Proprietors of Brownley Hill Leadmine, they have acted a most scandalous dishonest part, after having made frequent applications to them & been put off by promises from time to time, I at length put the matter into the hands of the late Mr. Heron to bring an action against them which he delayed doing, & after some time told me that the Property was much changed & that those Partners that remained would plead the statute of limitation. I told him to bring the action notwithstanding, and <to> put them on doing so disgraceful an Act but he neglected to proceed agt. them.

Mr. Thomas was at Sheffield on some business of the Duke of Norfolks but he did not know that you were expected at Bretton. The Lead Company have sold 7000 ps. Lead more to the London Houses but their Agent at this place has not been informed of the price, the buyers say that it is at £30 the same price as the last 10,000 ps., but I do not give credit to it. The Lead & the Cask Fume shall be sent by the first opportunity as you direct, of which your House Steward Mr. Wood shall be advised, but the Fume can not be sent Red, it must go in its present State. I am &c. J:E:B.

I have not yet recd an answer to the letter that I wrote to Mr Davidson. There does not appear any prospects of the affairs of S & B Co. Bank being soon settled.

29 Nov 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Wood

Mr Wood
Bretton Yorkshire under Cover to Col: Beaumont M.P.

Newcastle Nov. 23d. – 1803.

Sir

We have this day shipped on board the Ship Two Brothers Captain John Gardner for Hull by Mrs. Beaumonts Order 50 ps Slag Lead of 69c 3 q ,, & One Cask of Lead Fume qty. <Neat> 1-2 - <x> as p[er] Bill of Lading inclosed; they are directed T.R Beaumont Esq Bretton to be left at the Old Warehouse Wakefield. As we did not know to whose care to direct the above at Hull, it may be necessary that you employ some person to take the charge of them there, pay the Freight &c.

I am &c. T.C.

29 Nov 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield. Newcastle 29th. Novemr. 1803-

Gentn.

Your Favour of the 26th. has come to hand, covering eight Bills, Amount Three Hundred & Forty-five Pounds, Three Shillings and three Pence as you advise, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Coln. Beaumont for fine Silver sent you.

I shall in a few Days, send you another Piece of about eight Hundred Ounces, of which I shall advise you. I am &c. - - - J.E.B.

2 Dec 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs. Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield. Newcastle 2d. Decr. 1803.-

Gentn.

I have this day sent you p[er] Pickergill's Waggon, a piece fine Silver containing Nine Hundred & Fifty-six & one half Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Thos. Rd. Beaumont Esq as below, and advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am &c. - - - J.E.B.

For a ps fine Silver q 956 ½ Oz. at 6s/1d p[er] Ounce £290 – 18s – 8d

2 Dec 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs. Beaumont under Cover to Newcastle Decemr. 2d. 1803.
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square – London

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 22d. & 26th. Ulto. to which I refer you.-

I hope that you got well to Town and that this may find you, the Colonel & young Family perfectly well –The late very promising Account of my poor Brother flatters us with Hopes of his doing well:-

We have been misinformed respecting the Lead Company's Sale, which was at £30 the Fo[dder]. & not the Ton as was represented in their Letter, since which Application has been made to me by Walker's & Co. for 5,000 Pieces of Lead. I made them an Offer of that Quantity or 10,000 pieces at £30-10- p[er] Fo[dder]. one-third to be refined, at the usual Credit, to which I have not yet received an Answer.-

I hear nothing further of the Bishop's Suit; it is my Opinion that the Answer to this Bill w[hi]ch was framed by Mr. Wilson and the Persons he employ<s> was improper: and was going into a Matter which we were not called on to enter into; the Matter in Question was simply this; Whether the Agreement entered into with the Bishop was legal; & whether I made use of any undue Means for the obtaining it, either by concealing any Information relating to it that was required of me, or by any false Report or Representation imposed on the Bishop or his Agents? there the Matter should have rested: - I have reason to say that this is the Opinion of a very able Lawyer who stands high in the Profession –

I am &c. J.E.B.

20 Dec 1803 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs. Drummond Newcastle 20th. Decr. 1803.
Bankers London

Gentn.

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker & Co. on Messrs. Veres Lucadon & Co. at forty Days dated this Day, for Two Hundred & thirty-one Pounds – five Shillings, to pay one Quarter's Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Col: Beaumont the 26th. Ulto. – Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that Purpose, to Gentn.

Yours &c. - - J.E.B.

£231-5- Newcastle upon Tyne 20th. Decemr. 1803.-

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of J.E. Blackett Esq Two Hundred & thirty-one Pounds five Shillings, Value received For Sir Wm. Loraine Bt. Baker Pearson, Maude & Co. Wm. Loraine Junr.-

To Messrs. Veres Lucadou Troughton, Lucadou & Smart Bankers London.

20 Dec 1803 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield.-

Newcastle Decr. 20th. 1803.-

Gentn.

Mr. Blackett has this Day recd. your Favor of the 19th. Inst. covering four Bills value Two Hundred and eighty-nine Pounds, ten Shillings which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account for fine Silver sent you on Mr. Beaumont's Account.

I am &c. – T.C.

1 Jan 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Read

[Note: Only dated as January]

Messrs Read Lucas & Read Sheffield

N[ew]Castle Jan[uar]y 1804

On the 2nd Inst Mr Blackett forwarded per Leeds Wagon on your Account a p[iece] [of] fine Silver which you will have the goodness to pass to Credit of Col Beaumont's Account as below and acknowledge the receipt as usual.

I am etc TC

For a p[iece] fine Silver q : 955 @ 6/2 per Oz £294-9-2

3 Jan 1804 Thomas Crawhall to unknown

[Note: This letter was found as a loose sheet in the volume between pages dated September 1805. There is no addressee.]

N[ew]C[astle] 3rdJan[uar]y 1804

Sir,

Mr Blackett being somewhat indisposed desires me to acknowledge the rec[eip]t of y[our]s of 31 Ult to the Contents of which he duly observes & feels much obliged by the information which he begs me to assure you shall not go further. He presumes you have already been acquainted with the late Sales of the Lead Co of 22000 p[iece]s Lead

as well as those of the G[reenwich] Hospital, the latter have sold all the Lead they had at Market to Walker's Houn @ 30 & 31 per fo[dder] Slag L[ea]d $\frac{1}{4}$.

The Market here is now very bare in that article except what WB holds, amounting to upwards of 40,000 p[iece]s ready for delivery. After offering a quantity of the London Houses @ 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ for $\frac{1}{3}$ Ref[ined] & $\frac{2}{3}$ Com[mon], which was refused by them. W Blackett has advanced his price & has lately been selling small quantities @ 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ p[er] fo[dder] & entertains great hopes of his being able to accomplish that price for a larger quantity in the course of next Month. Mr Beaumont has for some time observed the endeavours of the London Houses to beat down the prices he has been much urged by them to sell at a reduced price which he did not think proper to accede to & had thought of mak[ing] a consign[men]t to London in the manner you have done, their supplies must have been scanty for some time & he has little doubt but they will be necessitated to come to Market in the spring.

I am TC

5 Jan 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Under cover to
Col Beaumont MP Portman Square London

Newcastle 5 Jan[uar]y 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 25th Ult. since which I have delayed writing in hopes of making a Sale of Lead which has not yet been in my power; I am now informed that the London Houses have entered into an agreement not to make any purchases of WB Lead but at a reduced price & as there is no considerable stock in any other hands they expect that you will be under a necessity of coming to their terms; in the year 1795 they made the like attempt when a person of Credit in Town who was well recommended & had proper Wharfs etc made me an offer of disposing of a quantity of Lead on Commission, which on being communicated to the London Houses they in a short time came to the terms offered them I should be sorry to be drove to the expedient of sending on your own Account if it could be avoided, at the same time something of the kind thrown out to the London Buyers may have the similar good effect, which I have put in practice & hope that it may succeed. I enclose {you} under another Cover the Valuation of the Wood on Steel Hall Estate & likewise a Letter from Mr Heron, an answer to which will be necessary to enable him to draw the intended Conveyance. I send you enclosed a Bill drawn by the Committee of the Creditors of Easterby Halls & Co on Messrs Forsters Labbock & Co dated 27 Dec 1803 at Two Mo[noths] date for £4347-10-4 being for the first Instalment of their Debt, the Bill being made payable to the order of Mr Beaumont it will be necessary that he should endorse it before it be placed in the Bank of Messrs Davidson & Co. The Balance at present in the Bank of Sir W[illia]m Loraine is about £5000 – the Subsistence money for the Workman, the Lead Carriage Pay the 23rd Inst: the Quarterly Candle Bills with payments to the Bishop & Rector this month &

other Casualties will amount to near that Sum which renders it unnecessary to have it transferred to the bank of Davidson & Co. The second Instalment from Easterby Hall & Co will be due the end of April next.

Mr Dawson a partner with Jarratt & Hardy in the Iron Works at Low Moor near Bradford was lately at the Arkendale Mines & has made a report that they are in a very promising state, that he has no doubt of their enabling the Proprietors of the Works to fulfil their engagements & to put them on a very respectable footing, that Company are Creditors for about £3000. The Leadmines at Allenheads in general are at present very promising.

I am etc. JEB

17 Jan 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Under cover to
Col Beaumont MP Portman Square London

Newcastle 17th Jan[uar]y 1804

D[ea]r Madam

I have the favor of your Letter of the 13th Inst. & observe the Contents.

I shall (in the Names of Col Beaumont & yourself) make Application to the Committee for the conducting the Affairs of Surtees' Burdon & Co to know what Sum you may depend on being paid you, on or before the middle of May next; I fear little or none; the first Payments they make I imagine will be the taking up of their Notes which are at 5 per Cent Int[erest] from July last, I shall however represent to them the very great Inconvenience which must naturally attend your Concerns, in case a considerable Payment be not made before your Lead Pay. — Mr Burdon's Interest in the Catton Works at Durham lately destroyed by fire, I am told amounted to £14,000 – & £3000 only being insured in the Phoenix Fire Office, so he must be a great Sufferer; he & Mrs Burdon at present reside at the House of Mr W. Surtees in Saville Place, see little or no Company & make no visits. –

The Lead Houses in London have used every endeavour to reduce the Price of Lead & as they knew that you only had a large Stock, they stood off in Hopes of putting you under a Necessity of selling at a reduced Price; for this Purpose Messrs Walkers & Co made Purchases of a Quantity of Welch Lead at Chester, & have been offering it at 27/- per Cwt about £28-7-6 the Fo[dder], Sheet Lead & Shot in Proportions; they have frequently made me Offers at a much reduced Price & assured me that they could purchase a Quantity at Hull at £28 the Fo[dder]; tho Welch Lead is of very inferior Quality & will not answer for the White Lead Works: on Saturday last Messrs Walkers & Co made an Offer of £30 per Fo[dder] for refined & Common – which I declined accepting of; yesterday I agreed with them for 5000 p[iece]s one half refined, with the usual Quantity of Slag, at £30-10- per Fo[dder] payable in Bills due in six Months, I am inclined to think that they will take 10,000 p[iece]s as they wished to know if I was willing to sell them that Quantity, which as a matter of Favour I

consented to do: I have no Doubt that the other London Houses will follow their Example & that in a few Days I may advise you of having sold 15 or 20,000 p[iece]s more on the same terms, which is 10s/-p per Fo[dder] more than the Lead Company sold for, & I shall be happy should it meet with your approbation. — With the very large Stock of Lead that you have at Market, I thought that it was highly advisable to accept of the Offer: Should the French on making any attempt, meet with a Repulse. (which I trust in God they may) we may expect a brisk Demand for Lead in the spring & of course an advanced Price; I shall be a[n]xious to know how far you & Col Beaumont approve of the Sale that I have made etc.

I enclose you the state of Coalcleugh Mines, that of Weardale shall be sent you when I get it.

I am etc. J.E.B.

19 Jan 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Daniel Turner

Mr D Turner
Copyhold Office Durham

Newcastle 19th Jan[uar]y 1804

Sir

Above you have Loraine Baker & Co's Order on Durham Bank payable to you for £4-11-,, to pay one year's Rent due Martinmas last from Col Beaumont to the Lord B[isho]p Durham out of Lands at Winlaton with Acquittance 10s/- for Land tax for the same. Mr W. Thomas of Denton Hall, at present transacts all Business relating Col Beaumont's landed Property in this Neighbourhood & who will be requested to pay the above Rent in future, as it becomes due. Please to return a Receipt for the above Payment, and you will oblige Yours etc. TC

Messrs Wetherill & Co

Newcastle 19th Jan[uar]y 1804

We have this day credited your Account, four Pounds 11/- which you will pay Mr Daniel Turner on Account of Loraine Baker & Co £4-11-'

19 Jan 1804 John Erasmus Blakett to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Read Sheffield

Newcastle 19 Jan[uar]y 1804

Gentlemen

I have this rece[ive]d you Favour of 17th Inst. inclosing four Bills value Two Hundred and ninety three Pounds as you advise which sum is passed to the Credit of your account with Col Beaumont for fine Silver sent you. I am etc. J.E.B.

21 Jan 1804 Thomas Crawhall to John Wakefield

Mr John Wakefield Kendal

Newcastle 21st January 1804

Sir

At Mr Blackett's request I enclose you Tucker & Co's Bill on Allanson, value £100 being for 20 Barrels Gunpowder forwarded by you for use of Col Beaumont's Weardale Mines, in July last, which please acknowledge the Receipt of & forward 20 Barrels of the same Directions.

We understand an advance in the Price has taken place in the Article of Gunpowder since the above was received of you, will thank you to name the present Price, also when the advance took place. If you pack it in half Barrels & Quarter Barrels, pray send it in that way in preference to whole ones. I am etc. T.C.

The Bill No. (TC) 15

22 Jan 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle 22 Jan[uar]y 1804

Dear Sir

I wrote to Mrs Beaumont the 17th Inst. to which I refer you, as your time is a good deal engaged, I have of late addressed my letters to Mrs Beaumont.

The enclosed Proposition etc is made by the Committee for conducting the Affairs of Messrs Easterby hall & Co. The Works that the Company have at Bill Quay on this River, have been erected by them at a considerable Expense; they have done a great deal of Business in the making Red Lead, Sheet Lead & Shot which has turned to a very good Account & has been a Means of keeping up the Price of Lead. The Arkendale Lead being disposed of to more Advantage at the other Ports and not interfering with this Market, lays them under a Necessity of procuring Lead elsewhere for the carrying on those Works, which certainly will be a Means of contributing towards the liquidating their Debt, but circumstanced as they are at present they have no Means of procuring Lead for the Purpose without the concurrence & aid of the Committee, who conceive that they cannot consistently with the Power they are invested with by the creditors at large, absolutely guarantee the Payment for such Lead as may be sold them, but they engage that it shall when manufactured be disposed of solely towards the Payment for such Lead which has been supplied for their works, and the money arising from it paid into their Hands for that Purpose.

Neither the Hospital nor Messrs Hopper and Monkhouse have at present any Common Lead at Market, so that should you acquiesce with the Recommendation of the Committee. the supply must fall solely on you, for two or three Months; it would be taking off a Quantity of your common & Slag Lead, of which you have a large

Quantity, & the Credit will be the same 6 Months; all these matters I submit to the consideration of Mrs Beaumont & yourself. I have not had an answer from the other Lead Houses. Should you comply with the recommendation of the Committee, the Lead will be charged to Messrs Doubleday & Co who have considerable Property.

In consequence of Mrs Beaumont's Letter to me, I made application to Messrs Surtees Burdon & Co and likewise to some of the committee & Mr Burdon called on me yesterday morning with the state of the Affairs of their Bank, which he intended sending to you by the last Post with a Letter which he read to me, from which there does not appear to me to be the smallest Prospect of any Payment from them before the Lead Pay, nor I fear for a considerable time after: I should be glad to have a Copy of that Statement, which I could not with Propriety ask for of Mr Burdon. – The only Sales that I have made since my last letter, is 56 Casks Litharge to Walkers & Co at 32/- per Cwt & 400 P[ie]ce[s] Ref[ine]d Lead to Messrs James & Hind for their Works at £31-10 per Fodder. I expect to have Application from the London Houses on Monday next.

I am etc.

JEB

5 Feb 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Portman Square London

Newcastle Feb[ruar]y 1804

Dear Madam,

Agreeable to your Desire, I had yesterday a Meeting with the Committee of Messrs Surtees and Burdon: I put to them the several Questions that you desired, in answer to which I received the enclosed: Mr Burdon told me that not only Security would be given, but 5 per Cent allowed the Committee present were Mr Russell, Mr Graham Clarke, Mr Hood. Mr Headlam, Mr Clayton Town Clerk & Mr Lloyd.

I am etc. J.E.B.

5 Feb 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Col Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle February 5th 1804

D[ea]r Madam

I have been favoured with your letter of the 30th Ult. enclosing Mr Bells Letter. I had yesterday some Conversation with Mr Thomas respecting the Boxes for the Court Rolls of Hexham Manor:- I have lately got ten Boxes made for your Writings; they are painted and numbered, are more safe than those of Wood, & of easy Conveyance: Mr Thomas as well as Mr Bell prefers them to those of Wood; I have given Directions for some according to the Dimensions Mr Bell has given they will be sent to Hexham in a

few Days with your Writings in a Cart provided by Mr Thomas: In case of a landing of the Enemy, the Carts will be all put in requisition, I therefore thought it advisable not to wait till that Event, but to send them to Hexham, and in case of Alarm Mr Bell can forward them to Allenheads.

The London Houses have an Answer that they are not at present in want of Lead, but from the late exports I know to the Contrary, & that they must soon come to the market, the only large Stock being in your Hands: I enclose you a State of Messrs Doubleday & Easterby's private Account: I have no Doubt of your Safety in furnishing the Lead for the Works of Easterby Hall & Co; it will take off a Quantity of Com[mo]n Lead which is not in so much Demand as Refined & enabling them to carry on their Works for the Benefit of their Creditors, under the Inspection & Direction of the Committee, but unless they have the Lead at the same Price as Messrs Walkers & Co Viz £30. – it will not answer the Purpose of keeping up the Competition with the other House. – The Lead Pay will be the Middle of May & when I can form a Judgement of the Amount you shall be informed.

Please to inform Mr Andrews, that Mr J Bell of Hexham is Agent for the Newcastle Fire Office of which I am a Proprietor; I don't know who to recommend as Agent for the Globe Fire Office, probably the Landlord of the Globe Public House may answer the Purpose.

I am etc. J.E.B.

8 Feb 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Goslings Bankers London

Newcastle 8th February 1804

Gentlemen

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt. Baker & Co on Messrs Vere Lucadow & Co at Thirty Days dated this day for Three Hundred & seventy five Pounds to pay One Quarter's Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th Ulto. To the Rev[ren]d H. Hardinge from Col Beaumont. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill and advise Mr Hardinge of the same.

I am etc. J.E.B.

The Bill No 3738

8 Feb 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq Durham

Newcastle February 8th 1804

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt Baker & Co on Messrs Veres Lucadow & Co at Forty Days dated this Day, for seventy-five Pounds 1s/2 to pay half a year's Moor Master's Rent due from Tho[mas] R[ichar]d Beaumont Esq to the Lord Bishop of Durham, the 2nd Inst. with 1s/2 for Acquittance & Duty. Please to acknowledge the receipt of this sum for that purpose, to yrs. etc. J.E.B.

The Bill No 3739

18 Feb 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont MP Portman Square, London

Newcastle 18 February 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 5th Inst. to which I beg leave to refer you. Messrs Walkers Partner Mr Parker has frequently of late treated with me for the Purchase of Lead told me that he could not come up to my Terms, for he could buy Lead considerably lower, however at len[g]th I sold them 3000 p[iece]s half refined with the usual Proportion of Slag at £30-10-,, per Fo[dder] & 50 Casks of Litharge at £32 the ton payable in Bills due in 6 Months; I have likewise sold Mr Ellill 70 Casks Litharge at the same Price, & I am in Treaty with him for a Quantity of Lead to be paid for in Bills due in two Months (at his particular Desire) I have asked him £30 per Fo[dder] & I expect that he will make a Purchase on those Terms, which may be very convenient at the Time on Acco[unt] of some considerable Payments to be made as you will observe by the enclosed, & it may render it unnecessary to draw on Messrs Davison & Co next Month. Messrs Doubleday & Easterby have got from Blaydon 1000 p[iece]s Com[mo]n Lead at £30 per Fodder for the Works at Bill Quay. Mr C. Blackett who is in London at present has been informed of the sale of Walkers & Co & that his Friends in Town may have an Opportunity of purchasing on the same Terms.

I have no doubt you have seen Mr Burdon who has been in Town some days . I have some reason to believe that the Surtees' were engaged in a considerable Iron Work near Greenock in Scotland, leased by them of Mr Oliver Colt who resides in Half Moon Street & I believe is a Partner in some Banking House in Town; Mr Colt's Sister mentioned to me some Time ago, & on my expressing a Doubt of it, she told me that she had seen the Lease (this you will please not to mention) there does not appear to be any Notice taken of this Concern in the State of their Affairs, nor has any such Transaction come to the Knowledge of the Gent[leme]n of the Committee, which induces me to think that she has been mistaken in the Name of the Persons, but I wish that you would request Mr Davidson to make some Enquiry of Mr Colt into this Matter, as it may be of material Concern to the Creditors.

I am etc. J.E.B.

4 Mar 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 4th March 1804

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 2nd Inst. & observe that some Business in which Mr Bowns is engaged will prevent him from being at this Place until some Time later than was expected. I have good reason to think from the Enquiry that I have made, that the Surtees's have not had any Concern whatever in the Iron Works in Scotland, & that the Person who gave me the Information had made a Mistake in the Name of the Persons.

I should be happy to have had it in my Power to inform you that I have made a large Sale of Lead. Particularly at this time, but Mr Ellill (by his Agent) has not made any further Application; had he done it for a pretty large Quantity on the Terms of Credit that I mentioned, I would eagerly have embraced them.

The London Houses (knowing that the only large Quantity of Lead is in your hands) are using every Endeavour to induce you to reduce, for by Letters that I have a few Days since received both from Derbyshire & Scotland, I am informed that Mr Ellill & the Walkers have purchased about 1700 p[iece]s of Lead of the former in London, & some small Quantities in Scotland at a price something higher than I offered your Lead to them; about 1,200 p[iece]s more of Derbyshire Lead has been sent to Hull & part sold there at about the same Price, very little more is on hand thereat Hull, Stockton & Scotland at present; the Quantity at London must be small, & the Buyers there must soon be under a necessity of coming to this Market, where the Stocks in other Hands is trifling at present. I am informed that some of Lord Grosvenor's Mines in Wales etc. are very productive, & that his Agent by Letter offers his Lead at £27- the Fo[dder] whereas he might obtain 328 OR £29 (altho' it is rather an inferior Quality) this has a great effect on the Market; If Colonel Beaumont by himself or any Friends of his, could acquaint Lord Grosvenor with the Price at which Lead is selling, it might have a good Effect on this Market.

I observe that for the future you shall not keep an Account with any other Bank than Davison & Co but I understand from the Bank of Loraine & Co that they decline doing the Business for the Lead Pay in May on the Terms proposed to them by Davison & Co. I have not yet heard that any other Arrangement has been made.

I neither know Mr Sheffield nor have I heard anything of him, I can not say that I have any Opinion of having an Agent from Derbyshire, I should prefer having one from Alstone Moor, or from Scotland; but from whatever part of the Country he may come from a Person of Character, Knowledge & Experience will expect a larger Salary than you at present give your Agents.

I made the Return of your Income Tax for the Mines, Mills, & the Lead Trade to the Commissioners at Hexham on an Average of five years as the Act directs & as was

done on the former Occasion; the Durham Commissioners insist on the Weardale Mines being under their jurisdiction etc and I understand that the other Commissioners expect the like, which it will be impossible to complete with any Degree of Accuracy, as in that case there will be 7 or 8 returns to be made, on which Acco[un]t I shall take the Opinion of Mr Williamson whether it may not be advisable to make Application to the Commissioners to be assisted by referries.

In the present situation of the Country I do not think that the London Buyers would engage for a large Quantity of Lead, & that even dropping the Price would not induce them.

The Writings at the Office with the Tin Boxes for those of the Manor of Hexham, will be sent in a Cart of Mr Thomas's providing, to the Manor Office Tomorrow Morning of which Mr J. Bell is advised. I am much obliged to you for your Indulgence in permitting me sometimes the Use of an Amanuensis.

I am etc. J.E.B.

25 Mar 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle March 25th 1804

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your Letter of the 21st Inst. I went with Mr Bowns on Friday noon to meet the Committee of Surtees Burdon & Co. Mr Bowns inspected the fresh Statement of their Affairs & had a good deal of Conversation with Mr Burdon & the Committee respecting Col Beaumont being a withholding Creditor, for the Particulars of which I refer you to Mr Bowns. We had afterwards some conversation with the Bank of Loraine & Co who satisfied Mr Bowns that they had declined doing the Business for the great Lead Pay on the Terms proposed to them by Messrs Davidson & Co, on which account it will be necessary that you should have some conversation with Mr Davidson on this Business, as it will require some Time to provide Notes of Cash. The Pays I expect will amount to about £44,000-,,,, it would be well if the Pays were made the 15th, 16th, & 17th of May, before Stagshawbank Fair, but as your Affairs are circumstanced, I fear we shall be under the necessity of postponing them till the 27th, 28th, & 29th of that Month: you will observe by the enclosed Account the several Sums we expect to receive for the Pays: When a further Sale of Lead is made I will endeavour to procure Bills immediately tho' they may be at a long Date.

The Lead Buyers knowing that the only large Quantity of Lead is in your Hands, withhold purchasing of you in Hopes of inducing you to reduce the Price for the Purpose of making the Lead Pay. Mr Bowns purposes being here to meet the Committee of messrs Surtees Burdon & Co about the 20th of April. You were misinformed as to the Surtees's they have laid down their Carriages & discharged several Servants; they as well as Mr Burdon are living in a very economical Manner.

When I was at Hexham I called to see Medlam's wife, who appeared to be in a dying State and wished to see her Husband; Mr Wood has been wrote to, to send him over, & a proper Person should be provided to take Care of the House.

The Leadmines were much in the same State; Allenheads rather improving.

I am this day favoured with you letter of 23rd Inst. enclosing Mr Hammersley's Letter to Col Beaumont; the Transactions appear to me to be between his House & Surtees & Burdon; I shall enquire into the Matter & give you every Information I can procure.

I am etc. J.E.B.

The Account which you so kindly give me of your young Family is very pleasing. I shall be very happy in taking a Dinner with them at the Abbey in Summer.

4 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle April 4th 1804

Dear Madam,

The Commissioners for carrying into Execution the Property Tax Act for Darlington Ward have lately given us infinite trouble by peremptorily insisting on a Return being made to them of the Profits arising from the Mines in Weardale, alleging that the Return we had made was not in Compliance with the Act & was unfair, which illiberal Measure I look upon is owing to Mr Mowbray one of the Commissioners. We have accordingly prepared a Return, but by the Advice of Mr Heron who is Clerk to the Commissioners at this place, have postponed sending it until he has an Answer from the Board of Taxes respecting the Grand Allies for their Collieries, they being in a similar situation. I observe by your letter of the 31st that you expect to have some Conversation with Mr Davidson respecting the Lead Pay & he does not appear pleased that we should continue to have any Acco[un]t with a Newcastle Bank. In a former Letter I acquainted you that the Money resting in that Bank with Payments we expect to receive for Lead, would barely answer to make the Pay for the Lead Carriage, the Subsistence due this Month, the Income Tax & other Payments, & that from this time all Payments for Lead should be remitted to Mr Davidson in Bills of a short Date as I can procure: had I remitted the Amount to Mr Davidson I must have drawn upon him at the same Time payable when those Bills became due. The Acco[un]t of Payments for Lead shall be sent you in a Post or two with the Amount of the Lead Pay as near as we can calculate. I understand the Sums that Mr Thomas might receive were to be remitted to you or your Bankers in London, but should you think proper that it should come into my Account, I shall procure for it a Bill & remit it to Messrs Davidson & Co on your Account .

It certainly will be more convenient for the Country that the Pays should be made on the 16th, 17th, & 18th, of May or the week following, The reason I mentioned the 29th, 30th, & 31st was for the purpose of accommodating Messrs Davidson & Co. As we cannot expect much Gold for the Pay, it will be very necessary that we should have a good supply of Silver, I wish you would mention this to Mr Davidson; we should have from £300 to £500 in Dollars & small Silver,

Since I wrote you last I have sold from 2 to 3,000 p[iece]s Lead at £30 & £31 & I have no Doubt that the Buyers must apply nto purchase in the course of a Fortnight as the London Market is bare, very little in Scotland & at Stockton & none at Hull. The Lead Co had no Concerns with Easterby Hall & Co but the Greenwich Hospital & Messrs Hopper & Co have both applied their works on the like terms that you have. Your Acco[un]t with the Bank of Messrs Ransom, Morland & Hammersley was sent to Mr Skelton & I presume will be in the Hands of Mr Bowns, when we discontinued keeping an Acco[un]t with that Bank, the Business was done thro' the House of Surtees & Burdon, they have been desired to make out their Acco[un]t with Messrs Hammersley & Co during that Period, which when I have obtained shall be sent you.

I am etc. J.E.B.

6 Apr 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq Darley Hall

Newcastle April 6th 1804

Dear Sir

Mr Blackett rec[eiv]ed your Favor of the 30th Ult. Previous to which, Returns for Col Beaumont's Leadmines had been made out in the Manner you describe, according to the Quantity of Ore raised in North[umberlan]d & Durham in Order to deliver to the several Commissioners, but which Mr Blackett postponed sending, by the advice of Mr Heron, who is Clerk to the Commissioners at this Place, & who sometime ago transmitted a similar Case for the Opinion of the Board of Taxes respecting the Grand Allies in Regard to their Collieries in this Neighbourhood. Mr Heron is in daily Expectation of an answer to his Case & thinks it unnecessary taking any further steps till he receive it, the Time having elapsed for making Surcharges or Penalties. No return for Colonel Beaumont's Coal Mines in North[umberlan]d will be necessary as he does not work any of them on his own account.

Inclosed you will receive Bulmer & Cos Bill on Messrs Forster Lubbock & Co at 40 Days dated this Day for £187-10s-,, being the remaining Moiety of their 2nd Instalment of { 8/) made by them on their Bill on Woodhouse & Co for £1,500

I am etc. T.C.

£187-10s-,,

Newcastle 6th April 1804

Forty days after Date pay John E. Blackett Esq or Order, One Hundred & eighty-seven pounds, ten shillings Value Received as advised by Bulmer & Co

To Messrs Forster Lubbocks & Co Bankers London
No. 88

7 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 7th April 1804

Dear Madam,

I wrote to you fully on the 4th Inst. & am this day favoured with your Letter of the 5th Inst. enclosing a Letter from Messrs Davison & Co by which I think that there has been some misunderstanding amongst them respecting the Sum to be advanced by them to enable you to make the several Lead Pays, which I am in hopes that the enclosed Papers may clear up, & by your Letter of the 31st Oct[ober] last, you stated that Mr Davison had made you an offer of advancing £40,000 should there be Occasion; I shall endeavour to get Bills on London (altho' they may be at a long Date) for the several Sums agreeable to the Letter of Messrs Davison & Co; As to their Proposal of advancing a Part of the Sum in their own Notes, altho' they may be very negotiable in Town, they will not be so in this part of the Country where the Lead Pay will be made, Bank of England Notes for about one half the amount will answer the Purpose, the remainder should be in Newcastle Bank Notes & Cash.

I have by this Post remitted two Bills for £1,000; one at 30 D[ay]s the other at 40 D[ay]s to the Bank of Davison and Co on your Account. I this day sold to Walkers & Co 110 Casks of Litharge at £32 the Ton, but have not made any Sale of Lead: had I reduced the Price I could have sold; Walkers & Co purchased 100 Tons of Hopper & Co a few Days since at £29-10 Per Fo[ur]der. I believe Com[mon] Lead. It is high Time that some Determination should be come to by Messrs Davison & Co respecting the Lead Pay, after the Offer made by Mr D. {avison} it has been delayed too long.

I am still plagued about this Property Tax & shall be under a necessity of sending T. Crawhall to Darlington on Wednesday to appeal from the Rate laid on by the Commissioners.

I am etc. J.E.B.

Messrs Davidson, Noel, Templar & Co
No. 34 Pall Mall, London

Newcastle 7th April 1804

Gentlemen

Inclosed you will receive two Bills on London, as below amount One Thousand Pounds which Sum you are desired to place to the Credit of Col Beaumont's Acco[un]t with you, & advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am etc J.E.B.

No.444 Batson & Co's Bill on Down Thornton at 40 D[ay]s £500

No.445 Loraine & Co's do on Vere Lucadou & Co @ 30 D[ay]s £500

13 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq
Darley Hall Barnsley, Yorkshire

Newcastle April 13 1804

Dear Sir

Thomas Crawhall has been with the Commissioners under the Property Tax Act at Darlington to make Appeal to the exorbitant assessment of £5,000 Duty charged on Col & Mrs Beaumont's Mines in Weardale, which I am sorry to inform you has not been attended with the desired Success.

