20 Jun 1706 John Ord to John Wilkinson

[Note: This account of loans to Blackett's executor Wilkinson is from John Ord of Fenham (1655-1721), a prominent Newcastle lawyer who also acted as agent to several of the region's coal owners, and other prominent figures.]

The Exec.rs & trustees of the estate of Sr Wm Blackett decd, are to John Ord

Drs		
30 Jan 1705 Lent them		£600- 0- 0
7 Feb 1705 Lent them more		£400- 0- 0
8 Feb 1705 Lent them more		£200- 0- 0
20 June 1706 Lent them more		£1950-0-0
Intrest of £600 to the 20 June 1706	13-18- 1 1/2	
Intrest of £400 to the 20 June 1706	8-14-11	
Intrest of £200 to the 20 June 1706	4-6-9	
Intrerest of £1000 lent Sr Wm Blackett		
on bond 4 Augt 1705 till 20 June 1706	52-12- 0 1/2	
Intrerest of £1800 lent Sr Wm Blackett		
on bond 4 Sept 1705 till 20 June 1706	85-10- 3	£165- 2- 1
		£3315-2-1
Crs		
May 1706		
To money paid me by Mr Jno Wilkinson	or order viz cash and a	
note upon Mr John Stephenson		£1600
Intrest of that Sume till 20 June 1706 hav	ing charged intrest of the	
money the Execs had of me till that tim	e	£ 13-3
		£1613-3
June 20 1706 Rests to Balance		£1701-19- 1
Exr.s Excepted		
John Ord		£3315- 2- 1

June 20 1706 taken Mr Wilkinsons bond & Coven[an]t for seventeen hundred pounds payable with Interest he being one of the trustees & Exec.rs this Money being borrowed to make upp a payment of a debt due by Judgm.t from Sr Wm Blackett Barr.t Due to Mrs Mary Ann Barr. and <owed> the one pound Nineteen shillings in cash the balance above soe that this day the said Execrs trustees & Estate of the said Sr Wm Blackett Barr.y decd are oweing & indebted to the the sd Seaventeen hundred pounds & the said Two thousand Eight hundred pounds due upon bonds from the Said Sr Willm Blackett.

John Ord

June 20 1706. I have examined this acct and the sume is right John Wilkinson

20 Jun 1706 John Wilkinson to John Ord

I John Wilkinson of Newcastle upon Tyne Merchant one of the Executors of Sr William Blackett late of Newcastle aforesd Barron.t dec.d doe hereby acknowledge att severall times since the death of the sd Sir Wm Blackett to have borrowed and received of John Ord of Newcastle aforesd Gentleman severall great sumes of money And that upon an account had touching the same and after allowance to me made of all moneys by me repaid since the sd Sir Wm Blacketts death to the sd John Ord there rests due and unpaid by me the day of the date hereof to the sd John Ord upon the amount of the severall Sumes of money of him by me soe borrowed and received as aforesd the Sume of seaventeen hundred pounds lawfull engish money which sd. Sume of seaventeen hundred pounds was by me paid to severall of the Creditors of the sd Sr Wm Blackett in discharge of certaine debts due to them respectively from the sd Sir Wm Blackett att the time of his death And I doe hereby further acknowledge and agree that over and besides the sd sume of seaventeen hundred pounds soe by me borrowed of the sd John Ord there is likewise the day of the date hereof due and owing to the sd John Ord upon two severall Bonds or Obligacons made from the sd Sir Wm Blackett in his life time to the sd John Ord the sume of Two thousand eight hundred pounds principal money all interest thereof being paid to him to this day Witness my hand the twentieth day of June in the fifth yeare of the Reigne of p.sent Majtie Queen Ann Anno Dei 1706

John Wilkinson

Teste Edward Robson servant to Mr Wilkinson

Ralph Fetherstonhalgh

20 Jun 1709 John Wilkinson to John Ord

Mr Jno Ord to Jno Wilkinson as Executor to Sir Wm Blackett Baronet deceased

Drs	
1708 July 19 To cash paid him then	£200
1709 June 20 To cash paid him then	£ 1-4-9
	£201-4-9
1709 June 20	
To balance due to Mr John Ord from Mr Jno Wilkinson as	
Executor and trustee of Sir Wm Blackett Barr.t deceased the sum	
of five thousand and six hundred pounds this 20th June 1709	£5600
	£5801-4-9
Crs	
1706 June 20 By principall money then oweing him	£4500
1706 Feby 8 By so much borrowed of him then	£ 200

1707 June 20 By interest of £4500 since 20 June 1706 being one year at 6% £ 270 By ditto of £200 since 8 Feby 1706/7 being 4 mos and 12 d 1708 June 20 By interest of £4700 since 20 June 1707 being one year £282 1709 June 20 By interest of £4700 since 20 June 1708 being one year £282 By ditto of the £274.8s above interest money since 20 July 1707, he allowing after each year and one month for payment and is 1 year and 11 mo £ 31-11 By ditto of £82 of the first £282 (I having paid him £200 of it 19 July 1708) since 20 July 1708, being 11 months £ 4-10-1 By his noat No 1 proving Sr Wm Blacketts Will £ 21-17-3 By his noat No 3 relateing to Sr Jno Convers £ 2-16-6 By his noat No 4 drawing cases and attending Councill £ 5-2-2 By his noat No 5 concerning Mrs Ann Lilburns legacy £ 10-0-6 By his noat No 7 for a letter of attorney to take Livery of Weredale Mines £ 0-5-1 By his noat No 10 of several small matters £ 1-3-11 By his noat No 11 at suit Of Rob Mitford Esq. £ 17-10-11 By his noat No 12 at suit Of Michael Mitford £119-8-2 By his noat No 13 at suit of Rob Mitford Esq. £ 4-0-6 £140-19 By his noat No 15 at suit of the Lilburns £ 5-17-2 By his noat No 16 a distress made by a Storey for a pretended rent charge out of Sweetupp and Hawick lands £ 38-14- 1 Noats received from him in May last £ 226-15-8 £5801- 4-9

Newcastle 20 June 1709 Then reckoned and accounted with Mr John Ord and there rests due to him from me as Executor and Trustee of Sr William Blackett Baronet deceased the sum of five thousand six hundred pounds: Whereof two thousand eight hundred pounds is secured to him by two bonds from said Sr Wm Blackett deceased, seventeen hundred pounds more thereof is secured by my bond to him dated about 20 June 1706 and Eleven hundred pounds the remainder I have this day given him by bond for as Witness my hand this twentieth day of June Seventeen hundred and nine. John Wilkinson

