

[This collection of extracts from the Standfield papers focuses on Sir James Standfield's mining ventures at Glenlyon (Angus) and Wanlockhead (Dumfries). He was in partnership in both locations with William Blackett. A biography of **Standfield** can be found amongst those of other significant correspondents in '[Dukesfield Documents](#)'.

The **William Blackett** concerned in these documents was the son of Christopher Blackett of Hoppyland, Co. Durham, and of Wylam, and nephew of the first Sir William Blackett. He inherited Hoppyland from his father in 1675. WB was indentured with Sir William as a Newcastle Merchant Adventurer and began his career as a merchant trading in Swedish iron [Purdue, *The Ship That Came Home*]. According to Surtees he married Christiana, daughter of the Duc de Blois ( elsewhere described as "the daughter of Duc de Boys, a Swedish nobleman" or "daughter of the Duc de Bois"). Because of his Swedish connections William acted as Charles II's envoy to the Swedish court for many years [Purdue]; several of his letters to Standfield give his present address as Stockholm.

Standfield communicated regularly with John Lindsay and his colleague, Peirse Reeves, at John Lindsay & Co, London. John Lindsay, a fellow Scot and apparently a personal friend of Standfield's, was probably the notable goldsmith banker whose role in London's developing international financial market is discussed in Neal & Quinn (2001) *Financial History Review* 8(1) 7-26. Lindsay's company helped finance the Wanlockhead venture and Lindsay appears to have been the source of Standfield's information about Wanlockhead, probably acquired from another client, Mr Vermuyden. Vermuyden (his given name is never mentioned) was probably a son of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the noted drainage engineer. A letter from John Lindsay (Oct 30, 1677) mentions the recent death of Mr Vermuyden's father; Sir Cornelius died in London 11 Oct 1677. The Vermuyden family had a substantial interest in Dovegang Lead Mine, Derbyshire, from 1632 and the same letter mentions that Derbyshire miners had previously opened negotiations with Lord Queensberry to mine Wanlockhead, but had not proceeded with the plans. Mr Vermuyden had probably heard this through his Derbyshire connections and alerted John Lindsay to the possibilities – Lindsay's correspondence with Standfield makes it clear that Vermuyden was the source of their information about Wanlockhead. Lord Queensberry owned Wanlockhead and the surrounding country. Until the mid-1680s his home was Sanquar Castle (from where William Blackett wrote during his visits to Wanlockhead). During the period of this correspondence he was building his great new house at Drumlanrig near Thornhill, still the home of his descendant the Duke of Buccleugh. Standfield and Blackett took great pains to maintain good relations with his lordship, not least because he owned much of the local woodland from where the mines had to obtain their vital supplies of timber. In this, they were in constant competition with Lord Hopetoun, owner of mines at neighbouring Leadhills.]

**16 Jun 1674 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/8]

Recaved of Sr James Standseild towards the charges of Leed myns at Glen Lyon the som of Twenty five pound sterling. I say rec as per his one fourth of that charge of which to give acco. the som of £25 .Pr. Wm Blackett  
Edinburgh

**1 Aug 1674 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/3]

Receipt Wm Blackett to Sr Jas.Stansfeild for £20 on acct of Leid mynes.  
Eden[burg]h

**10 Nov 1674 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/175(a). This is an abstract made by Standfield which forms part of a longer summary of 21 separate letters of various dates from John Lindsay and Co in London that Standfield drew up early in 1678 (see Lindsay to Standfield, 9 Feb 1678). Although the writer is not named it is assumed from context to have been from John Lindsay.]

Nov 10, 1674

Receive enclosed paper which was put into our hands by a very good friend who has great confidence of mee. I desire you would make a private enquirie after the affaire it mentions without communicating anything of any designe in itt but such you think fitt lett us know soe soon as you can with the greatest secrecy possible.

**17 Nov 1674 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/44.]

Londo Nov 17 1674

Sr James,

Our last was of the 10th instant therein sent you a paper relating to business of concernment wch recommended to your care & secrecy. Since noe from you these serves to Advise that Ald Simpson has drawne on you £160 payable to And Donalson the 25 inst ach fords to doe as he advises we desire it may finde due honour upon <d:

Aird> & wt yu are short in Cash you may draw the bille on us to answer it. In our last wee advised you Sr Ja Keith was In Debts £473.13.6 principle & since lent him £7 for his journey. And the Int of his acct w make £147.9.8 at 6 p Ct to the 30 of this month we hope hel clear every thing wth you when hes there according to his promise & advise of his compliance wt is all needful

For my Bro Jno Lindsay & Compy

Peirse Reeves

### 26 Nov 1674 Peirse Reeves to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/136]

London 26 Nov 1674

Sr James

Our last was of the 17 instant Adviseing Ald[erman] Simpson had drawn On you £160 payble And<...> Donason. And that Sr Ja. Keith was Dr Viz £480:13:6 principle & £147.9.8 Int[eres]t & since recd Yours of the 12 & 17 take notis of their contents & thank you for yr information & shall expect yr further Advice in it in near time shall speke wth those concernd. receive inclosed accts of Greenhill & in wts needfull.

Sr my Br Jno Lindsay & Comp

Peirse Reeves

[outer leaf:] Sir James Standfield, Marcht, Edinburgh

[annotated in different hand:] John Lindsays and Compy adviseing what Sir Ja. Keith owing & what Geo Greenhill owes <....>

### 1 Dec 1674 to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/2. Undated other than 1674. Assumed to cover the year so dated to 31 December here.]

[outer leaf:]Leade Mynes – how to be wrought & the pduce divided in five parts

<L. Barr> <146.13.4>

Took duty Staple <jord..> for <Crop> & year of god 1674

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The mine to be wrought and the ore to be divided into five parts the owner of the ground or the lessee to have on part of the ore shadded and wash'd ready to bee molton and he to so deliver the same in the nature and quality aforesaid and to bee payd for it every 3 mo paying fr every load twenty shillings. The Workman In like maner to have another fifth part the undertakers and they to Content the person

[parson?] for his tithes by this meanes a man is shure to have Ware for his money and than to make furnaces to melt 36 or 40 at one tyme as hath beene <tovetedd>. for to enter into Charges before you have good flow of ore above ground is needles <hecin> also observe to worke from East to west or from West to East unless you find the situation of the mine to be such that being troubled with Certaine <same.>. if your lead doe Containe silver though it weare one ounce in one hundred you may worke it to benefit if you preserve your lead by making of an Iron Capp over your furnace to bee drawne up and downe to <receine> the Vapour of lead which falleth downe againe or the<re> about it and if you have vent enough for the <Lilarguim>, wch is your Lead as it is Cast up by the footblast or otherways being redd to paint with all then may you make profitable worke Every way

Wigh the silver in a pr of gold scales and soe cast it up how much there is in a Summ of Leade; Oares differ in goodness of all sorts from 40 <ps> worth of Silver in a Tunn to 35<l> worth of Silver in a Tunn & there is noe Leade but it holdeth some silver yet it is not worth the refineing Unless itt yield 8 or 10 pound upon a Tunn att the least

### 30 Dec 1674 William Blackett to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/140]

30 Xber 1674

Recaved then of Sr James Standseild the som of twenty five pound sterling being for a quarter part of his second Advance made for Defraying of the Charges in Driveing on of the Leed myns of Glen Lyon. I say received by me £25 Stlg Wm Blackett  
Edinburgh

### 7 Jan 1675 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/135]

London Jan 7th 1674

Sr James,

Our last was of the 31st past. Since none from you. These are cheifely for conveighance of the Lettr to Mr Wilky from [your] good friend Mr Dan[...] who has writt Sevrall times but receivd noe answer . [Our] desyre is to get his answer upon delivery of it wch forward per first Advise us also if you have maid further inquirey as you promisd abt. the mines. In [...] [...] desyre upon concludeing wth Mr Wilky that all [...] may be pd there not relyeng upon any here & soe soone as advise the money is ready shall send downe an Assignat of my write & [...] as needfull.

Sir my Br. Jno Lindsay & Comp, Peirse Reeves

To Sr James Standfield, Marcht, Edinburgh

**7 Jan 1675    John Lindsay to James Standfield**

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Jany 7 1674/5

Per first advise us if you have made any further enquiry after the mines as you promised .

**21 Jan 1675    Peirce Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/139]

London Jan 21 1674

Sr James,

Our last was of the 16 instant therein desyred you to send up per first such writeing as is required for my Br. Lindsay to signed on acct of Mr Wilkys estate. And inclosed was a Lettr to himself. Since Recd Yours of the 14th instant Adviseing your readiness to comply wth Ald[erman] Simpsons twoe Bills on You for £200 - If you draw on us the Value shall be duely honourd. This day we spoke with Mr Andrew Duncan who knows not od any money hes to receive on Mr Wilkys acct & heeres nothing from him that he is & therefore as in the former soe now our desyre is to have all the money pd by him there wthout the least depending on him here for any. Take notis wt you write the Earle of Queensberry will shortly be there. When is Lord[shi]p is there discourse wth him And desyre his Lordshp to give his proposall & 2 or 3 posts to answer them. And as you hinted in a former Lettr that you were willing to come in a share wth my friends have prevailed wth them to imbrace you being myself concernd wth them - Inquire of his Lordshp whether he did not once agree wth some towards Darbyshire ( tho by some accident did not proceed) & upon wt tearmes. And off this pray give acct soe soon as you have spoken wth his Lordshp keepeing it private from all others & in whats needfull For my Br. Jno Lindsay & Comp, Peirse Reeves

London

To Sr James Standfield, Edinburgh

[Annotated on cover in a different hand:] John Lindsay Esq & Compy

**21 Jan 1675 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

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Jan 21, 1674/5

Take notice wt you writt that the Earle of Queensberry will shortly be there: when his Lo[rdshi]p is there discourse with him and desire his Lo[rdshi]p to give his proposal and 2 or 3 posts to answer them And as you hinted in a former Letter that you were willing to come in ashare which my friends have prevailed with them to embrace you being myself concerned with them, enquire of his Lo[rdshi]p if he did not once agree with some towards Darbyshyre who by some accident did not proceed and upon what terms and of this pray give an accot soe soon as you have spoken wt his Lo[rdshi]p keeping it privat from all others.