A return was delivered to them made out in the Manner you mentioned which they have not thought proper to accept of; they demand a further Inspection of the Accounts, as you will perceive by a Copy of the Receipt which I enclose you, & have appointed Friday the 20th Instant for that purpose. The Conduct of those Commissioners has been very illiberable towards Col Beaumont & his Agents in this Country, & if it suits your Convenience I submit to you, whether it may not be proper for you to meet them on that Day; on your favouring me with your answer to the Contrary I shal make Mr Heron acquainted with the Business and desire his Attendance along with Mr Emerson and T. Crawhall. The Rev[ren]d E. Davison who is one of the Commissioners, expressed the return made to them to be clearly a subterfuge, & seemed to insinuate that what the Agents of Mr Beaumont say was not to be depended upon.

I am etc. J.E.B.

By the amended Schedules of Commissioners, Weardale Mines are rated £2000 Duty in Forest Quarter in the Parish of Stanhope, and £1000 in each of the other three Quarters.

Below is the Quantity of Ore raised in one of those Quarters for five years

			B[ing]s H[orse]s
Ore raised in Newlandside Quarter in 1798			7 3
Ditto	ditto	1799	none
Ditto	ditto	1800	none
Ditto	ditto	1801	none
Ditto	ditto	1802	none
			Bings 7 – 3

Charge of those Mines in 1798 £40-8-3 exclusive of the Timber, Cast Iron etc used, & of Agents Salaries etc. Ore sold in Alstone Moor in 1798 at about £3 per Bing

14 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Middleton(?) Hewitson

[Note: A loose leaf inserted in the letter book, and out of sequence. It is unsigned but very much in the manner of JEB's letters, and appears to be addressed to a known merchant, possibly Middleton Hewitson, through whom JEB had previously sold to Ellill]

N.Castle April 14th. 1804

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with your Mr. Croft's Letter and observe with Regret the very severe Accident you have lately sustained & most heartily wish you a speedy Recovery.-

I observe the Sales that you have made to London & have little Doubt but what you say in regard to the London Market being bare of Lead, is strictly correct. Mr. Walker's Refusal of the Lead you mention, may in some Measure be accounted for by the Supplies they have lately had from this Place, their House here having shipped for London since Christmas about 13,000 ps., a great part of which I apprehend to have been sent to their London House.-

I have lately sold to Walkers Ward & Co. 3,000 ps. ½ Ref.[ine]d & ½ Com.[mo]n at £30 ½ p[er] Fo.[dde]r; I have since sold to Mr. Locke 2,500 ps., Doubleday & Co. 1500 ps. & smaller Quantities to the other Manufacturers after the same Rate, for Exportation &c.; I have lately obtained £31 & £32 p[er] Fo'[dde]r –

I look upon Mr. Ellill to be a safe responsible Man; he has always been punctual in his Payments to me. – I have lately sold him 100 Casks Litharge & certainly should not scruple to sell him a further Quantity

14 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont MP Portman Square, London

Newcastle 14th April 1804

Dear Madam

I am this day favoured with your Letter of the 12th Inst. the Contents of which with the Inclosures surprizes me much & gives me great Uneasiness; the Conduct of Davidson's Bank (but particularly of himself) is infamous, but not to dwell on the ill usage by Davidson's & the very unpleasant Consequences attending it, the Matter at present as it appears to me, what will be the most advisable Measure for you to pursue under this Disappointment, You will see by the last Account of Sales what Payments by Bills at a long Date may be expected before the Pay. I have since sold Lead & Litharge amounting to about £5,000 these when obtained may be placed in such Bank (to discount) as may be willing to advance a considerable Sum of Money towards the Pay,

but under the Circumstances that you have mentioned & what is rumoured, it will be a Matter to be considered how far it may be advisable to place them in the Bank of Davidson & Co; as to making a large Sale of Lead at this Season under the present situation of the Country, I do not see the least Prospect of it, even at a reduced Price, for the Buyers at present only make small Purchases as they may have Occasion; Tho[ma]s Crawhall is gone to Allenheads with Subsistence Money for the Workmen, he returns on Tuesday when I shall be enabled to acquaint you with the amount of the Pay which I do not expect will amount to the Sum I mentioned; it may be found necessary to postpone the Pay for a couple of Months, which will not be of that Inconvenience to the Workmen as they will be paid to the 31st December instead of the 30th of September as formerly.

Had the Bank of Davidson & Co been timely explicit with you and with the Bank of Loraine & Co this very unpleasant Business might have been prevented, in which they are inexcusable. In my last letter I acquainted you with the Trouble that we had respecting the Property Tax, occasioned by the Commissioners for Darlington Ward, it was found necessary to amend the Return, particularly on those Commissioners having assessed you to pay £5,000 per annum for the Mines in Weardale only, estimating the Profits at £100,000 per annum; Thomas Crawhall went over to Darlington on the 9th Inst. properly prepared with Calculations & Vouchers signed by myself to appeal but they refused hearing him & treated your Agents in a very unhandsome Manner, refusing to examine the Papers & saying they were a mere Subterfuge to answer the Purpose; for Colonel Beaumont's Agents would say any thing & that Colonel Beaumont had on a former Occasion had a severe Rap on Nuckles; could any thing be more false & unhandsome this was said by the Reverend Mr Davison (could he mistake by alluding to Mr Beaumont of Whitley which I know has been the Case before); I this Morning consulted Mr Williamson who recommended that Mr Thomas should with T. Crawhall meet the Commissioners at Darlington on Friday the 20th Inst & take with them the Papers & Books; Thomas Emerson will likewise be there to make the necessary attestation should it be required. To show the Falseness & I may say the wilfull & most unhandsome Manner they have rated these Mines, I send you the Produce of the Mines in one Quarter of the Parish of Stanhope.

I am etc. J.E.B.

16 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle April 16th 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote you the 14th & 15th Inst, & this day I received your Letter of 14th Inst enclosing a Copy of Mr Davidson's very strange Letter to you; after the Treatment that you & Colonel Beaumont had met with {from} him, it certainly did not merit an

answer, & I think that you judged perfectly right in taking the money out of Davison's Bank & placing it in that of Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co; I again repeat that it shall be my Endeavour as soon as possible to get Bills on London (altho' they may be at a long Date) for the Lead sold at present, as well as for what I may hereafter sell in the Course of this & the next Month; I am quite of your Opinion respecting the Conduct of Davison & Co towards you, which both Mr Pearson & myself expressed our Doubts of his Sincerity; this Breach of Engagement & the very unpleasant Consequence attending it, with the very unhandsome Treatment of the Commissioners for Darlington Ward has given me very great uneasiness, & almost got the better of me; I am not equal to the going over to Darlington on Friday on the Business, & from the very unhandsome and unwarrantable Expressions made use of by the Reverend Mr Davison, I should probably have been too warm & Mr Williamson was against my going, but I think on this Occasion that it will be proper that Mr Heron should go, that there may be some Explanation as to the Treatment that we have met with.

I shall show Mr Burdon the Letters you mention; Sir R[ichard] Glyn coming forward in the Manner that he has is very handsome & kind in him indeed & I think that it will be well if his Bank would & how far it may be in their Power to assist us; it is to be considered how it may be necessary & advisable on this Occasion to postpone making the Pay for a Month or even two Months; the former Pays (till this year) have been from 30th September to 30th September following; on an Application of the Workmen early last year, we agreed to make this Pay to the 30th December last which was thought reasonable, on which Account the Workmen will not have Reason to Complain at this time & it would be a great Convenience to the two Banks, & it may be considered whether a part may not be in Notes of the Bank of England.

I am etc. J.E.B

17 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle 17th April 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote to you yesterday to which I refer you; since which Mr Pearson called on me to show me a letter from Mr Baker enclosing a Copy of the Engagement with the Bank of Davison & Co, he was not so much surprized, as he never had an Opinion of their fulfilling their Engagement with you: had Davison not been the Occasion of your breaking off the Agreement entered into with the Bank of Sir W[illiam] Loraine & Co. I should most certainly have made a Sale of Lead the last year to have answered the Purpose of the Lead Pay (altho' at a smaller reduced Price) & this very unpleasant Business would have been prevented. I this Morning saw Messrs Walton & Forster, who are astonished at this Breach of Faith of Davison's Bank & much concerned at the Consequences attending it; besides the Difficulties which Mr D[avison] has brought

upon himself by his very improper & unjustifiable Conduct I understand that a Government Extent for a considerable Sum is hanging over his Head.

I have no Demand for Lead from the London Houses, was I to make them an offer at present at a small reduced Price, they would take the Advantage of it by beating down the Price & at the same Time they would not purchase a Quantity; for what I may sell from this Time I shall make a Point of having Bills for about the amount at the Time of making the Sale. The 3rd Instalment for the Debt of Easterby and Halls amounting to about £8,500 is to be made the end of November by an accepted Bill or Bills on London. I am in Hopes of obtaining them next Month of the Committee. You will soon hear from Mr Thomas respecting the Building of the Church & Chancel of Allendale & the Chapel of St. Peters which after having been viewed by the Chancellor of the Archbishop has been directed to be carried into Execution.

The more I think on the Behaviour of the Commissioners for Darlington Ward & the very infamous Aspersion of the Reverend Mr Davison at the public Meeting, the more necessary I think it will be that Mr Heron should go over on the Appeal Day on Friday next, to require an explanation from him of his Conduct on that Occasion.

My Brother & I were at Hexham last week on some Business of our Nephews; as he had not seen the Alterations at the Abbey, I took him over it; every Thing was in excellent Order. Medley's Wife is better but far from being free from her alarming Complaint & I much Doubt her Recovery.

I am etc. J.E.B.

18 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle 18th April 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote you by the last Post; I have this Morning been with Mr Burdon as you desired & shown him a copy of the Engagement entered into by the Bank of Davison & Co & their Letter breaking it off; two of the Committee Mr Russell & Mr Clayton were present, they expressed their Astonishment at such Treatment; I fear that no Aid will be obtained from that Quarter.

I send you enclosed (as nigh as I can calculate) the Amount of the several Lead Pays, as well as the Payments which are to make in the Course of this Month & the next, & likewise an Account of what Sums we may expect to receive during that time; you may observe by the accounts sent you that the Receipt in June will answer for the Subsistence that Month; but those in the three following months will nearly clear off the Debt; by the End of October I hope that the balance may be considerably in your Favour. T. Crawhall was at Hexham to attend a Meeting of the Comm[issioner]s on the Property Act, when he gave in the amended Return & was sworn, but met with civil Treatment, which was far from being the Case at Darlington.

The mines at Allenheads were doing well, those at Coalcleugh and Weardale much the same. I this moment have your letter of the 16th Inst and observe the Contents; I acquainted you in my former Letters that I had not any Offers made me by the London Houses & I did not think it advisable to make them an Offer at a reduced Price for the reasons before mentioned, but were they to come forward with an Offer, we should not differ as to a small Reduction of the Price on the present Occasion, provided it was for a Quantity to make it an Object. The Sum of £6,000 & more we shall be in Cash for before the 27th May & may be paid to your Bankers at this Place, the other Sums mentioned in your Letter of £14,000 & £16,000 shall be remitted to you or to the Bank of Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co due before the End of July, & before the End of August we shall find Means to raise by that Time or before your opening an Account with a Bank at this Place will I think be very proper but I confess that I do not see the Necessity, or the Advantage to you by having two London Bankers; I see it in another Light, & I have no Doubt that Sir R[ichard] Glyn's Bank (which has so handsomely come forward on this Occasion) & the one at this place, your Business may be well conducted & to the Benefit of all Parties. I am concerned to hear that this unpleasant Business & the Trouble that it has occasioned you, has hurt you so much; I observe what you say as to employing Mr C. Blackett, I must say that I do not see the Necessity of it on the present or any other Occasion, but should you & Colonel Beaumont be of a different Opinion, I am ready to give it up to him.

The Aid of a Sum of Money for a few Months from Mr Bosville would certainly be of essential Service One half at least of the Newcastle Notes issued at the Lead Pay commonly returns to them for Payment in the Course of a Week or ten Days; a Bill on London at ten Days after Sight would in general be objected to; I wish that the Business was settled between the two Banks as to the Mode of making the Pay, for in Case it is to be made the End of May, there will scarcely be time to provide the Notes. Mr Walter Heron has been with me for an Hour this Evening & has been fully informed as to the Business which I mentioned in a former Letter; he goes with T. Crawhall to the Meeting of the Commissioners at Darlington on Friday, they take the Books & Papers with them & Tho[mas] Emerson meets them there, so there will be no Necessity for Mr Thomas going.

I am etc. J.E.B.

19 Apr 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Samuel Guppy

Mr Samuel Guppy
Baldwin's Court Clock Lane, London

Newcastle April 13th 1804

Sir

Mr Blackett has been favoured with yours of the 9th Inst & observe the Contents. The Litharge he disposes of is all delivered here and shipped at the Risque & Charge of

the Purchaser, which will render it necessary in Case you become a Purchaser, that you engage some person in this Town to transact that Business for you.

Mr Blackett's Stock of Litharge in Hand is at present small and the Price £32-10' per Ton of 20 Cwt delivered here.

I am etc

T.C.

19 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 19 April 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote to you yesterday to which I refer you. With the kind assistance offered you by Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co I have no Doubt that the Lead Pay may be effected by the End of May the chief Difficulty will be the obtaining a sufficient Quantity of small Notes from the Bank of Loraine & Co or any other Bank, much the greater part of these Notes will come back to them for Payment in the Course of a very few Days, & Bills on London at ten Days sight would be objected to, tho' at ten Days date they would not, besides the Banks at that Time as well as the present; so far from increasing their Circulation of Notes, they rather incline to lessen it, & the very Expense of the Stamps etc for that additional Number of Notes would be considerable, these reasons were alleged by Loraine & Co to the Bank of Davison & Co in a letter prior to theirs of the 28th February last. I expect in the Course of next Week to remit to Colonel Beaumont Bills on London for a considerable Amount, tho' part may be at 2, 3, & 4 Months, for the Amount upwards of £4,000 of the Lead Pay, I could draw Bills at the Time of the Pay at a Months Date on Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co in Case I was permitted, which would be a Means of lessening the Sum to be procured at this Bank & likewise be a saving of a Month's interest; we have upwards of £800 to pay the Bishop & Rector for Dues, it would be a Convenience (in Case Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co would permit me) to draw on them for the amount the end of next Week, at a Month's Date, advising them of the same; please to mention this Matter to Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co & let me know their Answer.

It was very fortunate that Mr Cockshutt was in Town at this Time, there could not be a Person more able & willing to render you every Service in his Power on the Occasion.

I have just now Received your Letter of the 17th Inst & observe the Contents; I again repeat that I shall as soon as possible send up to Colonel Beaumont all the Bills that I can procure (tho' some may be at a long Date) amounting I expect to upwards of £30,000. What you mention respecting the Purchase of Mr Hunter's Estate shall be done. Mr Thomas is to be with me Tomorrow Morning when I shall have some Conversation with him about what you mention. It was Mr Bowes Attorney at Darlington, who is Clerk to the Commissioners on the Property Act, who threw that

Reflection on you, respecting to having had a severe rap on the Knuckles on a former Occasion, the other very severe and most unjust Reflection on you & your Agents, was from the Reverend Mr Davison, who with others, you may observe by the enclosed, have given some Information to the Office for Taxes reflecting in the most false and shameful Manner on the Character of yourself & your Agents; it becomes highly necessary that this Matter should be cleared up to your satisfaction; & I would recommend that on Mr Heron's return from Darlington, that you should go to the Office for Taxes taking Mr R. Wilson with you & having this Business cleared up to your Satisfaction & a proper Apology made to you. Mr C. Blackett resides at Wylam & is not in Newcastle more than twice (sometimes thrice) a week for a few Hours, I have no Doubt that he would readily give me his Advice & I have sometimes Consulted him & may do on this Occasion tho' I really do not see the Necessity of it as he can not give me any assistance except with regard to his Payments by Bills, however as you & the Colonel presses it so much, from a Supposition I suppose of my Inability or Inattention; I shall consult him & desire him to take this Business off my Hands.

I am etc. J.E.B.

20 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Newcastle 20th April 1804

D[ea]r Madam

I wrote you very fully by the last post; I have seen Mr Thomas this morning & just in Time to prevent him sending Mr Bosville's half years Rents to Mr Hall to whom Mr Thomas has wrote, it amounts £1,438 & is placed in the Bank of Loraine & Co. for the present, by Tomorrows Post I shall be enabled to inform you what Mr Thomas expects to receive on or before the 13th May: I have made Application to Mr Parker (a partner in the House of Walker & Co.) for a Bill or Bills to the Amount of upwards of £17,870 " to become due the End of July (the Remainder I have likewise engaged) Mr Parker has acquainted his Partners with the same, & that I must have a Bill from them at 4 Months for about £500--; the rest of the Persons owing for Lead sold, shall be applied to, & Endeavours used to procure Bills, which I have no Doubt of obtaining agreeable to the wish of Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co.

I do not see the least Necessity for Mr Bowns going up to Town to you at this Time as Mr Cockshutt is with you. The Bank of Sir W[illiam] Loraine & Co. have promised to acquaint me on Monday on what Terms they will supply Notes for the Pay the End of May, & to what Amount it will be in their Power to supply them, that Application may be made elsewhere.

No Demand for Lead & I find that Mr Hopper who promised me to keep up the Price, has sold 100 Tons below £30 the Fo[dder] to Walkers & Co. Mr Jobling & others

have done like; new Lead will soon be coming down whose Holders must sell. I am of Mr Cockshutt's Opinion, not to meddle with Stocks if possible.

I am etc. J.E.B.

21 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 21st April 1804

Dear Madam

I refer you to my Letter of yesterday; I am this day favoured with your Letter of the 19th enclosing a Copy of Colonel Beaumont's Letter to Mr Davison; my former would inform you that it was Mr Bowns & not Mr Davison that mentioned the Rap on the Knuckles, which the Colonel had received: Mr Heron & Mr Crawhall got home at 12 O'Clock last Night; Nothing could be more civil than the three Commissioners were, they were I imagine much ashamed not only of their former Behaviour (as you may observe by a Copy of their Letter which I enclose you) but likewise of the Rate which they had made on the Profits of your Weardale Mines, which they have reduced from £100,000 per annum to £20,000 per annum: but I am far from being satisfied with this rate & am determind (by your leave) on appealing from the Rate, for by acquiescing with it, the Implication will of course be that the Return we made was not fair & equitable; the Comm[issioner]s swore Tho[mas] Emerson, & Mr Heron told them that T. Crawhall was ready to swear to the Truth of the Return we made, to the best of his Knowledge & belief; they did not give him the Oath, saying they were satisfied as to the Quantity of Ore raised but the Difference was in the Value of it, which was rated by them on an Average of the five years at £5 the Bing, whereas we had calculated it at £4-10-0 the utmost Price of it on an Average of the five years at Alston Moor, as can be certified by Mr Walton; this point must not be given up, not so much on Account of the increased Tax to Government, as the clearing up the Imputation on Colonel Beaumont & his Agents.

Mr Hall's conduct has indeed been very Handsome, & there will not be the smallest Doubt, that, that with the Aid that has come forward, that we shall be enabled to make the Pay the End of next Month, which I [k]new would not have delayed on many Accounts. I beg that you & Colonel Beaumont would not give yourselves further uneasiness on this Account: The Bank of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine & Co. call on Monday to acquaint me with the Terms on which they will supply Notes for the Pay, which they expect to accomplish without the assistance of any other Bank at this Place, & on Monday I will acquaint you with the Sum that will be in their Hands towards it. It will I expect be the End of the next Week before I shall have it in my power to send you Bills on London at 3, 4 & 5 Months Date amounting to £30,000; amongst the Payments for Wood for the several Mines, there is £1,000 to Greenwich Hospital due this Month which was to be paid at the Time of the Lead Pay, Messrs N. Walton & Forster have

very handsomely (on the present Occasion) consented to accept of my Bill on you at three Months Date to be dated the 23rd Inst which you can accept, payable at the Bank of Sir R[ichard] Glyn, who I hope will not have any Objection to accept the Bills which I may draw at the Lead Pay etc which will be a Relief to us, as well as to the Bank at this Place.

Mr Maude one of the Partners in the Bank of Sir W[illiam]m Loraine & Co. has just now been with me to acquaint me that they will engage to furnish Note for the Pay on Condition of having my Bill or Bills on London at the time, payable at sight for the Sum exceeding what they may have in their Hands on that Account; I shall have their answer on Monday as to their assisting you with the Loan of £5,000 for a Time.

Inclosed as an Account of the Lead etc sold this Month.

I am J.E.B.

22 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 22nd April 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote to you fully yesterday, to which I hope to receive an answer on the 25th or 26th Inst as it will require some Time to prepare the Notes; the Frequency of my Letters to you lately, will I fear make you dread the Sight of one, as much as you may abhor the Name of Davison & Co; I have made out an account of the several Receipts & Payments as nigh as I can calculate at present, which you shall have by the next Post, but it will not be in my Power to send you the Bills till the End of next Week; they will be drawn chiefly on Walkers Maltby & Co; the Bills to be drawn on Sir R[ichard] Glynn & Co. will not exceed £20,000 in the whole, & they will have Bills in their Hands due in July, August & September amounting to upwards of that Sum.

The Bank of Sir W[illiam]m Loraine & Co are willing to advance the Sum of £5,000 for three Months, they having a Bill or Bills in their Hands due in July to that amount. I am quite of the same Opinion with Sir R[ichard] Glyn that it will not be advisable for you to open an Account with any other Bank in London, than theirs but with one at this Place, I hope that we may obtain £500 in Dollars & small Silver; the Proposals from the Bank of Loraine & Co. I shall have Tomorrow, which I shall enclose you. I yesterday made application to the Committee for the Bank of Surtees Burdon & Co for some aid on account of the Lead Pay, but I was told, that it was not in their Power at present. Pray have you accepted of the handsome Offer of Mr Hall.

I am etc. J.E.B.

The Bill which I shall draw tomorrow on Colonel Beaumont to the Order of Messrs Walton & Forster at three Months Date will be for £1,000 which he will please, when presented to accept, payable at the Bank of Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co

23 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 23rd April 1804

Dear Madam

I have this day been favoured with your Letter of the 21st Inst and observe the contents. I now enclose you a Letter from the Bank of Loraine & Co with the Terms on which they will undertake to provide notes for the Lead Pay, & the discounting Bills to the amount of £5,000 on London three Months Date; no other Bank at this Place will (I am certain) undertake the Business on more favourable Terms; it is not in my Power to procure the Bills at present, but you may be assured of having them by the end of the Week; the Sketch of the arrangement which I have made, and enclose, may I hope be satisfactory to you & likewise to Sir R[ichard] Carr Glyn & Co. I have no Doubt that Mr C. Blackett would readily give me his advice, but so far from having any assistance from him, his Military Engagements at present, even prevents me settling with him respecting his Payments by Bills, w[hi]ch I cannot get effected till Wednesday; I am not without my Inconvenience, for altho' I have not myself any Engagements of that kind, the five Clerks in the two Offices have. A Bill for the third Instalment of Easterby & Hall due in November can not possibly be obtained from their Committee till the Time, an application of the kind was made by the Committee of Surtees Burdon & Co. & refused acceding to. I understood when Mr Bowns was here last, that he intended being at a meeting of the committee of Surtees & Burdon the end of this Month, to learn what Creditors would come into the Measure of being withholding Creditors for a Length of Time & for what amount; I shall meet the Committee & acquaint you with their answer for you to judge of & I really do not see the Necessity for Mr Bowns to come over solely on that account.

Mr Parker (a Partner in the House of Walkers Maltby & Co.) has been with me this Moment, & at present declines drawing the Bills that I required of him last Week, at six Months from the Date of the Sale as by agreement, until he had an answer from his Partner Mr Maltby to whom he had wrote, but supposing that he may have left Town he had wrote to him at Derbyshire, & I expected an answer on Tuesday; I told him we were circumstanced, & that in Case he did not comply with my request & indeed my Demand according to Agreement under his Hand, that on Wednesday I would draw Bills on Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co for the amount according to their agreement with me, & I had no Doubt of their paying due Honour to my Bills; thus the matter stands which I hope may satisfy Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co for the present.

I am etc. J.E.B.

Bills to the amount of £5,000 & upwards will be placed in the Bank of Loraine & Co. to discounts

24 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 24th April 1804

Dear Madam

I refer you to my letter by the last Post, since which I have not seen or heard from Mr Parker; should he not give me Bills on his Partners Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co. for the sums mentioned in my former Letter I shall tomorrow draw Bills on them for the same made payable to the Order of Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont Esq advising them of it. I shall Tomorrow have a Bill drawn by Mr Ellill's Agent, Mr M Hewitson on him for £951-8-0. I shall see Mr C Blackett Tomorrow & expect to have his Bills for the Sums on Mr Locke & Co. I now enclose you my three Bills on Doubleday & Easterby, amounting to £2,977-4-7 accepted payable at Messrs Boldero & Lushington & Co. & endorsed payable to Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont Esq. you shall hear from me by Tomorrow's Post.

I am etc. J.E.B

25 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 25th April 1804

Dear Madam

I yesterday wrote to you & enclosed three Bills drawn by me On Doubleday & Easterby accepted payable in London, amounting to £2,977-4-7 . I now enclose you nine Bills (particulars at foot) amounting to £25,479-18-5 they are all fully endorsed by me payable to the Order of T R Beaumont Esq. as required by Sir R[ichard] Carr Glyn. Mr Parker has I think behaved in this business in a very unhandsome manner, having neither sent me the Bills that I required of him, or called on me to assign his Reason for not doing so, in consequence of which I have (agreeable to what I told him on Monday last) drawn the several Bills on Walkers Maltby & Co. amounting to £{11,474-0-5} advising them of the same, & likewise on the same on the account of Walkers Parkers & Co for the amount of £6,405-0-5 agreeable to the Contract entered into with them, which I hope may be satisfactory to Sir R[ichard] Carr Glyn & Co.

I have by this day's Post been favoured with your Letter of the 23rd Inst. enclosing a copy of Mr Davison's Letter to Colonel Beaumont; it appears plain, that they (the Comm[issioners] are ashamed of what they have said & done. I am very happy in finding that from the letter, that I had wrote Sir R[ichard] Carr Glyn & Co. they appeared to receive more Satisfaction & to have more Confidence in entering into

this Engagement; it is likewise a great Satisfaction to me, that you & Colonel Beaumont are perfectly satisfied with my Conduct in this Business. I hope that the Terms proposed by the Bank of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine & Co may be acceded to by that of Sir R[ichar]d Carr Glyn & Co: I mentioned in a former Letter that the Country have not that confidence in the Newcastle Banks, that they had before the Stop of the Bank of Surtees & Burdon when their notes circulated in the Country for some Time, whereas at present three parts of them are likely to return to them in the course of a very few Days; I observe what you say as to Mr Bosvilles Rents etc & that you have accepted of the Loan of £18,200 of Mr Hall to be replaced a xmas, which I hope that you may have no Difficulty in doing.

I sincerely hope that this may find you very much better & that you & Colonel Beaumont will set your Minds at Ease as to this Business being got well over, and to your satisfaction.

Some private Business of my own obliges me to be absent from home for four Days. I go on Sunday next, & return on the Wednesday following; T Crawhall will open & answer any Letters of yours by the Sunday & Mondays Post.

I am etc. J.E.B.

25 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Walker & Maltby

Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co. Merchants, London Newcastle Apr 25th 1804

Gentlemen

I have this Day drawn upon you as below for Lead & Litharge sold & delivered you; & Messrs Walkers Ward Parker & Co on Mr Beaumont's Acco[unt] made payable to his Order, all of which Bills I have no Doubt you will duly honour & remain yours etc
J.E.B.

	Bill at 2 M[onth]s dated 20th April	£480- 0- 0 on Walkers Maltby Acct
457	Ditto at 3 Ms ditto 16th April	5,000- 0- 0 on ditto
8	Ditto at 3 Ms ditto 16th April	5,493-14- 5 on ditto
9	Ditto at 3 Ms ditto 20th April	492- 2- 0 on ditto
460	Ditto at 4 Ms ditto 16th April	488- 4- 0 on ditto
1	Ditto at 2 Ms ditto 20th April	93- 8- 0 on W Ward & Cos acc
2	Ditto at 4 Ms ditto 16th April	6311-13- 7 on ditto
		18,359- 2- 0

27 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to

Newcastle 27th April 1804

Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Dear Madam

I am favoured with your several Letters of the 25th & 26th Inst. & observe the contents. I wrote you on the 25th Inst. and inclosed Bills amounting to £25,494-8=9 endorsed by me payable to the Order of T. R. Beaumont Esq which I hope may be a sufficient Security to Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co for the Sum which they may advance to enable us to make the Lead Pay.

The sum which the Bank of Loraine & Co will have Occasion to draw on Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. will be about £24,000-. I have already drawn upon them at 3 M[onths] date for £1,000 & may have Occasion to draw upon them the latter end of next month at 30 or 40 Days for £3,000 more. Should any part of Mr Hall's Stock be disposed of & placed in the Bank of Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. it will so far lessen the Sum to be advanced by them. The Sum which you propose sending me in Gold & Silver I would recommend should be carefully packed in a Box & sent by the London Waggon which will not be on the road above ten Days at the utmost, the Carriage for Cash being paid, & the Clerks Receipt for the same being taken. The Bank of Loraine & Co. are willing to discount Bills to the amount of £5,000 which I shall have ready for them. I have not yet disposed of any Lead to the Lead Houses, nor do I expect any aid on the Occasion from the Bank of Surtees & Burdon.

The Comm[issioner]s of Taxes for Darlington Ward have certainly behaved in a most illiberal, most unhandsome & unjustifiable Manner; as soon as I receive the Certificate of Assessment from them, I shall appeal from the rate & take the necessary Steps by the advice of Mr Heron.

The Ore of Antimony will be sent tomorrow in a small Box directed to Colonel Beaumont by the Mail Coach; the Quantity of it at the Mines will not be large, but it is probable that a Ton may be procured from the Mines at Allenheads in a few weeks: the largest quantity is from Coalcleugh and Weardale.

I hope that there will not be any Necessity to reduce the Price of Lead, for when the Buyers find that when we shall be enabled to make the Pay without doing so, I have no Doubts they will make Offers, & were we to propose to the Buyers to accept Bills from the Date of Sale & go on to renew them at the end of three Months as they would be more easily discounted than at six Months; I think that it might be a Bar to their coming forward & purchasing.

I have just now had some conversation with Mr Pearson who informed me that the Bank of Sir W[illiam] Loraine & Co. after their full consideration, declined providing Notes for the Lead Pay on any other Terms than those they before proposed. I endeavoured to prevail on him to accede to the Terms mentioned in your Letter, but not succeeding I have been under the Necessity of closing with him. The Amount of Notes which they must prepare, will be £34,000. I expect to pay them about £10,000 at one Month's Date which will reduce the Sum to £24,000 for which I shall on the 28th of May draw on Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. at sight, advising them of the same. What

Bills I may receive from this Time shall be remitted to Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. as Colonel Beaumont may possibly have left Town.

The Allenheads Mines are doing well, as are those in Arkendale; in the latter a rich Vein of Ore has this Week been cut.

I am etc. J. E. B.

P.S. I hope that this Business being settled in this Manner, may be a Relief to you and Colonel Beaumont & make you perfectly easy on that Account: you will I trust excuse me for again having Recourse to an Amanensis on Account of my Eyes & I assure you that this Fortnight past it has not been in my Power to pay the smallest attention to my own affairs!

28 Apr 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 28th April 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote to you fully by the last Post & have this day been favoured with your Letter of the 26th. I congratulate you & Colonel Beaumont on our Troubles & Anxiety being at an End. I hope for the present (on Account of the Lead Pay etc). There are not any Hopes of Aid from the Bank of Surtees & Burdon for some time; should there be a Letter from Mr Bowns in my Absence. Tho[mas] Crawhall will answer it. The 2nd Instalment from Easterby & Hall amounting to £4,423914-1 was rec[eive]d Yesterday in four Bills at two M[onth]s for which I am promised by Easterby & Doubleday Bank Notes in ten days; the other Bills which I may receive shall be sent to Colonel Beaumont but when you leave Town, I imagine that they must be remitted to Sir R[ichard] Carr Glyn Bt C. Mills, Halifax & Co. with whom an Acco[unt] must be opened. I observe that Mr Baker has very kindly given his assistance in this Business. Mr Davison's Conduct in this Business cannot possibly be justified; he has certainly behaved in it very ill, the more he stirs in it, the more Blame will he incur, as well as Discredit to his Bank. I hope that this may find you & Colonel Beaumont much better.

I am etc. J. E. B.