[in a different hand overleaf, possibly that of Ord or his clerk:]
John Wilkinson as Executor to Sir Wm Blackett Baronet deceased & otherwise Dr

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No			
	as n noto	C 21 17 2	
1 to charges proveing Sr Wm Blacketts Will a	£ 21-17-3		
3 to charges relateing to Sr Jno Conyers as p		£ 2-16-6	
4 to cases and attending Councill &c as p not		£ 5-2-2	
5 to charges in Chancery touching Mrs Ann I	~ ·	£ 10- 0- 6	
7 to a letter of attorney to take Livery of the r		£ 0-5-1	
[annotated in a different hand, possibly Wil			
is in No.7 below but the sume is not include			
Roddam's note the 3-18-6 soe <> stand the			
10 to severall small matters as p note of partic	culars	£ 1-3-11	
11 to charges at suit of Rob Midford Esq.	£ 17-10-11		
12 to charges at suit of Michael Midford	£119- 8- 2		
13 to charges at suit of Rob Midford Esq.	£ 4- 0- 6	£140-19	
15 to charges in Chancery at suit of the Lilbu:	rns	£ 5-17-2	
16 to charges on a distress made by a Storey	for a pretended rent		
charge out of Sweetupp and Hawick Estate	_	£ 38-14-1	
	[Total] As executor	226-15-8	
2 to leases from Milbank as p note	£ 6-19- 4		
4 to charges about Mary Wallas house	18-8		
6 to charges soliciting the			
Dean & Chapter £3- 6- 6			
To charges getting a Lease			
from Moody £ 8- 5- 5	£11-11-11		
9 to charge of a Lease from <owen></owen>	£ 9- 0- 5		
7 to charges dureing Judgm.t agt. Roddam	2 3 6 6		
& Milburne	£ 3-18- 6	£ 32-8-10	
& Will diffe	2 0 10 0	2 02 0 10	
2 to charges in the affair with <mr> Robt Cay</mr>	£ 53- 6-1		
14 to charges in the <ac.con pease=""> against Sr</ac.con>		£ 71- 3- 8	
[annotated in a different hand, possibly Wilk			
	Total] for himselfe & others	103-12- 6	
·		100 12 0	
1 to charge of a lease from Mr Ledgard		£ 2-18-5	
3 to drawing of a Lease from Mrs Snow & Mr	r Clayton	£ 3-16-9	
[annotated in a different hand, possibly Wilk	5	2 0 10)	
£5-16-10 £6.0.53 [?] but Mr Wilkinson says $<$			
-	Charges 2.0.1 to Wif.		
Clayton 5 drawing articles with Mr The Marley		£ -17-8	
5 drawing articles with Mr Tho Marlay	image/oil this to be about 1	L -1/- 0	
[annotated in a different hand, possibly Wilk	inson s:j this to be charged		
to Mr <mou></mou>			

6 to charges att suit of the Solicitor Generall	£	2-17- 5
7 to drawing writeings with Mr Beach	£	3- 1
8 to Mr Calverly's marriage settlement	£	20
to charges at suit against Beadnell	£	-15- 2
to charges att Fishes suit against Rich	£	14- 8-4

[Total] for himselfe 48-14-9

£ 379- 2-11

[annotated in a different hand, possibly Wilkinson's:] June 20 1709 Given a rect on bottom of each note but the two last at given one rect for the 15-02 & the £14-8-4 & Morlays 17-8

1 Jan 1711 William Blackett

[Note: undated extract from the will of Wm Blackett I but appears to relate to proposals to mortgage certain estates to raise funds at around this time, and presumably drawn up by or for John Ord]

Abstract of old Sr Wm Blacketts will so farr as it concerns Winlinton Duxfield Slaley Colepitts & East & West Allendale & Hexham leadmynes House in Pilgrim St House at bridge End all his mess. & stables in the Close & Wellop Kellop & Wardale leadmynes

9 March 32 Cha 2nd 1679/80

Sr Wm Blackett by Will (amongst other things) Devises one fourth pt of the Mannr of Winlington & a moiety of all his lands & tenemts & Colemynes [this next section, given here in inverted commas, apparently added to clarify known incumbrances & terms as part of preparing the abstract: 'after a term for 99 years granted to Hen: Kirkhouse & Cuth.t Snow of a moiety the whole mann.r (chargeable with £1666.13.4 payable at the deaths of Tho: Henry & Jno Selby) in trust to pay out of the rents to Dame Margrt his wife £300 p ann & to Michll Blackett his Son £400 p ann for life & the residue during their lives to his third son Wm & wch was to expire upon the death of the sd Dame Margrt & Michll) shd be ended'] to his sd Son Wm Blackett for life then to trustees for his life to preserve contingent rem.dr, rem. to his first & other sons in Tayl male rem. to this son Ed. Blackett for life then to trustees to preserve contingent remdr., rem to his first and other sons in Tayl male Then to Michll for life then to trustees to preserve contingent remdr., rem to his first and other sons in Tayl male remdr to the Dau & daus of the sd 3 sons rembr to his own right heirs. But if his wife refused the sd rentcharge of £300 p ann he by the will ordrs the same to be pd to the sd Trustees on trust that they shd apply the same for the satisfaction of such of his grandchildren as she shd obtaine Dowerage.

And also devises all his Mannrs mess.s Mills Lands & Tenements wth their Appurts in Duxfield Slaley Colepitts and all his Leadmynes Tyth & Lott Oar in East & West Allendale & the Regallity of Hexham, his house & garden in Newcastle called Grey Fryers wth the Lands thereunto belonging a Messuage at the Bridge end in Newcastle & all his Mess. In the Close (except the Coach house Stables & Hay lofts) Kellop & Wellop in WEardale and Woodcroft to Robt Pease & Benj Davison for 1000 years <Outr... out of the p[ro]fits of the Leadmynes to pay all his debts & funeral expenses & legacyes wch done to be void then all the sd places to be to his Sons in Tail male rem. to his son Wm for life then to trustees to preserve contingent uses for his life remdr to his first & all other sons in Tail male then to his son Edwd for life then to trustees to preserve contingent uses for his life remdr to his first & all other sons in Tail male then to Mich.ll his son for life then to trustees to preserve contingent uses for his life remdr to his first & other sons in Tayl male, remdr as to a moiety to the Daus of his sd 3 sons rem.l of that moiety to his own right heirs as to the moiety remdr to his daus Eliz Davison & Isabel Bridges & Christian Midford & their Heirs <absended to the Sabsent in Comon

The Coach house Stables & lofts where his Coach houses stand in the Close to his wife for life remdr to his son Wm for life wth the remdr over as to the other lands in Newcastle as to the stables for the Saddle horses & the lofts used with the Sme to his son Wm for life wth such rem.l over as are limited of his other Lands in Newcastle the same p[re]mises to remain to the uses aforesd any Settlement or other deed to the Contrary notwithstanding.