**29 Jan 1675 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/21]

Our last was of the 18th inst. Since recd yours of the 20th. Take notis of the contents & w[i]th[i]n recd your accot currant, but not your accot of Bills wch desyre per next. of your accot shall advise per next & as to the Leed Myns Mr Vemuyden will write to you at large before he setts forward his journey theither wch he intends being <...> needfull.

For my Br. Jno Lindsay & Comp, Peirce Reeves.

**1 Apr 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/19A&B]

Edinbruge the first of April 1675

Received then of Sr James Standfield the Sum of twenty five pounds sterling for  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of his first advance made for defraying of the Charges in Driving on of the Leed Myn of Eagle I say recd by me £25 stlg Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] memo to post the 2 H: moores accots in my proper leager  
Mr John Mecckwath [Mackworth?]

**2 Apr 1675 John Grey to William Blackett**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/25]

Lintz the second of Apryl 1675

Sold to Wilam Bleckeit one <Stwdie wies> - 7 stone 2 lb - at 7 shilinges and sexpenc sterling a stone - 2-17

<Tesevet> be me John Gray fule and complit pyment of this above wryten day and dait forsind as witnes my hand John Gray

**8 Jun 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/23]

Indermark [Invermark?] 8th June 1675 Teusday

Recaved then of Sr James Standseild knight for his third advance of his one fourth part concern in the Leed myns of glenlyon The some of twenty five pound sterling, being to defray the charges on driveing on the sd Leed myns .

Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] Mr Matthew <M>ackele. Please pay the contents on the other side & include it in the acct of the bills to be cloased with John Shand. Jas Standfield

**24 Jul 1675 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

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July 24, 1675

As to the Leadmynes shall say more when you send me a Copy of the Contract

**11 Aug 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/26]

Lieth 11 August 1675

Honnored Sr

I would intreat you Caus your servt Mr Schand to Write me out a note of the Cost of thoes Coles you sent unto St Johnston's, not only that, but A shair unto the freight for

carriing of them to that place both which soms being aded together I thinck it would not be amiss iff you sent me as much mony as would fil out your fourth £25 for GlenLyons leed mynes for I would not willingly have broken aaccots I intend to give in my 6 mo accot when I doe returne from that place.

I shal take care of Eagle & my Ld Queensbury & give you an accot when you return from England to which place & <...> I wish you a prosperus journey. I have not <...> but to assure you that I am sr etc

Wm Blackett

Pray let me have your Instructions where I must goe to see Torquars Leed Mines & that other you were speaking of, for when I come to goe to my Ld Queensbury's I would goe to them border ones. I thinck it need less to bring men to work til we have <clensed> the ground. I shall not come to Edenb. today.

Edenbrugh the 11 August 1675

Recaved then of Sr James Standseild the som of twenty five pound sterling being his forth payment of the like some for defraying & driveing on the Leed myns at Glenlyon

Mem. I chargd but £6 for the Coale & Augst 16 Jno Schand paid B. Archbold Wilson £7-3-0 soe Mr Blackett Db on this accot 01-3-0.

[outer leaf:] For Sir James Standfield Knight/ These presents/ pr In Edenbrugh  
[annotated:] Augst 11th 1675 Mr Wm Blacketts rent for £25 wch compleats £100 advanced by mee for Glenlyon Leade Mynes/ in Memoriall booke fol. 8  
John Schand put in B. Wilsons receipt for Coales wt in this for 7.3.0

[enclosed:] August 12 1675

Order Sr James Stansfield to William Dunbar for £160 to pay William Blackett.  
Booked.

[enclosed:] August 12 1675

John Schand

Pay unto Mr Dunbar one hundred & sixty pounds scott to bee db Mr William Blackett & compleats one hundred pound sterling advanced by mee on the accompt of Glenlyon Lead Mynes.

Jas. Stansfield

[enclosed:] Edenb[urgh] 1 September 1675

Recaved then of Mr Jno Schand for Sr James Standfield yn part for defraying the charges of the Earl of Queensbury s lead myns [pay] for his 4 part Intrist shair the som of twenty fower pond St[erling] & pray rec £24 St.

Wm Blackett



**14 Aug 1675 Peirse Reeves to James Standfield**

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Aug 14, 1675

The enclosed copy of the Agreement with the Earle of Queensberry we rcd and when Br[other] L[lindsay] comes to town shall advise you thereof.

**17 Aug 1675 Peirse Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/6]

Londo Aug 17, 1675

Sr Ja Standfield

Our last was of the 14th inst subce none from you. As to the agreement with the Earle of Queensberry: Our friend at psent is out of towne in the North but doe believe you may depend upon his taking of 3 fifths part. We should be glad to hear fro you before you goe to your journey wishing you prosperity therein & lets know where we may write you there & as needful

For my Bro Lindsay & Compy

Peirse Reeves

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield/ Mercht/ In Edinb

**1 Sep 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/12B]

Edinbruge the 1 September 1675

Received then of Mr Jno Schand for Sr James Standfield in part for defraying the Charges of the Earl of queensburys Leed Myns I say for his 4 part Intrist their the som of twenty four pound stg I say recd £24 Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] Receipt Mr Wm Blackett To Sr Ja Standfield on acct of his interest of Drum Lanrig Leid myns per then p J S £ 24 Booked

**9 Sep 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/10]

Edenbrugh, 9th 7ber 1675

Honored Sr

I hope this wil find you in good health at London & hearing of your being thair I thought good to give you notice that I came from Glenlyon & Eagel to this place the 30th past. As for your first Its as It was hard, thair is 2 or 3 thousand stone afore I judge aforehand. drest our men wil come from thence 8 or so days after Michelmas as also from Eagel which place to all our Admiration alters not a <Joil> all tho we have found the vaine 80 faddam deeper then we had it at first. I must intreat you ord[er] Mr Schand to pay me for your 2nd advance in your mind £25 for I shall want mony for the mine this next pay. I have neather heard nor seen the M[aste]r of the mint. I suppose he is buissied in making for the election of parlam[en]t men in his Shire.

The 2nd present. I went from here with 22 persons with me to thees mind's which you took of my Ld queensberry . They may prove well iff the old man have not been too deep. I fear not much the water, if ore thair . I question not of winning of hir, but it wil cost a great deal of mony first , and wood wil be our greatest want & for that my Ld hath promised his assistance in buying a parcel of my Ld Kirnath. I beg of you returne my Ld queensberry thanks for his great kindness towards me & the men & for the redynes & carefulness of us that we shal be provided of all neccesaries, our pres[en]t want is wood & he hath given us leave to cut the needful now in his owne wood for timber for the Grove as also for the hous & <smidie> which we are building, which is a kindness indeed & ought to be acknowledged besids paym[en]t for the same. We could get no convenient lodging for our men at the mine which is about half a mile from the Lead hills upon notice thairof my Ld sent his chamberline & steward thether to desire my Ld Lopton's people to take 4 or 5 of our men to ly thair til we were provided of a hous. but they would not permit that smal favore which my Ld resents very ill. I thinck we shal work at these mines til after martinmas & by that time I have to find what the old man hath been doeing & what put him <of> work. I have had of Mr Shand £24 in part to defray this charge I doe rekon I shal want £100 - this year of which is £80 for you & £20 for me, so pray give orders to Mr Schand that I may be furnished <vecle> for I have aworld of things to buy as Iron <daels> ropes stude belles Coles etc the beginning of work <draen's> purssis at first I intend the thes the 1 of 8ber & will stay their 14 days & soe from thence to England so pray ordr Mr Schand to make up the 24£ I have had 80£ for this Grove's Charges yr 4/5 as also 25£ for Eagel. pray let me have the honor of a line from you in Answer to this and you will obliedge

Sr your Affect. Fr. & sarvt

Wm Blackett

[addressed:] For Sr James Standseild Knight these presents In London

[annotated:] Sepr 9th 1675. Mr William Blacketts lre ut intro anent the Lead myne and the Earle of Queensberry's kindenes to him & o.r men & that will need 100£ whereof 20£ his pt

**13 Sep 1675 John Grey to William Blackett**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/75]

<Hereweth> from Master Blecket for ane stidie wies

7 stone 2 lb at 7s-6penc a stone £02-13-06

Item ane pair of belies £01-10-00

<Hereweth> be my order [.....] the fwte of this above written acowmpt the dait above wryten I say <Hereweth> be my John Gray

[On cover:] from John Grey, Lintz, 13th September 1675

**16 Sep 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/42]

Edinburgh, 16th September 1675

Sr James Standsfeild

Worthy freind my last was the 9th pres.t to which I refer you. I have since dispatch' severall carts with daels iron & other nessessarys for my Ld Queensberrys Lead mines. I hope you wilbe pleased to ordr Mr Schand as I desired to pay me £25 for Eagels work & £56 for this new work which wil make your four fifths £80 - I intend for that place (after the provost & Baillies are chosen for the Citty one of which I may pretend to as <sqr> goes being a burges ) & from thence after I have stayed thair 14 or <21> days I intend for England. The [missing] of the Mint there is not com'd home.

I intreat you doe me the kindnes & buy me a Hansom good raper [ie rapier] not too long nor too short with a good silver hilt & also a shoulder belt, plane of a <...wish> collar with good silver Glaspes, & I will pay you for the same . If a good plaine belt is not to be got to content pray let [an] a black belt with a good black fring. I would bestow 8 or 9 £ on sword & belt. I desier you ll excuse this trouble you may command me in a greater . I rest

Sr your Aff[ectio]nate Sarv't

Wm Blackett.

Pray bring sword and belt with you by land.

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield/ Knight / These presents/ In London

**13 Oct 1675 John Curtis to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/34]

Received be me John Curteis Greive to the Leed Myns of Wanlohead from Alexr Litster in name and behalf of Sir James Standseild of Newmylnes the Some of Fifty pund Sterling Mony for payment of the workmen there for dryveing on the said Lead Myns As witness my hand at Wanlohead the Thirtieth day of october <...> sevinty sex yeere. Befor thes witness Thomas Snawball

Recd By me John Courtice

**15 Oct 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/13]

Recaved then of Mr John Schand by order of Sr James Standseild the some of twenty six pound sterling which with twenty four pound formerly recaved maks fifty pounds. Which I have got for defraying of his four fifth part charges of the leed myns called Wanlock Head.