30 Apr 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle April 30th 1804

Madam

Your Favor of the 27th Inst. came to Hand, which by Mr Blackett's Direction I have opened in his absence. I observe by you letter & by Mr Bowns's that Colonel Beaumont has received the several Bills on London remitted him & Mr Blackett, amounting in the whole to £28,475-13-9 & that they are paid into the Bank of Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. also that the several arrangements are completed with them in Regard to your Lead Pays. I do not understand that Sir W[illiam] Loraine & Co. propose to advance the Sum of £5,000 as a loan, but that they are willing to discount Bills on London to that amount for the Purpose of the Lead Pays, which would decrease the Sum to be drawn for at Sight on Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co., and a part of the Bills received have been kept in Reserve here for that Purpose, amounting to about £3,000

Mr Blackett has not yet received any Certificate of the assessment of your Weardale Mines from the Comm[issioner]s acting for Darlington ward; Mr Heron has wrote to Mr Bowes to obtain it, which when he has done, Mr Blackett will proceed to appeal against it, as mentioned to you in his former Letters.

At Mr Blackett's return on Wednesday next I will lay Mr Bowns's Letter before him containing Instructions in Regard to the arrangements with Messrs Glyn & Co. He does not propose putting his Bills at Sight on them, into the Hands of Sir W[illiam] Loraine & Co before the Morning of the 28th of May next.

When the Statement & Propositions of the Bank Comm[issioner]s have been prepared & obtained of them they will be forwarded for your Consideration previous to the intended Meeting of forbearing Creditors.

I remain yours etc. T. C.

1 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co
Bankers, London

Newcastle 1st June 1804

Gentlemen.

I have drawn upon you as below, on Mr Beaumont's Account; all of which Bills I have no Doubt you will duly honor. I am etc. J. E. B.

1804		£	
May 31st.	At 30 Days Payable to the Order of Mr R. Hodgson	250- 0-0	
	Ditto	Mr Taylor	370- 0-0
June 1st	Ditto	R. A. Shaftoe Esq	86- 0-0
	Ditto	My Order	110- 0-0
	Ditto	J. Plummer Esq	185- 0-0
	Ditto	My Order	160-10-0
	Ditto	N. Hopper Esq	69-12-3

Ditto	Geo Forster	82- 0-0 1,313- 2-3
Ditto	Mr J.s Hunter	1,000- 0-0
	Of which I did not before advise you	£2,313- 2-3

4 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to John Ellill

[Note: loose note within letter book amongst letters of early May 1804. Assumed to be from JEB to John Ellill, judging from JEB's comments in a letter to Diana Beaumont on 5th May]

Newcastle 4th May 1804

Sir,

I have received yours of the 1st inst and observe the contents. I am much obligd by the offer you make of drawing upon you. I shall acquaint Col Beaumont therewith and have no doubt he will acknowledge the obligation also but at present shall have no occasion for that convenience being sufficiently provided for the great Lead pays. I am with respect Sir your most obed. Hble Serv

5 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Goslings Bankers, London

Newcastle May 5th 1804

Gentlemen

Inclosed you will receive a Bill on Sir R. C. Glyn Bt Mills & Co at Thirty days dated this day for Three Hundred & Seventy-five Pounds to oay one Quarter of this year's Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th Ult. To the Reverend H. Hardinge from Colonel Beaumont. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill, and advise Mr Hardinge of the same. I am etc. J. E. B.

£375

Newcastle May 5th 1804

Thirty Days after date pay to my Order the Sum of Three Hundred & Seventy-five Pounds Value received on Account of Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont Esq. John E. Blackett

To Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn Bart . C. Mills & Co Bankers Cornhill, London

Endorsed Pay the contents to the order of Messrs Goslings J. E. Blackett

5 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C. Glyn Bart. Mills & Co Bankers Cornhill London Newcastle May 5th 1804

Gentlemen

Inclosed you will receive Eight Bills on London as below, amount Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Six Pounds 16/2 which I desire you will place to the Credit of Col Beaumont's Account with you, and advise me on your receipt of the same.

I have this day drawn on you at Thirty Days payable to my order for £375-'-' on Mr Beaumont's Account which you will be pleased to honour & (acknowledge) etc. J. E. B.

Bills

No

443	400
452	1262- 9-7
454	951- 8
463	454- 4-6
464	1100
465	1109- 6-4
466	1111- 1
467	1103- 6-9

£7491-16-2

5 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 5 May 1804

Dear Madam

My Letter of yesterday would inform you of the Receipt of your Letters of the 27th Ulto & the 2nd Inst. The Instructions given in Mr Bowns's Letter of the 27th Ulto shall be strictly followed, being perfectly agreeable to what I proposed as you may observe by my letters; The four Bills of Easterby & Halls Committee on Messrs Forster Lubbock & Co for £44 – 14 -1 if not discounted by E.g. £6 for Bank Notes at their Charge on or before the 14th Inst shall be remitted to Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. The Darlington Commissioners not having sent the fresh Certificate, agreeable to their Promise, Mr Heron tells me we cannot yet make an Appeal.

I observe the Sum of Money which you have sent by Mr Hay. T. Crawhall has given Turner Notice of it, & he will call for the Box at the Queens Head on Monday; this Sum £719-10 with the £599 – in Dollars which the Bankers are to send down, will be of great

Service at the Lead Pays; we shall not have occasion for the £100 in Dollars which Mr Hay kindly made an offer of.

As I wrote to you yesterday & T. Crawhall acknowledged the Receipt of your letter of the 27th Ulto I did not answer Mr Bowns's Letter which he will excuse. I have this day wrote to Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co & remitted them eight Bills as at foot for £7491-16-2 on Account of Colonel Beaumont; I have likewise advised them of having drawn on them in Favour of Messrs Goslings at 30 Days date for £375 - -being the Rector of Stanhope's Quarter's Composition.

I enclose you Copy of a letter that I received from Mr Ellill, which I have answered, declining his Offer with Thanks. Mr C. Blackett told me this morning, that in case I would take £30 per Fo[dder] for 2 or 3,000 P[iece]s Lead, one half refined, that he believed that his Friends Messrs Prestons would give it; I declined it at present.

6 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 6th May 1804

Dear Madam

You find that there is no End to my troublesome Letters; I wrote to you yesterday & likewise to Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co inclosing Bills amounting to £7,491-16-2. I am informed that Colonel Beaumont will very soon be called on to make good the Purchase of the Steel Hall Estate amounting to upwards of £9000. The Holders of Securities on that Estate had (in Consequence of a Letter from Mr Bowns) received Notice of their Claims being discharged; Mr Thomas was with me yesterday, to know in what Way it was proposed to be done, or whether at this time it may be thought advisable to apply to some of the Claimants to allow their Money to rest on the Estate for a time; or to accept Colonel Beaumont's Bond for the same; after consulting with Mr Bowns on this Matter you will be pleased to favour me with your Answer.

As soon as I can calculate tolerable Exactness the amount for which I may have Occasion to draw on Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co payable to Sir W[illiam] Loraine Baker & Co & others on Account of the Lead Pay, they as well as you shall be advised of the same.

Yesterday Mr Heron sent me a Copy of an amended Bill in Chancery; The B[ishop] of Durham against you & Colonel Beaumont; on Tuesday or Wednesday I shall with Mr Losh & Mr Heron, go through it, from what I have seen of it, the B[ishop] is very sever against me as well as yourselves. I shall tomorrow send a piece of fine Silver to Messrs Lucas & Co at Sheffield the Weight 1432 Oz for which I expect 6s/21/2 per Oz. In case C. Blackett will give £30 per Fo[dder] for 3,000 P[iece]s of Lead, one third only to be refined & two-thirds Common, shall his offer be accepted.

I am etc. J.E.B.

7 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle May 7th 1804

Gentlemen

I have this day sent you per Pickersgills Waggon, a piece fine Silver containing Fourteen Hundred & thirty two Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont Esq as below, & advise me on your Receipt of the same.

I am etc. J.E.B.

For a piece of fine Silver of 1432 Oz at 6/21/2 per Oz £444-10-4

[annotation to side:] Abated 1d per Oz in letter dated 22 May to RL & R

12 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to John Irving

John Irving Esq Broadstreet Buildings, London

Newcastle 12 May 1804

I was informed by Colonel Beaumont that I should hear from you on the subject of Lead and have this day been favoured with yours of 10 Inst. The Lead I dispose of here is all put on Ship Board at the expense of the purchaser. The price of Ref[ine]d Lead £31 per Fo[dder] of 21 Cwt and for Common Lead £30 per Fo[dder]. The usual payment by Bills on London due at the end of Six Months.

Should these terms prove acceptable to you I can supply the quantity you mention, but in case you become a purchaser, it will be necessary that you employ some person here, to transact the business for you. I presume the Lead is intended for the Russia Market and that the description you are in want of is Common Lead.

I am etc. J.E.B.

12 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to

Newcastle 12th May 1804

Colonel Beaumont M.P. Portman Square, London

Dear Madam,

I am favoured with your Letters of the 9th & 10th. On the Receipt of the former I made Application to the Holders of Securities on the Steel Hall Estate to take Colonel Beaumont's Bond (or your joint Bond if required) for their Claims; Mr {Anty} Surtees tells me that he has little Doubt of their acquiescing to the to the Proposal, but I apprehend that it will not be in Mr J. Hunter's Power to do it for his part, he being so much involved; I observe that you have seen Mr Burdon, & that there is to be a

Meeting of the forbearing Creditors the beginning of June, at which Mr Bowns will be present.

I was the whole of yesterday closely engaged with Mr Losh & Mr Heron in forming an Answer to the Bishops amended Bill, a most unpleasant Business, & I must say, not judicially conducted by those concerned for you above.

I do not see that you can well avoid subscribing to the Derwent Volunteer Infantry, as you subscribe to those of Hexham & Twenty Guineas or £25 - - will I think be handsome.

The Confidence which you & Colonel Beaumont are pleased to confide in me respecting the Sale of your Lead, be assured shall not be abused.

Since my last I have sold 1,000 P[iece]s ref[ine]d Lead for the Holland Market at £31 Per Fo[dder]. 1,500 P[iece]s for the Lead Works on this River 2/3ds Com[mo]n 1/3rd Ref[ine]d at £30 the Fo[dder] & 50 Casks Litharge at £32 the Ton .

I by this Post received a Letter from Mr Irving the Gentleman that you mentioned in your Letter to whom I have wrote by this Post informing him of the Price of Lead etc.

The Cask that you mention to have sent by Mr Hay is not yet arrived nor have I heard anything of it; indeed I never expected that a North Britain would leave Town till he knew who was to have the Disposal of the Loaves and Fishes; As to the Dollars, they are not yet arrived; I wish that they had been sent by the Waggon instead of Mr Bakers Sloop, as some Privateers are on the Coast.

I shall early the next week advise you of the Amount to be drawn for on Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. for the Lead Pay etc. with the Dates etc.

Mr Williamson of this Place went for Town this Morning, where he expects to stay about ten Days; he will be at the Adelphi Hotel. I am much obliged to you & Col Beaumont for your Information respecting Politicks.

I am etc. J.E.B.

16 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir Richard C. Glyn Bt C. Mills & Co Bankers, London.

Newcastle May 16th 1804

Gentlemen.

I received yours of the 9th Inst. acknowledging the receipt of 8 Bills the amount of which was £7491-16-2 being 3s/- more than you mention. The Sums I shall have Occasion to draw upon you for, on Mr Beaumont's Account, will be nearly as follows Viz: £34,000/-/- in four Bills payable at sight to the Order of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt Baker & Co. dated the 28th Inst.; £1,000 payable to Sundries at Thirty Days dated 31st May & 1st June & £1,800 at Thirty Days dated the 12th June to Sundries, the particulars of which you shall be advised . What Bills I may receive on Colonel Beaumont's Account you may depend on their being remitted to you, by yours etc. J. E. B.

18 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 18th May 1804

Dear Madam.

I am favoured with your letter of the 13th Inst, I will endeavour to procure Bills for the Lead sold, which shall be immediately remitted to Messrs Glyn & Co. on your Acco[unt] advising you of the same. The Bills of Easterby & Halls remitted that Bank the 5th Inst amounting to £4,423-14-1; they offered to discount (but not to give Bank Notes for the same) & after being in my Hands some Days, on their not coming forward, I remitted accordingly; they now promise to allow Discount on the same for which your Account will be credited.

I send you enclosed the State of the several Lead Pays, with an Acc[oun]t of the Sums for which I may have Occasion to draw on Messrs Glyn & Co & the Dates. The Cash by Mr Hay amounting £719-10/- & the Sum you noticed, will be very serviceable in making the Pay; the Silver is not yet arrived, nor have I heard any Thing of the Vessel which surprises me, as the wind for some Days has been fair; I have before said that I much disapproved of the Defence made by the Lawyers on your part to the Bishops Bills; I remain of that Opinion. I have not made any further Sale of Lead since my last Letter nor indeed have I expected to sell any considerable Quantity; the Situation of this Country at present is not favourable to it: The Lead from Wales, which answers most of the Purposes of the Manufacturers is selling at present at £25 the Ton; neither is there any Demand for Lead for the Russia Market at present Prices: Mr Paris's Friend Mr Irving has answered my Letter saying 'your Prices are greatly beyond my Expectations and entirely preclude the Prospect of any Dealing'. These matters considered; the large quantities of Lead you have at Market; more coming down soon; small quantities in other Hands who must be under a necessity of selling etc. taking all those Things into Consideration, you & Colonel Beaumont will judge how far it may be advisable to reduce the Price, provided you could be certain of making a considerable Sale.

The Ref[ine]d Lead you mention shall be sent by the first Vessel for Hull advising Mr Hall of the same. I really do not see how you could well (with the Property you have in Willington Lordship & the Works at Blaydon) avoid subscribing to the Derwent Volunteers; I shall accordingly desire Mr Thomas to subscribe in Colonel Beaumont's Name £20. T. Crawhall met the Lead Agents at Hexham on Tuesday last with Subsistence Money for the workmen; Allenheads Mines were much in the same state I last advised you, I send you enclosed the state of those at Coalcleugh & Weardale.

The N[ew]Castle Volunteers are at present on permanent Duty, T. Crawhall has these two days on Guard, Harry goes on Duty on Sunday for three Weeks. I have three

Clerks at my Felling Office likewise engaged in this Duty which is rather hard on an old Invalid.

I am etc. J.E.B.

21 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 21st May 1804

Dear Madam,

I thought it necessary to acquaint you that the Box contained no more than £250 in Dollars, I shall therefore expect a further Sum of £250 by the waggon the End of this Week as you mention sending £500.

I this morning rec[eive]d from Easterby Halls & Co. three Bills amounting to £1,523-3-10 due in Sept & Oct which I shall by this Post send to Messrs Glyn Mills & Hallington on Colonel Beaumont's Account; Messrs Walkers Partner, Mr Parker is in London, on his return Bills will be got from him for the Amo[unt] of Lead sold, & f[ro]m Mr C. Blackett on Thursday. I have by this Day's Post received Bills from Messrs Reads & Lucas of Sheffield for £426-1-10 for fine Silver, which shall be sent to Messrs Glyn & Co on the same Account.

Mr Miles who I mentioned in a former Letter to have contracted with the India Company for 2,000 Tons of Lead at £25-10 -0 per Ton, I understand purchased that quantity of Lord Grosvenor's Agent at £24 per Fo[dder] & made Mr Ellill an Offer of 1,000 Tons at the same Price, allowing him Commission, which Mr Ellill declined; The India Company it appears have changed their Mode of purchasing their Lead; instead of advertising for Offers as formerly, they employ Agents to make the Purchase; I look on Mr Miles in that light, as I do Mr Irving (who Mr Paris recommended) his Partner I believe is one of the Bank Directors; The India Company I am well informed will have Occasion for between 2 to 3,000 Tons more against the next Season; It is very probable that there will be an advance on the Welch Lead; but at all Events this Demand will take it all (or the greater part of it) out of the Market; The London Houses must in Consequence of it, be supplied from the North which will be the Means of keeping up the Price of Lead; son on the whole I am of Opinion that the large Quantity of ELCH Lead which will be secured etc. tho[ugh] at a reduced Price, will be a Benefit to the Lead Trade in this Country.

I am etc. J. E. B.

21 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn Bt. C. Mills & Co

Newcastle 21st May 1804

Bankers, London

Gentlemen

Inclosed I send you ten Bills as below, amounting to £1,949-5-8 which when paid you will be pleased to place to the Credit of Tho[mas R[ichard] Beaumont esq advising me of the Receipt. I am etc. J. E. B.

£ s d

Easterby Hall & Co	on Pattison Lee & Iselin	75	0	0
Ditto	on Rachel King & Sons	268	13	5
Ditto	on Thomas Atkinson & Co.	504	10	5
Hawksley & Sons	on Gordons Biddulph & Stanley	100	0	0
Smith Son & Smith	on Taylor Lloyds & Co.	76	11	0
Thorntons Bayley & Co.	on Thorntons Bayley & Co.	63	10	10
I. & W. Thore	on Ransom & Morland	36	0	0
R. Cliff	on Wallwort & Co.	30	0	0
R Gillett	on Esdaile & Co.	20	0	0
		£1,949	5	8

22 May 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle 22nd May 1804

Gentlemen

Mr Blackett has been favoured with your Letter of 19th Inst. covering seven Bills amount Four Hundred & Twenty six Pounds 1s/10d as you advise, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Acco[unt] with Colonel Beaumont for fine Silver sent you. Mr Blackett observes what you say as to the Reduction in Price, but cannot learn that any similar Reduction has taken place here & assures you the last he sold in this Town was 6s/2d1/2 per Oz.; he is notwithstanding agreeable to make an Abatement on the Price sent you of 1d per Oz. which he hopes may prove satisfactory to you.

I am etc. T. C.

22 May 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq

Newcastle May 22nd 1804

Dear Sir,

Mr Blackett is this Day favoured with your Letter of the 20th Inst. & observes that you propose to meet the Committee of Surtees's Burdon & Co on Monday the 28th Inst. Mr Clayton has been at his Country House for some Days, but is expected in Town Tomorrow when he will be desired to convene a Meeting of the forbearing Creditors

for the Purpose you mention. Mr Blackett has at length obtained the Certificate of Assessment on the Weardale Mines from the Comm[issioner]s at Darlington, which has been put into the hands of Mr Heron with Directions to lose no time in taking the necessary steps to obtain an Appeal therefrom.

I am etc. T. C.

23 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 23rd May 1804

Dear Madam,

I have the Favor of you Letter of the 21st Inst. & observe the Contents. When I wrote to you the 27th April that I expected that the Sum I should have Occasion to draw for on Glyn & Co. would not exceed £24,000, I expected to have at least £10,000 in Bills to have discounted to one Months with the Bank of Loraine & Co. ; in your Letter of the 13th April you write 'Colonel Beaumont & I (by the Advice of Mr Cockshutt) beg that you will send us all the Bills that you can possibly spare, under Cover to Colonel Beaumont drawn at whatever Dates they may be, to shew Security'. In Mr Bowns' Letter of the 27th April from London; 'To remit all Bills either in hand or to be received by you, which you cannot dispose of in Payments in the Country, to Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co to be placed to the Colonel's account'. In Compliance with these Letters, instead of reserving Bills to the Amount of £10,000 at least, to have discounted at the Bank of Loraine & Co. (which I intended) the whole has been remitted as directed, so that I am in Hopes that no Blame can be imputed to me on this Occasion; I observe by your Letter, that the Sum of £15,000 is to be paid by Glyn & Co. into the Hands of Messrs Veres & Co. in which Case I shall not have Occasion to draw on Messrs Glyn & Co on the 28th at Sight for a Sum exceeding £19,000 which I shall be under the necessity of doing, The Propositions which Messrs Glyn & Co make to the Bank of Loraine & Co they decline according to. I wrote to you the 21st Inst. respecting the Receipt of Silver to which I refer you.

We have received the Certificate from the Commissioners of the Property Tax at Darlington rating the Profits of the Weardale Mines on an Average of five years, to be the £20,000 whereas we do not have admit of it, & instead of being rated for the Payment of £1,000 we alledge that it should not exceed £792-11-10 out of which an Allowance is to be made of £39-12-7 on Account of Children; Mr Heron has wrote to Mr Bowns of Darlington acquainting him that an Appeal will be made from the Rate.

Had I not received such positive Directions of sending up all the Bills, those of Easterby & Co. should not have been sent, at the same Time they promised to allow Discount on the same.

The Property Tax on your Mines etc. in North[umberland] amounting to £575-0-0 is settled with the Hexham Commissioners & is paid. My last Letter would give you a

more promising Account of the Lead Trade the Price I have great Hopes may be supported, & in the present Situation of the Country, a Reduction would not have the Effect to induce the London Houses to purchase a large Quantity. I observe that the Bishop of D[urham] has lately lost a charitable Cause in Chjancery, I trust that his with you may have the like Fate. The Account of the Prices which you require, I send enclosed.

I am etc J. E. B.

26 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to James Cockshutt

James Cockshutt Esq
Huthwaite near Barnsley, Yorkshire

Newcastle 26th May 1804

Dear Sir,

On having some Conversation with Mr Mulcaster respecting his coming to you, we are of Opinion that the 3rd or 4th of June may suit both Parties, in which Case Mr Mulcaster may on his Return take a look at the Arkendale Mines where he may probably meet Mr Walton with our Agents Crawhall & Emerson, who propose being there on the 6th June for two or three Days, he will take the Leeds Coach on the Friday & make Application to the Landlord at Barnsley for the Hire of a Horse. The Mine Agents will be with me on the 28th for the Cash & Notes for the Lead Pay amounting to £39,000-0-0. I shall go up to Allenheads the 30th & make that Pay & Coalcleugh the Day following; every thing is settled between Colonel Beaumont & the Bank of Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co. to whom I have already remitted Bills of different Dates amounting to about £40,000.

I am etc. J. E. B.

26 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir Richard C. Glyn & Co. Bankers, London

Newcastle 26th 1804

Gentlemen,

Inclosed you will receive two Bills value Three Thousand one Hundred & ninety one pounds, six Shillings & Threepence which you will be pleased to place to the Credit of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esq's Account with you & advise me on your receipt. I observe by Mrs Beaumont's Letter of the 21st Inst. that you will place £15,000 in the Bank of Messrs Veres Lucadou & Co. the 28th Inst. on Account of the Bank of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt Baker & Co who have agreed to accept my Bill on you of that Date at six Weeks Date for £8,000-0-0. Colonel Beaumont paying Discount on the same; I shall accordingly draw for that Sum; likewise for £8,000 payable in their Favor at sight.

On the 31st I shall draw on you for ab[ou]t £800 of which I shall further advise you; as I shall the 12th June next for about £1,900 at Thirty or Forty Days Date.

I am etc. J. E. B.

Bill No. 480 – 1930-18-0

Bill No. 482 – 1260- 8-3

£3191- 6-3

26 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London.

Newcastle 26th May 1804

Dear Madam

I wrote to you the 21st & 23rd Inst. to which I refer you; I had yesterday the Favor of your Letter of the 23rd & observe that Mr Maude of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine's Bank gave you Hopes of their accepting my Draft for the Amount of £8,000 at 6 Weeks Date; they have this Day agreed to accept the same, the Discount being charged to you (which indeed I expected); this reduces the Sum to £8,000-0-0 for which I shall on 28th Inst. draw on Messrs Glyn & Co. at sight, as I shall on the 31st at 30 Days Date to sundries for about £800 of which I have advised them, & have by this Day's Post remitted them Bills amounting to £3.191-6-3 at six Months Date for the last lead sold.

Your Favor of the 24th I received this Day, & am sorry that you have had so much Trouble about the Dollars; those that are already rec[eive]d with some small Silver that we got & your Supply of half Guineas & 7s/-d pieces will be fully sufficient to make the Pay to the Satisfaction of the Workman, as well as the Country etc.

I am selling small Quantities of Lead as the Price that I sold the former of w[hi]ch I informed you; in the Situation of this Country at present the Lead Houses do not incline to make any large Purchases, nor do I think that a reduction of the Price (unless it was a considerable one) would induce them to come forward in making a large Purchase; I had this Day an Offer of £28 the Fo[dder] for from 3 to 5,000 Pieces of Com[mo]n Lead, which I declined; I should not have objected to a Reduction of 5s/- the Fo[dder] Viz £29-15 for Com[mo]n Lead, but I could not obtain it.

I expect that Mr Bowns will be at this Place Tomorrow Evening, but I do not apprehend any good Effects from the Meeting on Monday. I am apprehensive that we shall have a great deal of unpleasant Business respecting the Purchase of the Steel Hall Estate etc.

I am etc. J. E. B.

28 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn Bt & Co. Bankers, London

Newcastle May 28th 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day drawn upon you in Favor of Sir W[illiam] Loraine Bt Baker & Co. as below on Mr Beaumont's Account, which Drafts I have no Doubt you will duly honor. I am etc J. E. B.

	£	
Bill payable at Sight	4,000	
Ditto Ditto	4,000	
Ditto Six Weeks dated 28th Inst.	4,000	
Ditto Ditto	4,000	

28 May 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 28th May 1804

Dear Madam

I am this Moment favoured with your Letter of the 26th Inst. & am much concerned to find that the Bank of Loraine & Co. not having on my first Application consented to discount my Bills at 6 Weeks Date for £8,000-0-0 should have been the Occasion of so much Trouble & Confusion; however my Letter of the 26th would inform you that they had agreed to do it, & I have accordingly this day drawn two Bills on Messrs Glyn & Co of £4,000 each at 42 Days date, & two Bills of £4,000 each, at sight, payable to Messrs Loraine & Co.

The Lead Agents have been with me all this Morning & I shall proceed with them Tomorrow to the Lead Pay. Mr Bowns came late yesterday Evening, & I have had some Conversation with him respecting this Pay & other Matters; this unpleasant Business of the Purchase of the Steel Hall Estate may make it necessary for me to draw on Sir R[ichard] Glyn & Co. for £1,000 or £2,000 but that I shall not do without the Approbation of Mr Bowns; it is now ten o'Clock in the Evening & he has not finished his Business with Burdon's Bank on which Business I must refer you to Mr Bacons. This very unpleasant Matter respecting the Sale of the 3 percent Stock vexes me much, but I have not been the Occasion of it; I have been engaged in this Business solely from nine o'Clock this Morning till ten at Night w[hi]ch has fatigued me very much.

I am etc. J. E. B.

12 Jun 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond Bankers, London

Newcastle 12th June 1804

Gentlemen

Inclosed you will receive my Draft on Sir R. C. Glyn & Co. at Thirty Days dated this Day, for Four Hundred & Sixty two Ten Shillings, to pay half a years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Lord B[isho]p of Durham from Colonel Beaumont the 26th Ult. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that purpose to yours etc. J. E. B.

Bill No. 500 £462-10-0

12 Jun 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. Bankers, London

Newcastle June 12th 1804

Gent.n,

Inclosed you will receive two Bills payable in London, amounting to twelve Hundred & forty seven Pounds Ten Shillings which you will please to place to the Credit of Colonel Beaumont's Account with you & advise me on your Receipt. I have this day drawn on you at Thirty Days as below for £2,262-10-0 on Colonel Beaumont's Account, which Bills I have no Doubt you will duly honour & remain yours etc J.E.B.

Bill No. 497 £675-10
499 £572- 0-0

	£	s	d	
Bill No.	502	135	0 0	at 30 Days
	503	100	0 0	@ ditto
	504	400	0 0	@ditto
	505	500	0 0	@ditto
	506	260	0 0	@ditto
	507	80	0 0	@ditto
	508	70	0 0	@ditto
	509	55	0 0	@ditto
	510	200	0 0	@ditto
		£1,800	0 0	
	500	462	10 0	
		£2,262	10 0	

12 Jun 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle 12th June 1804

Dear Madam,

I wrote to you the 9th Inst. to which I refer you. This serves to advise you that I have this day drawn the several Bills payable to my Order at 30 Days Date (as at Foot) on R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. amounting to £1,800-0-0 on Account of Colonel Beaumont, being the Tradesmen's Bills included in the Lead Pay, & likewise a Bill at 30 Days Date for the Bishop's Dues amounting to £462-10-0 of which I advised you. R. Mulcaster returned from Mr Cockshutt's on Saturday Evening & hope that your Works may receive great Improvements from their Observations in Derbyshire & particularly from the late view & Observations of your Agents. Mr Crawhall & Mr Emerson at the Mines and Works at Arkendale, which I understand that Mr Cockshutt intends visiting in his way North.

The Appeal Day for Darlington Ward will be on Saturday the 16th; Mr Heron is of Opinion that as he attended on the former Occasion, that it will be advisable that instead of his going with Thomas Crawhall, that Mr Losh should be desired to go; the Comm[issioner]s have calculated the Profits of the Weardale Mines on an Average of five years from 1788 to 1792 & make it considerably exceed £20,000 per annum: but only assess them at that Sum; now we calculate the Profits on an Average to be only £792-11-10 they do not appear to dispute the Quantity of Ore raised, that being sworn to by Mr Emerson, but they value the Ore on an Average of those years at £5 per Bing, whereas we take it from an accurate Calculation of Mr N. Walton of the Sales of Ore at Alstone Moor on an Average of those years to be only £4-4-0, now we really exceeded this Calculation in the Return that we made; I think that the Measure of appealing is highly proper, at the same Time I really do not expect to meet with any Relief; Should the Payment of this Tax be demanded, ~ I shall be under a Necessity of drawing on Messrs Glyn & Co. for the Amount, or near it as the Case may be; at any rate I think that it may be advisable to make the Appeal more particularly on Account of the Suit with the B[ishop]. The two long dated Bills that I mentioned in my former Letter are remitted to Messrs Glyn & Co. which is the whole I could send at present.

A Proposal has been made by Mr Jobling & some others (Justice Trevelyan being one of them I am told) for a Lease of a Piece of Ground at Grasswellrow near Ninebanks for working a Grove offering one-fifth for Dues; it adjoins Mr Ord's Estate at Whitfield where that Company are working a very promising vein (as I am informed) which comes into your Property; on consulting with Mr Dickinson I declined treating with them; if they think it an Object to them, it will be more so to you on many Accounts.

I am etc. J. E. B.

20 Jun 1804 John Erasmus Blakett to David Wood

Mr Wood
Bretton Hall Near Wakefield, Yorkshire

Newcastle June 20th 1804

Sir,

We have this Day shipped on Board the Ship Two Brothers, Captain J[oh]n Gardner for Hull per Mrs Beaumont's Order 50 p[ie]c[e]s Ref[in]e[d] Lead q[ua]ntit[y] 77 cwt- 0 qt- 14 lb as per Bill of Lading inclosed. They are directed to be left at the old Warehouse, Wakefield, but it will be necessary that some Person be employed to pay the Freight & take Charge of them at Hull. I am etc. J. E. B.

2 Jul 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle July 2nd 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day sent you per Pickersgill's Waggon a piece of fine Silver containing One Thousand five Hundred & Eighteen Ounces which I desire you will place to Account with Tho[ma]s R[ichar]d Beaumont Esq at the Market Price & advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am etc. J. E. B.

16 Jul 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Reads

Newcastle July 16 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day been favoured with your Letter of the 14th Inst enclosing six Bills value Four Hundred & forty six Pounds & two Shillings which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Tho[ma]s R[ichar]d Beaumont Esq for fine Silver sent you, & I now enclose you a returned Bill value £30 with 1s/6d Expenses which you will please to pass to the Debit of the said Account & you'll oblige. Yours etc. J.E.B.

Bill returned No. 478 £30

17 Jul 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Isaac Hunter

Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 17th July 1804

Mr I. Hunter

I am desired by Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont Esq to acquaint you that he shall not have any further Occasion for your Service as Agent at Dukesfield after the 31st December next, at which Time you will take Notice that you must quit the House & Premises to such Person as the said Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont may appoint to succeed you as Agent at Dukesfield, you delivering up to such Person all Books of Accounts or other Accounts, Receipts Bills & all other Papers & Writings, whatsoever in your Custody relative to the Concerns of the s[ai]d Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont Esq or in any Manner connected therewith, & likewise such Furniture & Fixtures in the House as may be the Property of the said Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont, you reserving such part of the Barn, Stables, & Out Houses appertaining to the Farm (as T. R. Beaumont's Steward Mr W[ilia]m Thomas may approve of) until the first Day of May 1805. I am etc. J. E. B.

Mr Isaac Hunter

I do hereby for & on behalf of you Landlord Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont Esq give you Notice to quit the Possession of the Farmhold Outhouses & Premises situate at Dukesfield in the County of Northumberland which you now hold under him on the first Day of May next ensuring the Date hereof. Dated this Seventeenth Day of July 1804. John E. Blackett

30 Jul 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn Bankers, London

Newcastle July 30th 1804

Gentlemen,

In April last I had Occasion to draw upon Colonel Beaumont in Favour of Messrs Walton & Forster of this Place at three Mo[nth]s date for one Thousand Pounds as you were advised of; which Bill tho' overdue, I find has not yet been presented for Acceptance or Payment; I have therefor this Day substituted a Bill upon you in lieu thereof for that Sum on Mr Beaumont's Account which you will be pleased to honor and you will oblige. Yours etc. J. E. B.