And also desires all the Ledamynes in Wardale holden of the Bpp of Durham or otherwise And also 1/12 of Stella Grans Lease Colliery with the Waggons & Keelrooms to his son Wm his Ex.r ad.r & <..> on trust to pay his debts and legacyes then to enjoy the leadmynes to his own use & the Colemynes to him & his heirs during the lives in being.

NB. The Lands & mynes <Scoid> undr (or some pt thereoffe are Lease for lives & years & chargd by young Sr Wm Blackett's will to make the Deficiency of Lady Blacketts jointure charg'd on Kenton & Welton (if any happen).

Slaley Northfeild is a term for 999 years Pt of Allendale leadmynes is a terme for 1000 years & Wellop & Kellop for 3 lives

19 Dec 1712 John Wilkinson to John Ord

Newcastle 19 Xber 1712

I shall always retain a true sense of your friendship, which I have a great many instances of, and this not the least, of your being desirous to make your payments at such times, as might be most easy to me. The third day of September next, or any day in Augt next, I had rather have the first payment to be on, than the fifth of July, and the latter paymt the 29th 7ber 1714, than half at midsummer and half at Christmas, but pray let both payments be at such of the times as may best suit with your own affairs. I have no reason to doubt your care in the management of the Final verdict. Mr <Simpson> did write me the last post he had by himself ended the differences between the dealerxs and me, and he hope had settled a good understanding with them, I think he has done very well for, from wt Mr Robt Liddell told him, he could not have expected to have <wind> better of by the Reference. I find I have been hubbled not only above, but below and Sr Wm Blackett may say, he has either a fool, or a Knave concernd for him, but of this more at meeting. If your Blackburne Fitter be to come away from you for anything I yet know, I may entertain him if his Sallary be not too high for me, and that he be not engagd with keel, for I think I have as many as will serve me. I wish you a merry Christmas and I am

Sr your faithful humble servt John Wilkinson

The Cousin davison of Beamish is very weak

[cover, addressed to:] Mr John Ord at Mr Charles Wailes house in Castle yard Holborn London

13 Jun 1718 John Ord to George Allgood

[Note: draft of letter written at foot of the end of a much rougher draft to Sir W Thompson which is mostly illegible. He appears to be the 'Sr W T' referred to in this draft of a letter from ord to Allgood. Thompson, Recorder of London from 1714 and solicitor general from 1717, was the husband of the widow of Sir William Blackett II, Julia, nee Conyers.]

June 13 1718

Sr,

I am very much obliged for yours of the 9th & you have there a copy of wt I wrote this post to Sr W T [Thompson?] in answr to his p last post wch pray acqt Sr W. B.t with. The Ingrossment will be with my son p next post & I hope will be executed & returned in 10 days wch will answer all expectacons here. There is a plentifull estate & will more than answer wt I have said to Sr W <T>. I have seen a copy of the conveyances of Kenton & Welton & really they are in my th.ts but very Lame and I think the <surndre> of the Release executed makes a great question of the Lands be noe <deserarged> but an agreemt is best if any Security be to <be> given Sr W T for the sume agreed on youl mind to except the Securitys upon this money they are in the name of Ralph Featherstonhalgh of Newcastle upon Tyne Gent the agreement for raising of this

money was signed Eleaventh of Aprill but Intrest Comences but from 20 June. I shall endeavour all in my power to serve Sr W B for I have a great respect for the family. I have seen yor Bro Robt & have <Corrected> matters about the <dodin.> I am glad to hear you intend the Sumer for the North where you will meet with a hearty welcome from Sr your very faithful Servt

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To Mr Geo Allgood

11 Apr 1719 William Blackett to George Mowbray

[Note: also addressed to Thomas Brumell. Clearly from Blackett given the context, and in his hand]

Newcastle 11 April 1719

Mr Mowbray

Mr Brumell

I desire you will Treat & agree with Mr Jno Ord for the borrowing of Eight thousand pounds on my [word obscured] upon Mortgage of my Estates above mentioned; and I will execute Securitys for the same, as above written; Praytake particular care in this, you know its of great concern & service to me, and therefore I press your speedy care in it; for I am

Yo.r loving Friend

The estates of

Winlinton, Woodcroft, three Duxfields, Slealy, Coalpitts, Steele, Reedburn, Kenton, Welton, Allenheads, Kellhope and Wellhope, Woolfclough, Coaleclough, Peasemeadows & Roopehaugh

Eight thousand pounds to be borrowed and secured by Mortgage of the Estates above, at five p cent p ann.

The money to be raised before the 20 June 1719 and if any be paid before to Mr Geo Mowbray so it be not less than One hundred pounds at one time to carry interest, and Mr Mowbrays receipt to be good for that sum; the Lands to have liberty to pay Mrs. Smith the four thousand pounds and interest due her upon Mortgage of Severall of these Estates, and to take assignments of these Securitys

The money to continue certain for three years, and if at the end of Two years I desire it may continue for four years then to continue for that time, I paying the Interest onely

14 Apr 1719 Thomas Brummell to John Ord

[Note: This summary of the Northumberland estates rental and tenants appears to have been drawn up as part of providing security for yet another loan.]

May day 1718

Years rent due to Sr Wm Blackett Baro.t from his tennants in Winlinton lordship [ie. Winlaton and Blaydon]

	£sd
Margt Anderson	2 10 6
Ch Anderson	5
John Anderson Senr	1/2
John Anderson Junr	2
Widdo Aldred	5
Wm Briggs	2 6
Henry <boell></boell>	3
Tho Broad	2
Luke Biggens	2
Widdo Brass	5
Geo Bailey	9
Geo Baxter	1
Robt Carr	1
Geo Chicken	1
John Crowley Esq.	32 15 6
Wm Chrisop	3 6
Nick Cooke Junr	9 13
Nick Cooke Senr	2 1
Robt Chambers	7 6
Edwd Champly	1 6
James Clarkson	2 6
Cuth Cutter	3 9
Mich Dalton	2 6
Thos Douglas	6
Geo Douglas	2
Edwd Errington	2 6
Ralph Friend	2 6
Thos Friend	2
Wm Forster	2 10
Thos Forster	1
Thos Forster senr	1
Margt Forster	2
Richrd Fisher	11
John Forster Junr	2