Say recaved by me Wm Blackett

**18 Nov 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/177]

Leed Hill 18th 9ber 1675

Sr James Standfield

Worthy freind I stayed at Edenbr in Expecktation of yr Coming home till I was ashamed to look upon the street & since I was frustrated of seeing you I thought fit to send this unto you to bid you welcom to Newmils were I hope you are arrived in good health.

Sr: the M[aste]r of the mint and I parted to my Judgment Good freinds but no mony so that I was forced to leave my man to deliver you som letters with the Glenlyon acct in wch you will see I put nothing downe but my Expences wch Is not so much as I am sure you would have allowed me iff you had been at Edenbr but the acct for this year is Closed & I shall remaine thair by not doubting but yr £25 resting to me on that acct you wil doe me good when I call for it & I hope & Rely thair upon that you wil get me the £40 of the master he is resting to me on that acct for which I left my boy to see & pay severall persons, so I rely of that Mo[ney] to be procured by yr means as also forty od pound the Laird of Glenlyon wants for his part I am bravely used on al hands as you brought me on pray bring me off.

and now for Eagels works for my owne part I could not get to them to pay thees men neather had I money so to doe. I left Will Boston my man to get of you & the M[aste]r £25 [...] to pay thees men wch if you doe not, & that spedily, it wilbe a great

discredit to me among the men. & no less prejudice to us all, Soe good Sr see that also Efecated, & when don you shall have accots sent you of this years Charge off thes <...ris>

I came hether the 26th present & yesterday I took advice of all the works, wch on al mens opinion, thats workmen hier is very hopefull, & tho very wet & trubled with Water yet I hope ear I dye to get Dry mony out of them. I had a Consultation with the bearrer & rest of our workmen as concerning keeping men at work & we al thinck it requisit to keep 8 or 10 men at work al winter - & they to work at the hopefulest & best places for iff we keep not the work goeing what we have don wilbe drowned in the winter & so we are to begin anew & loss what we have don so I hope you will Concor with me & them as to this being so much for our advantage. the bearer will informe you more pticular as to the premisses he wil be <.eging> but put <...> to me. he is indeed a very Ingenious fellow & one whom we must Countenance tho not with to much mo[ney] but now & then with a glas and a good word. I have given him the book of accto to keep til I returne, you wil see I am out £ [blank] and we thinck £50 more wil drive on the work al winter til last of febr & longer so I have given him a bil upon you for £50 - wch makes yr four fifths £100 in all & my share you wil see is more then my part but I vallew not it when I have to doe with Sr James <alone thees & me> we leave here must haive 30 or 40 s app[ie]e in hand to but themselves provisions for fear of being storme fast wch is as likely as may be in the highlands iff you wil let me have one fifth of your four fifths of these mines I shal furnish Jno with this £50 but <ytt> I feare you wil not doe Sr pray waite upon my Ld Queensberry who hath don us al the kindness Imaginable both in furnishing us with wood & otherways as I returne for Scotland I wil meet you at Sanquar and thair let us pay my Ld for his wood with a great deal of thanks & agst that time I doubt not but we shal have occation for a larger quantetye. in the mean time beg the continuance of his favores & to let our men have stil wt they may want.-one thing let me tel you & thats wt the bearer I believe will assure you that before we bring this work into a going work etc it wil cost upwards of £500 iff not £600 & then I thinck it wilbe a work for our time.

If you brought the sword & belt I desireded you buy me at London pray let Wm Boston have to bring me but charge him to keep both dry & wel wrapt up.

I have not further to Inlarge but to Desier you despach the bearer with al haest to the work againe for he can be ill spared. I expect to here from you & remaine

Sr yr Humble Sarvt

Wm Blackett.

PS pray assure the m[aste]r & Eagel that altho £50 I was to have salliry that I wil place no more to accot. than my faer charges & for a hors that dyed in the sarvice.

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standseild ,knight, Edinburgh, per John Curties.

[annotated:] Nov 18th 1675 Stockholm, Wm Blackett

**20 Nov 1675 John Curtis to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/128]

Disbursed by me Jo Curtas for my mst Will:Blackett at Wanlock head Lead mines from the 4 September til the 20th November 1675 as Followeth

	£		
Robart hare for 3 horse lod house timber	0	1	6
Jo hare for 3 horse lod house timber		1	6
Robart Criton for 6 jorse lod house timber		3	-
Andrew Criton for 3 horse lod house timber		1	-
Jo Lattimer for 8 horse lod house timber		4	-
James Criton for 2 horse lod house timber		1	-
Geo:Lattimer for 9 horse lod house timber		4	6
Will:Gibson for 4 horse lod house timber		2	-
Will Mordough 1 horse lod hgouse timber			6
Robart MackCall for 2 horse lod house timber		1	-
Robart hare for 3 horse lod of set wood		1	6
Jo:Hare for 3 horse lod of set wood		1	6
Geo Lattimer for 7 horse lod of set wood		3	6
Jane Bell for 2 hors lod of set wood		1	-
Jane Douglas for 2 hors lod of set wood		1	-
for 1 Stone and 1 quarter of Iran		3	9
for 2 pound of Candills			10
for 1 pound of Tobackie		1	1
Jo:Deell for 4 hors lod of set wood		2	-
Jo:Deell for for 4 hors lod of set wood		2	2
Jo:Deell for 4 Cibles [at] cod Cibles		3	4
pd him more for 2 water Tubes at 1s-8d Tube		3	4
pd him more for 10 lod of Coles Leeding		5	-
Will:Mordough for 6 hors lod of house timber		3	4
Jo Lattimor for 14 horse lod of house timber		7	9
Andrew Criton for 10 horse lod of Spares and wattils		5	-
Jo:Davison for 9 horse lod of house wood		5	-
Jo:Criton for 4 hors lod of house wood		2	2
Will:Douglas for 11 hors lod of set wood		5	6
Andrew Criton for Spars and wattils Cutting		2	6
Andrew Criton for 6 dayes at 12 pence a day		6	-
Robart Criton for 6 dayes at 12 pence a day		6	-
Robart Hunter for 3 dayes at 11 pence a day		2	9
pd for the Land of Aboke and Shalls		2	2
Aisbell Galloway for 4 hors lod of fre stone		3	10
pd the miller of Mannon for Cutting 1300 of Sto[...]		2	2
	5	4	4

Jo Davison for Cuting and drising the house wood	-	8	10
pd him more for Leding of 6 lod of house wood		3	4
Jo:Lee for 28 lod of Spars and upshots		14	-
Jo:Lee for 3 lod of Coles		1	6
Jo:Deell for 2 Cibles at 10d the Cibles		1	8
pd him more for 2 wather tubes at 18d the tube		3	4
pd him more for 6 lod of coles at.....		3	-
Will:MackCall for 8 hors lod of Spars Rods and Rounqs		4	-
pd him more for 2000 of Stop[ries] at 4d the hundred		6	8
pd him more for 5 horse lod of Coles Leeding		4	6
Jane Bell for 10 hors lod of Set wood Leeding		5	6
Jane Douglas for 8 hors lod of Set wood Leeding		4	5
Robart MakCall for 2 hors lod of Set wood Leeding		1	1
Jo:Criton for 8 hors lod of Set wood Leeding		4	5
Robart Hind for 2 hors lod of Stop[ries] Leeding		1	-
pd him more for his hors 10 dayes Leeding of hather		6	8
Jo:Johnson for 4 hors lod of set wood Leeding		2	-
pd the miller of Mannough Mill for 600 of Stopries cutting		1	-
David Cowing for 24 lod of Coles at 3d the lod		5	-
James Criton for 160 Threave of hather pouling		17	3
Jo:Dixson 29 dayes at 8d the day		19	4
pd for 200 and 1 quarter of nailes		2	-
For. Paid Andrew Criton for building the Great hous As it was agreed on by my master and him	3	10	-
Brought forward the other side	5	4	4
Som	14	13	-

[annotated on cover:] Jno Curtice his acct of disbursemts don by him since 4 7ber til 20th 9br 1675 signed no A £14 13. Booked folio 3d No. 4

**5 Dec 1675 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/128]

Newcastle 5th Xber 1675

Honnored Sr

I am somwt Wel pleased to understand by lett of the 3rd pres that you adhaire to my desier in keeping a smal number of men at Work at Wanlock head this winter I am sure It wille no damidge tio us. let who Will Informe you or persuade you to the Contrary and thairfor beg of you & intreat you on receipt of This to send Sandy Lister to Jno Curtice with £25 st[erling] more, which with the £65 you pd him wilbe £90 that you are <at> upon yr part for that Work & before March you shal see & be satisfied that my desier Is to stope our Leed hill Enimies mouths & to keep my Credit with our men - which persons must get les Profit or else non. & al This winters Charge will not be

much above £12 or £15 & then wee have our work in good posture agst Spring - I also doubt you have Dissatisfied in som manner Jno Curtice I declare unto you that for our Buissines the Like of him is not to be found in these parts take him all Ways so Intreating you to fulfill this my now request leest Jno & the men com away ear Sandy get thether & you shall Command me in a much greater buissiness iff you thinck I am Capable to doe you a kindness In this place command & Try him.

Sr Who Is , Worthy Sr, Yr aff[ectio]nate fr[iend] & sarvt Wm Blackett

Sr The last post brought us the news of the death of my Ld Witherington & that my Ld Ogle was choesen by the king to be governor of barwick in his Room. but som thinks nevertheless the yong Lord will reap the bennifit.

[outer leaf:] Sir James Standfield Knight/ these presents/ In Edinburgh/ pr paid  
[annotated:] Stockholme William Blacketts letter in answer to mine of the 3d &, desireing me to send 25£ to Jno Curtce wch will make up 90£ I amount

### **19 Feb 1676 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/175(a). This is an abstract made by Standfield which forms part of a longer summary of 21 separate letters of various dates from John Lindsay and Co in London that Standfield drew up early in 1678 (see Lindsay to Standfield, 9 Feb 1678). Although the writer is not named it is assumed from context to have been from John Lindsay.]