2 Aug 1804 Thomas Crawhall to John Bell

Mr Bell Manor Office, Hexham

Newcastle Aug[ust] 2nd 1804

Sir,

I am directed by Colonel Beaumont to inform you he expects Mr Bowns in the North very shortly for the Purpose of auditing his Acco[un]ts etc. & that he proposes being at

Hexham about the 13th or 14th Inst. when he requests you may have your Accounts made up & the Balance struck for his Examination.

I am etc. T. C.

4 Aug 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. Bankers, London

Newcastle August 4th 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this Day drawn upon you in Favour of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt. Baker & Co. at Twenty Days dated this day for Two Thousand, four Hundred Pounds on Mr Beaumont's Account which you will please to honor & you will oblige.

Yours etc. J. E. B.

29 Aug 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle August 29th 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day sent you per Pickersgill's Waggon a p[iec]e fine Silver containing Eleven Hundred & Seventy two Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco[un]t with T. R. Beaumont Esq at the Market Price and advise me on your Receipt of the same. I am etc. J. E. B.

29 Aug 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Rundell & Bridge

Messrs Rundle & Bridge

Newcastle August 29th 1804

Goldsmiths No. 32 Ludgate Hill, London

Gentlemen,

At Mrs Beaumont's request I have this day sent you per the London Waggon a very fine Piece of Bullion containing Fourteen Hundred & thirty-four Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco[oun]t with T. R. Beaumont Esq and having great Demand for that Article at this Place I am in Hopes you will allow the best Price upon it.

Please advise me on you Receipt of the same. We do not pay the carriage & when it may be convenient to you please to pay the Amount into the Hands of Sir R. Glynn Bt C. Mills & Co. on Mr Beaumont's Account as so much p[a]d by me & you'll oblige.

Yours etc. J. E. B

29 Aug 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Goslings Bankers, London

Newcastle August 29th 1804

Gentlemen,

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn upon Sir R. C. Glynn Bt. & Co. at Twenty Days dated this day for three Hundred & Seventy five Pounds to pay one Quarter of a year's Composition for the Tythe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th Ulto. to the Rev[ren]d H. Hardinge from Colonel Beaumont. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill and advise Mr Hardinge of the same. I am etc. J. E. B.

Bill No. 523 £375

29 Aug 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C. Glynn Bt. & Co. Bankers London

Newcastle August 29th 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day drawn upon you in Favour of Messrs Goslings at Twenty Days dated this day for Three Hundred & Seventy five Pounds on Mr Beaumont's Acco[un]t which you will please to honor.

I shall have Occasion to draw upon you on the 1st of September for the further Sum of £3,000 but expect to be enabled to remit your Bills on London on that Day for about six Thousand pounds.

I am etc. J. E. B.

In the Course of next Month I expect to make a large Sale of Lead.

1 Sep 1804 John Erasmus Blackett

Sir R. C. Glyn Bt. & Co. Bankers London

Newcastle September 1st 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day drawn upon you at Twenty Days in Favour of Sir Will[ia]m Loraine & Co. for two Thousand & three Hundred Pounds on Mr Beaumont's Account & remit you three Bills drawn by Mr Hewitson on Mr J. Ellill amount Six Thousand One Hundred & four Pounds Sixteen Shillings & four Pence, which Sum be pleased to acknowledge the Receipt of & you'll oblige. Yours etc. J. E. B.

Bills 526 £2,000

527 £2,000
528 £2,104-16-4
£6,104-16-4

8 Sep 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn & Co. Bankers, London Newcastle September 8th 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day drawn upon you in Favour of Sir W[illiam] Loraine Bt Baker & Co. at Twenty Days date for Seven Hundred Pounds on Colonel Beaumont's Account, which please to honor & you'll oblige. Yours etc. J. E. B.

8 Sep 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 8th September 1804

Dear Madam,

I wish that it was in my Power to give you a more satisfactory Account of your Lead Sales; a few Days since I sold to Walkers Maltby & Co. 5,000 p[iece]s Com[mon] Lead at £29 per Fo[dder]. I was under a Necessity of making a small Reduction to induce them to make this Purchase & in Hopes of it being followed by other Lead Houses, which has not yet been the case; I expect answers from them daily, & I stay at this place solely for that Purpose; the Sales of Lead & Litharge that I have made since the 1st August will amount to about £30,000 -0-0 I hope this Month & the next may exceed, but it will chiefly depend on the Indian Demand; that & the Manufactories will be our chief Dependence; the Dutch Ports will be chiefly shutt & it will soon be too late for those of Russia; I yesterday sold Mr C. Blackett for Mr Paris 1450 p[iece]s Com[mon] Lead at £29 conditionally of his procuring a Ship at this late Season for Peterburgh.

T Crawhall informed me that you & Colonel Beaumont had Thoughts of removing Mr Westgarth from Dukesfield to Allen Lead Mills & Dixon from the latter to Dukesfield Mill; on his mentioning this Matter to Westgarth he declined the Agency there & preferring quitting your Empl[y] & I do not find that he will readily consent to be employed under Sadler at Dukesfield. Westgarth has been employed in the Concern near Twenty Years, I have found him to be sober diligent & honest exclusive of his Business as Mill Agent, for some Time Past the Superintendence of a great part of a great part of the Lead as well as the Ore Carriage has rested on him; Mr Sadler will for some Time be perfectly unacquainted with this Business, in Consequence of which your Concerns must suffer; the Business that he is to undertake will require his very close Attention; he will have much yet to learn, & in case he should be above taking

such Advice & Information as may probably be offered him (altho[ugh] he may possibly make some improvement on them) I am apprehensive that he may do harm, & by being too opinionated, disgust those employed under him, & do the Concern an Injury which it would be advisable to prevent; Westgarth is well known and esteemed in the Mining Part of the Country, his Father having been principal & an able Agent at Coalcleugh many years, & he having worked in those Mines some years, he will consequently find no Difficulty in getting an Employment but I should be sorry to loose him out of the Concern & I think that it merits Consideration whether it may not be advisable to continue him for the next year at Dukesfield to put Sadler in a proper Train as to the Carriage etc. afterwards should he be thought properly qualified to succeed Mr Dickinson at Coalcleugh, he might be appointed to that Station where his Father had succeeded so well; I really believe that a Person better qualified for the Agency at that Place cannot at present be met with.

On the 29th Ulto. I sent by the London Waggon a Cake of fine Silver to Messrs Rundle & Bridge containing 1434 Oz & a Cake to Messrs Reads & Lucas of Sheffield of 11,720 Oz I have not yet had Advice of the Receipt & the Price, but I am apprehensive of a great Drop in the Price in April last I sold at 6s/2d per Oz: in July at 5s/11d; Mr Walton got only 5s/9d for a Cake he lately sent to London.

The Tax for the Weardale Mines as settled by the late Appeal, amounts to £794-0-0 which Sum has been paid into the Office of the Receiver General. A Person of the Name of Will[ia]m Weddell may probably make Application to Colonel Beaumont respecting some Property which he thinks that he is entitled to at Blaydon, the Particular of which I enclose you from Mr Mulcaster; he is a very drunken troublesome Fellow & has plagued me very much, he certainly has not any Claim on the Property.

I am etc. J. E. B.

20 Sep 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Rundell & Bridge

Messrs Rundle & Bridge
Goldsmiths No 32 Ludgate Hill, London

Newcastle 20th September 1804

Gentlemen,

In Mr Blackett's absence I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your & to inform you he is perfectly satisfied with the Price allowed on the P[ie]c]e fine Silver sent you, and will forward to you the first p[ie]c]e he can conveniently spare you.

Mr Blackett proposes drawing upon you for the Amount in ten Days Time at 20 or 30 Days: you will therefore please not to pay it into the Banker as before requested & you'll oblige.

Yours etc. T. C.

20 Sep 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Reads Sheffield

Newcastle 20th September 1804

Gentlemen,

In Mr Blackett's Absence I have to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 15th Inst. covering 7 Bills amount £376-8-0 as you advise which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with Tho[ma]s R[ichard] Beaumont Esq for fine Silver sent you. Mr Blackett observes the Price allowed for the piece last sent is much below his expectation, and when he assures you he had 5s/10d1/2 per Oz for a piece sent to London on the same day yours was forwarded for Sheffield he does not doubt you will allow him 1d per Oz more than you name on the piece abovementioned, making 5s/10d per Oz.

I am etc. T. C.

27 Sep 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to

Newcastle 27th September 1804

Colonel Beaumont The Duke of Atholl's Blair, Perth, N.B.

Dear Madam,

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 22nd Inst & I am happy to find that you & Colonel Beaumont approve of the Sales that I have made; since my letter to you I have sold 1,500 P[iece]s Com[mon] Lead @ £29per Fo[dder] to Easterby & Co. you need not fear of their rivalling you in the Litharge Trade; what they make is of an inferior Quality & sold at a lower Price; we have ready Sale for all the Litharge we make & we don't let them have any Lead of the kind that makes the best Litharge. I have lately sold 100 Casks Litharge to two of the London Houses at £31 the Ton.

The Reform which Mr Cockshutt recommends to be made at the Mines is very judicious & proper & I have no doubt will be attended with Advantage to the Concern, but until such Time as the Salaries of the Agents were advanced to put them above doing what is found fault with (which I have frequently recommended to be done) this Reform could not with Propriety be carried into Execution; for considering the great Advance of every Article of Life, your Agents could not possibly maintain their Families on their present Salaries.

I cannot agree with Mr Cockshutt in what is proposed as to the making of Red Lead & Sheet Lead at Dukesfield; the Measure of the Lead Owners (particularly the principal ones) interfering with the Manufacturers, has always been thought improper & prejudicial to their Interests, & I am convinced of it: any Advantage that might for a Time arise from that Measure, would certainly be very much counterbalanced by the Prejudice that it must do to your Concern with the London Buyers who are Manufacturers of Lead: they certainly would never purchase your Lead if they could have it of the Lead Company, the Hospital or any other Lead Owners etc. in Case of

your making Red Lead & Sheet Lead, you will be under the Necessity of reducing much the greater part of your Lead for those Purposes, as you would not have Sale for your Lead.

I send you enclosed the State of your Acco[un]t with your London Bankers so far as relates to your Concerns at this Place; what Money Mr Bowns may have drawn for I am ignorant of. Mr Cockshutt will I hope excuse me in not answering his Letter as I hope to have soon the Pleasure of seeing him.

I am etc. J. E. B.

29 Sep 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundle Bridge & Rundell
Ludgate Hill, London

Newcastle September 29th 1804

Gentlemen,

I have this day drawn upon you payable to my Order at Twenty Days date this day for Four Hundred & nineteen Pounds, Six Shillings & 9d being the Amount for fine Silver sent you on Mr Beaumont's Account, & which I doubt not you will duly honor & remain yours etc. J. E. B.

P.S. The first piece of fine Silver I receive from the Works shall be sent you.

25 Oct 1804 Thomas Crawhall to David Wood

Mr Wood
T. R. Beaumont Esq Bretton Hall near Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Newcastle 25th Oct 1804

Sir,

By Mrs Beaumont's Direction we have this day shipped on Board the Two Brothers, Jno Gardner Master for Hull 60 P[iece]s Ref[ine]d Lead q £90 – 1 – 14 as per Bill of Lading inclosed.

They are directed to be left at the old Warehouse, Wakefield, but as they are not consigned to any Person at Hull, it will be necessary that you may employ some Person there to pay the Freight & take the Charge of them.

I am etc. T. C.

25 Oct 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co.
No 32 Ludgate Hill London

Newcastle 25th Oct. 1804

Gentlemen,

In Mr Blackett's Absence I have this day forwarded you per the London Waggon a P[iec]e fine Silver containing one Thousand Two Hundred & Twenty eight Ounces, which you will please to place to acco[unt] with Tho[ma]s R[ichar]d Beaumont Esq at the Market Price, advising Mr Blackett on your Receipt of the same.

I am etc. T. C.

10 Nov 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn Mills & Co. Bankers, London

Newcastle 10th Nov 1804

Gentlemen,

Herewith I remit you Bills as below which please to place to the Credit of Colonel Beaumont's Acco[unt] with you, & advise me on your Receipt. As I shall be enabled to remit you a considerable Amo[un]t shortly, Colonel & Mrs Beaumont request you will not discount any further Bills on their Account, and should any Sum be paid into your House on their Account per Messrs Rundell and Bridge that you will immediately advise me of the same. I am etc. J. E. B.

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Richardson on Toulmin at 6 Mo[nth]s	dated 20th June	59 2 11
Locke & Co on Locke at 6 Weeks	8th Nov	1,842 18 10
C. Blackett on Reston at 1 Mo[nth]	8th Nov	478 8 0
Ditto ditto @ 6 Mo[nth]	28 Aug	2,069 11 0
Lambton & Co. on Bolder @ 40 Days	10 Nov	2,000 0 0
Walkers & Co. on Walkers @ 10 D	10 Nov	1,830 8 10
		£8,280 9 7

The 6 Bills are enclosed in another Cover

12 Nov 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell
No 32 Ludgate Hill, London

Newcastle Nov 12th 1804

Gentlemen,

Since I wrote to you the 25th Ultio. I have been favoured with your Letter of the 9th Inst. acknowledging the Receipt of a Cake of Silver the Piece I observe you have charged 5/101/2 per Oz which I have no Doubt will be perfectly satisfactory to Colonel & Mrs Beaumont & you may depend on the first Piece I have to dispose of, being sent you.

The Amount you will please to pay into the House of Sir R. C. Glyn Bt & Co. on Mr Beaumont's Acco[unt] at you Convenience, who will advise me of the same.

I remain yours etc. J. E. B.

17 Nov 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

[Note: Letter unsigned but assumed to be from John Erasmus Blackett]

Sir R. C. Glyn Bt. Mills & Co Bankers, London

Newcastle Nov. 17 1804

Gentlemen,

Inclosed you will receive three Bills Value £9,013-13-11 as below which I desire you will place to the Credit of Colonel Beaumont Acco[unt] with you & advise me on your receipt of the same. I have yours of the 13th in which you advise of the receipt of the former Bills remitted to you, and £8,280-9-7 With respect

I am etc

Easterby & Co. accept @ 2 Mo[nths] dated 10 Nov	3,285 8 10
Ditto ditto 1 Dec	3,954 18 0
Blackett D[ra]ft on Lees & Co. 10 D[ay]s 16 Nov	1,773 7 1
	£9.013 13 11

29 Nov 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond Bankers, London

London November 29 1804

Gentlemen,

Inclosed you have my D[ra]ft on Sir R. C. Glyn Bt. & Co. at Thirty Days dated this day for four Hundred and Sixty Two Pounds & Ten shillings to pay half a years Composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Colonel Beaumont the 26 Inst. Please to acknowledge the receipt of this Sum for that purpose to Gent[lemen]

Yours etc J. E. B.

Bill No. 550 £462 – 10 - 0

29 Nov 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Gosling Bankers, London

Newcastle November 29 1804

Gentlemen,

Inclosed you have my D[ra]ft on Sir R. C. Glyn Bt. & C. at Twenty Days dated this day for Three Hundred and Seventy five Pounds to pay one Quarter of a years Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th Ulto. to the Rev[erend] H[enry] Hardinge from Colonel Beaumont. Please to acknowledge the receipt of the Bill and advise Mr Hardinge of the same.

I remain yours etc. J. E. B.

Bill No 559 £375-0-0

29 Nov 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C. Glyn Bt. C. Mills & Co. Bankers, London

Newcastle Nov 29 1804

Gentlemen,

On the 24th Inst I drew upon you on Col. Beaumonts Account, in favour of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co. at Twenty Days date for £1,400-0-0 I have two more Bills upon you in favour of Messrs Gosling & Messrs Drummond the former @ 20 Days amount £875-0-0 the latter at 30 Days am[oun]t £462-10-0. I also remit you on the same account three Bills am[oun]t £12,865-15-11 particulars as below, which you will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of to Gentlemen

Your most ob J. E. B.

Walkers Parker & Co on Walkers & Co @ 5 Mo dated 29 Aug	2,000 0 0
Ditto ditto 6 Mo dated 29 Sept	2,094 11 6
J. Forster. J. H. d Mill on Forster & Co. 2 Mo dated 27 Nov	8,771 4 5
	£12,865 15 11

30 Nov 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under cover to

Newcastle Nov. 30th 1804

Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Dear Madam,

Inclosed you will receive a Copy of a Letter from the Rev[erend] H. Hardinge Rector of Stanhope respecting the Payment of Poor Rate for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines & likewise a Copy of his Agreement for the Tithe Ore of those Mines. On examination I find that no Poor Rate has ever been paid for those Mines nor for the Lot & Tithe Ore. You will of Course lay this before Mr Bowns for his Opinion & be pleased to favour me or Mr C. Blackett with an answer.

I have acknowledged the Receipt of Mr Hardinge's Letter & advised him of my having laid the Case before you, & that when I receive your Answer he shall be informed.

I have drawn upon Sir R. C. Glyn Bt. & Co. on your Account for £837-10-0 for the Lot & Tithe Ore, & by the last Post remitted them Bills amo[un]t £12,865-15-11 Particulars as below.

From the Conversation that I had with you respecting Mr C. Blacketts Application to me for 4,000 P[iece]s of Lead for his Friends in Town I observed that you inclined that they were to have the Quantity at £30 & £31 the Fo[dder]. The advanced Price not having taken Place at that Time the 31st Oct. or 1st Nov. I have accordingly given him an Order for the Quantity, at the same Time I declare that I did not make him such offer, from the Circumstances that I mentioned to you, being unwilling at that Time to dispose of the Quantity; there will still remain about 1,000 P[iece]s with that on the Road which I hope may be bro[ught] down next Month in Case of a Frost, with that of Refined to be made at Blaydon & Allen Mills, will leave near 5,000 P[iece]s & a sufficient Quantity of Refineable Lead to serve till the end of March.

I am etc J. E. B.

Walkers Parker & Co on Walkers & Co @ 5 Mo	dated 29 Aug	2,000	0	0
Ditto ditto	6 Mo	dated 29 Sept	2,094	11 6
J. Forster. J. H. d Mill on Forster & Co. 2 Mo	dated 27 Nov	8,771	4	5
			£12,865	15 11

5 Dec 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle Dec. 5th 1804

Dear Madam,

I have rec[eive]d your Favor of the 3rd Inst. & am under the Necessity of again making use of an Amanensis to acknowledge the Receipt, having been confined to my Bed for a couple of Days & still continue much indisposed. I observe you have fixed the 27th, 28th, & 29th. Inst. for Mr Cockshutt & Mr Bowns attending at the Leadmines for the Purpose of inspecting the Bargains, Lettings etc. I shall acquaint your Agents as well as Mr Dickinson of Dufton who will also attend at that Time for the same Purpose, but I apprehend it may require at least as many more Days to go through them as you mention; those of Coalcleugh, Allenheads & Breckonsike requiring not less than three Days. It has not been customary to go through the Mines & letting the Bargains for the ensuing Quarter until after the Expiration of the preceding one; but as the Time fixed upon will doubtless be more convenient to Mr Bowns & Mr Cockshutt; your Agents will be directed to arrange Matters accordingly.

I have sent to consult Mr C. Blackett on this Business but find he is not in Town, I shall acquaint him that his Presence will be required when I see him.

Mr Crawhall informs me he has cut the East end of Bretton Vein at Allenheads the other Day & that it appears very promising. The Proprietors of the Harehope Gill Leadmine, who agreed with you for a Lease of the Copyhold part of that Mine have made Application to me for leave to commence working, & to have the lease completed soon after as convenient, you will at your Convenience inform me what Answer to give them. I apprehend the Draught of the Leadmines is now before Mr Cockshutt.

Mr Castle of Durham has acquainted Mr Heron that the Lord Bishop of Durham has named him as one under a general Commission for the Examination of Evidence in the Cause of the Bishop against Colonel Beaumont. In the last Acco[unt] I gave you of the Stock of Lead remaining on hand for Sale I omitted to deduct 1,000 p[iece]s sold to Mr C. Blacket for his Works here 1/3 Ref[ined] & 2/3 Com[mon] with 1/10th Slag and 400 p[iece]s Ref[ined] Lead sold to Messrs James Hind & Co. at 32 per Fo[dder]. Mr Walton informs me that he has obtained 6s/- per Oz for a P[iece] fine Silver lately sent to London, the Price allowed per Messrs Rundell & Bridge for the Cake last sent to them was 5s/10 1/2 per Oz.

I am etc. J. E. B.

6 Dec 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Joseph Dickinson

Mr Jos Dickinson
Dufton near Appleby Westmoreland

Newcastle Dec. 6 1804

Sir,

Mr Blackett has been informed per Mr Beaumont that Mr Cockshutt and Mr Bowns propose being in Northumberland about Christmas and have named the 27, 28 and 29 Inst. for the letting of the Bargains at their several Leadmines. As it may be necessary that you should attend the Mines for some days previous to that period, Mr Blackett desires me to give you the earliest intimation of this & his determination that you may arrange your affairs accordingly. & am Sir etc. T. C.

14 Dec 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle Dec 14th 1804

Dear Madam,

After having some Conversation with your Lead Agents, I find that Monday the 31st Inst. will be the earliest Period that Mr Dickinson of Dufton can go upon the Inspection of you Leadmines previous to the Bargains letting he will be fully employed the first Week in January inspecting the Mines, we have accordingly named the 7th for

the Bargains at Coalcleugh, the 8th for those of Allenheads & the 9th & 10th for those of Weardale Mines, which I hope may prove a convenient Time for Mr Bowns & Mr Cockshutt who shall be acquainted with the same as well as Mr C. Blackett.

The enclosed from Mr Sadler you will be pleased to enable me to give an Answer to at your Convenience.

I am etc J. E. B.

15 Dec 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C. Glyn Mills & Co. Bankers, London Newcastle 15th December 1804

Gentlemen,

Inclosed you will receive two Bills upon Mr Ellill amount four Thousand & Seventy two Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight Pence, which sum I desire you will Place to the Credit of Colonel Beaumont's Acco[unt] with you and acknowledge the Receipt to Yours etc. J. E. B.

Bill No 562 £2,000- 0-0
 563 £2,072-18-8

I have this day been favoured with yours of the 13th Inst. acknowledging the receipt of £359-0-0 per Rundell & Co. in Col. Beaumont's Acc[oun]t per JEB T.C.

15 Dec 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Charles Bowns

Cha[rles] Bowns Esq
Darley Hall, Yorks[hire]

Newcastle December 15 1804

I am desired per Mr Blackett to transmit to you the Inclosed Copy of a letter he has wrote to Mr Beaumont naming a time for the letting the Bargains at the Leadmines which he hopes may prove a convenient one for you & Mr Cockshutt to attend.

I am etc. T. C.

Wrote Mr Cockshutt the same purport as above, enclosing the Dimensions of Wire Sieves in use at the Leadmines.

18 Dec 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to

Newcastle Dec 18th 1804

Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Dear Madam,

I am favoured with your Letters of the 5th and 8th Inst. & am happy to hear you found your young Family in Health, & of Mr Wentworth's Success in gaining his Remove into the fifth Form in a Manner so highly honourable to himself as well as creditable to his Tutor Mr Bird.

In two or three Days I shall be able to inform you the Days in the next Month that will be the most suitable for the letting the Bargains in your several Mines of which I will give you & Mr Bowns the earliest Notice & likewise acquaint Mr Dickinson of Dufton that he may inspect those Mines early next Month previous to the letting. A Piece of Silver that Mr Walton sent to London previous to that of yours he only got 5s/9d a P[iece] sent by Mr Monkhouse he only obtained 5s/7d the last Piece sent by Mr Walton was near three Weeks after yours when the Price of fine Silver had risen: A large Piece will be taken off at Blaydon at Christmas and sent to Messrs Rundell & Bridge, when they will be informed that you expect 6s/- per Ounce, the Price which Mr Walton has obtained.

I am etc. J. E. B.

20 Dec 1804 Thomas Crawhall to Arthur Mowbray

Mr Mowbray

Sir,

Above you have Sir W. Loraine Bt & Co. Cheque upon the Durham Bank amount Seventy five Pounds 1s/2d to pay half a years Moor Masters Rent due from Col. Beaumont to the Lord Bishop of Durham the 2nd Aug last with 1s/2d for Acquittance & Duty. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that purpose to Sir etc. T. C.

Newcastle 20 December 1804

Messrs Wetherall & Co.
Gentlemen,

Newcastle Dec. 20 1804

Mr Crawhall has paid us seventy five Pounds 1s/2d at your Credit which you will pay to A. Mowbray Esq
£75-1-2 Loraine Baker & Co.

20 Dec 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Joseph Dickinson

Mr Jos[ep]h Dickinson
Dufton near Appleby

Newcastle 20th December 1804

Sir,

Since I wrote you the 6th Inst. Mr Blackett has had some Conversation with the Lead Agents and finds that the Time beforementioned will not be a convenient one for the Purpose of going upon the Inspection of the & letting the Bargains; he has accordingly acquainted Mrs Beaumont Messrs Bowns & Cockshutt with the same & has named the 7th of January for the Bargains at Coalcleugh, the 8th for those of Allenheads & the 9th. & 10th. For those of Weardale, which he hopes may prove a convenient Time for them and you to attend. The Agents at the Mines will be prepared to show you the Mines on the 31st. Inst. at which Time the present Bargains with the Workmen expire.

I am etc. J. E. B

22 Dec 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir D. C. Glyn Bt Mills & Co

Newcastle December 22 1804

Bankers – London

Gent[leme]n

Inclosed you have Locke Blackett & Cos Draft on John Locke Esq & Co at one Month, amount One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty five Pounds 12s/5d which be pleased to place to the Credit of Coln. Beaumont's Acc[oun]t & advise me on your Receipt.

Bill No. 565 £1835-12-5

I have also drawn upon you in Favor of Sir Will[ia]m Loraine & Co at Twenty Days for Two Thousand Pounds on the same Account which you will please to honour.

I am Sir J. E. B.

22 Dec 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill, London

Newcastle December 22 1804

Gent[lemen]

By the London Waggon will be sent on Monday the 24 Inst a piece very fine Silver containing Fifteen Hundred & Fifty Ounces which I desire you will place to Acco[unt] with Colonel Beaumont at the Market Price & & advise me of the same. Please to pay the Account &, when due, into the hands of R[ichar]d C. Glyn & Co on Acco[unt] as before and you will oblige. Yours etc

J.E.B.

22 Dec 1804 John Erasmus Blackett to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont under Cover to
Colonel Beaumont Portman Square, London

Newcastle Dec 22 1804

Dear Madam,

I am favoured with your Letters of the 18th, & 19th Inst & observe the Contents. Mr Losh's Name is James of which Heron has informed Mr R Wilson. Mr Sadlers Salary will commence from the 5th July last, T. Crawhall will with Mr Thomas be at Dukesfield the 31st Inst to receive the Books from Mr Hunter & deliver them to Mr Sadler, when on his finally settling his Acco[unts], the Balance for the Purchase of the Steel Hall Estate will be paid to him. I have not heard from Mr Bowns or Mr Cockshutt but suppose that they acquiesce in the Time names for their being at the Mines.

I have not sold any Lead since my last, and there are at present at Blaydon only 1546 p[iece]s of Lead Refined Com[mon] & Slag & 6,603 p[iece]s of refinable. I have this week sold Messrs Walkers & Co 170 Casks of Litharge, of which 72 Casks are wanting.

On Monday a very fine Cake of Silver, received this from Blaydon Refinery w[eigh]t 1550 Ozs will be sent by the London Waggon to Messrs Rundle & Bridge of which they are already advised.

I am etc J.E.B.

19 Jan 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Mrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill London

Newcastle upon Tyne 19 January 1805

Gent[lemen]

A piece of fine Silver weighing 1269 Ozs was sent from hence on the 17 Inst by Jackson & Co s Waggon directed to you. On receipt of it you'll please to give Col[onel] Beaumont's Account & Credit for its Value at the Current Price of the day, & I must request you to advise me of the Amount when you pay it as usual into the Hands of Sir R.C. Glyn & Co. I am for J.R.B yours etc C. Blackett

19 Jan 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R[[ichard]d C. Glyn Bt Mills & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 19th Jan[uar]y 1805

Gent[lemen]

I have this day drawn upon you £1,000 to the Order of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co @
20 Days for Acco[un]t of Tho[ma]s R[ichar]d Beaumont Esq for whom I am y[ou]rs
CB

29 Jan 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir RC Glyn Bt Mills & Co
Bankers, London

Newcastle 29 Jan[uar]y 1805

Gents

You will receive inclosed Six Bills value £17,465-4-11 as by particulars annexed which
you will please to pass to the credit of the Acc[oun]t of TRBeaumont Esq and advise the
receipt in Course of Post.

My D[ra]ft on Easterby & Co pay 1 May at <Boldens> & Co	£ 2,994-13- 0	
D[it]to on J Locke & Co	13 March	£ 2,029-12- 4
D[it]to on D[it]to	12 April	£ 2,043- 8-11
H Hewitson's on J Elliss	25 Feb	£ 4,970- 0- 0
D[it]to on D[it]to	23 April	£ 457- 8-10
D[it]to on D[it]to	27 April	£ 4,970- 1-10
		£17,465- 4-11

31 Jan 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir Richard C. Glyn Bt Mills & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle Jan[uar]y 31st 1805

Gent[lemen]

I have this drawn upon upon you for One Thousand Pounds payable to the Order of
Sir Will[iam] Loraine Bt Baker & Co at Twenty Days dated this day on Mr Beaumont's
Account for whom I am Yours etc CB

7 Feb 1805 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Emerson

Tho[mas] Emerson
Newhouse Weardale

Newcastle 7th February 1805

Sir,

By directions from Col Beaumont I send you herewith a copy of the Regulations made by Mr Cockshutt and Mr Bowns respecting the Mines in Weardale in your Charge, and must desire that you will see them properly attended to & make their Purport known to the Parties concerned – the Changes are to take place at May next.

I am etc CB

Herewith is Wakefield's Acco[unt] for Gunpowder, which you are desired to examine and return next Week, stating the Particulars of the charges 13s/4d – 10s/8d etc which you will find p the bills of Parcels sent to you p J.W.

23 Feb 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R.C. Glyn Bt & Co
Lon[don]

Newcastle Feb 16 1805

I have this day drawn upon you of £2,000 @ 20 D[ays] to the order of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co which you'll please to Charge to the Account of T.R. Beaumont Esq for whom I am yours etc CB

23 Feb 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R.C. Glyn Bt & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 23 Feb[ruar]y 1805

Gent[lemen]

You will receive inclosed 2 Bills amounting to £8,219-13-1 as by Particulars annexed, which you'll please to pass to the Credit of the Account of T.R. Beaumont Esq, for whom I am yours etc CB

My D[ra]ft of 30 Nov. 1804 at 6 Mo[nth]s on J[oh]n Locke & Co	£4,114- 1-9
Ditto on Preston & Sons	£4,105-11-4
	£8,219-13-1

2 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond
Bankers London

Newcastle 2nd March 1805

Gent[lemen]

Bill No 605 £231,5,0

Inclosed you have my Draft on Sir R. C. Glyn Bt Mills, Hallifax & Co at Thirty Days dated this day for two Hundred & Thirty one Pounds & 5s/- to pay Quarter of a year's composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Lord Bishop of Durham from Col Beaumont the 26th Ult. Please to acknowledge the Receipt of this Sum for that Purpose to yrs etc CB

2 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Goslings
Bankers London

Newcastle 2nd March 1805

Gent[lemen]

Inclosed you have my draft on Sir R.C. Glyn Bt Mills Hallifax & Co Thirty days dated this day for Three Hundred & Seventy five Pounds to pay one Quarter of a year's Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 11th of Jan[uar]y last from Col Beaumont to the Rev Henry Hardinge.

Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bill & advise Mr Hardinge of the same.

I am etc C.B.

Bill No 604 £375....

2 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R.C. Glyn Bt & Co
London

Newcastle 2 March 1805

I remit you inclosed two Bills value £3,012-1 — particulars at foot, and have to request you to place the amount to the Credit of Mr Beaumont Esq for whom I am CB

I have this drawn upon you on Mr Beaumont and as below

At Thirty Days in favour of Messrs Gosling	£365- - -
Ditto	Messrs Drummond £231- 5 -
	606- 5 -

2 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Calvert

Mr Thomas Calvert Durham

Newcastle 2nd March 1805

Sir

I have received your Favor of the 26th Ult addressed to J.E. Blackett Esq & have to observe in answer that half a year's Moor Masters Rent was paid to Mr Mowbray on the 22 Dec last to the 2nd Aug[ust] 1804 consequently there can only be a half years Rent due- if, on Reference to your Accounts you find my Statement to be correct, you'll please to let me know, and I will remit you for the half year due 2nd Ult. I am etc C.B.

14 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

[Note: Date taken from sequence, letter dated March 1805]

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill London

Newcastle March 1805

Gent[lemen]

I have this day forwarded you per the London Waggon two pieces of fine Silver containing together 2312 Ounces, which I desire you will place to the Credit of Coln Beaumont's Account with you at the Market Price, advising me on your Receipt of the same. I am etc CB.