James Green	8	
Thos Grange	1	
Thos Gerrey	3 10	
James Hudson	2	
Geo Hebron	1	
Thos Haswell	5	
Thos Harrison	6	
Simo Hall	6 6	
Richd Hunter	9	
Robt Harrott	3	
Fran Hedweth	1 3	
Nich Haswell	14	
Wm Hall	1	
John Jobson	9 6	
Thos Knox	2	
Nich Laverick	9	
John Maither	15	
Robt Nipper	2 3	
John Nelson	2	
Thos Nixon	1	
Widdo Nixon	6 19 6	
Matthew Nixon children	1 3	
Gerr Nixon	7 10	
Widdo Oliver	1 3	
Widdo Procter	1 8	
Robt Procter	17 10	
John Pattinson	6	
Geo Pearson	1 7 6	
Mary Pearson	2 6	
Tho Robson Senr	9 1	
Sarah Robinson	19 18 10	
Thos Robinson	1 4	
Ann Rowell	10	
Cuth Robinson	2	
John Robinson Senr	1 6	
Wm Rutter	2 6	
John Robson	3 4 6	
John Robinson Junr	32 16 6	
Thos Ross	1	
Thos Robinson Junr	1 5 1/2	
John Stokoe	8	
Wm Swadle	3	
Matth Scott	1 3	

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Mary Stokoe	2 6		
Jane Sanders	5 6		
Step Smith	1 11 3		
Madam Selby	2 6		
Mr Jos Smith	1 8		
Mr Nich. Tempest	1 3 8		
Rich Veapon	2		
John Veapon	1		
John Wall	1 7 6		
Ann Wall	2 6		
Barth Walker	1		
John Ward	7		
John Watson	5		
Robt Williamson	3 9		
Lord Widdrington	2		
Geo Watson	2 6		
Chris Wilkinson	10		
Jos Ward	2 10		
		210 1 2	
Lands Vacant viz			
1/4 of Clay Grove	1 5		
1/4 of Carrs Limekiln	1 6		
Bankleave	1		
1/4 of Bladon Garths	6 8		
1/2 of Wm Whittells House	2 6		
1/4 of Pratts Workhouse	6		
1/2 a Limekiln	3		
1/2 of Athers House	1 3	3 5	
		213 1 7	
John Crowley Esq 4 Iron hoops			
The Land Rent as above, which		£213 1 7	
The Colliery Rent for 1/4 pt after	•	t	
has been let but we call it only	•	£200	
,		£413 1 7	

[the overall total is marked 'Smith' with a numeral 1, presumably acting as a key to the corresponding deeds. Smith was Dr John Smith of Durham, who had given a mortgage on some of the Blackett lands in 1712, redeemed by the new mortgage to which these rental relate in 1719]

A rental of Kenton Lands belonging to Sr William Blackett Baro.t viz

Mr John Phillips	£122
Widow Midford	74
Geo Hall	53
John Barnes	29
Ralph Burn	31 10s
John Swanston and son	24
Robt Howerd	95
Mr Robt Todd	119
Mr Stewardson	2
	549 10

Cottages viz

Thos Nicholson £1 15s
Joseph Robson 1 10
Rob Aynsley 10
John Stodart 10 4 5

£553 15s

A rental of Welton Lands belonging to Sr William Blackett Baro.t viz

The Demaine-

Henry Winship for part £20 John Barron 20 Matt Barron 20 Geo Prudhoe 20 Thos Baites 20 Mark Wilson 20 Wm Bell 20 Lyonell Johnson 10 150

The Town

Matt Barron for

the North Side £68

Wm Winship for

the south side 52

Widdo Wilson for a cottage 10

Geo Jopling for a cottage 10

Mr Robt Pearson for

a cottage in east Matfen 2s 12 1 2

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The Miln James Anderson 6 £277 2s

Woodcroft, Steal and the Duxfield &c Mr Jno Featherston's rental

Woodcroft

Henry and John Angas £74

Steal Mr Saml Teasdale £27 10s West Duxfield John Featherston 24

Middle Duxfield

Richd Fairlam £12
Thos Dickinson £12 24
East Duxfield Len.d Iveson 16 10
Coalpitts Richd Farbridge 21
Slealey John Bainbridge & Co 15
Wolsingham Close Edwd Hopper 3 10
Readsburn – Joseph Hall 19

Lintzgarth – Widdo Philipson 8 £232 10s

['Smith' is annotated against the entries for Steal, east Dukesfield, Coalpitts and Slaley]

A rental of the Estates of Allenheads, Coale Clough Kelhope and Wellhope and peasemeadows belonging to Sr Wm Blackett Baro.t viz

Allenheads

Geo Mowbray	£7 5s
Tho Noble	2 15
Jos Ellis	3
John Gibson	2 5
Wm Kirk	2 5
Tho Kantrel	1
James Wilkinson	1
Robt Lowdon	4 10
Francis Bright	1
Chris Mills	3 15
Wm Law	1
Geo Kirk	3
John Spark <fan san=""></fan>	1 10
Geo Ellison	1
Hen Bellheads	2 10
Peter Forster	1
Ralph Binks Jnr	1 10

Wm Lowdon	8
John Twedle	1
Richd Worsham	1
Ralph Binks Sen.r	2 15
Hugh Spark	3 10
Mary Spark	1
Dan Peacock	1
Wm Francis	1
John Philipson	1 60 10
Peasmeadows	
Nich Lee	3 10
John Vicars	2 17 6
Hen Noble	1
Jos Drague	3
Tho Reay	5
Wm Spark	2 2 6
John Spark for Ropehaugh and	
part of Peasmeadows	6 10 £24
Wm Ridley for his wifes annuity for 1 yr ending at Pentecost 1718 9- 0- 0	
Nich Lee overcharged	
in rent two years 1-10	
Sesses allowed 1-14- 2	£12 4 2 [net:] £11 15 10
Coale Clough	
Nich Carr	£1
Widdo Bridack	1
Robt Hindsmith	1
Hump Bowman	1
Thos Thirlwall	1 10
John Whitsmith Junr	6
Wm Lowdon	2 £13 10s
Woolfe Clough	
John Keenliside Rent	£9
Sesses &c allowed	4 10 ½ £8 15 1 1/2
Kellhope and Wellhope	
John Emerson	£4

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Bpps Rents & Receipts £1 18

Sesses allowed 9 9 1/2 £2 7 9 1/2 £61 12 2 1/2

[Total:] £1632 11 9

Newcastle 14 April 1719

For Sr Wm Blackett Baro.t pr Thos: Brummell

18 May 1719 George Mowbray to John Ord

[Note: recipient not stated but presumably to John Ord, given provenance of the overall collection]