Feb 19 1675/6

The enclosed Letr from Jno Curtis abt the lead mines we rcd but had not the oportunity of seing Mr Vermuyden to communicate itt to him of wch shall advise per next

### **26 Mar 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/34 B]

Newcastle 26th March 1676

Honnored Sr

I wrote you by Frydays post that I intended to take jorney towards the Leed hill on Munday next the 27th pres.t And Intreated you to meet me thair the 29th ditto & to bring with you £50 strg to pay of our men all which I hope shalbe don both by you & myself and this sarves only to second my last. If you cannot come yourself pray send your Mony by Sandy Lister but I could wish these few hollydays you would be pleased to consume in that jorney that we might have som Conferance with my Ld queensberry. as to the premisses a meeting I shal Inlarg on that subject & remaine Sr Yr Humble Sarvt



Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] Sir James Standfield Knight/ these presents/ In Edinburgh/ pr paid

**27 Mar 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/29 Blackett's costs on a journey from Newcastle to Wanlockhead. The route is an old one along the Tyne through Lemington, (is 'Stayfadge' Styford?) Haltwhistle ('hartwisell'), on to Brampton ('Branton'), from there via Gretna (Alisons Bank - later the toll bar on the turnpike road to Dumfries) to Dumfries. From Dumfries up Nithdale via Thornhill and Sanquhar to Wanlockhead. Sanquhar Castle was the estate of the 3rd Marquess of Queensbury, who appears frequently in these documents - the owner of the land at Wanlockhead. His woods provided timber for the mines at the start of the project. At the time of the recorded visit he was planning to build Drumlanrig Castle, near Thornhill, which superseded Sanquhar. Note the need for a guide ('gid') between Haltwhistle and Dumfries]

March the 27th 1676 Then begune our Journey from newcastle to the Lead Mins in Scotland at wanlochheed spent as followeth

	£- s- d
from newcastle to branton	00-04-06
pd for a gid from hartwisell to branton	00-01-06
the 28th 76 pd at branton for our selves all night	00-04-00
pd for our horses all night	00-04-06
pd for a gid betwext branton and allisons bank	00-02-06
the 29th 76 pd at dumfrees for our selves all night	00-09-07
pd for our horses all night	00-05-00
pd for a gid from allisons bank to dumfrees	00-04-00
pd at thorne hill for a bate	00-03-08
pd from dumfrees to the Lead hill for a gid	00-05-00
March the 30th 1676 pd for a sheep at the Lead hill	00-06-00
March the 28th 1676 pd at Alisons bank for a bate	00-11-06
	03-01-09

Aprill the first 1676 begune our Journey from the Leadhill

to newcastle spent as followith :

Aprill the 2th 76 pd at Sanquare for our selves and horses	00-04-04
pd to me Lords Clark	00-02-06
Aprill the 3th 76 pd for our selves and horses	00-14-06

at thronehill [sic]  
Aprill the 4th 76 pd for our selves and horses 00-12-00  
at Allisonbank  
pd for a gid betwixst allisonsbank and branton 00-02-06  
pd at branton for our selves 00-04-00  
Aprill the 5th 1676 pd at Stayfadge 00-01-00  
pd at Lemmington 00-01-00  
  
02-01-10  
03-01-09  
05-03-07

[outer leaf:] 27 March 1676 Mr Blacketts accompt for the journey to Wanlockhead  
5£:03:07 B. folio 4

**29 Mar 1676 William Blackett to James Standsfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/41]

Leed Hill

Recaved then of Mr Wm Dunbar for accot of Sr James Standsfeild the som of fortye  
pond sterling being in part for his part concerning the charges of the leed myns at  
Wanloch heed  
Wm Blackett

**30 Mar 1676 William Blackett to James Standsfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/33]

Leed hill 30th March 1676

Honnored Sr

Yrs of the 28th pres't by Mr Dunbar full frieghted With apologies for Yr not  
Coming to the Wanloch head as this time som of wh' are Weighty others could have  
been Dispensed with However I am of so good an nature that I shall pass by such small  
things.

I Cannot answer your Letter in every pticular [as] I Cannot stir abroad this day so  
Cannot give you [missing word] wt Condishon the Mines are in . 2ly) I pay not our  
[missing word] till Saturday so am not able to Informe our <charge> til that day. I  
p'cave you intend for Carlisle next week, where I intend to be eather Teusday of  
Wedden's next in my way home. I have sent yours to my Lord but shall neather setal  
for Wood nor gras Roome unless you were pres[en]t the first we have most need of, &  
ought to be taken care for, the [missing word] wch occations our mens idlenes som  
times & [missing word] to agre for wood (without which no tryall can be [missing

word] being but one fifth part concerned I judge it not <p... able> leest the other four fifths approve not of it when don. I [missing word] if Vermuyden be conserved as you say he is & he saith so til I be certaine of that I shall not ingage for it <...> I wil have to doe with not Vermuyden & for the Gras Room we have no occation this year for any, so to give 800 <££> for nothing I am not wiling, [missing word] we should take it . £40 will not <stock> it for [missing word] then we must have one or more to look to it [missing word] for our men noon of them is able to stock half parts and if we had it they would Grumble if we let owt a hors or a cow of thairs goe thair gratis to avoide which I shall let the gras room alone for a time - I have recvd £40 of Mr Dunbar . I rest till I see you Sr

Yrs Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] Sir James Standfield Knight/ these presents/ In Edinburgh/ pr Wm Dunbar [annotated:] 30th March 1676 Mr William Blackett that hee <being> but 1/5 concerned hee will not agree for the wood nor grass Roome nor will be concerned wth Vemuden

### 1 Apr 1676 John Curtis to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/31]

Disburst for sevarll things bought and brought for the use of the Leadmines at Wanlochhead from the 20th of nov 1675 till and with the first of Aprill 1676

	£-s-d
William Macall for 24 hundered of Stoprise at 1d per hundered	00-08-00
William Mecall 27 horse of settwood at half Mark per horse	00-15-00
George Latimore 29 horse of settwood at ditto	00-16-01
George Latimore 14 horse of coales at 8d per horse	00-09-04
John Achim 32 load of coales at 3d per load	00-08-00
John Wilson for 15 pound of conlls [candles?] at 4.5d per pound	00-05-07
Steven Crighton for 15 load of coales at 8d the load	00-10-00
Gilbart Mecall 10 load of coales at 6d per load	00-05-00
Will hamilton 2 load of coales	00-01-04
for the use of his shop	00-05-00
John Latimore 5 horse wood at half mark per horse	00-02-09
William Murdaugh 2 load of coales at ditto	00-01-01
pd Robart Chrighton 1 load of coles at 8d per horse	00-00-08
[Alson] boare 2 load of coales at ditto	00-01-04
pd william Sheldon for one dayes work	00-00-10
Andrew Crighton 2 load of coales at 8d per load is	00-01-04
John Davison one paire of [steorces] cutting & on 'rolle	00-02-06
John Davison for one stadyolock	00-03-04
John Wilson for 6 pound of Candle at 5d per pound is	00-02-06

Geo Latimore 10 load of coles at 8d per horse	00-06-08
Robart Haire 10 load of settwood at half mark per horse	00-05-07
David Cowin 26 load of coales at 3d per load is	00-06-06
William Mecall 3600 of stoprise at 4d per hundred is	00-12-00
William Mecall 1200 of powlings at 6d per hundred is	00-06-00
William Macall for 16 load of timber at half mark per hor	00-08-10
Patrick Chrichton 3 horse load of timber at ditto	00-01-08
Patrick Chrichton 6 load of coales at 8d per load is	00-04-00
George Latimore 10 horse load of timber at half mark per ho	00-05-06
George Latimore for bringing the grindston	00-02-06
John Davison 8 horse of wood at half mark per horse is	00-04-05
John Davison for tow [Lowles]	00-05-00
William duglas 4 horse load of wood leading	00-01-01
Janett duglas 4 horse load of timber at half mark per horse	00-02-02
Thomas Park 4 horse load of timber at ditto	00-02-02
Edward Widdrington for one bake and scales	00-02-02
William mecall the elder for 4 horse load at 7d per horse	00-02-04
John Davison for the grondston	00-06-00
William Hamelton for macking 06 wadges	00-00-06
John Wilson for 3 stone six pound of candle	01-02-06
David Cowman for 10 load of coales at 3d per horse	00-02-06
John Deell for tow watter-tubbs 1s8d the tubb is	00-03-04
John Achim for ten load of coales at 3d per load is	00-02-06
James Mecall for threscor dozen of settwood Cuttings at 10d per dozen is	02-10-00

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£13-18-1

[outer leaf:] John Curtice his accot of Disbursements received the first of aprill at Wanlockheed of wt he hath pd since 20 9ber 1675  
Signo B folio 3 13.18.01 No. 5

### 8 Apr 1676 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/152]

London April 8th 1676

Sr Ja: Standfield

Yours of the 30th past recd. Take notis of its contents & therein recd your acct Currant wch finde to agree wth our Bookes except two articles concerning the Lead Mines amounting to £106:13:4 wch Br Lindsay (who is now out of towne) can say nothing to untill he speaks wth Mr Vermuyden who is expected in towne in few days. He shal be then acquainted with wt you desyre. As for wt Ald[erman] Simpson has drawn on you it was contrary to our knowledge & understand your compliance wth them But as yet have recd none of the money from him However wt Bills you pass on as for paymt of

them shalbe comp[lyed wth, when you advise of yr treatment wth Lord Middleton shall advise accordingly.

Being wts needfull

Sr my Br Jno Lindsay & Comp

Peirse Reeves

**21 Apr 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/39]

Newcastle 21 April 1676

Honored Sr

I hope this will find you in good Health returned Home from your Progress . I doe not question but you would be so Curious as to goe & give Wanloch head a viszit tho I were not thair & doubtless you will as most men doe judge it hopefull but ear We can expectt any good Care must be taken for Wood <na> & that suffecient for our Leds or the mine will not be worth looking after. Thairfor my Ld Carnwath must be looked for in time leest our Adversaries the Ld Hopton & others to hinder us, get it not from us, so you would doe well to Consult my Ld Queensberry & Hugh Wallace the Writter about that affaire & if please god do bless me I wilbe at Sanequar ag[ain]st Whitsontyde which is at or about 14 or 15 May next, where if you doe not meat me I declare I wil come no more.