14 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to John Grey

Mr John Grey
Shield Field N[ew]Castle

Newcastle 14th March 1805

Sir

Understanding that you object to paying a Moiety of the Sum due from your late Partnership with Mr Richardson to Mr Beaumont, on Account of a Claim you have upon the Proprietors of the Manor of Winlaton; I am directed to inform you that no such claim can be admitted as applying to Mr Beaumont separately from the other Proprietors. You are therefore required to discharge the Debt of £104-18-9 immediately, otherwise I am directed to take legal Measures for the Recovery of it.

Your Answer will much oblige. Yours etc CB

14 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Calvert

[Note: Letter dated from sequence in volume, as original is undated]

Mr Tho[mas] Calvert Durham

Sir

I remit you inclosed an Order on the Durham Bank for £15-1-4 in Payment of half a year's Moor Masters Rent & Acquittance, due to the Lord Bishop of Durham from T. R. Beaumont Esq on the 2nd Feb[ruar]y last. Respecting the Property Tax mentioned in your Letter of the 26th Ult[o]. I have not made any Deduction, as Mr Beaumont has hitherto deducted the Amount from the general Statement of his Income therefore the Lord Bishop will be pleased to add that Sum to the Tax he pays on Property at the next Return.

Please to acknowledge on receipt. I am etc CB

Messrs Wetherill & Co
Gent[lemen]

March 14th 1895

Please to pay Mr Tho[mas] Calvert Seventy five Pounds One Shilling and Four Pence on Account of Loraine Baker & Co
£175 - 1 - 4

23 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. B. Glyn Bt & Co

N[ew]Castle March 23 1805

Inclosed you will receive a Bill drawn by Messrs Hopper, Hood & Atkinson on Messrs Hall & Co at two Mo[onths] dated the 9th J[anuary] net value Six Thousand Six Hundred & Seventy Three Pounds 12s/3 which be pleased to place to the Credit of Col Beaumont's Account with you & advise me of your Receipt. I have this day drawn upon you on the same Account at Twenty Days for £3000- - in favour of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co which please to pass to his Debit.

I am etc CB

25 Mar 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

[Note: Letter only dated 'March 1805']

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill London

Newcastle Mar: 1805

Gent[leme]n,

I have this day forwarded you per the London Waggon, a piece of fine Silver containing Seven Hundred & Thirty six Ounces, which I desire you will place to the credit of Col[onel] Beaumont's Account with you at the Market Price, advising me on your Receipt of the same as usual. I am etc CB

1 May 1805 Christopher Blackett

[Note: Notes in Ledger]

May 1 1805 Drawn on Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co @ 20 D[ay]s payable to Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co for £797-4-6 & advised them CB

6 May 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn Mills Hallifax & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 6th May 1805

Gent[lemen]

I have this [day] drawn 3 Bills upon you payable to Sir W[ilia]m Loraine & Co as under

1 at Sight	£11,000-.-.
1 at 10 Days date	£11,000-.-.
1 at 25 Days date	£11,000-.-.
	£33,000-.-.

And I remit you enclosed 12 Bills value £15,912-15-9 as by Particulars annexed – the former sums you'll please to the Debit & the latter to the Credit of the Acco[unt] of T. R. Beaumont Esq for whom I am etc CB

	£	s	d
On Masterman & Co payable 3rd June	30	-	-
Hall & Co 8th	1,164	-	4
Ditto 13th	1,939	10	8
Barton & Co 17th	300	-	-
Hall & Co 25th	1,193	2	3
J[oh]n Ellis 3rd July	1,020	15	3
Hall & Co 3rd July	984	16	4
Ditto 5th July	985	1	8
Ditto 9th July	2,962	11	5
J[oh]n Ellis 2nd Aug	1,019	9	4
Walkers Maltby & Co 16th Aug	1,023	3	9
Ditto 12th Sep	3,289	4	9
	£15,912	-15-	9

6 May 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill – London

May 6th 1805

Gent[lemen] I have this day forwarded you per the London Waggon a p[iece] fine Silver containing Fifteen Hundred & forty six Ounces, which I desire you will place to the Credit of Col[onel] Beaumont's Acco[un]t with you at the Market Price advising me on your Receipt of the same. I am etc CB

31 May 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn, Mills, Hallifax & Co
London

Newcastle 31st May 1805

Gent[lemen]

I remit to you inclosed 5 Bills value £16,056-11-5 which you will be pleased to pass to the Credit of the Account of Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont Esq and advise the Receipt in Course of Post. Sir CB

P.S. On the 17th Jany last I sent Messrs Rundell & Co a p[iec]e of Silver w[ei]ght 1269 Oz the Value of which they were to pay into your House, but not having advised to have done so, I will thank you to acquaint me if a Sum near £380 was paid by them to you in Jan[uary] or Feb[ruary].

19 Jun 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn, Mills & Co
London

Newcastle 19 June 1805

Gent[lemen]

You will receive inclosed 4 Bills value £5,991-2-1 which you'll please to pass to the Credit Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont Esq & advise the receipt in course to yours CB

Bills No 655 656 657 658

19 Jun 1805 Christopher Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 19 June 1805

Sirs,

You will receive inclosed a of £231-5-. In payment of the $\frac{1}{4}$ a y[rear]]s Composition for L[ea]d Ore due to the Lord Bishop of Durham 26 Ulto from Th[oma]s R[ichard] Beaumont Esq. You'll please to advise the receipt to Sirs yrs etc CB

Bill No. 659

10 Jul 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell, Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell, Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill, London

N[ew]Castle July 10th1805

Gents

I have this day forwarded for you per the London Waggon a p[iec]e [of] fine Silver containing Sixteen Hundred & Twenty Six Ounces, which I desire you will place to the credit of Col Beaumont's Account with you at the Market Price advising me on your receipt of the same. I have paid the Carriage of this p[iec]e here & remain.

Yours etc CB

22 Jul 1805 Thomas Crawhall

Mem[orandum]

NC July 22 1805

This day sent the last Letter Copy Book in a box per Jackson & Co s London Wagon directed 'Rich[ard] Wilson Esq, Lincoln's Inn Fields <Vide> London' which will arrive there in Nine or ten days.

TC

24 Jul 1805 Christopher Blackett to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Co
Sheffield

Newcastle 24 July 1805

Gents

On examining your Acc[oun]t with Mr Beaumont & find there is a small unsettled Balance the Amount of which I cannot exactly specify, as you have not stated the price at which you gave Credit for the Cake of Silver sent to you the 29 Aug. last, the weight of which was 1172 Oz. if you will oblige me with the particulars I will send your Acc[oun]t Current, & will thank you to settle it at your convenience

I am per TRB <Agent> CB

24 Jul 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell
London

N[ew]Castle 24 July 1805

Gent

I have rec[eive]d your favour of the 22 Inst advising the Cake of fine Silver sent you this month had come to hand, & I have debited your account £474.5.- for the Amount. Not having rec[eive]d from you any acc[oun]t of the Value of the 1546 Oz sent you the 6 May, nor of any payment being made to Glyn & Co for it. I shall be obliged by your favouring me with the particulars and will thank you if you will in future advise me of any payments you make o them for Silver sent from hence on Col Beaumont's Acc[oun]t, that I may be enabled to make the entries with regularity.

I am etc

CB

26 Jul 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn, Mills Halifax & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle 26 July 1805

Gents

I I remit you inclosed 4 Bills Value £6122-14-8 which you will please to pass to the account of Tho[mas] Rich[ar]d Beaumont Esq and advise the Receipt in Course of post. I will also be obliged to you if you will specify the dates and amount of the two last payments made to you by Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co for Silver sent therefrom hence
I am Sirs CB

P.S. Since writing the above I have had occasion to draw upon you per £966-4-21/2 to Order of Paul Hailley @ 40 d[ay]s. CB

Bills Nos 663 etc

3 Aug 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rendell Bridge & Co
London

Newcastle 3rd Augt 1805

Gent.

I have this day forwarded for you a p[iec]e fine Silver containing 1466 Oz which I desire you will place to the Credit of Col Beaumont Acc[oun]t with you at the Market

price, as usual, advising me of your receipt of the same – I have paid the Carriage here
& remain your etc CB

7 Aug 1805 Christopher Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Gosling
Bankers London

N[ew]Castle 7 Aug 1805

Gent

You will receive inclosed Messrs Batson & Cos draft on <Down> Thornton & Co @ 40
Days P £375 to pay 1/4 aly Comp[ositio]n for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due
the 11 Ult from Col Beaumont to the Reverend Hardinger. Please to acknowledge the
receipt of the bill & advise Mr Hardinger of the same.

I am etc CB

Bill No 672 £375

7 Aug 1805 Christopher Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond
Bankers London

Newcastle Aug 7 1805

Gent[lemen]

You will receive inclosed Messrs Batson & Co Draft on <Down> Thornton & Co @ 40
D[ay]s P £231-5-. To pay ¼ of a y[ear]s Comp[osition] for the Lead Ore of Weardale
Leadmines due 26th Inst from Col Beaumont to the Lord Bishop of Durham.

You'll please to advise the Receipt to Gent[lemen] Yrs etc CB

Bill No 673 £231.5.-

7 Aug 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn Mills Hallifax & Co
Bankers, London

Newcastle 7th August 1805

Gents, I remit inclosed £6,449-1-3 which you will be pleased to place to the Credit of
Col Beaumont's Acct & advise the receipt in course of post

Gents yrs CB

Bills

No 668 6 Oct 1,280- 0- 8
9 6 Nov 1,700- 0- 0
670 6 Dec 1,700- 0- 0
1 6 <...> 1,723-10- 1
4 1 Sept 45-10- 6
£6,449- 1- 3

27 Aug 1805 Christopher Blackett to Messrs Reed Lucas & Co

Messrs Reed Lucas & Co
Sheffield

Newcastle 27/Aug 1805

Gent[lemen]

I send you annexed a State of your Account, the Balance of which being £7-12-5 you'll please to remit at your convenience.

I am for TRB CB

3 Sep 1805 Christopher Blackett to Isaac Wilkinson

[Note: Date inferred from sequence, letter undated]

Isaac Wilkinson Esq Chesterfield

Sir

In Compliance with your request I have sent you by the Gainbrough Packet Capt[ain] I Hanock 100 P[iece]s Slag Lead as by Bill of Parcels annexed. Our Terms of Credit is 6 Months, but if you wish to Remit by Bill on London at a Month you'll please to deduct 3 Per cent Disc[ount].

I believe you have been misinformed as to a Sale of Lead here at £42. I don't know of more than £40 having been given, and even at that price we have no buyers of any considerable quantity except the house of <EH & Co> the Stocks here not being near so large at present as I have frequently known them at this Season of the Year. I shall be inclined to stand out for the last price for some time to come.

I am Sir CB

100 p[iece]s Slag Lead q 137-2-7 @ 38 1/2 fodder 252- 3-11
Wherry Hire of do from Blaydon 12- 6
252-16- 5

3 Sep 1805 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Co
Ludgate Hill London

Newcastle Sept 3 1805

Gent[lemen]

I have this day forwarded you by the London Waggon a p[iece] fine Silver containing Twelve Hundred and Eighty five Ounces which I desire you will place to the credit of Col Beaumont's Account with you at the Market Price as usual advising me of your receipt of the same. I have paid the Carriage here & remain Gent. Etc CB

11 Sep 1805 Christopher Blackett to Isaac Wilkinson

Isaac Wilkinson Esq Chesterfield

Newcastle 11th Sept. 1805

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 6 Inst enclosing three Bills in payment of the 100 P[iece]s Slag Lead sent you & of the Parcel of Shot sent [to] W Hardy, the whole amounting to £255 – 7 – after the discount on each is deducted, you'll please to accept my best thanks for the trouble you have had respecting the latter.

I have reason to believe that the London Houses are using their utmost efforts to reduce the Price of Lead, but I hope they may be resisted with effect, as the Stocks throughout England are not large. I confess I think prices were run up too rapidly last spring, the consequence of which has been that the Exportation of Lead in all Shapes has been materially checked, and I know that in Holland they have been supplied chiefly of late from Germany, and in France from Spain; yet when once the Market turns, it may be difficult to say where it will stop. I therefore consider it to be for the interest of the trade to endeavour to keep prices, as near as they can to those of the Lead company's last Sale which were £30 & £39; and I do not intend to sell for less, unless directed by my Employer to do so, which I do not think will be the Case. Should any material change take place in the Trade here I will not fail to advise you.

I am etc CB

23 Sep 1805 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle Sept. 23rd 1805

Gent[s]

My absence from hence for a Week past must plead my apology for not having in due course acknowledged the receipt of your letter of the 11 Inst, covering your D[ra]ft on Campbell & Co of £7 - -12 – 5 which balances your Acc[oun]t with W Beaumont.

In future I can have no objections to supplying you with part of the Silver produced from the WB Lead, if it should suit your Convenience to make payments to our Bankers in London at the expiration of One Month after delivery. Your reply to this will much oblige.

Sirs etc CB

1 Nov 1805 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle Nov 1 1805

Gent[lemen]

I have this day sent you a p[iece] of fine Silver per the Leeds Waggon, containing Sixteen Hundred & Twenty Four ounces which I desire you will place to account with TR Beaumont Esq at the Market Price and advise me on your receipt of the same. I have p[ai]d for the Carr[iage] etc at this place. The Account of which you'll please to pay into the hands of Sir R B Glyn Bt Mills & Co on Mr Beaumonts Account at One Mo[nth] after receipt; who will advise me of the same.

I am Sir CB

9 Nov 1805 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Messrs Glyn Mills Hallifax & Co
Bankers London

Newcastle November 9th 1805

Gent[lemen]

You'll receive inclosed 9 Bills Value £8,307-13-6 which you'll please to pass to the Credit of TR Beaumont Esq and advise the Receipt in course of post to Sirs etc

CB

Bills No 696 to 704 Incl £8,307-3-6

27 Nov 1805 Christopher Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Gosling Bankers London

Newcastle 27 Nov 1805

Gent[lemen]

I remit you inclosed a Bill at Sight on <seen> of the Sum of £375 due to the Rev H Hardinge Rector of Stanhope 11th Oct last from TR Beaumont Esq for whom I am Sirs Etc CB

Please to advise the Receipt a Cr<.....>of Port

Bill No 707 £375

18 Jan 1806 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co London Newcastle 18 January 1806

Gent[lemen]

I have this day drawn upon you on Mr Beaumonts Account as below which you will be pleased to honour & oblige.

Yours etc CB

At 20 Days date Payable to Mr W[ilia]m Mountain	47- 1- 6
20 ditto Messrs Gosling	375- -
	422- 1- 6

18 Jan 1806 Christopher Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Gosling Bankers London Newcastle 18 Jan[uar]y 1806

I remit you inclosed a Bill on Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co at 20 Days date for £375. To pay ¼ y[ear]ly Comp[osition] for Tithe Ore of Weardale Mines due to Rev[eren]d H Hardinge the 11 Inst. Please to advise Receipt of the Bills 7 oblige

Yours etc CB

25 Jan 1806 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

[Note: Letter not signed but assumed to be Christopher Blackett]

Glyn Mills Hallifax & Co 25 Jan[uar]y 1806

You will Receive inclosed 11 Bills amounting to £68,363 . 8 . 11 which you will be pleased to pass to the credit of TR Beaumont Esq & advise the receipt to me in course of Post. The part[icula]rs of the Bills is specified at foot

15 Feb 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Read Sheffield Newcastle Feb[ruar]y 1806

Gent[lemen]

On the 20th Ulto I forwarded you per the Leeds Waggon a p[iec]e of fine Silver containing 1353 Ounces of which I before advised you. Please to place the above to the Debit of your Acc[ount] with Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont Esq at the Market Price & Remit the amount to me advising the price you allow at the same time. Yours etc CB

I find it will save trouble to have your remittances made to me here in future. CB

27 Feb 1806 Christopher Blackett to Messrs Sykes Milnes & Co

Messrs Sykes, Milnes & Co
Ashover near Chesterfield

Newcastle 27th Feby 1806

Gent[leme]n

In reply to your favour of the 24th Inst I have to inform you that very little Lead has been sold here since the great Sales made in October last by the Lead Company & W Beaumont at £38 & £39 Six Months credit. We attempted afterwards to get an advance of £1 per Fo[dder], but it has only been obtained for very small parcels, and there is now scarce demand.

I don't think it likely that any of the Prop[rietor]s of White Lead Works would wish to purchase a quantity of Derbyshire Lead at present, but if you will mention the lowest price & credit with the quantity you wish to engage I will make the enquiry for you.

I am respectfully yours etc CB

5 Mar 1806 Christopher Blackett to Rundell, Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell & Bridge London

Newcastle 5th March 1806

Gent.

I have this day forwarded for you a p[iec]e of fine Silver containing 1533 Ounces which I desire you will place to the Credit of Col. Beaumont's Account with you at the Market Price as usual advising me on your receipt of the same. I have paid for the Carr[iage] here & am etc CB

P.S. You will please to advise also the Sum you will have to pay to Messrs Glyn & Co in the usual course & the price you value Silver at per Oz

5 Mar 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 5 Mar 1806

Gent.

I have rec[eive]d your favour of the 3rd Inst covering 5 Bills Value £415-10-4 which sum is placed to the Credit of your Account with T.R. Beaumont Esq for whom I am etc
CB

5 Mar 1806 Christopher Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond Bankers London

Newcastle 7th March 1806

Gent

You will receive inclosed A Bill as below Value £462-10 - 0 to pay a 1/2 a y[ear]s Comp[ositio]n for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due the 26th Ult from Col Beaumont to the Lord Bishop of Durham – you will please to acknowledge the rec[eip]t to Sirs etc CB

Bill No. 742 £462-10

7 Mar 1806 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R.C. Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Newcastle Mar 7 1806

Gent

I have this day drawn upon you on Col Beaumont's Acc[ount] for £462-10-0 @ 20 Days in favour of Messrs Drummond which you will be pleased to honor.

I am Sir CB

7 Mar 1806 Christopher Blackett to Arthur Mowbray

Messrs Mowbray & Co

7 Mar 1806

Gent

Pay the bearer One Hundred & Fifty Pounds & 8d on Account of Loraine, Baker & Co
£150-0-8

Mr Turner Exchequer Office Durham

Sir,

I remit you above an Order on the Durham Bank for £150-0-8 in payment of One Years Moor Masters Rent & acquittance due to the Lord B[ishop] of Durham Tho[mas] Rich[ard] Beaumont esq the 2nd Ulto for Weardale Leadmines. In regard to the deduction for Property Tax which you mention I beg to refer you to my letter of the 14 March last. You will please to advise the receipt to Sir etc CB

26 Mar 1806 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C. Glyn Bt & Co

Newcastle 26 Mar 1806

I have this day drawn upon you per £7,000 in 2 Bills at 20 Days to the order of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co which you will be pleased to place to the Account of TRB[eaumont] Esq for whom I am Sir CB

No 743 [£]4,000

744 [£]3,000

29 Apr 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle April 29 1806

Gent.

I have this day sent you per the Leeds Wagon a p[iec]e of fine Silver containing sixteen hundred & seven ounces, which I desire you will place to the credit of Col Beaumont Acc[oun]t with you at the Market price and remit me as usual on your receipt of the same. I have paid the Carriage of the piece here. And I am Etc

CB

30 Apr 1806 Christopher Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Gosling Bankers London

N[ew]Castle April 30 1806

Gents

I remit you inclosed a bill drawn by Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co on Messrs <Vipes> & Co @ 20 Days dated this day for £375 to pay 1/4 a yrs Composition for the Tithe Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Rev[ren]d H. Hardinge the 11th Inst from TRBeaumont. Please to advise me on your receipt of the Bill. I am Sir CB

7 May 1806 Thomas Crawhall to Thornhill White & Co

I have this day forwarded for you a p[iec]e fine Silver containing Seventeen Hundred & Thirty Nine Oz which I desire you will place to the Credit of TRB[eaumont]'s Acc[oun]t with you at the Market price as usual advising me on your receipt of the same. I have paid for the carriage of this p[iec]e here. I am etc CB

12 Jul 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read Lucas & Read

Messrs Read Lucas & Co Sheffield

Newcastle July 12th 1806

Gent

On the 11th Inst I forwarded Per Pickergill & Co Leeds Waggon on your Account a p[iec]e fine Silver containing Thirteen Hundred and Sixty Nine Ounces which you will place to the credit of Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont Esq Account with you at the Market price, advising me on your receipt of the same. I have paid for the Carriage of this p[iec]e here

I am Sir CB

24 Jul 1806 Christopher Blackett to Goslings & Sharp

Messrs Goslings & Sharp London

Newcastle 24 July 1806

Gent

You will receive inclosed a Bill of £375 on Acc[oun]t of the Rev[erend] H Hardinge Rector of Stanhope. Please to advise the receipt in course of post.

I am Etc CB

24 Jul 1806 Christopher Blackett to Henry Hardinge

Rev. H Hardinge Stanhope

Newcastle 24 July 1806

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of 23 inst & have this day remitted Messrs Goslings & Co £375 for your 2 years Comp[ositio]n for Tythe Ore. If it should equally meet your convenience I should be glad to make the payment to you here to any person you may appoint to call for it; or to pay your cheque to the Durham Bank on the day Money becomes due. I am for TRB & Co CB

7 Aug 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle Aug 7 1806

Gent

I am favoured with your letter of the 5th Inst covering Nine Bills amount £405-7-6 which sum is placed to the credit of your Account with Col Beaumont fo[r] fine Silver sent you. I am a little surprised that you have not allowed a higher price than 5/11 per Oz for this p[iec]e Silver having sent a p[iec]e to Rundells & Co London on the 1 Ulto (nine days only before the p[iec]e sent you) for which they remitted @ 6 Nov 2 per Oz as being the Market price then. I am etc CB

6 Sep 1806 Christopher Blackett to Edward Bunn

Edw[ar]d Bunn Esq
14 Great Surrey Street Blackfryers Bridge, London

Newcastle 6th Sept 1806

Sir,

You will receive inclosed 3 Bills for £500 which you'll be pleased to pass to the account of James Cockshutt & advise the receipt to me. <W.C.> will give the necessary directions as to the appropriation of the above Sum.

I am Sir etc CB

795 - 45- 8-7
6 - 150-11-3
7 - 304- 0-2
£500- 0-0

15 Sep 1806 James Cockshutt

[Note: This loose leaf minute of a meeting was found amongst the April 1804 pages of the Newcastle office copy Letter Book]

Wylam September 15 1806

Present Mr Blackett, Mr Cockshutt, Mr Mulcaster & Son

The Roasting of Lead Ore previous to the smelting appearing to produce so considerable a Profit it was thought advisable not only of ascertain this fact & also more particularly to determine the effect upon the Quality of the Lead so obtained. It was determined that a further and more particular tryal should be made at the different Works of Col Beaumont & for this purpose it was determined that Mr Jno Mulcaster should attend the tryals at each Work, at Rookhope at Allenheads Mill & at Dukesfield to see & make his remarks upon the whole process; The Roasting as well as

the smelting. That 2 equal Quantities of Ore should be taken from the same heap, one to be roasted, the other to be worked in the usual way, the Weights of each to be carefully taken; that designed to be weighed also after that operation. The time the Quantity of Fuel consumed Wages etc etc at each place to be carefully noted down with all such remarks as may occur, in the Progress of the different Tryals & a full report to be made of the same Notice will be given to each of the Agents at the Works mentioned to inform them of the intended Tryals & to give all such assistance as may be in their power, but under the sole direction of Mr Mulcaster after which it is proposed that a part of the Lead from the Roasted Ore of each place should be converted into White Lead or such other Tryals made as should be thought necessary to ascertain its real Quality.

James Cockshutt

15 Sep 1806 James Cockshutt to Thomas Smith

[Note: with a footnote from Christopher Blackett]

Mr Tho[mas] Smith Rookhope Mill

Wylam Sept 15 1806

It being determined by Mr Blackett and myself in order more correctly to determine the advantage of Roasting the Lead Ore previous to the smelting it; that Mr John Mulcaster, shall attend a tryal to be made at your Mill under his immediate inspection that he may make a faithful and correct report of the same in this tryal you will give him every assistance in your power & you will be informed by him the time when it will be convenient to him to attend the tryal. & he will give directions that a necessary quantity of the Ore to be tried be delivered at the Work under your care. Your attention to this business will oblige Col Beaumont on whose behalf I recommend it. & I am very truly your Friend & <Affection>

James Cockshutt

It is intended that a similar experiment shall be made at the other Mills, as well as yours; in order to ascertain the difference, and advantage, if any, that the process at one Mill may have over another.

Yours CB

20 Sep 1806 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill, London

Newcastle Sept 20 1806

Gent:

I have this day forwarded for you per the London Wagon a p[ie]ce fine Silver containing Thirteen Hundred & Eighty Eight Ounces which I desire you will place to the account with T.R. Beaumont Esq at the Market price as usual, advising me of your receipt of the same. I have paid the carriage here & remain etc CB

20 Sep 1806 Christopher Blackett to Messrs Drummond

Messrs Drummond Bankers London

Newcastle Sept 20 1806

Gent

You will receive inclosed a Draft for £462-10 in payment for half a years composition for the Lot Ore of Weardale Leadmines due to the Lord B[isho]p of Durham the 26th Ult[o] from Tho[mas] R[ichar]d Beaumont Esq. Please to advise the receipt of the same to Sir etc CB

30 Sep 1806 Thomas Crawhall to Thornhill & Co

[Note: Letter undated, so date quoted is from sequence]

Messrs C. T. Thornhill & Co

Gent

I am favoured with your two letters of <24> Inst enclosing 3 D[ra]fts on Lon[do]n and £113-5-0 also Bankers notes & Cash £10-10-6 making together £123-15-6 which have placed to the Credit of your Acc[oun]t with T. R. B. for Lith[arge] sent you.

For CB

TC

6 Oct 1806 Christopher Blackett to Edward Bunn

Edw[ar]d Bunn Esq
14 Great Surrey St Blackfryers Bridge London

Newcastle 6 October 1806

Sir

I remit you inclosed a Bill for £500 by directions from Col Beaumont which he desires you will appropriate in the same manner as the like sum which I remitted to you on the 6th Sept[ember] Namely in purchasing Stock under the same trusts after which you will please to send down to me a power of attorney to receive the Dividends in like manner as the former.

I am Sir etc CB

30 Oct 1806 Thomas Crawhall to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thomas Emerson Weardale

Newcastle 30th Oct 1806

D[ea]r Sir

Col Beaumont & Mr Blackett have desired me to intiomate to you that it is Col Beaumont's intention to support Sir R Milbank & Sir Tho[mas] Liddell in the approaching Election for the County of Durham. He wishes you to make this public in Weardale and hopes that his friends there will contribute in supporting the same Cause. I am etc

TC

15 Nov 1806 Christopher Blackett to George Baker

George Baker Esq Elmore

Newcastle 15 Nov 1806

Sir,

I have paid on your private Acc[oun]t at you Banking House, Twentyfive Guineas which have been so good as to advance for a <Co...> bought of Mr Bell for Col Beaumont.

I am Sir etc

CB

15 Nov 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

NewC[astle] Nov 15 1806

Gent

I have now by me for disposal a p[iec]e of fine Silver weight about 1570 Ounces. Should you be in want of that article I will thank you to say by return the utmost price you can afford to give per ounce.

I am Sir

CB

20 Nov 1806 Thomas Crawhall to George Crawhall

Mr Geo[rge] Crawhall Weardale

N[ew]Castle Nov 20 1806

You will on receipt of this, inform Mr Emerson that the price to be charged to the Workmen for Gunpowder for the last year is £6-1-6 that is after the deduction of the 10 percent and exclusive of the Charge of Carriage to the mines which will be paid here as last year. As the Pays are to be made at Xmas or soon after as may be Mr B[eaumon]t hopes the accounts will be prepared & sent in soon.

T.C.

22 Nov 1806 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C. Glyn Bt & Co London

N[ew]Castle Nov 22

Gent

I have on this day drawn upon you in Col Beaumonts Account in favour of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co at 20days date for £2,600-0-0 which you will please to honor & you'll oblige
Yrs etc CB

24 Nov 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Reads Lucas & Co Sheffield

N[ew]Castle Nov 24 1806

Gent

I have this day sent you a p[ie]ce fine Silver containing 1572 Ounces which is charged to your Debit with Col Beaumont as below. Please to remit me the amount as usual. I have paid for the carriage of this piece here. I am CB

I have another p[ie]ce Silver by me w[ei]ght 1111 Ounces which should you wish to be forwarded you at the same price, you will advise me per course of post.

Nov 24 1806 for a p[ie]ce fine Silver <q> 1572 @ 6/2 per Oz £484-14-0

The Rec[eip]t of Reads, Lucas & Co in Bills acknowledged per CB

1 Dec 1806 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Reads Lucas & Co Sheffield

N[ew]Castle December 1 1806

Gent.

I have this day sent you per Pickergill's Waggon a p[ie]ce fine Silver containing 1111 ounces which is charged to your Debit in Acc[oun]t with TRB Esq as below. You will please to acknowledge the receipt and remit me the amount as usual to him.

Yours etc CB

Dec. 1 for a p[ie]ce fine Silver of 1111 oz @ 6/2 per Oz £342-11-2

19 Dec 1806 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Salkeld

Mr Tho[ma]s Salkeld Innkeeper Alnwick

Newcastle Dec 19 1806

Sir

I have received your letter addressed to Mr Beaumont, and am surprised at its contents. Your charge during the late Election at Alnwick is a very exorbitant one, by your own account £89-14-3 for 12 persons entertainment for one night only. I observe the Sum paid you on that account by Mr Beaumont was £20 with the addition of £10 jointly with Lord Hawick – These Sums I think handsome payment in discharge of your Bill and in full proportion to the Sums paid generally to the Innkeepers in Alnwick, with which they were perfectly satisfied. I am etc CB

20 Dec 1806 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C. Glyn Bt & Co London

N[ew]Castle Dec 20th 1806

Gent

I have this day drawn upon you £2,600 to the Order of Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co at 20 Days for Account of Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont Esq for whom I am with greatest respect

Sirs etc

CB

20 Dec 1806 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

T. R. Beaumont Esq MP
Portman Square London

N[ew]Castle 20 Dec 1806

Dear Sir

I have this day drawn on Sir R. C. Glyn & Co for £2,600 for this Months Subsistence Money.

Mr James got an order this morning for 600P[iece]s Refined Lead – I told him the price would be £38—10-0 at 6 Mo[nths] upon which he desired me to state to you that he thought it an extreme hardship to pay 10s/- more than he had ever before been charged for Refined Lead alone,--- that he had always taken a regular supply from you for their Works and wished to continue to do so provided they were allowed to Manufacture White Lead on equal terms with other houses. You'll please to say what answer is to be given to him. I am with due respect to Mrs Beaumont

Yrs Sir etc CB

24 Dec 1806 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Tho[ma]s Rich[ar]d Beaumont Esq MP

N[ew]Castle 24th Dec 1806

Portman Square London

Dear Sir

I have received Mrs Beaumonts letter of the 20th Inst, and observe Mr Bown's remarks on the Contract made with Mr Row, which shall be strictly attended to. I hope an actual time for the payment may be specified in the Deed; but I believe it will not be found in my letter on the subject that I gave reason to respect it. I believe it will also be seen by this letter I allude to, that I did no[t] recommend even your consideration of the measure proposed by Mr R[ow], otherwise than in reference to the present state of the Lead trade. Mrs B[eaumont] by the advice of Mr Cockshutt acceded to the Measure, and empowered me to close with Mr Row by return of Post. I am sorry to trouble you for an explanation of a Sentence in Mrs B[eaumont]'s letter, but it appears highly necessary for my Character & Credit that I should know precisely what is meant by it. The sentence is, 'We have lately heard that it is supposed our Lead is not to be sold under 38 & 39 – how this Idea can have originated, I cannot conceive, but we are the losers whatever may have been the cause'

I wish to be permitted to ask Mrs B[eaumont] if she ascribes to me such an declaration; and if she does, - from what motive it is supposed to originate. – I should also feel thankful if I might be informed who the party was that threw out such Insinuation. I think this is due to me, & hope it will not be refused. As to the remarks upon the state of the Lead trade supposed Combinations etc; I can only say that it is not surprising to those who understand Commercial Concerns that Buyers should go to the Cheapest Market any more than that Sellers should endeavour & wish to get as high a price as they can; - but if the price between Buyer & Seller is to hinge upon the Sales of others or antecedent Bargains; it follows of course there never could be any Variation. Variations in price originate in two Causes, - the first is demand: - the second – Supply. If the former is greater than the latter, an advance necessarily takes place & vice versa.-

I believe on a reperusal of my letters for many Months past, you will find an uniform opinion entertained that the supply would exceed the demand; and I am sorry to say that such, my idea, is too fully realized: as to the idea of any discretion being exercised by me in the Sales of Lead, I think I gave a full & explicit answer to that when we met at Horsley; and I never to the last moment of my life shall forget the remark that was made upon it.