In answer to your query I do not know whether the Lease of Lintzgarth is so <ne..> but thinks not, because 2 of the lives are good Jo: Philipsons wife is a fresh healthfull woman of her age & her son John is living at Walington, a mason by trade, a good life as far as I know. Coal Clugh no lans but houses in good repair built upon the mines for the use of them

Inclosed you have the best Ans[wer] I have received from Hexham, the Clark hath omitted Willm Hetheringtons Surrender of the reversion of one third part of Ropehaugh, wch I <see past> and gave him the particulars on Saturday as I came home. I hope their will be no stop for if Allenheads Land was not Conveyed wth the Mines it was after, & none can now will question the title, wch is all from

Sr yr very humble Servt Geo Mowbray

Allenheads May 18th 1719

20 May 1719 William Blackett to Ralph Fetherstonhalgh

I desire you will pay unto Mr George Mowbray the nine thousand pounds lent and advanced uon mortgage and Security of my estates of Winlington Kenton Woodcroft and other my estates in the County of Durham and Northumberland or one of them and for which sume of nine thousand pounds I have given receipt on severall of the

said mortgage deeds and his Receipt shall be your sufficient discharge this being the twentieth day of May 1719

Wm Blackett

Witnesses to the signing of this by Sr Wm Blackett Ralph Ord Rob Ord Benj Atkinson

28 May 1719 William Blackett to John Ord

Mr Ord,

I cannot help thinking that the Security is sufficiently answerable for the sum thereupon to be raised; but however for additional satisfaction there are no judgements, Statute, Recognizance or mortgage entered into by me, but one of about fifteen hundred pounds; of which I hope to be out of the Collected estates there may be room enough for the payment. If I should have an opportunity of selling Winlington your information whether in your opinion I am att liberty so to doe will much oblige

Sr your most Humble Servt Wm Blackett

May 28th 1719

1 Jun 1719 George Mowbray to John Ord

[Note: year of letter is unclear although as it is filed amongst others dating to 1719. Date of month also unclear. Recipient is presumably John Ord]

Hexham June [obscured]

Sr,

I received your very kind & welcome letter for wch I am much in your debt, to send to Hexham I thought was uncertain to Answer tomorrow post so upon receipt of yours came here, Mr. Tate & Mr. Readhead are both at a loss how the Lord must pass a Coppyhold, it not agreeing with the Custome etc. however they have sent two Coppys the first as the Custome is, the other as they think it ought to pass, but they refer it to Mr. Steward to Correct and thinks these Lands should be past also by deed, you have the names of the Lands, I know no other <.eiept> you put in Allenheads, but it will be taken more notice of in the Surrender than in the <deed>

God willing will wait on you on Monday, so shall defer all until then, in the mean time rests in hast

Sr yr ... humble servt Geo Mowbray

[annotated in another hand:]

I the within named Sir Wm Blackett do hereby desire order & direct the within named Ralph Featherstonhalgh to pay to the within <accounted> sume of Eight thousand pounds to George Mowbray

1 Jun 1719 George Mowbray to John Ord

[Note: Date obscured, but presumably from the same as the others in this bundle. Reference to Madam Ord makes clear that John Ord was the recipient]

Allenheads Jun[rest of date obscured]

Sr,

When I was with you I agreed to come on Saturday or Sunday but when I consider that we cannot expect an answer of your last letter from Sr William on Friday, and that it will be Sunday or Tuesdays post at soonest therefore I shall not come until I hear from you, my wife was gone to Steel hall when I came home so has not seen her but knows she will be very unease and therfor if you think their to be an absolute necessaty of my going pray be pleasd to wait two or three times of your opinion that its more likely that I will p.vail with Sr Wm then another, my thankfulness for that last favour with humble service to Madm Ord & Daughter is all from Sr yr very humble svt Geo Mowbray

If you have no answer before Tuesday if Mr Brumel have the messenger ready he may come here any day after the post comes in, & if I miss the Coach shall ride to York.

If I must do anything in Hexham about the Coppyhold Estate here pray give me directions by the first opportunity

5 Jun 1719 John Ord to William Blackett

[Note: Rough partial draft of a letter, the first part of which appears to be missing]

... I have <end> Sergt Cuthberts opinion wch I got but last night & the partyes upon the appearances of your Lre of the 28 may post – that there are no incumbrances by you than therein menconed are willing to advance the Eight thousand pounds & tomorrow the Securitys will be Sett upon to be immediately drawn & <w.h end> Sergt Cuthbert has <pushd> & settled them shall be engrossed & I believe <ent.> Jno Mowbray may be prevailed <with> rather than any delay or obstruction happen in this affair to sett forward with the Securitys on Monday Eight days the 15 Inst unlesse by the very return of this post you direct the Contrary & resolve to be down that week I mean in

the week beginning Monday 15 or so Soon after as may conveniently answer your affairs. I have not been wanting to facilitate I send one lre to my Son to deliver & another by the post So pray fail not an answer the very return for I am with due service presented Honbl Sir yr most obedt servt

Jno Ord

June 5 1719

Att your pleasure letting the money go so farr in discharge <...> you may sell Winlington mortgage & I wish you may get the Eight thousand pounds or wt more for it you <exposst> for I will always Contract all in my power to yr Service

For Sr William Blackett Barr.t att his house in Panton Square near Picadilly London

6 Jun 1719 William Blackett to John Ord

London June 6th 1719

Mr Ord,

I was in great expectation of returning into the North before this time but am detained on an affair of Consequence wherefore must desire that the necessary deeds for the completing our agreement may be sent up here to be signed. In the Post in my opinion will be the most expeditious & properest method of sending them up, if directed to your Son. I hope to nobody you will divulge the Security; but if there should be any questions asked by one extraordinary Man of merit & superior Sense & Interst to the rest of Mankind; & that you should think it requisite to answer to him anything in relation to that affair I must desire you to acquaint him that there is such a bargain concluded & that Winlington Kenton Weldon Woodcroft are in the Security; but I leave, whatever proper answer you think fit to give to your own reflection only assureing you, that you are not much obliged to the Person above hinted att for his manner in expression It is the Solicitor General Is meant by

Your friend sincerely & Humble Servant Wm Blackett

I am prodigiously in haist

9 Jun 1719 George Allgood to John Ord

[Note: although recipient is not named it was clearly John Ord, given reference to the loan Ord was making to Blackett. First paragraph and postscript appear to have been added later in a different pen and slightly different hand]

Sr,

When I answered yours I was not let into the whole secret about your raising the money to discharge the Debts of the leadmines wch in a great measure was discovered upon my treaty in adjusting the Differences
betwixt> Sr Wm Blackett and Sr Wm Thomson abt their bargain (wch I was a stranger to and declared ag[ains]t it) for £8800 in discharge of my Lady Blacketts £800 p ann rent charge