I pd all our men off til 1 April & if I had not had mony besides your £40 they could not have been cleared. I found nothing but <Idlenes & Emrilation> amongst them Soe that I steered an other cours with them & let 4 of the men 80 fadam Deviding & Sincking on Pilton Grang & other 4 men <20> fadam at the same Rake but called red grounds which I have to spare. I ordered John to set them on to drive the lavall below the hous to the old man's schaft who hath been but a Mear Fool in minerry if those men performe thair bargins at Pillon Grang etc they wil have a good som ame to reich if they have don agst Whitsontyd for I pay them 7 & 6 d a faddam. so praye faile not to send or bring along with you a good som of mony not only to pay the men thair wages but to stock the land I took of my Ld which lys for our Advantidg & it was requisit we should have it as I shall satisfie you at meeting besids we have the wood to pay for got of my Ld who I would not agre with til I spoke with you & I must also desier of you to send up to Wanlock head by the first 3 Carts with the following things - one with 30 stone of fine narrow flat iron & 1 barrel of hering, one with 30 stone of ordinary flat iron good mettell as <you> find must be, and 1 barrel of Herings, one with 30 ordinary Daels & 100 lb of Candels and if you please send John Curtice up <£12 stlg> to pay for bringing in of neccessarys for the Groves etc & send a note to me of all those things. praye faile not in sending these things for we shall want them if you leve out anything send 2 halfe barrels of herings for the 2 whole ones but then the more iron, which pray let be good mettell being to make hoops for tubs & chanes of so must be tough. Let me have a line from you in answer to this & that you wil meet me or we shall fall out.

Vermuyden standing not to his part nor like to come I hope I may be more concerned in the Grove if not I shall not take the paines I have taken under a good & larg sallary for its Chargeable traveling thether & they know me most cursedly that road, Hors hire & Expences cost me last voidge tho I was sick & not able to eat or Drinck £10-2 & got nothing but rotten aile wors hay & oats.

I should also Desier to know From you & the m[aste]r of the mint what you Intend to Doe about glenlyon & Eagel and When I may Expeckt my monys for my Disburs for you & him when I understand your Resolution I shal forbear & remaine as it is - I rest  
Wm Blackett

[annotated at foot:] April 21st 1676 Stockholm Mr. Wm Blackett anent takeing the grasse Rome of the Earls of Queensberry & to have a greater share in the Leade+works. Upon Vermuden not standing to his pt if not hee shall not take the paines hee hath under a good sallary

### 8 May 1676 William Pringle to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/40]

1676 Accompt of Goods sent to Wanlockhead by Wm Pringell belonging to Sr James Standseeld.

May 8

To 27.5 gudes iron [wsting] 63.25 stones at 28s per stone is	£88-11-0
To 6.25 stones of Candles at £3-12s per stone is	£22-10-0
*To 2 barrells of herring at £11 per barrell is	£22-00-0
To 30 dailes at 12s per peace is	<u>£18-00-0</u>
	£151-01-0

\*chargd to the workmen

To 3 carts for carrying of the sd goods and custome is	<u>£39-05-0</u>
	£190-06-0

the herring deducted	<u>£22-00-0</u>
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Rests	168-06-0
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[Annotated on cover:] £168-06-00 Scots

### 20 May 1676 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/153]

Sir Ja: Standfield

Your last to us of the 4th instant recd wch had answerd sooner if Mr Vermouden had bin in towne & since hear that hes gon towards Newcastle & believe hel write to you from thence if not come over. Soe soon as I understand how to direct a Lettr to him shall advise him of wt you writt in yr lett that you may be fully answerd. In our Lett of the 5 of December 74 was sent to you a scotch Bond of Sr Ja: Keith & his Lady for £300 payble to Hump. Wilie Esq to be sequesterd there & returnd We have bin solicited since by the partyes concerned for returne of it. We writt sevall times abt it. Pray let a search be made for it then advise thereof. We hope the Bishop of Dunblane has satisfyd that [Dte]  
For my Br Jno Lindsay & Comp  
Peirse Reeves

**29 May 1676 John Curtis to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/28 The place to which these goods were delivered is not identified in the following account or on its cover. However, from the context it is likely to be Wanlockhead]

An Account of the Carrying Charges from the first of Aprill till the 27th of May 1676

James Mecall 45 horse of wood at 5.5d per horse	£01-00-02.5
John Markmoran 36 horse of wood from the barr at half Mark per horse	£01-00-00
John Mechanrick 13 Load of wood from the barr at ditto	£00-07-02.5
Gilbert Mecall 21 load of wood at 5.5d per horse	£00-09-07.5
Andrew Clark 33 horse of wood at ditto	£00-15-01.5
William Clark 4 horse of wood at ditto	£00-01-10
John Lee 2 horse of wood at ditto	£00-00-11
William Mecall 12000 of [stoyrise] at 4d per hund. cutting & carryage	£02-00-00
John [Makmosinn] for 6 load of coales at 8d per load	£00-04-00
Tho: Latimore for 5 load of coales at ditto	£00-04-00
George Latimore fro 5 load of coales at ditto	£00-03-04
John [Achinn ] 33 load of coales at 3d per load	£00-08-03
George Latimore for 2 load of wood from the barr half mark per hors	£00-01-01
Tho: Barrow fro 1 load of wood from the barr at ditto	£00-00-06
John Wilson for one pinte of oyle	£00-01-04
John Kalack for one Hide for mending the bellyes	<u>£00-06-08</u>
	£10-13-04

By Jno Curtice this mo 29 May 1676

[outer leaf:] John Curtice his Accot off Disbursem'ts fro' the first of Aprill till and With  
the 29th of May 1676 10.13.04 B. Folio 5

**29 May 1676 John Curtis to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/43]

Wanlockhead May 29th 1676

Received then by me John Curtise from Sr James Standfield to accompt of what is due to the Workmen att this place the sume of Twenty six pounds ster. with Twenty two pounds in cash presently paid and foure pounds formerly rect by order of the said Sr James from Capt Alisone, which he is to make good to him for the which sume I promised & oblige mee & <mene> to hold accompt for the said Sr James or Mr William Blackett. Towards payment of what is due to the Workemen employed hear for workeing the Leade Mynes, and that for the months of Aprile & May instant. I say recd in pt paymy thereof & other disbursemts the sume of twenty six pounds ster. as above. Witnes my hand day & year forsaid  
John Curtis

[On cover:] Receipt May 29 1676 John Curteis to Sir James Standseild of 26£ <ptel>

**10 Jun 1676 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/30]

Sr James Standfield

Our last was of the 20th past to wch refferr you. Since none from you These are to Advise Our Bills on you for £41-15-2 payble David Congnard at 8d wch let receive due honour & place it to Our accot - We hope since our last you have heard from Mr Vermuyden for As we know not how to direct a Lettr to him He travelling from place to place but hope per next to advise mee thereof

For my Br. Jno. Lindsay & Compo.

Peirse Reeves

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield Merct Edin

[annotated:] June 10th 1676 Jno Lindsay Esqr & Compy adv bill on mee for £41 15s 2s & Vermuden



**10 Jun 1676 James Standfield to William Blackett**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/111. A draft of a letter with many parts crossed out and rewritten. From the mention of Mr Vermuyden, it appears to date from 1676 as it was in the spring of this year that Blackett expressed concerns to Standfield regarding vermuyden's involvement in the mining venture. From context the letter dates between 13th May and the 1st August. Blackett was in Wanlockhead in late May 1676 so a date of 10th June is given here for this reply]

Sirs

I <recd> yours from Wanlockhead and by it am still the more surprised by the unreasonable method of proceeding in that affaire of the Mynes there. You cannot but acknowledge in justice & equity that I am onely concernd for Mr [Lindsay] and quarter for my selfe, and if <you refuse ....> I can evidence itt by sevrall of yr lres by wch you sollicitd me to gett Mr Vermuden out, that you might have a halfe otherwise said you would not <continue> at soe small a part. But suppose I was to represent three quarters and that you would unjustly designe imposeing soe upon me I have already paid to yr order of the am't of all wages & other charges over & above <the Wood> more then three quarters of the amt of all wages & other charges unto the 13 of May if you will but looke over yr books, wch you omitted to send back to mee Soe by what Rule or Reason you should expect mee to make further advance exceeds my understanding.

Pray peruse yr books consider this affaire, and as you either have regard to yr owne reputation or mine, timely order a supply of moneys to the workpeople. I have never beene remiss in paying & pressed you to a full stating of the accompt in the <foresd> tyme, and you told mee that needed not untill August, at which tyme you would bee back, and I doe not finde the workemen have had money att any tyme but what hath come from mee and can never gett any rationall acct how the money was expended. Soe this is an unhappy undertakeing to bee thus <used>. Whatever shall bee my proportion att Lambes [Lammas – 1st August?] May it to three quarter part of the Mynes if you shall continue soe unreasonable as to demand it I shall clear it But in the <rit....> being in soe great advance , I will not make advance of one shilling; this imprudent management hath made a great reflecion in me, as if we had nothing to doe with our money but to gratifie a <rascality> of <vi... eud> idle persons, the money already <waisted> if had been frugally might have brought the worke to a certainty for Lead Oare all the Countrey <conclude> their is abandance their as well as at <Hoptons> works adjacent & I expect you keepe forward the worke till August at wch tyme god willing I shall attend you upon this place; and not a farthing on my part shall bee wanting.

I remane Sr yr most humble servt.