As the price by the Sales to James & Co & <L/W>B & Co is now settled at £37 & £38 (except in the instance of Refined only being taken, which waits your determination) . I beg to be informed what I am to charge Easterby & Co for their Monthly supply. I send enclosed a note from Mr Loraine stating the Mode of settlement required by them for the next Pay, which I desired him to give in writing that no misunderstanding might arise when the Money is wanted.

I am etc

CB

24 Dec 1806 William Loraine to C Mackey

<C Mackey> Esq

Dear Sir

Agreeable to your request to beg leave to state to you that if Col Beaumont's Pay amounts to £30,000 your Dra[fts] on Messrs Glyn & Co will be required at the following Dates Viz £15,000 at Sight, £7,500 at 20 Days & £7,500 at 30 D[ay]s or in similar proportions for such Sum as you may want for the Pay

I am Sir for W[ilia]m Loraine & Co

Yours etc W[ilia]m Loraine Jun[ior]

24 Dec 1806 Thomas Crawhall to Michael Walton

Mr Mich[ael] Walton Whitfield

N[ew]Castle Dec 24 1806

D[ea]r Sir

I have made Mr Blackett acquainted with the contents of your letter of 20 Inst. who thinks you had best pay the Money you mention to Mr Loraine as you propose who will send a Cheque for payment of the same at Batson & Co Bank where it will be carried to the proper accounts at this office. I am etc T.C.

7 Jan 1807 Christopher Blackett to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co Ludgate Hill London Newcastle January 7 / 1807

I yesterday forwarded for you a p[iece] fine Silver containing 1889 Ounces which I desire you will place to Acc[oun]t with T. R. Beaumont Esq at the Market Price as usual, advising me on your receipt of the same. I have paid for the carriage of this piece here & I remain Etc CB

7 Jan 1807 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Tho[mas] Rich[ard] Beaumont Esq

Newcastle January 7 / 1806

I have been duly favoured with Mrs Beaumonts letters of the 23 & 27 and yours of 29 Ultimo. On finding by the former that Mr Thomas Walker had lately considered your selling price for lead to be £38 & £39, I inquired of Mr Parker whence such an idea should have originated: he seemed much surprised at the question, but promised to refer to copies of his correspondence and then to give me an answer, he told me yesterday that he found he had offered £35 & £36 for 10,000 P[ieces] on the 13th Sept.

on the 18th I declined accepting that price but offered to take £37 & 38, and to wait a week for the answer from the London House, provided Prices should not be declared in the interim, in which Case I should not consider myself bound on your behalf in this offer at the expiration of the Week was declined & I have never since been asked the Price by Mr Parker with any view (as I thought) of buying__he tells me that on the 13th Oct – the Week after you left this Country with your family – that he asked me upon Charge what we were selling Lead for, I told him we were selling small quantities at £38 & £39 – he never gave a syllable in answer, and I thought no more of it, considering it only as a question of Course, as Mr Parker well knew he had been offered a quantity at £1 per F[odder] less, only a Month before, and he must have been well aware that the clear State of the Market could not justify my expecting an advance. Mr Parker says also that his Uncle does not take any part in the Management of the Lead Concerns, and if he did mention it to him , it has been done in a Cursory way while writing on other Business. I have now only to request your attention to the time when this conversation took place—near three months ago – and you will then, I hope be satisfied that I have not been too tenaciously (consistent with the opinions then entertained), stood out for prices to your prejudices. There have been 2 or 3 small Parcels of Refined Lead sold in this Markett at £36 – 6 Mo[nths], and there is scarce any demand, the situation of public affairs having put a stop to all commerce with the North of Europe for a time, but we must hope for a Change in our Favour in Spring. – you may be well assured that not a Pig of Lead shall be delivered to Mr Row till the Conveyance is properly made. J. Crawhall will set out from hence by the Mail on the morning of the 20th Inst which will be in time for the consultation.

The Weardale Acc[ounts] amounting to £20,115 are come in but I have not yet got the others, they probably will be about £10,000 more. Inclosed I send you Acc[oun]t Sales for the last two Months, Mr Mulcaster not having sent the Refinery Acc[oun]t to the end of the year preventing my forwarding my Cash Acc[oun]t till receipt post.

I am with all due respect to Mrs Beaumont

D[ea]r Sir Yours CB

10 Jan 1807 Christopher Blackett to Richard Tucker

Mr R[ichar]d Tucker
Under Cover to R Milne Esq Lincolns Inn, London

Newcastle January 10/1807

Sir

I have received your letter of the 8th Inst and Parcel. I do not see that any inconvenience can arise to the Concerns of Mr & Mrs Beaumont here by the removal of the Books & Accounts you refer to in your letter & indeed the only inconvenience attending it would be their bulk. In a post or two shall write you as to the accuracy of the extracts etc from the Acc[oun]ts which will be held in readings to forward when you advise us that it is thought necessary. You will please to observe that the Book

containing copies of the two letters referred to was sent some time ago to Mr Watson who I presume must have it.

I am Sir etc CB

15 Jan 1807 Thomas Crawhall to Richard Ruddock

Rich[ar]d Ruddock Esq Hexham

Newcastle Jan 15/1807

Mr Blackett when he went out to Morpeth yesterday, left the enclosed Return with me to transmit to you. You will please to observe that no deduction whatever is made on account of Children, you will therefore do the needful when the assessment is made out. I am etc TC

15 Jan 1807 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads Lucas & Co Sheffield

Newcastle January 15/1807

I am favoured with yours in Mr C Blacketts absence covering five Bills Value £348-11-0 as you advise, which Sum is placed to the Credit of your Acc[oun]t with Mr Beaumont for fine Silver sent you. By the first opportunity, the quantity of Test Bottoms you wish for shall be sent to Hull when you shall be advised of the same. I am Sir etc TC

19 Jan 1807 Christopher Blackett to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C Glyn Bt & Co London

Newcastle January 19th 1807

Gent

I have this day drawn upon you as below on Tho[mas] R[ichar]d Beaumont Esq Account, which Drafts you will please to honor.

I am etc CB

Jan'y 19	At Sight payment to Sir W Loraine & Co	£9,000
	Ten Days ditto	£9,000
	Twenty Days ditto	£9,000
	Ten Days Tho[ma]s Crawhall	£2,500
	Twenty Days ditto	£2,500
		32,000

24 Feb 1807 Thomas Crawhall to Read, Lucas & Read

Feb 24 /1807 Advised Reads Lucas & Co a p[iece] fine Silver of 1,244 Oz

12 Mar 1807 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Bowes

Tho[mas] Bowes Esq Darlington

Mar 12/1807

Mr Heron has handed me you letter addressed to him on the 10th Inst requesting Col Beaumonts return of Profits arising from the Weardale Mines.

I have to request you will inform the Commission That the whole of the Books Accounts relative to those Mines necessary in making out such returns, are at present detained in London in consequence of the Chancery Suit with the Bishop [of] Durham. I am consequently prevented the possibility of making any return of Profits arising from these Mines in question on Col Beaumont's Account when the <receipt> of them, which I hope may be soon, & when no time will be lost in making the necessary return .

I am etc CB

Will you please to inform me, what will be the latest day you can defer receiving this return & I will endeavour to procure it to be done.

15 Mar 1807 Thomas Crawhall to John Wakefield

J Wakefield Esq Kendal

Newcastle 15 Mar 1807

The Bills for Gunpowder supplied by you for the use of the Weardale Leadmines having considerably exceeded the Credit it intended to be taken by reason of our not having the charcoal regularly sent us by the Mining Agent from thence.

Will you have the goodness now to state your Account and at the same time the Discount you can allow upon settlement as well as the mode in which you wish the remittance to be made.

I am Sir TC

10 Apr 1807 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

[Note: This letter is unaddressed but appears to refer to the casks mentioned in a letter to Messrs Reads Lucas dated 15 Jan 1807]

Newcastle April 10/1807

I have this day shipped on board Fly Swift for Hull 6 Casks Test Bottoms w[eight]s etc as below I have charged them to your Debit @ £6-15 per Ton. Should this sample

answer to your expectations in the intended experiment we have about 60 Tons at present on Hand which can forward for your Account on the same terms.

I am sir CB

23 Apr 1807 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Askerton

Tho[mas] < Askerton > So[uth] Shields

Newcastle April23/1807

Sir

In answer to your application of this morning the present price of Ref[ined] Lead is £36 per F[odder] & of Comm[on] £35 @ 6 Mo[nths] Credit, but at present I can not sell the quantity of Ref[ined] Lead you mention without an equal q[uan]tity of Comm[on] Lead. I further beg leave to observe that it is the custom of this Office that when Lead is bought on Commission the purchaser declares his principle.

I am Sir etc CB

23 Apr 1807 Christopher Blackett to Thornhill & Co

Thornhill & Co

April 23/1807

I have rec[eive]d your note payable of Jacksons & Co due the 4 June next and £241 which is placed to y[ou]r credit for Lith[arge] sent you. I think that in future you will make your payments at an earlier period or remit bills at a shorter date.

I am etc CB

2 May 1807 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Sadler

Mr John Sadler Dukesfield

Newcastle May 2nd 1807

Sir

Having no longer reason for your serving in my employ at Dukesfield.- Be pleased to take Notice that I shall expect your expiration of three Months from this period at which time your salary will cease & when you may adopt such arrangements as you think most expedient.

Signed Tho[mas] R[ichard] Beaumont

7 Jul 1807 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Col[onel] Beaumont

Newcastle 7 July 1807

I am favoured with you letter of 4th Inst enclosing Mr Waugh <ans> Acc[ount] Bambrough. His complaint I fear is unreasonable, but it shall be attended to, and a necessary enquiry made of Mr Emerson as to the alleged inquiry- In a few days I will procure the necessary information as to Ja[mes] Taylors Age – his residence is at Ovingham. I am sorry to tell you that the price of Lead continues to decline in this Market & Parker has bought 600 p[iece]s Ref[ined] Lead @ £30 per f[odde]r & is offered 2,000 Pieces more at the same price when any applications are made I shall feel it right to sell at the same price as others do here. It will answer no purpose to keep above the Market in the present state in of the stocks, which are increasing every day. We are that Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co have doubled their contract with the East India Co – if so their engagement is for 3,000 Tons – nearly 40,000 p[iece]s @ £26 per f[odde]r. in London @ 191/2 farc which is equal to £28 per F[odde]r.

Parker the other day desired me to ask you for Ticketts of leave for shooting for Mr Sam[ua]l Walker of Aldbrook near Rotherham, Mr John Kent of Hooten Roberts, & for himself Sam[ua]l Walker Parker. – he says none of them are good shooters but they wish to have leave if you have no objection.

I am CB

11 Jul 1807 Christopher Blackett to Thomas Bowes

Tho[mas] Bowes esq Darlington

Newcastle July 11/1807

Not having received any answer to my former application to you respecting the <time> that could be allowed by the Commiss[ioners] to Col Beaumont for making his Earnings & other profits etc arising from his Weardale Leadmines.

The Books of Accounts being still detained in London the same occasion as formerly, the Suit depending <with> the Bishop of Durham preventing the possibility of my producing the return accurately as I could wish. I will therefore be obliged by your informing me the utmost period of time the Commissioners can allow for receipt of the same.

27 Jul 1807 Christopher Blackett to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

N[ew]C[astle] July 27 1807

I have this day sent directed for you per Waggon, a p[iece] fine Silver containing 1373 Ounces which you will please to Credit Mr Beaumont's Account as <usual>, at the Market Price and advise me of the price you allow on your receipt of the same.

I am Sir CB

11 Aug 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

[Note: File note]

Aug 11/1807

Enclosed the Account of Sales of Lead & Litharge, together with the Cash Acc[oun]t for last March to Mrs Beaumonts

11 Aug 1807 Christopher Blackett to Thornhill & Co

[Note: No Addressee on letter but the amount tallies with that shown on letter of 21 Sept 1807]

Newcastle August 11/1807

Gent

I am this day favoured with your remittance of Notes at Thirty Days dated the 15th Inst amount One Hundred & Nineteen Pounds 17/6 to your credit in Account with Mr Beaumont for Litharge sent you.

I have now quitted Mr Beaumont's Lead Concerns you will be pleased in future to address Mr Morrison on that subject.

I am Sir CB

18 Aug 1807 John Hall

[Note: This is a loose sheet of pencil notes, found amongst the April 1804 pages in the Newcastle Office copy Letter Book. These receipts were the subject of dispute with Taylor & Sons in 1807 as the Mr John Hall who signed this note went bankrupt and was 'disowned' Taylor & Co. who tried to avoid payment.]

April 16/1807 Received from TR Beaumont 18 Casks Litharge on Acct of Taylor & Sons, Queensferry, Particulars below

December 15 1806 B[ough]t of Mr C Blackett on Acc[oun]t of Taylor & Sons Queenferry 18 Casks of Litharge Viz particulars below

May 29 1807 Received from Tho[mas] Rich[ard] Beaumont Esq 30 Casks Lith[arge] 184 @ 34/- [£] 312-16 etc sent to John Taylor & Sons per the Glasgow Packet to Grangemouth 5 June 1807

Aug 18 Rec[eive]d from Tho[mas] R Beaumont Esq 30 Casks Litharge 183 @ 29- [£] 266-10-6 sent per the Glasgow Packet.

From Mr H

[notes on reverse:]

1806	Nov 6	18 C[as]ks	220
1807	Apr 15	18 C[as]ks	200 16 9
	May 28	30 C[as]ks	312 16
	Aug 18	30 C[as]ks	266 10 6

20 Aug 1807 Martin Morrison to Charles Barrass

Cha[rles] Barrass Esq

Newcastle 20 Aug 1807

Sir

Col Beaumont has communicated to me the Contents of your letter of the 18 Instant and in reply I ask to inform you that the journal & Ledger belonging to this Office were sent to Mr Richard Wilson of London last November where they still remain, but that Mr Blackett's Cash Book is here, and ready for Auditing.

I am M.M.

26 Aug 1807 Martin Morrison to Joseph Dickinson

Joseph Dickinson Esq Dufton

Newcastle 26 Aug 1807

Mrs Beaumont purposes to be at Allenheads accompanied by Mr Cockshutt & Mr Thomas and myself on Wednesday the 9th of September and wishes to meet you there on the Evening of that day, or on the following morning.

I am Sir M. Morrison

31 Aug 1807 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 31 Aug 1807

Having succeeded Mr Blackett Agent to Colonel Beaumont, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Inst covering three Bills value £408-18-6 which are to the Credit of your account.

I am Sir MM

4 Sep 1807 Thomas Crawhall to John Erasmus Blackett

J. E. Blackett

Newcastle Sept 4/1807

Sir W Blackett Bt Matfen North[umberland]

Sir,

Since the receipt of your letter I have seen Mr Heron who informs me that it is expected the Issues directed by the Chancellery will be tried before a Special Jury in London the latter end of November or the beginning of Dec[ember] next that the Chancellor will not permit them to be tried before any other than a London Jury which I presume will render your presence there necessary when it is tried. I enclose you a Copy of the Chancellors Minutes of Order, when I hear more on the subject you shall be made acquainted the <work>

Yours etc TC

15 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Messrs Taylor & Sons

Messrs Taylor & Sons Queensferry

Newcastle 15 September 1807

Informed that the affairs of Mr John Hall of this town, who acted as your Agent in the above Purchases, have become deranged; I am to request that you will remit me three Bills at six mo[nth]s upon London, drawn from the date of each purchase for the whole amount.

I am etc MM

18 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 18 September 1807

Addressed to Col Beaumont Tynemouth

I beg to inform you that I have sold to Mr Parker 20,000 Pieces of Lead at £26 per fo[dder] for refined, & [£]25 Common, to which I was induced, by Mr Parker's declaration that he would not engage to wait an answer from his House in London, and an anxious desire to arrest a further decline in the price of Lead; assessed that it had been bought as low, and uncertain that it might not become still lower. I am etc

MM

21 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 21 September 1807

I have this day sent, directed for you, per waggon a piece of fine silver containing 1349 Ounces, which you will place to the credit of Col Beaumont's Account and for the amount, at market price, remit as usual. I am etc MM

21 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Thornhill & Co

Messrs C. J. Thornhill & Co Sunderland

Newcastle 21 September 1807

Your draft for £119-17-6 due the 17th instant at Messrs Goodchild, Jackson & Co London is this day returned dishonoured; you will therefore on receipt hereof, be pleased to send me in Bankers Noted £121-12-8 the amount and expenses of said Bill.

I am etc

24 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to John Grey

Mr John Gray Shield Field

Newcastle 24 September 1807

In reply to your letter of the 17 instant observe that this Office cannot receive as satisfactory to the demand against you, any arrangement made between you and Mr Richardson, or the ill treatment you have experienced at his hands; and therefore I am to request you will immediately settle the amount and thereby prevent recourse to coercive measures. What is in my power, I am disposed to do, and shall not object to receive your Note at two or three months as may be most convenient to you to pay the money.

I am etc MM

24 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 24 September 1807

Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd inst from Leeds. Mr Blackett writes by this morning's Post to Mr Emm expressing his readiness to wait upon the Bishop of Durham on the subject of Col Beaumont's Letter, when a day is appointed I shall accompany Mr Blackett over to Aukland and the particulars of the interview will be communicated to you as soon as possible. Yesterday I sold 5,000 Pieces of Lead more to Messrs Prestons, making the whole Sales since your return from the Mines 43,300 Pieces.

I am etc M.M.

25 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlington

Newcastle 25 September 1807

I am now enabled to transmit you the return of Colonel Beaumont's Income from the Weardale Lead Mines as specified in the inclosed Papers which for want of a printed Form, I am obliged to substitute. I am etc MM

27 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 27 September 1807

Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

Mr Ellill has given orders to Mr H[enr]y Hewitson who is absent on a visit at Whitby, to purchase 5,000 Pieces WB Lead & 100 Casks of Litharge, his Brother opened the Letter and having forwarded it to him expects his directions by Wednesday next. In the interim I cannot avoid expressing to you my anxiety in transacting business with Mr Ellill and stating the reasons for this anxiety. It is notorious that this Gentleman is most extensively connected with Messrs Easterby Hall & Co and that the insecure Paper transactions between them has affixed a disreputable implication upon his name and that should E[asterby] Hall suspend their Payments, the apprehension entertained by well informed People is, that Mr Ellill will be in the same predicament. There are however many of good judgement, of a different opinion & consider Mr Ellill a cautious man, that altho[ugh] he assists E[asterby] H[all] & Co largely, it is done under the security of the deposit of all their Lead, that many of his transactions in the Lead Trade are upon their Account and risque, & that derives considerable emolument by the connection, paying his engagements punctually & disregarding the suspicions cast upon his name. Which of these opposite opinions, should be the rule of my Conduct so as to secure you from harm, is a subject of no little difficulty to decide upon. The unlimited Credit this Gentleman has always received not only in your Office, but with the Lead Co[mpan]y and others, the present state of the Lead Trade and the many large stacks yet remaining on hand demand every encouragement to Purchasers to come forward and diminish the quantity; all their circumstances would at this time render a refusal position particularly awkward and which could only be justified by the conviction of almost certain loss. I have taken the liberty of troubling you on this subject without having yet fixed in my own mind the line of conduct to be pursued, but shall endeavour to obtain all the information which can be obtained, by Wednesday next to enable me to adopt what I conceive most conducive to your interest & Security.

A letter from Mr Emm may be expected this day.

I am etc MM

28 Sep 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

Newcastle 28 September 1807

Mr Ellill it appears had been appraised of Mr H[enr]y Hewitson's visit to Whitby, by writing two letters on the same day, one addressed to him there, and the other here for on coming to the Office this morning I met the Brother of Mr Hewitson who came to conclude the purchase of 5,000 Pieces of Lead and 100 Casks of Litharge on Mr Ellill's Account. Strengthened, altho not completely satisfied, in the opinion of Mr Ellill's safety, I thought it advisable to sign a Ticket for the above quantity at last prices, and which I trust will have the sanction of your approval. Mr Blackett has put into my hands a Letter from Mr Emm a copy of which is here subjoined and I cannot avoid remarking in it a departure from that appearance of fairness, which pervades the Bishops Epistle.

I am etc

1 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton

Nescastle 1 October 1807

I beg to inform you that in consequence of Mr Emm's appointment Mr Blackett Mr Chisholm & myself went yesterday to Aukland and on arriving there called upon Mr Emm who having announced us to the Bishop, his Lordship requested to speak with Mr Blackett. After a conversation explanatory of the Letter wrote to Colonel Beaumont in which his Lordship declared his meaning to be, to break for the removal of the Life, as <distinct>, from the mode he had suggested of terminating the suit and requests us to know if Mr Blackett had any proposition to make on the part of Col Beaumont and on being informed he had not, his Lordship observed in a cold manner that he was very sorry for it and a pause in the conversation ensued. Mr Blackett <un.....ed> it by asking the Bishop if he might be permitted to request his Lordship to name a sum, which after some hesitation, He said 'suppose that I were to name the sum and take an average of the Statement as delivered into Chancery from 1791 to 1801 as a basis, and demand £15,000' Mr Blackett begged to know if his L[or]dship had any objection to his communicating this to Col Beaumont, to which He assented requiring at the same time the Account of the Produce and Price of Ore from 1801 to the end of last year which Mr B[eaumon]t produced; perusing it, he observed, the increase was great indeed, but that he should still be content with the above Sum remarking with an archness of Countinances, that it was Col Beaumont's Interest not to decline it. The mode of terminating the suit was then <advected> to and his Lordship having assumed

a more affable behaviour expressed his willingness to settle every matter amicably and that he should name a Mr Barnard in London to meet Col Beaumont's friend there to go through the Accounts; and Mr Blackett understood the Bishop to say that upon their joint recommendation he should have little difficulty in making his determination. His Lordship then sent for Mr Chisholm and myself, and having expressed himself with affability to me on the probability of further acquaintance, Recapitulated the substance of the foregoing Conversation.

It will now, Madam, before the serious consideration of Colonel Beaumont and yourself, to determine upon this subject, with as little delay as possible, and whether under the favourable or the adverse result of the Suit, any reasonable ground of hope can be entertained, to renew the Life on better terms. I confess so far as the little knowledge which so short an acquaintance with your affairs has afforded me, I have no hope that any material reduction can be obtained; that in complying with the Bishop's demand a door is opened to an amicable agreement of all differences:- upon time, both with respect to the Suit and the future composition of the Lot Ore, more favourable than permitting the Suit to come Issued, which must be the case, if the renewal of the Life is not acceded to, for so the Bishop plainly intimates.

I am etc MM

5 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir Rich[ar]d Caris Glynn Bt & Co
Bankers, London

Newcastle 5th October 1807

I have inclose Mr C. Blackett's Bill upon T Preston Esq & Sons value £3782-15-0 for account of TR Beaumont Esq, the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge.

I am etc MM

5 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

Newcastle 5 October 1807

I am honoured with your letter of the 30 Ultan acknowledgement of which would never have been made but for the expectation of receiving another from you upon the subject of the Bishop's demand for the renewal of a Life in the Weardale Lease etc to which, permit me, to request your early attention, in <immoliation> of the necessary steps to be taken for the Trial, should it not be deemed expedient to comply with the Bishops Proposal.

Mr Chisholm is returned to London, he previously called upon Alderman Blackett, who could not recollect the conversation with Mr Emm at Durham, but was

positive, that what was said could not influence the Bishop and strictly adhered to his former assertion of never having said that the composition offered was the full value of the Lot Ore.

I have this day remitted Sir R. C. Glyn Bt & Co Mr C Blacketts Bill on <F> Preston & Sons for £3782-15-0 which will fall due the 10th February next, and when the Lead, of the late Sales is weighed off, will obtain Bills for the amount and instantly remit them; but two months may elapse before so large a quantity can be shipped. The Enclosed Cash Account will show the state of Funds here at the end of last month, which I fear will require assistance, as the Tax upon Property for the Weardale Mines amounting to £2855-10-4 may be called for immediately.

I am etc MM

8 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

Newcastle 8th October 1807

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th instant by this day's Post, and beg to inform you that there are two Leases for Weardale. The Moormasters Lease, and Lease of <Inclosures> were granted for different terms the first for Lives and the latter for years, until about the year 1763 when they were consolidated by changing the Lease for years into a Lease for Lives also.

With respect to the Bishop's claim I can only express my anxiety that if the business is allowed to be decided by the Chancellor that greater injury may be sustained, than in the way proposed. Mr Williamson certainly considers it in this light. If in settling this most unfortunate business money sh[oul]d be required to a greater extent than is convenient immediately to advance I do hope arrangements may be effected in making Payments by instalments, at such periods, as the Sales of Lead will be adequate to meet.

Six Boxes of <Spar> were shipped in the Hull Packet with directions to be forwarded to the old Warehouse Wakefield.

I beg my most respectful Compliments to Colonel Beaumont.

I am etc MM

9 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Messrs Taylor & Sons

Messrs Taylor & Sons Queensferry

Newcastle 9 October 1807

In consequence of the promise given by one of your Houses, I have been in the daily expectation of hearing from you upon the subject of Mr John Hall's transactions in this

Office on your Account. You will oblige me by an early communication of your determination & in the interim I am yours etc

13 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton Hall

Newcastle 13 October 1807

I am favored with your Letter of the 11th inst covering one from Mr Bowns of the same date, and in conformity to his requests annex the statement before exhibited to him by Mr T Crawhall, of the estimated Profits derived from the Weardale Mines to the 30th September 1806, the period at which the annual accounts are now closed. The Profits for 1805 & 6 are no doubt overrated, the price of Ore being very high in those years and which has been only lately sold as Lead at great reduction. In reply to your question 'whether it not to be feared the Bishop will be brought to no fair and reasonable terms if he is himself to decide on the joint accommodation of two Persons he proposes to meet', permit me to observe that the Bishop's decision, cannot oblige your compliance, unless so disposed, by its moderation; and on the subject being mentioned to Mr Williamson he appeared so satisfied the business was likely to take a favorable turn, that he expressed his readiness to give his assistance on Mr Blackett intimating a wish to that effect. That the Bishop may deviate from his professions of settling the Suit amicably, is I hope not to be apprehended; but even should he so utterly dishonor himself, is the situation of Col Beaumont made worse by renewing the Life on terms which the Bishop's successor may deem to be inadequate? And I beg to suggest with all deference, whether great risque is not incurred, as to the ultimate situation of the Suit, in future Composition for the Lot Ore and present state of the Lease, if the negotiation for the renewal of the Life is broke off.

I am etc MM

16 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 16th October 1807

I am favored with your Letter of the 13 inst covering six Bills value £431-19-3 which is to the Credit of your Account with Col Beaumont and shall be glad to know the best price you could afford for 60 to 100 Tons of Test Bottoms.

I am etc MM

20 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

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Mr James Finlay Edinburgh

Newcastle 20th October 1807

Having had occasion for your professional assistance under the Firm of Morrison Norman <Harrison> & Co I now beg to employ it as Agent to Col Beaumont proprietor of extensive Lead Mines and smelting Mills in this Country. It is necessary to <promise> that in all Sales where the Principals live at a distance it is the Custom to appoint an Agent to transact the business with this Office, and on the 6th November 1806 one of the firm of Taylor & Sons called accompanied with Mr John Hall and purchased 18 Casks Litharge amounting to £220 for which he signed enclosed Memorandum and Mr Hall was considered from that period as Agent for the House.

This Mr Hall afterwards made Purchases above specified and is now a Bankrupt; Messrs Taylor & Sons affect to say that they did not know where Hall obtained the Litharge notwithstanding their Introduction of him to this Office and appear not disposed to pay the money as it becomes due at the end of six months. The entries in our Books and the delivery of the Goods being invariably for account of John Taylor & Sons Queensferry.

On receipt hereof be pleased to apply for the first named sum of £200-16-9 which on the Credit of Six Mo[nth]s is now due, and endeavour to obtain Bills for the two other sums at dates corresponding with their Credit; If Messrs Taylor & Sons refuse, you will then take such steps as you may under all the circumstances deem <advisable>.

I am etc MM

24 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 24 October 1807

I have this day forwarded by waggon to your address a piece of fine Silver containing 13 oz which you will place to the Credit of T R Beaumont Esq at market price and remit to me the amount as usual.

I am etc

24 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Address to Col Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 24 October 1807

I received Mr Bowns's Letter on Tuesday and in my way to Hexham on Wednesday morning to meet Mr Williamson at the Manor Court; I called upon Mr C Blackett at Wylam to fix the earliest day for going over to Auckland. Yesterday we waited upon the Bishop and communicating to his Lordship the substance of Mr Bowns's Letter He decidedly objected to the <Fine> for the removal of the Life being left to the judgement of those Gentlemen who might be appointed to determine the other matters in difference, adhering as formerly, to its being distinct in every respect and moderate in the amounts. I then requested to know if his Lordship would be disposed to refer the Suit and permit the business of the renewal for the present to remain undetermined to which he replied, that he had no objection upon these grounds that the friend of Col Beaumont should meet his friend in London attended by the Solicitors of each authorised to call for every Paper necessary for their information*, but in so doing he did not consider himself pledged to confirm himself to the moderate sum of £15,000 for the Renewal. His Lordship's conversation after this turned upon the consciousness of his own moderation of the interests of Col Beaumont in acceding of his accurate knowledge of the whole Business and the certainty of the Chancellor's decision leading to consequences extremely disastrous to Col Beaumont.

His Lordship hinting at the delay and the necessity (the term commencing on the 6th of next month) of an instantaneous determination; after taken our leave I determined to put myself into a Stage Coach for the purpose of receiving your command at Bretton.

I am etc MM

*That upon their joint recommendation of such terms of accommodation Col Beaumont & Himself should be at liberty to determine.

25 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 25th October 1807

Finding that the Stage coach from Newcastle to Leeds does not travel on a Sunday I do not think it necessary to adopt a more expensive mode of Conveyance as a Letter may answer the purpose of my journey nearly as well. My chief motive of personally waiting upon you was, as the Bishop goes to London previous to the 6th of November and at farthest in ten days, to expedite those measures which may be determined upon with regard to his Lordship and recommend (if not already done) that Mr Wilson be instructed to be prepared at least, should the evidence of Mr Blackett and Mr Emm go at last, before a Jury.

Messrs Walker & Co have bought in two purchases 15,000 P[iece]s of Lead of the Company at £25 per Fo[ther] for Common upon a credit of 8, 9 & 10 months and 2,000

P[iece]s of M Walton at the same rate of Price; M Walton has also sold to Messrs E H & Co 4,000 Pieces & 5,000 P[iece]s to Messrs Preston & Sons.

I am etc MM

25 Oct 1807 Martin Morrison to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq

Newcastle 25th October 1807

In reply to your favor of the 22nd instant I am to inform you that Bishop Thurlow never took his Lot Ore in Kind while in possession of the Sea of Durham; He held the Sea four years and was always paid <or> composition. The Lot Ore has not been received in kind since 1743, the quantity then did not exceed 1261/8 Bings and the Profits from the Mines was little more than £2,000 per annum. I am etc MM

3 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

Mr James Finlay Cross, Edinburgh

Newcastle 3 November 1807

My absence from Home has prevented me acknowledging sooner the rec[eip]t of yours of the 29th and I now enclose the original Memo omitted to be sent in my first Letter and Mr P Taylors Letter in answer to mine of the 9th Ult a Copy of which is here to annexed. I also annex copy of Extracts taken from Hall the Bankrupts Book whose evidence in the <account> of a Trial will prove that he acted as Agent to Taylor & Sons Queensferry Resident in Edinburgh.

Referring to your observation of an Agent being necessary if a Trial does take place as I have no acquaintance there I shall be obliged by your assistance to supply the defect.

I am etc MM

Extracts from John Hall's <Waste> Book

December 15/1806 Bt of Mr C Blakett on acc[oun]t of Taylor & Sons, Queensferry 18 Casks Litharge viz particulars below

April 16/1807 Rec[eiv]ed from TR Beaumont Esq 18 Casks Litharge on acct of Taylor & Sons Queensferry prs below

May 2/1807 Rec[eiv]ed from TR Beaumont Esq 30 Casks of Lith[arg]e
184 cwt @ £34 p[er] Ton £312-16

Sent to John Taylor & Sons Per the Glasgow P[ack]et to Grangemouth 5 June
1807

Augst 18/1807 Rec[eiv]ed from TR Beaumont Esq 30 Casks Litharge
cwt 183-3-7 @ £29 per ton £266-10-6
Sent per the Glasgow P[acke]t

3 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to William Chisholm

Mr W[ilia]m Chisholme
47 Lincolns Inn Fields

Newcastle 3rd November 1807

I only received your Letter of the 30 Ult this day on my return from Bretton and enclosed you will receive the Account required by the last order of the Court of Chancery but not certain that the Account should be delivered so far as We can and have completed it, or, only up to the filing of the Bill I have sent it in its present state that you may produce it to the period demanded.

The statement to show the Profit or Loss in case the Bishop's Lot and Rectors Tithe ore had been in Kind, is preparing, and will be sent to Mr Bowns who is desirous to make remarks upon it and which I hope will be forwarded to you with the requisite despatch.