Upon preparing a draft of the Mortgage between them Sr W.T. asking me some questions abt the raising a great sume of money at Newcastle to discharge these Debts (which came from Mr. Wilkinson) I told them (as justly I might) I knew nothing of it but he pressing the affair lead me to enquire the truth from Sr W B who then told me he had borrowed of you £9000 for these purposes and had given you Kenton & Weldon (my Ladys jointure Estate) Winlington Woodcroft & some other Lands not within the trust for Security Sr W T hinted as if he had not been well used abt the bargain but upon arguing the matter with him he seemed better satisfied upon my insisting that these Lands out of the trust Estate alone were of value sufficient to pay both the £8800 and £9000 I told him last night I understodd by Sr W B that your security for the money was Executed & the greatest part of the money paid upon which he said he would write to you to know the truth of the affair which I suppose he does this post and upon this information I expressed your £9000 Security in the Draft of the Mortgage and as I apprehend by the agreement between them and the tender of the Release from Sr W T and Lady the Joynture seemed to be discharged & the paym.t of the £8800 stands upon Sr W B Covenant. I doubt not but you have the Counterpart or at least a copy of Sr Wm Blackett the fathers jointure of the Kenton & Weldon Estates Mr Tho Davison & Mr Wm Ramsay Marchts were Trustees and by what I perceived the Joynture Deed is not well made in Law however as there is an ample fortune to pay every body with a great surplus I think Sir W T wise enough in comeing in after you, tho he seemed surprized that you <add> prior to him for these Lands out of the trust estate

He has writ you this post to know what Lands you have in Mortgage for your money so now I have hinted this affair to you fully you know what answr to give to his Lre or to Mr Wilkinson applying himselfe to you by his directon; I hope Sr W B may in a little time be in a Condicon to pay his Debts without selling much of his Estate (but this to your selfe) A Lyne in answr will very much oblige

Sr your faithfull servt Geo Allgood

9th June 1719

For W T following your mortgage to be actually executed pray haste one part of the Ingrossmt of the Mortgage and Directed to your son all [word obscured] that it may be executed here by Sr Wm the Counter part you know may be Done at the [word obscured]

9 Jun 1719 John Mowbray to unknown

I do not find that I was concerned in levying any fine of Eldon Lands from Mr Kennt to Mr Stevenson but only of Hunwick & Coxoe, if there was a fine to him of Eldon Lands pray when & by whom was it levyed for wee have sought two years and cannot find such a one upon looking into our Copyhold Booke I find Sr Wm Blacketts fines are in two Severall Townships (vizt) Stanhope & Wolsingham wch will occasion you the charge of two deputacons if you rsolve to have the piece of ground at Wolsingham, wee are all well here god be thanked except peggy who will be wth you the latter end of the week. She has got a little Cole at pre.sent with like Mrs Alice but I hope it will soon go off again wch wth duely & services as usuall concludes in Sr yr humble Servt Jno Mowbray

9 Junii 1719

13 Jun 1719 Wm Blackett to John Ord

[Note: year of letter is unclear although as it is filed amongst others dating to 1719 that date is given to it here. Recipient is presumably Ord since this letter lies within his papers]

June 13th 17[..]

Since you assure me of your Caution, & Circumspection in the affair; I shall intirely depend on you in it, & take it as a particular Service, & favour. I can not be certain of my immediately comeing down, wherefore that there may be no obstacle towards our intentions, or hindrance of the performance of our agreement, the surest way will be to send up the deeds to your son, & they shall be executed, & returned according to your direction, & desire; but must intreat you to make it <9000> for a peculiar reason I att present have; tho I am not so happy as to be married to the Duke of Ss Daughter; I mention this only because you might think that matrimony might occasion an additional expence in Sr

Yours Sincerely Wm Blackett

18 Jun 1719 George Allgood to John Ord

[Note: recipient not stated but reference to 'your mortgage' indicates it was addressed to Ord]

Sr

After a good deal of trouble wee brought the matter bare between Sr Wm Blackett & Sr Wm Thomson only yesterday morning the Agreements were executed the

substance of wch is that Sr W B confirmes the former agreement for the £8800 for the purchase of my Lady's jointure of £800 p Ann and of her Dower or any <P.tence> thereto and the tender of the Release of the Dower And Sr W T agrees to give a years time for paymt of sd £8800 with Inteest and to stop all proceedings in the Suite Depending in the Exchequer thereabouts.

And Sr Wm B Agrees <waiting> 2 months to make a mortgage of such part of the estate as is in his power wch shall be thought reasonable for securing the paymt of the sd £8800 & Intrest for when we come to make the mortgage shall take care to Except sd mortgage of £9000. the security will be sufficient for both. And if no Mortgage made for W T stands but upon the foot of the old Agreement.

I hope you have made the mortgage for the £9000 And has <De[livere]dd> your Deeds & a Weeke or 14 days agoe before Sir W T concludes they were executed some time agoe.

Sr Wm B went up to Richmond to see his Sister Marshall Last night & not yet come to towne. And when your mortgage Deeds come shall date them: 14 dayes agoe. & take the receipt for the moneys accordingly or rather Sr Wm may Sign the Re[cei]pt when he comes Downe I believe this Step will putt matters upon an <active> Disposition if peace I had almost Lost by thinking to know wt Sr W B was in time. I called at Sr Wm T This evening between 8 & 9 but he was att the Sittings in the <Cvlly>. your not mentioning 4 particular Estates & not the remainder made as a Mortgage I fancy Sr W T will be pressing of you by another Lre this post to have a more particular Ans[wer]

I am yr faithfull Servt Geo Allgood

18th June 1719

29 Oct 1719 George Mowbray to John Ord

Sr,

I being at Newcastle last week when you writ to me, & you being abroad it did not come to my hand before Friday last, and Mr Tate being at Morpeth the beginning of this week, so I did not go there before yesterday and then could get nothing done for want of the letter of Attorney, wch Mr Readhead Mr Tates debety [sic] says he sent to you with with the other writings. Prat let me have it or yhour Answer by this post and I shall get all done as fast as I can

I shall be God willing bring them down on Monday the 9th of 9ber when I come for money for our pay. I am Sr yr very humble servt

Geo Mowbray

Allenheads 8ber 29th 1719

[annotated at foot in a different hand:] 30.8ber Sent the Ire of attorney p Hexham post