[Annotated :] Svll Lres sent Mr Blackett

**15 Jun 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/32 See notes for a similar account dated 27 Mar 1676. Blackett called at Fallowfield en route. His cousin John Blackett was agent there. Annotated by Stansfield in his usual fashion on the cover. Undated within June but given here as 15th, after Blackett's return home]

Taken Journey for Wanloch Head from Newcastle, May the 26th 1676 Pr expend' as fol

	£ - s - d
27th At fallowfield in the morning	00-04-00
at branton for man & hors	00-00-06
28th at allison's bank alnight man and hors	00-15-06
ferreing at annan	00-01-06
29th at morn pd at the bank end for man and hors al night	00-12-06
for a Hors to Carry the steel etc fro' allison's bank to WanLoch head	00-10-10
at Thornhil spent	00-08-02
30 at the Leed hill & Sankquar for man & hors	00-06-01
Spent with the men & other Charges	00-10-02
June 1 at [Codler]	00-03-04
.... 2 at Ingelstone bridge	00-11-08
.... 3 at Edenbrugh	00-02-09
at Leeth	00-03-10
To Wm Hymes for hors hier	03-00-00
To the man for himself & the hors thair Charges home	00-15-00
For my Charges at Edenbrugh <10> & returne to Wanlochhead	
& so home	00-04-10

[outer leaf:] June 1676 Mr William Blacketts accompt 13.01.04. B. folio 6

**21 Jun 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/35]

Edenbr' 21st June 1676

Recd then of Sr James Standseild the som of Sixty pond Sterling for his part concerne  
in the Leed Myns of Wanloch head

I say recd by me £60

Wm Blackett

**1 Jul 1676 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/150]

Sr Ja: Standfield

Our last was of the 11th Inst adviseing our bill on you for £41:18:2 payble David [Congnere]. since recd yrs of the 8th wch had bin answers sooner had my Br. Lindsay bin in towne. As for the Lead Mines if Mr Vermuyden do[2 or 3 illegible letters] relinquish his share as you advise my Br is willing you should oblige yr friend by letting him have a quarter pt. And as for the sadle he gave you intends to send it the first opportunity being <...> needfull.

Sir my Br Jno Lindssay & Comp  
Peirse Reeves

Since the above written by my Bro. Reeves, he being gone out of towne I have (to accomodate & oblige a peculiar friend) past on a bill on you and my owne hand for Three Hundred & ten pounds sterling payble to Mr Jno Beddles or Ord[ere]d at Twenty daies sight : wch I pray lett be duly Hon[er]ed & whatsoever you shall be wanting in Cash that you may not be incommoded passe yr Bills on me at yr cassuall sight &

Yr Assured Loving Friend  
Jno Lindsay

**6 Jul 1676    John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/154]

Londo July 6th 1676

Sr James Stansfeild

Our last was of the 1 inst, advising the Bill on you for £310 sterling at 20 dayes payable, to Jno <Beddle>. Wee find since the scarcity of mony here in London divers psons endeavouring to creep into the Businesse of Exch[er] with your place, but wee having put ourselves at much ease in our Businesse at home, doe resolve to renew our Businesse of that nature & hope to find good encouragemt & intend shortly to ordr your draughts on us for Considerable if advantage offer. Wee have yours of the 29th June & hope our last advising my being out of towne will plead excuse for the undue return referring your business of the [mynes] wholly to your managemt, being very willing to run equall forther with yourselfe, nothing doubting your care & prudence. Your Bill on us for £100 sterling payable to Cart Richd Barham wee have accepted & shall receive due compliance & in all things shall be ready to approve, my self reall friend to serve you, Jno Lindsay

**25 Jul 1676    John Wood to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/141A, 85. 141A is an account submitted by the Earl of Edzell and assumed to have been drawn up by his factor Major John Wood, in similar fashion to another in his name given the date of 1 November 1675. The second account (folio 85) appears to be the account referred to as the last item of the first account, although the amounts are different.]

[f 141A:]

Accompt of the Mo.e disbursed by the Laird of Edzell for the furthering of the Lead Worke <Upon> the partics Following Sume

£ s d

In the first for the hyre of four horse from Bruntilland to Edzell being 40 myles at 3s pr mylle for the horse Inde	24:00:00
It for the hyre of 4 horses transporting the <pachars> brought From Bruntilland to the leadmynes at 6s pr horse Is	01:04:00
It for 5 pound 1/2 in weightof Iron to make wadges & al 2s pr 1lb is	00:11:00
It to ane Smith for working the sd iron at 1s p pound Is	00:05:06
It for transporting the provisione bought for Mr Blackett at Montrose from there to Invermark <16.h> 3 horse at 12 s p horse Is	01:16:00
It for Carrying of two gads of Iron from montross to the sd place	00:12:00
It For ane <Stathie Storle trimming> & transporting of it	01:10:00
It For transporting of Coalls <wth> 23 horses from Montrose to Edzell at 6s p horse And from there to Invermark at the <... rate>	<2>3:16:00
It For transporting of some shafts & <pu.s .ith> on horse from Montrose to Invermark	00:12:00
It to John Donaldson for <Cutting Couples So..direing> & Timbering the house at the leadmyne for meat & wages to the men a<sistd him	11:10:00
It to Robert Aneerdaile massone and his <..band> for his meat and Wages dayes at	24:00:00
It For transporting of the smith his <Stih.e> & tooles with ane Barrel of Steell from Edzell to Invermark with 2 horses	01:04:00
It More <Guvine> to Alex Fudorr for carrying the grovers <puls> Bait & <Fair> to the Smidies Six pounds gross in pl of <Peyt> Inde	06:00:00
It for ane nights expense to six men & ane woman at Boncard in the going to Invermark 2 <Inny abys>	03:10:00
It For ane ash tree to mak shafts off to puls	06:00:00
It For halfe ane boll of Sunddre befor the rest of the coalls cam about>	00:16:00
It delyvered to Edward Dennestonne <Servant> to Mr Blacket	60:00:00
It For <houses ineall> for the coals <.coeche .. wer.> at 13s <...>	17:06:08
It to Alexr <..are> conforme to his acompt Fiftie ane punds 12s 4d	51:12:04
It disbursed to Major Wood at my order upon building of houses fur Anssing of victuells and <w.r> new sries confirme to his p.r.car	

Accompts given <heraneul> & extending to

445:05:04

Scots mo: £671:10:10

[annotated at foot in a different hand:]

This acct is given in and presented by the Laird of Eigel the 25 July 1676 <allowed> of  
by me Wm Blackett In accot

[f.85:]

Accompt of the Mo[n]e[y] disbursed by Major Wood at the Earl of Edzells order upon  
building of houses at the lead works furnishing of victuells to the workmen thereatt  
and casting and leading of peates and <...> necesries unto same the [blank] day of  
[blank] last by past to the [blank] day of [blank]

In the first delyvered to James Chrystiesene <money> for

Intertaineing of Six men befor Mr Blackets <north comeing> four punds <money> for buying victuells Inde	04 00 00
It. for ane leg of Beef sent up to him	03 00 00
It. Sent to him ane boll of meall at Ten punds Inde	10 00 00
It. Sent to him ane Dizone of Killing at 6s 8d per piece Inde	04 00 00
It. Sent to him ane stoneweight of butter at 6s per pund Inde	04 16 00
It. Sent up to him thrie <firlots> of malt at £10 per boll Inde	07 10 00
It. Sent up to him ane boll of meall at £10 Inde	10 00 00
It. Sent up mor to him thrie <Firlots> malt at the forsd rait Inde	07 10 00
It. Delyvered to his wyffe ten punds in <money> Inde	<u>10 00 00</u>
	60 16 00

It. Delyvered to the workmen themselves after Mr Blackets comeing

North First ane stoneweight of butter at the forsd rait is	04 16 00
It. Ane boll of meall at £12 per boll Inde	12 00 00
It. Sent up halfe ane boll of malt at the for[esai]d rait Inde	06 00 00
It. Sent ane leg of beefe at £3-13-4 Inde	03 13 04
It. Ane [wyr] boll of meall sent at the frsd rait Inde	12 00 00
It. Ane wyr halfe boll of malt at the frsd rait Inde	06 00 00
It. Sent to them halfe ane boll of meal	06 00 00
It. For halfe ane stainweight of butter at 6s per pund Inde	02 08 00
It. mor ane boll of meall at the fd rait	12 00 00
It. Ane wyr halfe boll of malt	06 00 00
It. Halfe ane stainweight of butter	02 08 00
It. Sent halfe ane Carcas of Beefe	08 00 00
It. Sent ane peck of great salt	00 12 00
It. Sent ane dizone of Kelling at 6s 8d per peice Inde	04 00 00
It. Thrie leges of Beef at £3 6s 8d per lege Is	10 00 00
It. Ane [wyr] peck of great salt	00 12 00
It. Sent ane boll of meall at the frsd rait Inde	12 00 00

It. For Five bolls meall sent up to them	60 00 00
It. For [wyr] Five bolls meall at the frsd rait	60 00 00
It. For Six Firlets of meall at the frsd rait	18 00 00
It. For thrie bolls meall at twa se[ver]all tymes sent up to them	<u>36 00 00</u>
Suma of the haill paye is	£343 05 04

[outer leaf:] Acco.t of the Laird

### 11 Aug 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/38]

Recaved then of Sr James Standseild for his quarter part Concern of the Leed Myns at Eagell & in full of his part Charges thair till 25 July last as <Paupt stated> then - the som of forty eight pond five shillings Sterling.