I am etc MM

5 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq

Newcastle 5 November 1807

I am favored with your letter of the 2nd instant with the enclosure mentioned. The Calculation of what the Bishop might be entitled to etc which you put into my hand at Bretton, I laid upon the Table in the Library in which the inkstand is placed, Mr Cockshutt had some Papers on the Table at the time, and it may possibly (if not yet found) be among them. I now enclose the Acc[oun]t according to the form you required and you will please to observe that the Loss in the last Column is wrote in Red ink, which mode we were obliged to adopt, there not being space sufficient to admit without Confusion, another Column. In <accserving> to the evidence taken here, in the Cause, one Person States the waste of Ore to be /20th and another 1/16th which on the mean /18th will reduce the Profits in the years when that waste happened, very considerably, but of this Alderman Blackett might be ignorant and therefore have sent you a correct Abstract of the Books of this Office which includes the gross Produce of the Weardale Mines since 1770.

Mr Chisholme has written for this Acc[oun]t but having understood you, that it was your intention to make some remark upon it. I have informed him that you will transmit it. He also requested the Account ordered by the Chancellor's Minutes, the Bishop's Solicitor having called upon him for it, which I sent yesterday morning.

I am etc MM

6 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed to Col Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 6 November 1807

I beg to enclose Mr Dickinson's Report which is now entered in the Office Book and to inform you that by the Mail Coach which conveys this, a Parcel will be received containing the Account which Mr Bowns desires by his Letter of the 3rd instant to be forwarded. The weight of the Account exceeds two Ounces and therefore to avoid unnecessary expense is this mode of Conveyance adopted.

I beg my most Respectful Comp[lement]s to Col Beaumont and am etc MM

7 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to John Breare

John Breare Esq
Middleham Yorkshire

Newcastle 7th November 1807

I am favored with your letter of the 5 inst and request you will accept thanks for the information of Mr Ellis having contracted with Lord Pomfret and Mr Denys for a large Quantity of Lead at £29-10-0 at Stockton. The very large Sales made by Colonel Beaumont within the two last months will the less dispose him to part with the remainder of his Stock at the late Prices <im> less controlled by circumstances which at this time are not in contemplation. I much doubt the efficacy of the establishment of a Committee for adopting such <Aliances> as are most likely to frustrate the designs of the Buyers as inapplicable to the situation & Interest of the different Parties, and in my opinion the result would be the reverse of what is intended. I shall feel much pleasure in communicating to you any occurrences which may arise in the Lead transactions of this Office and am etc MM

8 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 8 December 1807

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant decline your offer of £3-10-6 per ton for Test Bottoms having sold @ 7 with a prospect of disposing of a large quantity at that price. By Pickersgill Waggon you will receive a piece of fine Silver containing 1202/2 Oz for which credit Colonel Beaumont and remit the amount as usual. I am etc MM

9 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed Col Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 9th November 1807

In this and another cover; I beg to transmit the Sales of Lead and Cash Account for last month and to acknowledge the receipt of copies of the Bishop's last letter and Colonel Beaumont's reply. I confess Madam that I contemplate with great dismay the issue of the Chancellor's decision and have thought, and still continue to think that in adopting measures to settle the dispute amicably, your ultimate Interest will be best served. In thus expressing myself I feel confident of not incurring your displeasure as my anxiety arises for the preservation of a Property, certainly the first in point of Value, in the north of England' Permit me to recommend an early interview with your Council in the Suit, and to obtain their opinion before measures are carried to extremity. I cannot discover that the Bishop did take an opinion after Sir Tho[mas] Blckett's death respecting the Lot Ore, but enclosed is a copy of one which Mr Blckett obtained from Mr Williamson on account of Sir Tho[mas] Blckett's name only, being inserted, and not his Heirs.

Mr Blckett is informed of the probability of having to give Evidence in London and I am etc MM

12 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

Mr James Finlay Cross Edinburgh

Newcastle 12th November 1807

I am favored with your Letter of the 9th instant Covering Power of Attorney for Mr Beaumont to sign. Observing that the second parcel of Litharge bought by J Hall becomes due on the 28 inst I am disposed to defer coercive measures to compel payment until that period, previous to which would it not be as well again to apply to them for both sums? Mr Hall being known at this Office & usually sending for a Tickett for the delivery of Litharge, the Memorandums which you require do not appear to have been demanded of him but I send you the foregoing remarks by Mr Thomas Crawhall who transacted the business with Messrs Taylor & Sons on their first applying for Litharge. If my appointment of an Agent in Edin[burgh] instead of Colonel Beaumont will answer the purpose I should prefer it, as I am not inclined to trouble him with occurrences of this nature, write to me on this and also the opinion

you entertain of our success in the event of an Action at Law with Taylor & Sons. I am etc

On the sixth November 1806 Mr John Hall accompanied by a Mr Taylor called at this Office. Mr Taylor after being introduced stated that their House would have occasion for considerable quantities of Litharge and that he then wished to purchase 5 Tons; on his being made acquainted with the price, he engaged 18 Casks (about 5 Tons) @ £40 per Ton, a Tickett was given to him to the Agent at the Wharf for its delivery / in which no reference was made to any other person than Messrs Taylor & Sons / and Mr Taylor signed a purchase note for it accordingly he then said he wished it to be shipped for Queensferry when he was informed that it was not the practice of this Office to ship any Goods sold, and that he must employ some person in N[ew]Castle to transact that business for him in the present instance as well as for any further Quantity he might want, as the Litharge would be delivered about 4 Miles distant from this place, and that we would be at no more trouble nor expense about the Shipment of it, he then handed the Ticket he had received to Mr Hall whom he desired to ship this parcel for him and observed it would be best for them to write to Mr Hall when they might want a further quantity which Mr Hall acquiesced in

13 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to John Breare

John Breare Esq Middleham

Newcastle 13 November 1807

I am assured by Mr A Hall of the House of Easterby Hall & Co that Mr Elliss's contract with Mr Deny's is at £28 per Stockton Fodder and not £29-10 as stated by you, which I acquaint you with for your Government and if my information is correct to afford an opportunity to rectify any representation made by you to Colonel Beaumont on this subject. I am etc

14 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to Charles Bowns

Charles Bowns Esq Darley Hall

Newcastle 14 November 1807

I am favored with your letter of the 9th inst and have forwarded by the Mail Coach which conveys this, the additional Account you desire. You will please to observe that this Acc[ount] is forwarded on a computed Value of Ore per Bing according to the Price of Lead at the time, which is the only method We could adopt from the great difficulty and length of time necessary, to obtain certain information of the prices of Ore in years so remote, if indeed they could be obtained at all. I hope to see Alderman Blackett tomorrow and that he will be enabled to go through the

Acc[oun]ts up to the Year 1791, and a copy of what has been prepared for you, shall be presented to him with the offer of Crawhall's assistance in the way you recommend.

Mr Crawhall had forwarded to Mr Chisholm an Account stating Profits arising from the Weardale Mines of the Bishop's Lot and Rectors Tithe Ore had been paid in kind, but as it goes no further than the year 1790 you will probably consider this information incomplete, and augment it by the documents in your possession.

I have heard that Mr Mowbray the Bishop's assistant in the Suit is gone to London.

I am etc

16 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 16th November 1807

Addressed to Colonel Beaumont Bretton

I am honored with your letter of the 14 inst enclosing one from Mr Wilson, and herewith transmit Mr Walton's Prices of Ore from 1786 to 1790 by which Mr Cockshutt can rectify the Account if necessary and inform Mr Bowns thereof. By the Evidence taken on behalf of the Bishop it appears that the price of Ore in 1788 was 97s/ per Bing and in 1789 89s/ per Bing; in such uncertainty & in the absence of all Price whatever for former years, We adopted our Calculations on the prices at which Lead was sold at the time. Alderman Blackett never wrote any Letters to Sir Thomas Blackett concerning the Treaty with the Bishop either in its commencement or after its conclusion, and indeed by the Interrogatory's in the Suits he expressly declares that he never wrote to Sir Thomas on the subject or by any expression implied that he had made an advantageous Bargain. In consequence of seeing Alderman Blackett this morning & reading a letter which Mr Bowns had wrote, that he might have a copy of the statements as drawn out and that he with the assistance of Mr Crawhall should examine the same with the Books Books (sic) from which they are taken, He has sent the enclosed remarks & that in giving his Evidence before a Jury it will be necessary for him to have liberty to refer to his Notes to assist him, as he says in case of being cross examined.

In the Lead Trade nothing has been done since my last communication, and I am not sanguine of its experiencing much briskness until the situation of the Continent affords an outlet, the want of which naturally tends to keep prices low and which generally is pressing upon the great Commercial establishments of this Country. The authentic information transmitted by Mr Brears of Middleham to Col Beaumont respecting Mr Elliss's contract with Mr Deny's for his Lead at £29-10- per F[odde]r at Stockton proves to be only £28 which as the Fo[dde]r there is 22 Cwt makes the price nearly equal to that of the late Sales by this Office and the Lead Company.

With respect to Mr Bulman he no doubt was a man of Property, but the concern (Tyne Iron Works) in which he embarked not proving so profitable, as by Calculation was demonstrated it would be, together with the <derangement> of Surtees's Burdon &

Cos affairs with whom he was connected in this Concern. He is now unable to make good his Engagements; I believe that what he represents is the truth, and on his paying the Installments in from his Bill I consider it not detrimental to your Interest to extend to him the indulgencies he craves. The Mr Bulman who subscribed £1000 towards purchasing Castle Eden estate for Mr Burdan is another person. I am etc

Alderman Blacketts Minutes enclosed in the above.

It is necessary that Mr Bowns should be informed that J. E. Blackett can not take upon himself to examine the Accounts of the Lead Agents of the produce of the Lead Mines in Weardale for the length of time that he mentions in his letter in such manner as to enable him to make oath to the same; Should JEB be called up to Town to give evidence in the cause depending between the Bishop of Durham and TR Beaumont Esq he can only repeat the same evidence which he formerly gave before the Commission was appointed by the Court of Chancery; J E B can make Oath that he did not at the meeting with the Bishop and Mr Emm at Durham at that time, or Newcastle with the said Persons say and declare that £925 was accounted to be the full value of the Bishops Lot Ore or one sixth part of the Ore of Weardale Mines, which it was not possible that he could declare.

JEB's declaration was at both those meetings that Circumstanced as Sir Thomas Blackett was at the time and with respect to the produce of the Mines as well as the price of Lead that he thought the sum of £925 offered was a fair equivalent for the Bishop's one sixth of the Ore, that it was not the wish of the said JEB to mislead or impose on the Bishop in the said Treaty, but on the contrary to give him every information that he desired

21 Nov 1807 Martin Morrison to Thomas Emerson

Mr Thomas Emerson New House

Newcastle 21 November 1807

I have your letter of the 17 instant and consider it essentially necessary that you should attend the Meetings proposed to be held for the division of Middlehope Common, and that Colonel Beaumont has been exempt from all expense of damage of ground in the Working of the Mines hitherto by Acts of Parliament of a similar nature, that he will not consent to be now liable, and unless a clause be inserted in the intended Bill to that effect he will certainly give it every opposition in his power.

I have considered the proposal you made when Mr Cockshutt was in the Country, to take 4/6 per shift for conveying the Work out of the Mines by Levels & <Whinneys> and that price not appearing unreasonable you will charge the same & give information to the other Agents.

I am etc MM

1 Dec 1807 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 1 December 1807

I credit your account £393-13-6 the amount of three Bills rec[eive]d per your favor of the 28 Ult. Having a prospect of obtaining a better price than you are disposed to give for our test bottoms We decline at present making an offer of them.

I am etc

1 Dec 1807 Thomas Crawhall to William Collingwood

Mr W Collingwood Nr Alnwick

N Castle 1 Dec 1807

We are extremely anxious to have Mr Beaumts Election Acc[ount] closed at this place but are unable to accomplish it until favored with yours from Alnwick – Soon as you have obtained a settlement with the parties there, will you have the goodness to transmit a Statement of the Acc[oun]t that it may be finally closed. I presume Mr Heron wo[ul]d acquaint you with the Sum to be charged as a remuneration for the trouble you have had in this business. Your early reply will oblige. Yrs TC

4 Dec 1807 Thomas Crawhall to William Collingwood

Mr W Collingwood Alnwick

NCastle Dec 4 / 1807

Sir

I have your favor of 2 Inst & observe that Mr Heron has never made you acquainted with the Sums paid by Mr Beaumont to his Law Agents employed on the late Election, tho requested so to do long ago. The Sum paid generally was £42 exclusive of the usual retaining fee, but in connection of the additional trouble you must have had on this occasion it was proposed to pay you with 60 Guineas which Mr Beaumont hopes you will feel satisfied with. I do not find the <Acc[oun]t> you mention amongst my papers here, however, if you add Mem[orandu]m of your having paid such items they will suffice for Vouchers on the present occasion when you Acc[oun]t is completed sahh be glad to receive it. I am TC

19 Dec 1807 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

NCastle 19 December 1807

I debit your Account £46-17-1 the amount of the enclosed Bills & Expenses returned for non-payment & am Etc MM

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<See> Bill Book No. 906 45 17 0
Expenses 1 0 1
46 17 1

22 Dec 1807 Martin Morrison to William Collingwood

Mr Will[iam] Collingwood Alnwick

Newcastle 22 December 1807

You will very much oblige me by transmitting the amount of Expenses attending Colonel Beaumonts Election which you were to settle. Your account is the only one unsettled and I am desirous finally to close the whole before the year expires. I am etc MM

26 Dec 1807 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 26 December 1807

Enclosed you will receive six Bills (Nos 926,927,928,929,930,931) value £27,314-4-3 which please place to the Credit of TR Beaumont Esq and acknowledge the receipt of the same to

Gent etc MM

26 Dec 1807 Thomas Crawhall to William Chisholm

W[ilia]m Chisholm Esq
47 Lincolns Inn Fields London

N[ew]C[astle] December 26 1807

In reply to your letter addressed to Mr <Morrison> of 24 Inst requesting Copies of JEBs letters to Mr Bearn of the 13th 15th & 18th May 1802. On consulting the letter Book I do not find any of the date 13th May 1802 (which I consider as error) those of the 15th & 18th I send you enclosed, they are exact copies as entered in the Book here & do not seem of much information in the Cause. I regret that the expectation of a reference of all matters in dispute with the Bishop is at an end. The late conduct of the B[isho]p in the break of this; ill accords with his former professions of fairness which the treaty was on foot. Mr Morrison sends his respects Sir TC

4 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

Mr James Finlay Cross Edinburgh

NCastle 4 January 1808

I am impatient to know the result of your second application to Messrs Taylor & Sons. The Power of Att[orn]y is now executed by Colonel Beaumont and shall be forwarded to you if necessary. I am etc MM

7 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

Mr James Finlay Cross Edinburgh

NCastle 7 January 1808

I am favoured with your Letter of yesterday and enclosed you will receive the Power of Attorney which was signed by Thomas Richard Beaumont Esq and witnessed by Messrs <Mickle> on the 19 December at Bretton Hall Yorkshire one of the Seats of Mr Beaumont; the witnesses father and son are employed laying out the pleasure grounds. Mr Beaumont represents the county of Northumberland in Parliament where he possesses another seat or residence called Hexham Abbey: he formerly had the 21st Light Dragoons but resigning the command, he lost the Rank altho many thro' Courtesy still call him Colonel. The Witnesses have not followed the directions given of writing the word witness at the end of the names which I am informed is <...te> by the Steward of Mr Beaumont: this deviation I hope is not material. As you are possessed of the circumstances, for which this Power is given, it is not necessary for me to say more at present, than that I shall be glad to know what Evidence will be required and when.

I am etc MM

12 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Co
Ludgate Hill, London

Newcastle 12 January 1808

On Saturday the 9th instant I forwarded to you by the Waggon two pieces of fine Silver containing 3056 Ounces for account of Thomas Richard Beaumont Esq. You will on receipt thereof be pleased to pay the value at market price to Sir R[ichard] C Glynn & Co Bankers advising me of the amount and also the sum paid them for the pieces of fine Silver forwarded to you on the 20th of April last. I am etc MM

12 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to Anthony Hopper

Brownley Hill

Newcastle 12 January 1808

Lead Company – directed to Ant[hon]y Hopper Esq Newcastle

I am informed that you have been repeatedly applied to for payment of Ore wrought past the <Bounder> Ditch into the Manor of Hexham, without effect. It becomes my duty on behalf of T R Beaumont Esq to request that you will not delay any longer making the necessary satisfaction for which purpose I enclose a copy of the Report made by Mr Thomas Dodd Matthew Fairless and Joseph Dickenson and I am etc MM

February 26th 1786

upon viewing the North End of Moss Cross Vein in the great Limestone wrought by Brownley Hill Company three fathoms past the Bounder Ditch into the Manor of Hexham. We all agree and are of opinion that not less than 90 Bings of Ore have been raised in Sir Thomas Blacketts' Liberty and taken away by the above named Company

Signed Tho[mas] Dodd Matt[he]w Fairless Jo[seph] Dickinson

12 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R. C. Glynn Bankers London

Newcastle 12 January 1808

Enclosed you will receive three Bills (Nos 932,3 & 4) value £35,364-12-9 for Account of Thomas Rich[ar]d Beaumont Esq the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge to <...> Yrs MM

14 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

Mr James Finlay Cross Edinburgh

Newcastle 14 Jan[ua]ry 1808

I now enclose you the draught of a Summons against Messrs Taylor and Sons which I think in every respect accurate. In the Memos which are usually signed at this office on the purchase of Lead and Litharge, it is specified to be paid for in cash or good Bills on London due at the end of six months, but when payment is fixed to be in Bills the Pen is sometimes run thro[ugh] Cash which is probably the case with the Memo in your possession.

I am etc MM

George etc etc Whereas it is humbly meant and shown to Us by our <Covites> Thomas Richard Beaumont Esq of Bretton Hall in Yorkshire and James Finlay, Solicitor of the Supreme Courts of Scotland, his Attorney, conform to Power of Attorney, granted by the said TR Beaumont Esq to the said James Finlay dated the 19th December in the year

1807 herewith to be produced. That on the 6th day of November 1806 John Taylor & Sons in Queensferry, by one of their Partners, who was accompanied and introduced by John Hall in Newcastle, purchased from the pursuer Thomas R[ichard] Beaumont Esq at his office in Newcastle, 18 Casks of Litharge at £40 Per Ton to be paid for in good Bills on London due at the end of six months from the date of the purchase for which they subscribed a purchase note, & received a ticket for delivery of the Litharge purchased by them, they, at the same time stating that they would have occasions soon thereafter, to purchase from the pursuer considerable quantities of Litharge. That after the purchase had been completed the said John Taylor & Sons signified their wish that the said TR Beaumont Esq furnish the Litharge to be shipped for Queensferry; and they were informed that was not the pursuers practice to ship any goods he sold which were deliverable at the pursuers works about 4 miles from Newcastle, that he would take no trouble & be at no expense about the shipment of the said Litharge purchased by the said John Taylor & Sons; and that they must employ some person in Newcastle to transact their business for them as well regarding the Litharge then purchased many further quantities they might purchase and the shipment of these goods. That the said John Taylor and Sons by their Partners aforesaid then delivered the Ticket which they had received for delivery of the Litharge purchased by them to the said John Hall as their Agent, and directed the said John Hall to ship the said litharge for them, and observed that when they might want more litharge from the pursuer they would write to the said John Hall that he might get the same shipped, which the said John Hall acquiesced in & as Agent for the said John Taylor & Sons he made payment of the price of the said quantity of litharge. That the said John Taylor & Sons by the said John Hall their agent at Newcastle, thereafter purchased and received from the pursuer Thomas Richard Beaumont Esq the following quantities of litharge on the dates & at the prices after specified, & to be paid for in good Bills on London due at the end of six months from the date of the respective purchases, & which quantities of litharge were transmitted by the said John Hall to the said John Taylor & Sons accordingly, vizt. On the 15th April 1807, 18 casks of Litharge weighing 108 cwt 2 qtrs & 7 lb at £37 per ton amounting to £200-16-9 Sterling. On the 28th May 1807, 30 casks of Litharge weighing 184 cwt 0-0 at £34 per ton amounting to £312-16 Sterling. And on the 18 August 1807, 30 casks of Litharge weighing 183 cwt 3-7 at £29 per ton amounting to £266-10-6 Sterling. And although the pursuer by Mr Martin Morrison his Agent in Newcastle, & by the said James Finlay his attorney has frequently desired & required the said John Taylor & Sons defenders to make payment to him of the said sum of £206-16-9 Sterling the price of the said litharge furnished by him on 15th April 1807, with the legal intrest thereof since the 15th October 1807, also the said sum of 312-16/ Stg the price of the said Litharge furnished by him on the 28th May 1807 with the legal interest thereof since the 28th day of November 1807, & to deliver to him good Bills on London payable at the end of six months from the 18th day of August 1807 for £266-10-6 Sterling the price of the Litharge furnished by him on the date last mentioned, yet they refuse at least so to do unless compelled as is alleged. Therefore the said John Taylor & Sons and [line left blank] the individual partner of the Company trading under the form of John Taylor &

Sons in Queensferry defenders ought and should be <delivered> and ordained conjointly and severally, by decree of the <Lord> of <our> Council & Session to make payment to the said TR Beaumont Esq as the said James Finlay his Attorney pursuers of the several sums of money and interest thereof as aforementioned viz of the said sums of £200-16-9 Sterling the price of 18 Casks of Litharge weighing cwt 108-2-7 at £37 per ton furnished by the <pursuer> TR Beaumont Esq to the said John Taylor & Sons defenders by the said John Hall their Agent on 15 April 1807 with interest thereof from and since the 15 day of Oct 1807 being six months after the date of the furnishing, and in time coming during the not payment, Also of the said sum of £312-16-0 Stg the price of 30 Casks of Litharge weighing CWT 184-0-0 at £34 per ton furnished by the said TR Beaumont Esq <pursuer> to the said defenders, by the said John Hall their Agent on the said 18th August 1807 with legal Interest thereof from & after the 18th day of February 1808 being six months after the date of the said furnishing & interest coming during the not payments, the said 18 Feb[rua]ry 1808 being always come & by gone; & of the sum of £100 St[erlin]g or of such other sum more or less , as our said Lords shall modify, as the expenses of the proofs to follow hereupon, besides the dues of extracting the device to be furnished therein after the form & tenor of the laws and daily practice of Scotland observed in the like cases in all parts as is alleged.

Our Will is etc etc

20 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glynn Bt & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 20th January 1808

Herewith you will receive Seven Bills (No's 936,7,8,9,940,942 & 3) value £22,931-5-1 for Account of TR Beaumont Esq the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge.

I am etc MM

25 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to William Collingwood

Mr Will[ia]m Collingwood Sol[icito]r Alnwick

Newcastle 25th January 1808

I am favored with your letter accompanied with Voucher for disbursements on acc[oun]t of Colonel Beaumont's Election. I have invested in the Accounts Sixty Five Guineas for your trouble with which I trust you will be satisfied, but as Mr Heron need money for the purpose of attaining the different professional Gentlemen employed in the Election, I expected that your fee had been paid at the commencement of the business to him therefore have the goodness to apply for the same. Above is a cheque for the Balance due to you a receipt for which be pleased to transmit by return of post to <Sirs>

28 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to Messrs Bellairs & Co

Messrs Wheeldon & Webster Derby To Tho[mas] Rich[ar]d Beaumont Esq
1801 August 5th For 10 Casks Litharge q Cwt 60-0-0 @ £24 per ton £72

Messrs Bellairs & Co Bankers Derby Newcastle 28 January 1808

As Agent to Col Beaumont I take the liberty of troubling you with the above and to request that you will have the goodness to receive the amount of Messrs Wheeldon & Webster in your Town & for which, if you succeed to remit me a Bill upon London after deducting charges. These Gentlemen ought to pay Interest after the expiration of the usual Credit of 6 months, they having remitted a Bill which was dishonoured and with £1-2-10 Expences returned to them; on the 15 October 1802 Mr Blackett the then Agent of Col Beaumont rec[eive]d a letter from them expressing their mortification & saying they ordered payment of the money to Ransom & Co in London, but which has not been done. If however they reject paying Interest & the Principle can be obtained, you will oblige me by so settling it. I shall feel a pleasure in rendering you service in this Country & am etc

MM

28 Jan 1808 Martin Morrison to Wheeldon & Webster

Messrs Wheeldon & Webster Derby N[ew]C[astle] 28 January 1808

I am to inform you that I have requested Messrs Bellairs & Co Bankers in your Town to demand payment of the above Acc[oun]t with Interest thereon, after the expiration of the usual credit of 6 months from 5 August 1801 with which I trust you will comply & am etc

9 Feb 1808 Martin Morrison to Joseph Dickinson

J Dickinson Duffton Newcastle 9 Febr[uar]y 1808
Respecting last Quarters Report of the State of the Mines, not being sent.

10 Feb 1808 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield Newcastle 10 February 1808
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th inst. covering 6 Bills value £409-10-2 which sum is to the Credit of your Account with TR Beaumont Esq.

Conformable to your request 4 Tons of Test Bottoms shall be forwarded by the earliest opportunity & I am etc MM

13 Feb 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glynn Bt & Co Bankers – London

Newcastle 13 February 1808

You will be pleased to supply John Erasmus Blackett Esq with what Cash he may require during his stay in London and charge the amount to the Account of Thomas R[ichard] Beaumont Esq. I am etc

29 Feb 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glynn Bt & Co Bankers London

N Castle 29 February 1808

I beg to advise of having this day drawn upon for £52,000 in four Bills of £13,000 each payable Sir <W[ilia]m> Loraine Bt & Co and dated at Eight, Ten, Twenty and Twenty five days from 1st next month which you will please to honor and place the same Account of TR Beaumont Esq.

29 Feb 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

N Castle 29th February 1808

Addressed Colonel Beaumont Portman Square London

Previous to setting off for the Mines to make the Pays, permit me to express my deep regret at the late decision in the cause with the B[ishop] of Durham, and to enclose Mr Dickinsons Report of the Mines, also to inform you that I have drawn upon Sir R C Glynn for £52,000 in four Bills of £13,000 each, which become payable on the 4th, 14th, 24th & 29th of next month. Mr Emerson arrived here on Saturday & Mr T Crawhall at this moment. I am etc MM

10 Mar 1808 Martin Morrison to Thornhill & Co

Slater £32-11-0
Thompson £32- 2-6
Paul £32-10-6
Lamont £31-14-6
 £157-15-6

Messrs C J Thornhill & Co Sunderland

Newcastle 10 March 1808

I beg to return the above Bills enclosed in your Letter of the 7th instant having no other opportunity of negotiating them than what you yourselves possess. I must protest against receiving such Bills in payment as attended with endless trouble, Expence and disappointment and which this office has never been accustomed to. Your Account is Credited £50 only, Sir W[ilia]m Forbes & Co's Bill on Kensington & Cos & I am etc
MM

12 Mar 1808 Martin Morrison to John Ellill

John Ellill Esq Lead Merchant London

Newcastle 12th March 1808

I am favored with letter of the 9th inst. this day, an absence from home prevented me receiving it yesterday. In reply beg to inform you that I have sold a large quantity of Lead at £23 & 22 P[er] fo[dder] Refined & Common at the usual Credit of 6 Mo[nth]s and which has so reduced our Stock that I shall not be disposed to sell any more but at an advanced price viz £24 P[er] fo[dder] for common at the same time I think it proper to state that a Report has gone forth of a demur to the payment of one of your Drafts being made by your Bankers and to request that this aspersion, unfounded no doubt, be explained to justify my transactions in this office to my Employers. You will I trust not be offended at this communication & consider it as arising out of an anxiety for their Interest and also to afford you an opportunity to repel a report so injurious. I am etc MM

P.S. our Stock at Blaydon is under 10,000 P[iece]s

21 Mar 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glynn Bankers London

Newcastle 21st March 1808

Enclosed you will receive 5 Bills (No. 958 & 9, 969,70 & 71) value £12,300 which you will place to the Credit of TR Beaumont Esq and acknowledge the receipt of the same to me. I am etc

21 Mar 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 21st March 1808

Addressed Col Beaumont Bretton

In this and another cover you will receive Cash Account and Lead Sales up to the end of last month and have remitted Messrs Glyn & Co £12,300, the particulars of which are here Subjoined. It is with much concern I have to announce the death of your old & faithful servant Robert Mulcaster who departed this Life on Saturday Evening: his death had been preceeded by a general debility for some days & nature appears to have made her last effort without inflicting any pain. As a tribute of Respect to his great merit I propose attending his funeral which takes place tomorrow. I presume his son John will succeed to the situation and it is but justice to add that he is in every respect fit for the situation.

I have the Honor etc MM

7 Apr 1808 Martin Morrison to Thomas Cobb & Co

Messrs Thomas Cobb & Co Lead Merchants London Newcastle 7th April 1808

Your favor of the 24th & 31st Ult only reached me late last night an absence for a fortnight on a journey thro' the Mines is the reason why they did not come to hand sooner. I shall be happy to open a connexion with you and to empower it by every means in my power. Since the Sales you allude to I have sold Lead @ £25 & 24 P[er] fo[dder] Refined and Commonsix months Credit and from the state of the Mines and the reduced Stock of Lead I am not inclined to take less than this price. If those terms are acceptable to you I am prepared to deliver 3000 Pieces to your order in the proportion of 1/5 Refined & 4/5 common including 1/10th Slag. I am etc

11 Apr 1808 Martin Morrison to Arthur Mowbray

Arthur Mowbray Esq Sherborne Durham Newcastle 11 April 1808

Observing that two years Moormaster's Rent for Weardale is now due to my Lord Bishop of Durham I am desirous to pay the same. You will oblige me by the information whether you continue to receive it, or if not, to whom I must apply. I am etc

16 Apr 1808 Martin Morrison to James Finlay

Mr James Finlay Sol[icito]r Edinburgh Newcastle 16th April 1808

I shall be glad to know at your convenience what is done in the affair of Messrs Taylor & Sons Queensferry. In a late decision before my Lord Ellenborough where Hall

purchased Lead on Commission without declaring the Principal name for whom he purchased, those Principals are made responsible & so decided was the opinion of his Lordship upon the subject that he directed the Jury to find the Verdict

22 Apr 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 22 April 1808

Addressed to Col Beaumont Portman Square Lo:

I now beg to enclose Mr Dickinson's report of the State of the Mines and the Bargains made for the ensuing Quarter & have much pleasure in acquainting you that I yesterday effected a Sale of 7,000 Pieces of Lead at £25 & 24 Per fodder to Mr <Knowsley> of Hull who makes this purchase purely as a Speculation and with a view of being able one day or other to export it to a foreign market. I derive by such men coming forward great hope that an improvement in the minds of regular Lead Merchants will be produced favourable to our future transactions & which every vigilance on my part will be exercised to empower

I am etc MM

23 Apr 1808 Martin Morrison to Isaac Wilkinson

Isaac Wilkinson Esq Chesterfield

Newcastle 23 April 1808

I am favored with your letter of the 21st instant the quantity of Lead for Sale in this Country may be estimated at 70,000 Pieces, forty thousand of which belong to Col Beaumont. In Yorkshire I do not suppose the quantity very large so that from the reduction generally adopted in working the Mines I entertain no serious apprehensions that the price of Lead will be brought so low as £20-0-0 Per fo[dder] which you think from the non-export the great House will succeed in establishing. It is my opinion that the Lead Merchants will defeat their own purposes in endeavouring to fix the price of Lead at a lower rate than what it can be afforded at, by inducing Men of large Capitals who from late events in the Commercial World have money to spare, to speculate largely in the article & who will be enabled to hold it, till they can send it to a foreign market; this has in the past been done & I have sold within the five last weeks 20,000 P[iece]s to Russia & an Oporto House with the view of being able ultimately to export it. The last price was £25 & 24 Refined and common Per fodder of 21 Cwt.

From the state of the Lead Trade of late, together with the Mines being unusually poor, the quantity of Lead this year will fall greatly short compared with what has been produced in preceding ones. Mr JEBlackett has been indisposed with a Cold & I believe is yet confined to the House, when I see him I shall not omit to deliver Mr & Mrs Wilkinson's Compl[iments] to him & am etc

MM

27 Apr 1808 Martin Morrison to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Colonel Beaumont MP
Cheltenham Gloucestershire

Newcastle 27 April 1808

I am honored with your Letter of the 22nd inst and should be happy to experience that the price of lead was enhanced by an increased demand and a more extensive consumption. The late Sales to Mr Anderson & Mr Knowsley will I hope have the beneficial effects of rendering a reduction in the price unnecessary and instead the Lead Merchants of the <impolicy> of their conduct in endeavouring to obtain that article on terms injurious to the Mines, at a time too, when so many large Capitals are employed and ready to be embarked in any speculation holding out even a remote prospect of advantage. There are yet upwards of 40,000 Pieces at the Mills & which will soon be augmented by the commencement of Ore Carriage & be assured Sir no outlet shall be unexplored & no opportunity omitted to dispose of it on terms, under the circumstances of the times, the best calculated in my judgement for your Interest.