17 Nov 1719 John Ord to Todd

Mr Todd,

I had the fort[une] to see Sr Wm Blackett last week and acq[uain]ted him that Mrs Smiths Mortgage was now (aft much trouble. Settled to bef.d the 20th of Dec.r and that it was Convenient the Interest til that day should be all pd of that so the assignment might be for no more than the bare 4000 principall he sd it shd be done and he wd take care to give you direccons accordingly wch I presume he has done however I thought fit to acq[uain]t you and desire you may send me the Copy of yr last acquittance or receipt & I will setle up wt the sume is pray do not fail for I have had much trouble to bring them to take their money and let it not now be our fault. Sr Wms affairs will suffer if this be neglected pray remember that the half years hundred and twenty five pounds is due for the Nine Thousand pounds att the same time, but any time in January will be sufficient in that pray word in answer to Sr yr humble servt

ΙO

Newcastle Novr 17 1719

12 Mar 1720 John Ord to George Mowbray

[Note: Recipient unclear but probably George Mowbray]

I am sorry my services for you are so pfectly begotten you cann.t but be sensible the Service was done you in raising that money And I know both you and your friends were apprized of the great danger you were in to the hazard of some £1000 that you both sleep contentedly now that its removed, it was the confidence I had in you & yr credit I gave to you Solemn p[ro]mise p[ro]cured you this ease I think I did once let you know that I tho[ugh]t I was very ill used & I can't forbear repeating it & <must> continue in the same mind til you remove it, you know I can have an affid[avi]t of the fact & I <sho[uld]> hope you wo.d not any longer delay doing me right

The leadmines at Boltshope the owners have taken poss[ess]ion of & are resolved never to let them to the old tenants, There has been some discourse for bringing accons for breach of Cov[enan]t for wch its very likely good damages may be recovered but I have hitherto diverted it The Covenants are jointly & severally & any one may be p[ro]ceeded against.

To my last upon the former subjects you were pleased to give no answer phaps you may continue of the same mind if you do I shall then conclude you bidd me take my course & that you will have no regard to your word & p[ro]mise but I hope otherwise for I am

yrs &c JO

March 12 - 1719

27 Jun 1720 Thomas Carr to John Ord

Cous Ord,

You may believe that I had not forgot your Copy until now but a misunderstanding between <.anne:> [Lancelot?] Allgood & his late Clerk had made such confusion in the Office that it was not to be had soe [2 short words obscured] abt a fortnight agoe, since wch time I have been twice att Newca. wth it & could not find you there either time: your Surrender ha[lost] been passed out of Court, shoud have been (according to the Clerk [torn] Mannor) p.sented & found by the homage; wch by the [damaged] find is not done; & Mr Serjt Cuthbert will give you his [1 wod obscured] why it was not: Immediately upon my receipt of yours Spoke to the Bailliffe Heads of our Town abo.t you Tenn.ts winning Stones on our Moore, wh[on word lost/torn] promise to make any reasonable satisfaction are content to let [1 word lost where torn] goe on. I am

Sr yo. Humble servt Tho. Carr

Hexham 27th June 1720

If your Surrender had been finished you must have taken a Copy on Stamps but I thought this might doe till then

[addressed to:] to Mr John Ord Attorney att Law att his house Newcastle [cover also annotated in a different hand:] Copy surrender Sr Wm Blackett Barr.t to Ralph Fetherston

Mr Tho Carrs letter with surrender

14 Mar 1721 George Allgood to John Ord

Cozen Ord,

This severe weather of late has rendred me very unfit for any business, and till I am blessed with a little warine Sun can't think of doeing much, but hopes in a little time to give you an Account with my thoughts abt Sharpes affair that an End may be put to it

It was a man of Law that Spoke to me abt my Ld Ossulston tho I have some reason to believe there are some of our Sharpe Sparks in this Town in the Secrett, the Security is a reant charge & I am apt to believe it's the Maiden one and pretty considerable. If I can serve you any way it or any thing else you may be assured of all my little assistance.

I must desire you'l take some speedy care abt perfecting a Fyne of the Comeys abt the Charltons that was acknowledged before Sergt Cuthberts but whether any Dep.t or where the delay is I know not.

That matter of my Cosin Ridleys I shall get settled in a little time to their satisfaccon tho the money is not due this year & halfe but since they press it shall be done

The interest of that moneys due upon Mrs Weargs death will be taken care of, I must defer the rest till another opportunity and shall acquaint Sr Wm Blackett with the kind expressions in your letter. I am Sr

Your kinsman & faithfull serv.t Geo Allgood

14 March 1720/1

1 Apr 1721 George Allgood to John Ord

[Note: recipient not stated but from context appears to have been John Ord]

Sr

Sr Wm Blackett Desires upon rec.t of this that youl send me a Coppy of the Rentall of Mr Midford Estate <of> wch you are <receivr> with the Severall tenants names thereof and in what parishes Sighill Ryall Ingo and Kearsley <...> all lye and what the yearly Value of the Estate is: that wee may <contract> how to secure the moneys Due wch I finde is very <contractable> with moneys Sr Wm has Lent his Cosin Midford

Yr Cossin & faithfull Servnt Geo Allgood

1 April 1721

I shall write to Mr Wilkinson next post

8 Apr 1721 George Allgood to John Ord

Cossin Ord,

I was in hopes by this post to have given you some further account about that affair of my Lord Ossulstons, but the Gentleman of the Law who was with me in that affair about Enquiring after the Estate and value and who I am <expt> to believe is

concerned likewise & in Interest in the rent charge, is at p.sent out of town, but probably may returne after the holy days, a Fine was intended to have been levied and a dedimus to be sent down for that purpose but unless there was some further moneys advanced, I believe they would not be able to get that done, I shall make the best and speediest enquiry I can and give you an account

My indisposition rather growing upon me than abateing I am not able to <faleagne> in businesse as I used to doe, and to make an End and Close some <inres> of moment am forced to imploy a Soll.r to take care of them, and has avoided being concerned in many troublesome suites, And when anything offers wherein I may be serviceable to my Cosin Ralph I will not forget him

As my Lord of Ossulston has no pr'viledge or any protection as to his person I should think it were not amiss if you have any Bond for p.formance of the Covenants to bring an action upon it or if none to bring a citation of Debt upon the Covenant for non-payment of the mortgage moneys and Interest (wch you know you may doe instead of Covenant & is a better way) and being held to bail upon a spectiall <CaTos> will be the quickest way of comeing at Judgement wch may bring in both your principall and Interesr at least the Latter sooner than you Expect and will likewise Strengthn the Security and you may bring a short Bill of <Dis.... & serve ...> [illegible scribble added later to end of paragraph]

I perceive Mr Trenchard and Sir Wm Wentworth are very pressing for their interest of their portions which is but reasonable should be paid and I believe £500 will Doe bothe (the first haveing had £100) And I perceive Mr Wilkinson is Straightened and out of Cash at present by payment of severall sumes this last year to Sir Wm Thomson and is likewise pressed about the £4000 due upon the late Sir Wm Blacketts [4 words inserted above here in difficult scribble:] <8.... in part of the> purchase of Kenton upon Mr Weargs death that Security falling into your hands as I perceive I hope you'l be content wth Interest till something can be gott done to purpose in Sr Wm Blackett's affairs.