I say recd by me £48-5 Stg

Wm Blackett

Which som in the hand pray send to Jno Curtice of Wanloch head

### 8 Sep 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/37]

Edenbrugh 8th Sept 1676

Recaved then of Sr James Standseilds in full for his part concern in the charges expended by me in working the Lead Mines of Glen Lyon, the some off fiftien pound sterlinge . I say recd £15: stg by me

Wm Blackett

### 9 Sep 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/144]

1676

Disbursed by mee Wm Blackett for Driving the leed mines att Wanlock head for Sr James Standfield  $\frac{3}{4}$  parts & my selfe  $\frac{1}{4}$  part, I say paid out att severall times as followeth

£ ster s d

167<5> May 27

For disbursed til that day as p the particulars given Sr Ja S

283 5 10

June 13

For 12 bars of iron bought of George Galbraith qt 36 stone 9lb

At 2s 4d			4 0 8
For 30 dailes of Capt Dick			1 0 0
For an Emly Mum Cask			1 8
For a Rule and 2 Gimlets			3 4
For 45 fadam of small cord			4 8
For 2 carts to Carry Iron & dailes 14 £ Scots apiece			2 6 8
For paid Sandy Lister fow tow times goeing to Wanlockhead			12 0
For paid the mens Wages due to them since 27th May 1676			
Edward Lithard	24 daies	at 14d	1 8 0
Tho: Snaball	23 daies	14d	1 6 10
Nicho: Deblish	25	14d	1 9 2
Tho Errington	25	14d	1 9 2
Edmond Cock	26	14d	1 10 4
Lorence Fox	25	14d	1 9 2
Richd Baxter	23	10d	19 2
John Berry	20	12d	1 0 0
Tho Grainger	22	10d	18 4
Fra: Shart	8	12d	8 0
James Robson	21	1/2 M	11 8
Robt block	19	1/2 M	10 6 1/2
Robt Mecall	13	1/2 M	7 2 1/2
John Cowper	20	1/2 M	11 1 1/2
James Cowper	19	1/2 M	10 6 1/2
Archb: Fewler	26	1/2 M	14 5 1/2
Wm Mecall	18	1/2 M	10
Wm Grame & Jno Wilson	<3 d>	1/2 M	1 8
Alex Hamilton	5	1/2 M	2 9 1/2
John Morton	9	1/2 M	5

[June] 27th

For 1 Coyle of Ropes bought of tho Dawson sent by Edward Lithard

To Wanlock head qt 2<L>:3:14<..> at 29 pr 4 3 1 1/2

For a ladell sussingell and Copen 5 2

Augt 28th

For 1/2 <LL> dayles of Capt Dick sent by John Simpson to Wanlock

Head at 8d apiece 2 0 0

For carridge of them 2 6 8

For carridge of <1 on> Cart lode of Oar from Wanlockhead to

Leeth qt 60 stone at 2 1/2 d a stone 12 6

7ber 9th

For paid then at Wanlockhead for mens wages &a from the 24 June

till this day as followeth

Edward Lithard 66 daies at 14d 3 17 0

Tho: Snaball 67 14d 3 18 2

Nicho: Deblish	66	14d	3 17 0
Tho Errington	69	14d	4 0 6
Edmond Cock	69	14d	4 0 6
Lorence Fox	69	14d	4 0 6
Richd Baxter	66	11d	3 0 6
John Berry	60	12d	3 0 0
Robt Hind	32	14d	1 17 2
Wm Dixon	66	10d	2 15 0
Peter Standford	60	14d	3 10 0
Fran: Shart	40	12d	2 0 0
John Smedly	59	14d	3 8 10
Sander Hamilton	41	1/2 M	1 2 9
Sander Hamilton	40	7d	1 3 4
James Robson	39	1/2 M	1 1 8
James Robson	33	7d	19 3
John Cowper	16	1/2 M	8 10 1/2
James Cowper	33	1/2 M	18 4
James Cowper	27	7d	15 9
Wm Mecall	64	1/2 M	1 15 6 1/2
Wm Symenton	45	1/2 M	1 5 0
John Wilson	22	1/2 M	12 2 1/2
John Wilson	27	7d	15 9
Wm Grame	56	1/2 M	1 11 1 1/2
George Wall	39	1/2 M	1 1 8
George Wall	30	7d	17 6
Sanders Miller	5	1/2 M	1 1 8
Sanders Miller	9	7d	2 9 1/2
Wm Parke	78	8d	2 12 0
Archb: Fewler	78	1/2 M	2 3 4
John Morton	10	1/2 M	5 6 1/2
Robt Block	14	1/2 M	6 8
Robt Mecall	14	1/2 M	6 8
James Thomson	28	7d	16 4
Marg Hamilton	16 1/2	4d	5 6
Marg Curtice	8	10d	6 8
Hanna Curtice	14	6d	7 0
For locks and keys foe the doors			4 6
For paper			6
Paid And.w Crighton for helping to make truncks			4 0
Paid unto Godfray Canterall Phip: Robert John Smedly and Dan: Woker for sincking and Driving 31 fadam In Pilton Grainge Till this day from the 27 May at 7s 6d p fadam			11 12 6
Paid Robt Lind Wm Dixon and peter Slandford for driving of 6			



1/2 faddam att the Red Groves at 7s 6d p fadam	2 8 9
Paid John Curtice his noat for Leeding wood stop Rice Coals &c	
As p his particular noat Doth appear signed No: D:	10 0 0
For 1/4 yeares Wages Dew to Jno Curtice since Whitsontide pd him	6 5 0
	413 12 4 1/2
Disboursed by Wm Blackett as apeares till the 9 of 7ber 1676	
	413 12 4 1/2
3/4 Sr James Standseild	£310 4 3 3/8
1/4 Wm Blackett	£103 8 1 1/8

[annotated on verso:] 1676 Mr William Blacketts accot for the Leade mynes from the first Sepr 1675 till the 9th Septem.r 1676. Booked folio 1 ending folio 10

**9 Sep 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/145]

1676

Sr James Standseild his acct for Wanlock head Lead Mines

Debit

For your three quarter part of the Charges expended from the begining till this present day 9 September 1676 as per particulars given & now sent

£310. 4.3

Credit

Pr monyes received by me & by my order of Sr James as per acct stated with Sr James wch comes to

£243:11:7d

From which deduct £4 ster: don Sr James Govd as paid Mr Ellison wch I paid to Mr Wallace the Writer for Mr Ellison

£4

£239:11:7

Ballance due to Wm Blackett on this acct from Sr James

£70:12:8

£310: 4:3

[outer leaf:] 1676. Mr William Blackett his accot. For the Leadmynes at Wanlockhead from the first of Sepr 1675 till the 9th Sepr 1676 413:12.4 ½ and receipt to Sr James Standfield for ¾ pts the sume of £310:04s: 03d

**17 Nov 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/149. Sanquar Castle was the home of Lord Queensbury until the completion of Drumlanrig in the 1680s]

Castle of Sanquar, 17th Nov 1676

Sr Ja: Standseild

These are to signifie that I am at this place and kindly entertained with my Lord of Queensberry and have treated with him concerning the wood upon wch we have agreed and upon the whole is £30 sterling; we doubt of your condiscendance, and that I am just now taking horse, and from Newcastle more at large. I have also given my Lord a bil on you for three quarters of the rent of the room, being 375 mark & Jno Curtice for yr three quarters of this last pray as he Will Instruct by his acct. I hope you wil comply wth the premissis & at meeting I shal satidfie you more : Jno wil give you an acct of the condition of our myns wch I hope may prove to give satisfaction & his who is

Sr yr sarvt Wm Blackett

**20 Nov 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/147]

1676 In Edinburgh Sr James Standfield's acct

Debit

September 9th For three quarter part Charges made till this day at the Leed Myns of Wanblock Head as per the pticulars given	£310:4:3
For so much Resting me from you per yr quarter concern in Eagels Leed Myn as per acct given	£48:5:-
Is	£358:9:3

Credit

September 9th pr monys & goods recd from you till this present day as per acct	£239:11:7
October 13th pr mo. sent to Jno Curtice as pr his receipt given you	£50
November 20th pr ordered me recave of John Schand	£50
Pr Cash recd this dsay	£18:17:8
Is	£358:9:3

Wm Blackett

[verso:] Nov 1676 Sr Ja Standfield's acct for the Lead Myns

**24 Nov 1676 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/157B]

Newcastle 24 9ber 1676

Honored Sr

When you first took Wanlohead you neather could nor would let me be concerned more than one fifth part b& accordingly the tack was made you for four fifths & I one fifth afterwards when Mr Vermuyden flew back from you, you then granted me in room of my one fifth to be a quarter part concerned wch I accepted off & stated the Accts accordingly & conforme to that I have all along rekoned you nfor three quarters & I for one quarter you have the book of that charge wch examine when you please I shall make appear theese Disbursmts made & I hope according to yr proportion you will pay yr three quarters. the works is not so dispiseable but Hopefull & I at first tould you that it would cost us £600 before we could make any tryall. My Ld & I had some rekerning for the Wood wch we agreed at last for £30 , £7 or 8 of wch Jno Schand will pay it was a gret fall of my Ld to demand 3000[sh] scots & take £30 st but I presume his instegators & Advisers to demand thatt som thought us eather fools or that finding our mo. we knew not how to dispose of the same. My Ld would have had me to have laed out some way for more wood I tould him we had as much as would sarve us til we saw better hopes of a mine for last I am content to try hir this winter & shall accordingly order my quarter part to be pd as Jno presents you the accots & so let us goe on unanimusly a gods name yr freinds wil not desert you surely. Hugh Wallace was saying he would take a part with you iff you be tyred of yr three quarter part soe iff he wil take one of yr hands I cannot at this time Sr Wm goes not for London til after Christenmas so with my kind respekts to yr self I rest

Yr Affnate Fr & sarvt

Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield Knight In Edinburgh/ pr paid

[annotated:] Nov 24 1676 Mr Wm Blackett that he always reckoned me for  $\frac{3}{4}$  & himself for one fourth

**1 Dec 1676 James Standfield to William Clerke**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/174 This refers to previous correspondence with Jo.Lindsay & Comp concerning Mr Vermuyden. Date not given but assigned here to 1st December; the latest date referred to in the memo is 11th November.]

Memor[andu]m to Mr Wm Clerke anent Mr Vermuden.

In the first place to obtaine from Mr Hartlip the <abbreviate> of my owne lres they make use of, and according to my lre left for him yesterday at Mr Lindsays. I shall then bee enabled to make a good and sufficient answer; and shall know what lres are abstracted, for I finde Mr Hartlip had the perusall of all my lres in Mr Lindsays hands & tooke of them what hee pleased, wthout anye receipt or noate made of them & their dates.

July 1st 1676. Mr Lindsays Br[other] Reeves in his absence writes mee if Mr Vermuden does relinquish his interest his Br is willing I should oblige my friend by letting him have a fourth part.

But this was an undue answer to my lre and not agreeable to what I writte in the matter; wch defect upon Mr Lindsaya p[er]usall of my serious lre in the affaire Mr Lindsay writes mee after mentioning other particulars, that hee recd mine of the 29th of June wch was before him; and hopt the former adviseing his being out of towne would pleade excuse for the undue returne made mee, referring the business of the Myne wholly to my managemt being willing to run in equall fourths wth my selfe, nothing doubting my care & prudence after this fourth was separate, and that if Mr Vermuden was to have any share it was of Mr Lindsay fourth, and if Mr Lindsay had desired itt hee might have beene restored againe to the fourth taken of for fear the party designed <for deserted itt> [rest of final line of page damaged and illegible] intending to make a visitt wthin 14 d[ays] to the Mynes.