The Weardale Mines are expected to be more productive of Ore than last year and Allanheads I believe never was in a more flourishing state, Coalcleugh never less so, & Mr Dickinson is impressed with the necessity of relieving those Mines from the great quantity of water with which they are oppressed and endeavour to place them in a secure state. I do hope, however, that the produce of the whole independent of the Lead now at the Mills will not be less than 60,000 Pieces making a total of 100,000 P[iece]s for Sale in the course of a year.

Permit me Sir to congratulate you on the restoration of your health, you will not be surprised to know the many enquiries made by your friends and also by others whose anxiety for information arose from motives not so pure. The few of Sir Charles Monck's party, positively conveyed you into the other world last Sunday; a circumstance I had much pleasure in contradicting and which your Letter of yesterday fully confirmed.

The weather has been for a long time tempestuous and still continues cold, the destitution among the young lambs is apprehended to be extensive. I beg my Respectful Comp[limen]ts to Mrs Beaumont to whose Letters of the 23rd & 24th I shall have the Honor of replying in a day or two & with the same sentiment of respect beg to subscribe myself Sir etc

MM

30 Apr 1808 Martin Morrison to Thornhill & Co

Messrs C T Thornhill & Co Sunderland

Newcastle 30th April 1808

I hand you the above Account requesting immediate payment either in Bankers Notes or by a short dated Bill upon London. I am sorry to remark that you have exceeded the usual Credit, beyond what has been granted to, or required by any other House and that it will not accord with the regularity of this Office to transact business on similar terms in future. I am Etc MM

24 May 1808 Thomas Crawhall to Thornhill & Co

Messrs Thornhill & Co Sunderland

Newcastle 24 May 1808

I In consequence of your application to the Post Office here they have searched the unclaimed letters, this day produced one here addressed to 'Mr M M Martin, Post Office N[ew]Castle on sight of which recognizing the handwriting I have opened in Mr Morrison's absence and found to be yours of 20th March last enclosing the Bill in question on Coutts & Co for £147-1-3 now overdue which sum is now placed to your Credit on Acc[oun]t for Litharge sold you

P TRB TC

PS should you have advised the Bankers of this circumstance it may be necessary to write them again, lest they sho[ul]d refuse paym[en]t when presented.

31 May 1808 Martin Morrison to P Forster

[Note: Letter not dated; assumed to be between 19 May and 14 June from sequence]

Sir W[ilia]m Loraine Bt & Co

Newcastle 19 May 1808

Pay Arthur Mowbray Esq or Bearer Three Hundred Pounds $\frac{1}{4}$ for MM

Mr P Forster Exchequer Durham

Above you will receive a Cheque for £300-1-4 the amount of two years Moor masters Rent & acquittance due to my Lord Bishop of Durham from TR Beaumont Esq on the 2nd of February last; a receipt for which you will in course of Post deliver to Sir etc MM

14 Jun 1808 Martin Morrison to John Erasmus Blackett

J E Blackett Esq Newcastle

Newcastle 14 June 1808

In consequence of the large sum of money to be paid to the Bishop of Durham for terminating the suit in Chancery respecting the Lot Ore, Colonel & Mrs Beaumont find it necessary to request the Settlement of all accounts wherein they have claims for money and I am directed by them to apply to you for that purpose; at the same time it is their wish in settling the Balances of your Cash Account that such mode may be adopted as is most agreeable to yourself. If you prefer giving Security they desire that you will accept the Interest during Life, or, should you choose to pay the amount immediately, they, in this case beg your acceptance of £200 per annum during the same period. I am most Respectfully etc MM

15 Jun 1808 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

[Note: This letter, dated June 1808 appears in the letter book between letters dated April 1808]

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 15 June 1808

I am to advise of having yesterday sent P the Waggon a Piece of fine Silver containing 843 Oz for the Account of TR Beaumont Esq. The Price of Silver I understand is rising & I hope this will be entitled to the best. MM

25 Jun 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 25 June 1808

I duly rec[eive]d your letter of the 22nd inst covering Messrs Drummonds rec[eip]t for £15,000 p[ai]d them on acc[oun]t of the B[isho]p of Durham for which you have Credit with Col Beaumont, to whose Account you will place the five enclosed Bills amounting to £30,593-13-2 & acknowledge the rec[eip]t of them to G[ly]n & Co

Walker Ward & Co on Walkers Maltby & Co	£7806-17- 8	due 15 Sep 1808
Ditto	Ditto	£5000- 0- 0 due 8 Oct 1808
C Blackett	on T Preston & Sons	£5000- 0- 0 due 13 Nov 1808
Ditto	Ditto	£5000- 0- 0 due 13 Dec 1808
Ditto	Ditto	£4979-17-10 due 13 Jan 1809
		£35593-13- 2

1 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 1st July 1808

Addressed to Col Beaumont Portman Square

I am honored with your Letter of the 29th Ult accompanied with the agreement for Lot Ore and in this & another cover you will receive Cash Acc[oun]t and Lead Sales for last month and have much pleasure in adding that I have this day sold 1500 Pieces of refined Lead to Messrs Preston & Sons @ £27 Per Fo[dder]. The attempts of reducing the price of Lead are now I trust entirely defeated & without being too sanguine, a conclusion may be drawn of the markets continuing favourable to your Interest.

Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co have engaged to supply the East India Co with 2000 Tons of Lead at the low price of £21 per Ton, a circumstance sufficiently accounting for their late conduct, but which they must now feelingly repent. On the 25th Ult I remitted Messrs Glyn & Co £30.593-13-2, the particulars are annexed. Ald[er]man Blckett has not taken any notice of my application to him for the settlement of his cash Balances and I submit to you the expectancy of Mr Bowns as your Auditor, writing to him upon the subject & also that he will settle with Mr Wilson the expences of the suit; & in consequence of the Bishop being finally paid, to order the Leases etc for Weardale to be sent to this office. The direction upon the Trunks and Plate Chest is sufficient for their safe destination and every care will be taken of them while they remain here. Mr Thomas will be made acquainted with your wishes respecting the Moors & also to enquire the wants, if any, of the Gamekeeper. I purpose going to the Mines next week to meet Mr Dickinson to let the quarterly Bargains & have the etc MM

10 Jul 1808 John Erasmus Blckett to Martin Morrison

M Morrison Esq

Newcastle 10th July 1808

Sir

In reply to your letter I must desire that you will please to acquaint Col & Mrs Beaumont that I beg leave to refer them to my letter of the 13th July 1793 respecting the allowance for conducting the business of their Lead Concerns, an undertaking which required judgement as well as responsibility & well meriting the Salary or allowance of £500 Per ann[um] a sum which Mr Skelton secured annually for barely Auditing the accounts from time to time, exclusive of his charges for other business (this Mrs Beaumont told me). The amount of Sales of Lead Silver etc have during the time that I conducted the business amounted from £100,000 to £200,000 per Ann[um] exclusive of the other business, the attention to which was the occasion of my own private concerns in trade suffering very considerably, which is well known. In my letters to Col & Mrs Beaumont of the 30th Nov & the 6th 1804 I stated this matter to them, & at the same time proposed to leave the matter in dispute to Arbitration in which I hope that they will Acquiesce that this very unpleasant business may be finally settled.

I am with esteem Sir Yours etc

John E Blackett

11 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
addressed to Cl Beaumont at Wm Bosville's Thorpe near Bridlington Yorks[hire]

Newcastle 11 July 1808

The enclosed letter from Alderman Blackett was sent to me this morning & which is now forwarded for your information. The Alderman intends being at Harrogate in the course of the Present week. In my visit to the mines I found they were generally poorer than in the former quarter, altho not in any great degree, Sanguine hopes are entertained of a Vein out in Middlehope and a place called Hartleycleugh is expected to assist the produce of Coalcleugh Mines this year. The price of Lead I am happy to say is advancing and on Saturday last I demanded £25 per fo[dder] for 5,000 P[iece]s common of Messrs Walkers to which an answer is to be given on Thursday next by Post. I am Etc MM

11 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to John Miles

John Miles Esq
Bishopgate Street London

Newcastle 11th July 1808

I am this day favored with your Letter of the 8 instant in reply beg to inform you that the whole of WB Lead for Sale this year will I apprehend not exceed 20,000 Pieces and that I cannot at this moment say that it will be in my power to deliver that quantity in October and November, much depending upon the state of the weather and the effect it may have upon the Roads so as to allow the Carriage of Lead from the Mines continuing to so late a period of the year. The last price for Lead here was £26 per fo[dder] of 21 Cwt six months Credit and on Saturday last I engaged to accept £28 per fo[dder] for 5,000 pieces of common including 1/10th Slag to be determined by return of Post from London & I do expect the price will still further advance. I shall be happy to hear from you at all times & am Sir etc MM

13 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont
Addressed Col Beaumont Thorpe etc

N[ew]Castle 13th July 1808

I am honored with your Letter from Thorpe and have seen Mr Thomas respecting the advertisement for <preserving> the Game which will be inserted in the

Papers of this week. We have considered that, putting it in any other form than that usually adopted might in a degree be detrimental to Col Beaumont's Interest as member for the County, and also occasion invidious remarks from the many who are ever eager to make any circumstances the vehicle of malice. I have already announced and shall take every opportunity to make known Mr Wentworth Beaumont's intention to commence shooting this year and on that account it is extremely desirable the Game may be preserved as much as possible. Mr Walton may be informed of this & Mr Wilson I apprehend will not go to the Moors til after the Assize week. When at Allenheads I gave directions to Matthew Lee strictly to watch the Moors, which Mr Thomas had previously ordered and appointed another person to assist him. The Game has multiplied very much this season which has proved an extremely one & I sincerely hope Mr Beaumonts first essay will make him a keen and expert Sportsman. Lee is amply supplied with Guns etc and a Box fom London has been delivered here which by its appearance I conjecture to contain another Gun. The Route from Thirsk to Hexham is to Borrobridge. Leeming Land, Auckland and Allensford where Horses will be sent from Hexham when ordered. The <Fume> is shipped for Bretton and if not now arrived ought to be near its destination; Some Spar has been collected at Allenheads and will be forwarded so soon as sufficient is obtained. A dividend of about four shillings in the Pound upon Surtees Burdon & Co effects is expected in two or three months. Messrs Walkers Maltby & Co have this day bought 5000 P[iece]s WB Common @ £28 per fo[dder] & 100 Casks of Litharge @£30 per Ton

21 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas

Newcastle 21st July 1808

I am favored with your Letter of the 19 inst covering four Bills value £247-11-5 which sum is to your Credit in Account with TR Beaumont Esq & am etc MM

22 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlinton

Newcastle 22nd July 1808

I am favored with your Letter of the 20th inst covering a Return for Profits arising from Lead Mines in Weardale belonging to Colonel Beaumont which I am prepared to insert but, as in the dispute with the B[isho]p of Durham respecting the Lot Ore a compromise has taken place by the payment of a large sum of money to his Lordship. I am now desirous before I transmit the return to have a personal interview with you for the purpose of inserting the sum as a charge against the Weardale Mines conformable to the opinion of the Commissioners. I shall therefore be glad to know If I can soon

have an opportunity of waiting upon you at any place nearer than Darlington & am etc
MM

22 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to John Dyson & Co

Messrs John Dyson & Co York

Newcastle 22 July 1808

In reply to your letter of the 20 instant, inform you that I cannot deliver the quantity of Lead you require in less than two or three months and am not disposed to name a price until enabled to deliver it. I am etc MM

23 Jul 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Thorpe etc

NCastle 23rd July 1808

I beg to enclose Mr Dickinsons Report of the Mines and to inform you that I have this day sold 3000 P[iece]s of Lead to Messrs Prestons & 500 to Locke Blackett @ £32 & 31 Refined & Common. & have etc MM

1 Aug 1808 Martin Morrison to John Breare

John Breare Esq Middleham

Newcastle 1st August 1808

I am favored with your letter of the 30th Ult the last Sales of Lead in this office were at £32 Per Fodder of 21 Cwt for refined, and I believe little at this time remains on hand in the market. You do not mention the Firm of the Great House who proposes to purchase 10,000 Pieces of your Lead at £33 Per fodder, but I have no doubt speculation is the object and therefore under the expectation of the price being still higher. I am etc MM

2 Aug 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont

Newcastle 2nd August 1808

Addressed to Col Beaumont Thorpe near Malton

I am duly honored with your Letters of the 27th & 28th Ult the first containing Lady Milbank's Bill on Thomas Hudson for £100 which I hope to receive previous to your arrival at the Mines – the other, Alderman Blackett's Letter of the 2nd January 1805 and a summons to Col Beaumont to attend the Grand Jury at the coming Assizes. The Alderman is not yet returned from Harrogate nor is he expected Home for some weeks,

by which time I may have the pleasure of seeing Mr Bowns here, when something may be determined upon subject to your approbation. Mr Clayton who is under Sheriff will assign proper cause for Colonel Beaumont's non-attendance at the Assizes. I have repeatedly urged <Walter> Heron to send in his Bill, without effect and he now says that until the Assizes are over it will not be in his power. Mr Wilson has not yet sent his Bill. Mr Dodd the Lead Company's Agent has been applied to, but the sum to be paid by them cannot be fixed previous to the expiration of the 30th September & at which time the original agreement with the present Bishop expires and to which period they must deliver an Acc[oun]t of the Ore wrought out of the Weardale Mines. Etc etc

I am etc MM

16 Aug 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Addressed Colonel Beaumont – Thorpe

I beg to inform you that I have this day sold to Messrs Preston & Sons 10,000 Pieces of Common Lead at £36 Per fodder to be paid for by Bills at six months date on the delivery of each 900 Pieces. Some time will elapse before all the Lead can be delivered and this Sale will be a security against any reduction in the price for many months to come. Presenting my respectful Compliments to Col Beaumont. I am etc MM

20 Aug 1808 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

[Note: Letter un dated but between 16 and 26 August from sequence in Letter Book]

Messrs Rendell Bridge & Rundell Ludgate Hill London

By the London waggon which sets off this morning I have forwarded to you two Pieces of fine Silver containing 2639 ozs, the acc[oun]t of which be pleased to acknowledge and pay the amount to Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers on T R[ichard] Beaumont Esq[ui]re's account. I am etc

26 Aug 1808 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlington

Newcastle 26 August 1808

I now beg to enclose Col Beaumont's Return of Property Tax for the Weardale Mines, conformable to my promise to you yesterday. & am etc MM

26 Aug 1808 Martin Morrison to R Thorpe

Mr R Thorpe Attorney at Law Alnwick

Newcastle 26 August 1808

I have rec[eiv]ed your Letter of the 24 inst enclosing one from Cuthbert Raine to the Rev[ren]d W Maughan complaining of having sustained damage in consequence of Col Beaumont working certain Lead Mines in his grounds. I can assure you every care has been and is taken by the Colonels agents to prevent injury to any person, by the construction of covered Conduits thro[ugh] the grounds where the water must unavoidably pass; From information obtained on the Spot I do not credit Raine's assertions and judging from those contained in his Letter I am confirmed in the opinion of his facility in departing from the truth.

I am etc MM

6 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Hexham

Newcastle 6 Newcastle 1808

On my return from Auckland to the office this morning I rec[eiv]ed from Mr Thomas, the enclosed Letter of Mr <Winters>. The return of <Clerks> etc has hitherto been made at Hexham conformable to the subjoined List to Mr Williamson's opinion, which is also here enclosed. The only allocations proper to be made for last year is the omission of Mr Sadler's name and the insertion of mine instead of Mr C Blacketts, making a total of 14 persons. I delivered to Mr Emm the Certificate of <Senior's> Baptism for the purpose of inserting his life in the Weardale Leases and am to request you will be pleased to forward to me the papers in your possession relating thereto.

I likewise conversed with the Bishop upon the subject of the future Composition for his Lot Ore & I entertain no hope of obtaining an agreem[en]t after the present one expires for less than 4000 Per annum but for that sum, it may now, in my opinion be obtained

12 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to John Breare

John Breare Esq Middleham

Newcastle 12th September 1808

I am favored with your Letter of the 7th instant & observe the price of your late Sales of Lead. I have lately sold 10,000 P[ie]ce[s] of Common Lead @ 36 Per fo[dder]. With respect to your application to treat for a tract of ground belonging to Colonel Beaumont adjoining to some you have taken in Teesdale. I am not at this moment prepared to reply to it, but intending to be at the Mines next month I shall on my return write you again upon the subject & am etc

15 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to James Smith

Mr James Smith Merchant Leith

Newcastle 15 September 1808

I have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 13th inst[ant] and inform you that at present it is not in my power to ship the Lead you request having none on hand unsold; At the same time you will understand that it is the practice of this office where the principal is not a resident that he should authorize some one in N[ew]Castle to represent him.

I am etc

18 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Hexham

Newcastle 18 September 1808

The Weardale Leases arrived by the Mail Coach on Thursday afternoon, which were immediately laid before Mr Williamson for his perusal and on Friday I waited upon him to receive his opinion thereon & by which it appears the whole are irregular: On the death of Sir Thomas Blackett the Leases sh[oul]d have been surrendered and others obtained by, and in the name of Mr John Cockshutt, he executing a declaration that they were so granted to him upon the Trusts declared of the same by the will of Sir T Blackett, and this is precisely what is necessary for Mr James Cockshutt to perform now, provided Mr John Cockshutt made no other appointment regarding this Trust. If you Madam know the situation of Mr Ja[m]es Cockshutt under the will of Mr John Cockshutt whether he stands alone or is joined with any other person or persons in the Trust, you will oblige me by communicating the same in course of Post, or otherwise to write Mr Cockshutt to transmit to me the necessary information.

Yesterday I went and returned from Auckland and am sorry to observe that the Bishop will not come to a conclusion respecting the Lot Ore; having told him (after a previous conversation) that I should accede to his terms and give the £4000 per annum demanded, he said that he should not now accept it. Reminding his Lordship that this was the sum he mentioned when last waited upon & which he accompanied by the observation that he would not take one shilling less & he w[oul]d be pleased to recollect I observed that as such was his Lordships determination I should communicate the same to Col & Mrs Beaumont and as I had again to visit Auckland on receiving the Leases from London, I should then see him on the subject, to which he made no opposition, His Lordship quickly replied Sir, I did not bind myself & have got a better offer. His Ldships behaviour on the whole was most incorrect which even Mr Emm could not avoid feeling; for previous to seeing his Ldsp he told me it would be useless to offer less than £4000 and on taking my leave, said he should speak th the Bishop in the Evening on the subject & write me.

I was with Alderman Blackett last Tuesday, he cannot produce the Lres required, refuses to give security for £3000 which I told him you would be satisfied with & proposes to leave to Mr Walton to say the sum he is entitled to for his services since Sir Thomas Blacketts demise.

I am etc MM

19 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to James Cockshutt

James Cockshutt Esq
Huthwait near Barnsley Yorkshire

Newcastle 19 September 1808

Since your departure from this place I have rec[eive]d the Weardale Leases from London, for the purpose of having them surrendered and obtaining others, which on the insertion of a new Life becomes necessary, and on referring to Sir Thomas Blackett's will it is there stated that these Mines are bequeathed to Mr John Cockshutt in Trust for the purposes thereinmentioned and hence it becomes indispensable that the Leases sh[oul]d be made out in your name, as his heir at Law, provided no other appointment was made by him with regard to this Trust. I have desired Mr Griffiths attorney at Law Durham to write to you for such information on this subject as he may require, and who will at proper time forward the Leases deed of Surrender and declaration of Trust for your Signature & I am certain no time will be lost by you in writing to Mr Griffiths when you know that under the present Leases Col & Mrs Beaumonts Interest in the Mines is insecure and in the event of the Bishop's death before the new Leases are executed that his successor might insist & no doubt would demand the Fine already paid for the Life now to be inserted.

I am Dear Sir etc MM

20 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 20 September 1808

I am this moment honored with your letter and I have also rec[eive]d one from Mr Emm of which the following is a Copy-

Dear Sir

Since you left Auckland Castle something has dropped from the Bishop which leads me to think he will not be disinclined to treat for £4000 Per ann[um], provided the first payment be to be made on the 2nd of next month, perhaps also He may be prevailed upon to hear what you have to offer on the subject of the Exchange you mentioned. I shall send this by a Friend who is just going to Newcastle & have only time to conclude myself Dear Sir

Your very Obed[ient] & h[onora]ble Servant
Signed Willm Emm

I propose to wait upon you tomorrow morning, to determine upon this <as> honest attempt and on Thursday go to Auckland and fix, if possible, the Bishop. Under this arrangement you will probably not think it necessary to write immediately to his Lordship. Yesterday I sold 5000 P[iece]s Common Lead @ £38 per fo[dder] & am etc MM

20 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to William Emm

Will[ia]m Emm Esq Auckland Castle

Newcastle 20 September 1808

On coming to the Office this morning after the Mail Coach left Town I found your esteemed Letter of yesterday's date. Tomorrow I am going to Hexham to wait upon Col Beaumont & on Thursday propose being at Auckland in consequence of the communication you have favored me with & am etc

24 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to John Miles

John Miles Esq London

Newcastle 24th September 1808

I am favored with your letter of the 22nd instant and am sorry that I have not any Lead to offer to be deliverable in a month or two, having disposed of every Pig that will come from the Mills to January or February next. My last Price was £39 Per fo[dder] of 21 Cwt. I remain etc MM

26 Sep 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

S[ir] R[ichard] C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Herewith you will receive six Bills value £32,309-3-1 which you will be pleased to pass to the Credit of TR Beaumont Esq & acknowledge the receipt of them to Sirs etc
MM

4 August C Blackett on John Locke Esq & Co @5 Mths £2700- 0- 0
Ditto on Ditto 6 2681- 6- 9
Ditto on Ditto 7 2700- 0- 0
29 [Aug] Ditto on <T Preston> Esq & Sons 5 8000- 0- 0

Ditto	on Ditto	6	8226-16- 4
Ditto	on Ditto	7	8000- 0- 0
			32309- 3- 1

30 Sep 1808 Martin Morrisson to Glyn & Co

Sir R C Glyn Bt & Co

Newcastle 30 September 1808

A further Remittance consisting of

31 May Walkers Ward & Co on Walkers Maltby & Co @5 Mths £8337-13-11

Ditto	Ditto	6	8337-14- 0
Ditto	Ditto	7	8337-14- 0
			£25013- 1-11

4 Oct 1808 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas

Newcastle 4th October 1808

By Pickersgill & Co Waggon I forwarded to your address yesterday a piece of fine Silver containing 1211 Oz which you will place to the Acc[oun]t of TR Beaumont Esq at the best price and remit the amount to Gentlemen etc

MM

6 Oct 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

I am this day honored with your letter of the 4 instant and in this & another cover are enclosed Cash Acc[oun]t and Lead Sales for last month by the latter of which you will perceive the price of Lead is now £40 for Refined & £39 Common. Annexed are particulars of Bills remitted to Sir R C Glyn & Co amounting to £57,322-5-0. I now hope to finish every transaction with the Bishop of Durham personally next week: his Lordships proposal for fixing a value upon two Lives in case of his consenting to make an Exchange is not an inducement to you to do so at present, particularly as <Depledges> health is good; sometime hence his Lordship may be treated with on better terms. When Mr Wilson's Bill is settled it may be sent to this office and remain as a Voucher for the payment.

I am etc MM

15 Oct 1808 Martin Morrison to Thomas Bowes

Thomas Bowes Esq Darlington

Newcastle 15 Oct 1808

Returning from Weardale last night enables me to forward the enclosed Bill for £1578-10-4 sooner than proposed when I had the pleasure of meeting you at Auckland. You will return the Assessment & acc[oun]t for the same in course of Post being the am[oun]t of TR Beaumont Esq's Property Tax for the Mines. I am etc MM

15 Oct Loraine & Co on <Vries> & Co @ 30 d[ays] <...> £1578-10-4 p[aya]ble and indorsed to T Bowes by MM

16 Oct 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Teams 16 October 1808

Having returned from Weardale on Friday night I have to acknowledge the rec[ei]pt of your Letter of the 9th instant and to communicate that the Leases are expected and possession taken of the Mines etc, as also is, the agreement for the Lot Ore: so that all intercourse with the Bishop is at an end and I hope for his Life, unless you may be induced to renew it by effecting on advantageous terms an exchange of one of the Old Lives. This morning I waited upon Alderman Blackett on the subject of the balance due from him; having rec[ei]ved a letter from Mr Bowes he had replied to it, the purpose of which was to leave to reference his claim for a greater allowance of Salary than he has charged; and he now names Mr Walton Mr Forster and Mr Monkhouse, any one of whom he will leave quantum of Compensation he is entitled to, to be determined by. He read the heads of the Letters written to Col Beaumont on the 13 January 1793, setting forth his claim to £500 per annum for attending your important & extensive Concerns and enumerating the allowance possessed by Mr Walton, Mr C[hristophe]r Blackett for purchasing Lead etc etc and lastly of a House, Horse & many other Privileges granted to Mr Richmond beside a Salary of £200 Per annum a sum, he says, Mr R[ichmon]d declared to be inadequate, and that if his health had allowed him to perform the duty of his Office longer, an augmentation would have been required. I urged him to name a sum (altho[ugh] unauthorized as I told him) that he co[ul]d either Pay or give Security for which I would submit to your determination, hinting that any abatement of what was due from him, was purely gratuitous on your part & that any longer delay might determine you to apply legally for the whole. I requested the letter or a copy of it, which he did not accede to as it was <interlined> & contained reference to other subjects, the substance of which however he is ready to make <Oathe>, was written on the abovement[ione]d date, on taking leave he still adhered to a Reference.

I am etc MM

26 Oct 1808 Martin Morrison to John Breare

John Breare Esq Middleham

Newcastle 26 October 1808

I have to inform you in reply to your Letter of the 7 Sep[tembe]r that it is Col Beaumont's determination not to Let any Mining ground in the district applied for, by you I am etc MM

9 Nov 1808 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 9th November 1808

I Credit your Acc[oun]t £367-9-4 the amount of five Bills received this day and tomorrow shall [send] you Per Waggon a piece of fine Silver containing 1161 oz for which I trust you will allow the best price. Test Bottoms are cheap now @ 7 per ton at which you may have a quantity forwarded if you are so disposed.

I am etc MM

17 Nov 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 17 November 1808

I have delayed acknowledging the rec[eip]t of your Letter of the 12th instant, in the expectation of communicating Mr Blackett's determination respecting the money due from him, but which he has not yet enabled me to do. Considering Mr Wilson's propensity to converse indiscreetly on all occasions and upon all subjects, I would be disposed to pay the Balance of his Bill immediately and not wait for Mr Heron delivering his, and if it is your pleasure that he should be paid, I will make the necessary remittance on the Bill being sent to me. Mr Heron (on whose punctuality I place no reliance) promises to furnish me with his Bill at Christmas; this period will be as soon as the Acc[oun]ts from the Mines can be produced, so as to enable me to prepare the Statement of the demand against the Lead Company.

The Lead Carriage has of course considerably decreased & we shall not complete all the Sales of Lead this year, at the same time if any London Ho[use] will give £41 for Refined I should (conformable to my system of preventing an accumulation of Lead) think it expedient to accept the offer for 5000 P[ie]ces.

I am &c MM

22 Nov 1808 Martin Morrison to W. E. M. Noble

W. E. M. Noble Birmingham

Newcastle 22 Nov 1808

Informing him the Prices of Lead & Litharge viz £40, 41 & £42 & that if he wishes to Purchase, an agent here must be appointed

30 Nov 1808 Martin Morrison to William Chisholm

Mr Chisholm Lincolns Inn Fields

Newcasdtle 30 November 1808

I was duly favoured with your Letter of the 23rd Inst. and on Monday I rec[eive]d from Bretton Mr Wilson's Bill for Law Charges; the Balance amounting to £401-4-2 is here enclosed, the rec[eop]t of which you will be pleased to acknowledge. The Box containing the Papers you advise of, is not yet arrived. Etc etc MM

5 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to Pickard & Smith

Messrs Pickard & Smith Hull

Newcastle 5th December 1808

In reply to your Letter of the 3 Instant inform you that the present price of refined Lead is £41 and that of Common (including 1/10th Slag) £40 per fodder of 21 Cwt 6 months Credit from the day of Purchase. The Sales are generally suited to the demand & convenience of the Purchaser.

I am etc MM

7 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to Rundell Bridge & Rundell

Messrs Rundell Bridge & Rundell London

Newcastle 7 December 1808

This serves to advise of having forwarded to you by the London Waggon a Piece of fine Silver containing 1419 1/2 Oz; the value of which you will be pleased to pay to Glyn & Co on Col Beaumont's Acc[oun]t informing me of the amount.

9 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to Thomas Dodd

Account of Ore wrought out of Colonel Beaumonts Weardale Lead from 1804 to 1807 inclusive

In the Year ending	Bings	Ho[rses]	Bings	Ho[rses]
31 December 1804	16,183	2 including	379	1 Tontale
Ditto 1805	17,634	2 1/2	176	3 ditto
Ditto 1806	9,777		153	1 ditto
Ditto 1807	12,451	3 1/2	196	3 ditto

Mr Thomas Dodd Nenthead

Newcastle 9 December 1808

Above is an account of Ore raised out of Col Beaumont's Mines in Weardale for four years ending in 1807; the quantity raised to the 30th September last will be sent you so soon as I receive the amount from Mr Emerson together with a Statement of the whole, commencing from the accession of the present Bishop to the See of Durham, including the Sum paid to his Lordship & the charges incurred in the Suit, relating to the Lot Ore. It is necessary for me to inform you that the present agreement with the Bishop is £4000 Per annum to be paid by quarterly instalments - viz the 30th of December next, 30 March, 30 June & 30th September following and so on during his Lordship's life or possession of the See of Durham.

I am etc MM

12 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to E Burniss

Newcastle 12 December 1808

Mr E <Burniss> Merchant London

Inclosing him Bill value £57 - 16 - 6 for Bone Ash Shipped

13 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to Diana Beaumont

Mrs Beaumont Bretton

Newcastle 13th December 1808

In consequence of your letter of the 10th instant I have consulted with Mr Thomas on the Proposal of Mr Baker to purchase his Farm & 50 Acres of Oak Wood situated near Shotley Bridge. We are both of opinion that the only object in making this Purchase would be the Wood; for the Land in this district is cold & unproductive, and laying so distant from any part of your Property, it cannot of itself, be deserving of your attention; nor do we think that the Wood (if coupled with the Land) an adequate inducement entertaining as we do, no fear of a supply while the known Security & promptness of your Payments continue.

We cannot conceive in the property of Mr Baker's recommendation, of his Agent and Mr Thomas to value the Land, they to choose <Purvis> to value the Wood, and to call in a third, if necessary, or in other words an Umpire. If you are disposed to treat with Mr Baker, he ought to fix a Price, and on the requisite information being obtained,

you will then make such an offer as under all circumstance, may be judged advisable. Provided Mr Baker had been applied to for this Estate, his proposition would have be liberal, but surely in making an offer to you, it appears unreasonable to deprive you of the <direction> of disposing of your own money. On the whole Madam I do not consider so small & so remote a place a desirable Purchase. I beg to enclose J Mulcaster's Report, which in substance is Correct.

& am etc MM

14 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to Read, Lucas & Read

Messrs Reads & Lucas Sheffield

Newcastle 14th December 1808

You have Credit with Col Beaumont for £352-19-4 valued the amount of four Bills received this day. I notice your instruction respecting the inferior quality of the Silver which shall be enquired into. I am etc

21 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to Samuel Walker Parker

Messrs Walker Maltby & Co

To TR Beaumont Esq

1808

For 1 Mo[nth]s Interest on Bill dated 10 Octo[be]r at 5 Mo[nth]s c[redit] for £509-3-5 which ought to have been 1 Aug[ust] @ 6 Mo[nth]s cd	£21- 4- 4
For 2 Mo[nths] Interest on Bill dated 1 Oct[o]be[r] at 6 Mo[nth]s c[redit] for £509-3-0 which ought to have been 1 Aug[ust] @ 6 Mo[nth]s c[redit]	£42- 8- 8 £63-13 -0

Sam. Walker Parker Esq

Newcastle 21 December1808

I am favored with your Letter of yesterday covering two Bills at 5 & 6 months dated from 1 Oct[o]be[r] last for £10186-6-5 the amount of Lead & Litharge bought the 13th July on the Credit Six Mo[nth]s to commence from the 1st of August as by Memo of Agreement signed by yourself. Above is the statement of Interest due on the transaction, the payment of which, will be in full for the same.

I am Sir Your most Obed[ient] Servant

MM

21 Dec 1808 Martin Morrison to Glyn & Co

Sir R[ichard] C Glyn Bt & Co Bankers London

Newcastle 21st December 1808

Colonel Beaumont having engaged to pay Dr Barrington; Bishop of Durham £4000 per Annum, to be paid by quarterly instalments of £1000 each, viz – on the 30th instant, 30 March 1809, 30th June and 30 September following. And so on every year during his Lordship's possession of the see of Durham. I am to request that you will pay the same to Messrs Drummonds Bankers, on his Lordships Account charging the amount to Colonel Beaumont and transmitting to me from time to time Messrs Drummonds receipt.

I am etc MM