Sr Wm was telling me the other day that there is a very considerable sume of moneys due upon the Security of Mr. Brummell's Colliery and Mr Wright and Mr Speamans Bond and that the times of payment being long since past he said you had directions to get in the moneys or put the bond in Suite, abt wch he desires a line in answr what is done thereupon

Those lettrs and papers abt Mr Midford with the copy of old Mr Midford's Deed of Charge abt the £1500 (if any) and the Copy of his will withal speed will be very serviceable to Sir Wm. I have something to write to you further abt the <Couty> but must defer it till another post. I am Sr yr Cossin & faithful servt

Geo Allgood

8th April 1721

For Mr John Ord Newcastle upon Tyne

11 Apr 1721 George Allgood to John Ord

Cossin Ord,

Upon enquiry again to day after the gentleman I told you of in my last who was concerned in my Lord Ossulstons Rent charge, a friend of his (in his absence) told me the Rent charge was £150 pounds and made to or intrest for one Mr Combes, a fine was proposed and Endeavoured for, but I doe not yet finde any is Levyed, As this Estate is of that great value its now let at, I think you need not be under any pain for your moneys; And the Loading the Estate with Charges where its soe valuable will be a great Ingredient of bringing the party to doe you sooner right by payment of it. And I should think upon second thoughts the serveing of Ejectments immediately wd by absolutely necessary, and if that Dose does not work effectually than it is but to bring a Short Bill to have a discovery of Incumbrances since the estate is so considerable which I think will be your best way since your money cannot be in any danger

I am to thank you for the copy of Mr Midfords will the Legatees of £300 to the daughters cannot affect or be any charge upon the reall estate and which you know must be paid out of the p.sonall estate & which as I am informed was very considerable, but how disposed of or what discovery you had from the Bill brought for that purpose I know not.

The title in severall respects seems to be in the dark however I hope wee shall be able to secure what due to Sir William Blackett and Mr Cotesworths and all other p.sons <nist> demands the whole Estate being an ample security for what can be charged upon it. I was a stranger to Sr W B lending of any moneys (which I perceive has been of some considerable standing) till lately. And those sums advancd I am afraid more out of friendship more than upon due consideration of the title or security.

I am to thank you likewise for the genrall Account of the yearly value of the Estate at £658 p ann tho as I desired it wd be wurth more for Sir William Blacketts benefit and Interest to have a true copy of the rental of the whole Estate and of the severall tenants names thereof and what they yeary pa in order to describe and ascertaine the saem the better since they are onely Genrally very loose by described in the Settlements and the Lands or farmes without any particular names soe think the names of the serval tenn.ts in whose poss[ess]ions they severally are you know are the best description the thing will bear. And I doubt not but upon Enquiry you may get a copy of old mr Midford Deed or appointment about the £1500 wch I am informed his Son Kitt Blackett has and was drawn by Mr Charles Clarke as well as his will. As these matters require Expedition I hope I shall be favoured with satisfactory answers upon ret.n I am your kinsman & faithfull servant

George Allgood

11th April 1721

If you know of any Settemt made by Michaell Midford pray a Lyne. I have been told & assured oold Mr. Midford wd not joyne with him many and without him he could Doe nothing

Mr John Ord Attorney at Law Newcastle upon Tyne

15 Apr 1721 George Allgood to John Ord

Cossin Ord,

Sr Wm Blackett being in the Countrey I Shall not be able to see him till Munday or Tuesday at soonest and then shall give you an Account to the matters you mention. And by Mundays post I hope to be favoured with the Rentall of Mr Midfords whole Estate and with the copy of the deed of Appointment or at last the Substance of it I know to whom he Disposed of the £1500 I mean to wch <....> children

You may rember there is a charge in Michael Midfords Bill that he had made as <elle mt> upon his wife and was informed yesterday that such a Setlement was made And that a Reco[ver]y was suffered by him And if any such were made most certainly they were void and of no purpose Mich being onely ten[an]t in Tail with <Sir Eall> rem[ainde]r over could Do nothing without his father who was ten[an]t for Life and had the Freehold in him and refused to Joyne in any thing. I believe Mrs Procter may <come> a pretty while before she comes at her money wch I doe not see will be in hast Especially if shee gives any touble

I perceive by my friend that [name crossed through/illegible: possibly 'Combes'] is very much Aggressive with my Ld O security he and his accomplices not being able to get any money of him as <..... > Soe in the End I suppose there are like to have a <Charse> Security. I thinke it good for you to strike whilst the grows hot

I am yr Kinsman & faithfull Servt Geo Allgood

15th April 1721

The Princess of Wales was this day brought to bedd of a Son

5 Nov 1721 John Rudd to John Ord

[Note: last part of a letter, presumably to John Ord. The year is not given, but assigned here to 1721 since it appears to relate to attempts to repay the Smith mortgage ata round that time]

...went from home last Sunday and did not return till Thursday when I found your letter and Sent to Mrs Smith and find that she has £1000 to pay att London and expects a letter tomorrow about itt and desited I would not write to you before the post comes

in. The money was to be paid to Mr Eyres but he being lately dead she expects some Orders tomorrow from his Ex[ecuto]r about it. And if the Ex.r is ready to receive itt she will then take £1000 and get it returned – or phaps make you a p.sent of £5 if you can pay it tatt London – and she says she will also want £400 more which she is to pay here But she will herself write by Mr fetherston her full Orders about itt. I am agoieing to Richmond this morning and Shall not returne till Wednesday & am Sr yr very humble Servt

Jno Rudd

Durh 5 Nov

9 Jun 1722 Mary Smith to John Ord

[Note: Exact date unclear – possibly 9th. Assumed to be to Ord given its inclusion in this collection]

Sr

That their may be no misunderstandings this comes to acquaint you that I accept no notice for the payments of Sr Wiliam Blackets mony under six months nothing less is reasonable now shall I accept it

Yet to make you easy if you will pay <ten ...> till the 15th of Decembr I will take the lesser mortgage at lammas receiving £1090 at London the remainder hear if you like this proposal pleas to let me hear from you that I may order my affairs accordingly for tis eaquall to me whether tis accepted or not I am

You humble servant Mary Smith

<9..> June 22