Mr Lindsay answered my lre the 11th November but not a <sillable> to that particular.

This lre is left in Mr Lindsays hand, haveing not beene put upon the file but put in a cabinet box, otherwise Mr Hartlip had snatched itt up & probably should never been heard tell of .

I know not how to secure itt if discovered to them, it may bee <unfit> when necessary to use I thinke before any notice of itt I should gett that paragraph attested by Mr Lindsay.

In a lre July 8th 1676 from Mr Lindsay to Vermuden he writes severely concerneing his indiferation in delaying the paymt of £500 to him, att a tyme his occations soe pressing upon him. in another of the 8th of August from Mr Lindsay to him, hee sayes hee had recd his order for £300 but it afoorded him little hopes of money.

**23 Feb 1677 John Curtis to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/166]

1677

Delivered by me John Courties for the Lead Mines of Wanlock Head for Account of Sr James Standfeild and Mr William Blackett from 11th November till the 2nd of february 1677

		£	s	d
Edward Lethatt	67 dayes at 14d p day	3	18	2
Thomas Snowball	43 dayes at 14d p day	2	10	2
Edmond Jock	13 days at 14d p day	0	15	2
Nicholas deblish	1 day at 14d p day	0	01	2
Lowrance fox	7 days at 14d p day	0	08	2
John Smedley	42 days at 14d p day	2	09	00
John berry	41 days at 12d p day	2	01	00
daniell Walker	58 days at 14d p day	2 [sic]	04	04
Peter Standford	42 days at 14d p day	2	09	00
Richard Baxter	23 days at 11d p day	01	01	01
Robart Hinde	29 days at 14d p day	01	03	10
John Moffitt	39 days at 7d p day	01	02	09
John Johnson	25 days at 7d p day	00	14	07
James Tompson	24 days at 7d p day	00	14	00
John Wilson	27 days half mark	00	15	00
Sanders Millerr	21 days at 7d p day	00	12	03
James Robson	18 days at 7d p day	00	10	06
William Mecall	22 days at half mark	00	12	02
Sanders Telfare	10 days at 6d p day	00	05	00
Robart Black	18 days at 7d p day	00	10	06
Sanders Hamlton	01 day at 7d p day	00	00	07
Georg Watt	01 day at 7d p day	00	00	07
Andrew Chrighton	2 day at 12d p day	00	02	00
William [fayee]	20 days at 7d p day	00	11	08
Archball fowlerr	6 days at half mark	00	03	04
Tho: Errington & his ptners for Sinking & driveing 40 fathams	at 7s p fatham	14	00	00
Robart Hind & his ptners for 2 fatham and halfe a yeard	at 8-6 p fatham	00	19	1½
John Wilson sto 1½ of Candles from Kilmarnack 12½ sto of Candles for the Carryage of them	at 6s p stone at 5-4	00 3 00	09 06 05	00 00 00
for one Lanterne		00	01	00
for my Rydeing Charges since I came which Sr James was pleased by agreement to pay		5	06	05
For one half yeares wages in Arrears		12	10	00
John Wilson	16 hundr of [stoprize] at 4s p hund	00	05	04
John Wilson	2 hun: rungs at 8d p hund	00	01	04
James Mecall	26 horse of wood at 5d p horse	00	10	10
John Mecall	4 horse of wood at 5d p horse	00	01	08

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Gilbert Mecall	6 horse of wood at 5d p horse	00	02	06
William Atkin	20 hundr of stop at 4 p hund	00	06	08
Lowrance hare	11 hund stop at 4d p hund	00	03	08
James Mecall	for cutting & dressing 15 dozern of wood at 7d p dozern	00	08	09
		64	18	04

Leadheells Feb 23rd 1677

Receved from william dunbar in neame and Dehalf of Sr James Standfield the soum of thirtie fore pounds sterleing and that in part payment of the above cerettin soume of sextie four pounds 18 s 4d sterleing for work wrought at wanlockhead myns the which I grant the receipt by mee, John Curtis

[annotated:] Accompt of Leed Myns Wanlockhead with Jno Curties receipt for £35 23th Feby 1676/7

### 16 May 1677 William Blackett to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/168]

Edenb 16 May 1677

Honored Sr,

I thought to have seen you at Leeth but missing your occations these bring you are to goe out of towne tomorrow & I for the highlands so that p.haps our occations may not allow us an other meeting til I returne in the first place pray writ to Glen Lyon what you thinck fitting & secondly let Jno Curtice have 50£ sterling to be doing with til I come back to Clear accots with you & him these men here I will take with me to glenlyon & see wt we candoe to agree with them at my returne shall informe you more. Take John's receipt for the mo[ney] you now pay him. I rest sr yr affect fr & sarvt

Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield knight/ these presents/ In Edenbrugh

[annotated;} Mr William Blackett desireing me to let Jno Curtice have £50 ster till he come back from Glenlyon to cleare accompts with me

### 29 May 1677 John Lindsay to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/175(a). This is an abstract made by Standfield which forms part of a longer summary of 21 separate letters of various dates from John Lindsay and Co in London that Standfield drew up early in 1678 (see Lindsay to Standfield, 9 Feb 1678). Although the writer is not named it is assumed from context to have been from John Lindsay.]

May 29 1677

Wee rcd yours advising the lead mines proves not as expected. If in the time you mention there not better incuragment shall be willing to disist wt you.

**11 Jun 1677 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/169]

Sancker the 11 June 1677

Honored Sr

I have pd my Lord his rent who late allowed me upon your accot £40:7:6 the wood is yet oweing to My Lord to whom I dare not give a precept upon you for leest it recave the same honnor my last did, which I would not have don to it and since the wood is brought into no Accot I Intreat you pay your part being  $\frac{3}{4}$  unto John Shan, who hath accepted the whole, to pay unto my Lord at our next meeting I shall clear accots with you which I hope may be in august next, Iff before that Jno Curtice send to you for 30 or £40 stlng pray let him not goe without it, if I were as near he should not want it. I have fallen out with som of our men but pray take you no notice of these raskels comp[lain]ts iff they come to make any I hope agst Lambas to be assured of what the mine wil prove -

By some discours from my Ld I pcave he hath an Itching to dispose of Wanlockhead to Hopton & I cannot blame him being offered 30 years purchase <na> its presumeable 40 iff we quit. Its my desier bcaus I am so remoot from this soe as I cannot manidge on my part the affaure as it ought & yr self soe employed in public and privat affairs of the Towne, that you cannot atend it, that if you can settell with my Ld to give us our disbursed mony that we wil quit our Tack not doubting but he wil over and above give us nthe oar & matterials belonging to the work. Iff you can effectt this you wil both doe your self and him a kindness. Who is, Sr,

your humble sarvt

Wm Blackett

**2 Aug 1677 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/155]

Sr James Standfield

Yours of the 12th past we recd giving a acct of the Lead Mines that although the Attempt heitherto has not yet answerd the charge yet lately you have recd good news from thge Mynes of their comeing to a good veyne & getting of Oare wch will shortley repay all our charge. I hope at last twill answer our expectation & wish you a good jour[....missing..] when you goe downe to view the worke. As to your desyre in favou[.... missing..] to the late Sr Robt Murray, I have not seen my Lord Brereton

[...missing..] you first writ of it. I have inquired & indeavourd meeting [...missing..] him : But at psent hes not to be found. Soe soon as I can [...missing..] wth him shall indeavour to answer your desyre wthout thinkeing it any trouble but gladly serve you in the affaire & remaine

Your most humble servt Jno Lindsay

**25 Aug 1677 James Standfield to William Blackett**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/171 Draft of a letter from Standfield to Blackett]

Edenb August 25 1677

Mr Wm Blackett

Some weeks agoe I writte to you & desired that about the 9 or 10th instant you & I might mette att Wanlock in order to setling affaires their, to wch I recd noe answer, and haveing frequent lres one enclosed to you I sent the day I tooke journey pr John Schand wch would give you an accompt of the worke. Soe I have nothing to adde. <Cant> my being upon the place & for my three fourth parts have cleared wth the workepeople on the 18th instant And I designe to bee there againe about the 20th instant <2 & c/n proceed> and if your <occations> can allow you it is verry fitte & high tyme wee settle upon a method for an orderly management of that affaire for the future wch is now in a much more prosperous condition than I suppose you imagined it would prove, when you removed all your goods of <your> grasse Roome wch soe allarmed the Countrey that they [struck out: 'gave all for lost that you'] would give noe credit to the workepeople; & soe discouraged the poor workemen that many of them ran away and had I not sent a supply in July wth full assurance in August to come & cleare with them, soe farre as I was concerned, their had not one man stayd and this Myne had remained undiscoverd, and wee lost all the money disburst, and I finde notwithstanding all accompts given in to mee that you have not paid one farthing to John Courtice since the 9th of Sep past, but all money paid he hath recd from my <self> But that matter you will adjust att your returne. When I was in the Countrey Hopton had beene and att his worke, and I finde is alarm'd att the successe wee are like to have and now is pressing howe to conclude a bargaine wth Earle of Carnwath for his Wood who demands 24000 Ms & will not sell for less as is <talked>. My Lord Queensberry hath promised to concerne himselfe for us & if Hopton make that bargaine, that wee may have the halfe

**2 Sep 1677 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/122]

Newcastle

Honnored Sir

Yrs of the 26th of augst is the first I have had from you since my last coming from scotland & I am satisfied by it to hear you have been at Wanlock head. I hope you are



now in some measure satisfied that the men their hath found oar whilst you are concerned , & I question not but more wil follow to yr content the hopes of that mine, nor what you imagin was the reason of the romour all of the cows & sheep was not as you thinck but the Wrangling of thees fellows who each took the libertry to milk the kine & to make use of it as they pleased, & by advice, I deprived them of wt I intended not for them. I percave you at yr being thair late, cleared for yr three quarter part, but I fear not to my content or satisfaction note but I pray you wt you paid & altho you say nothing hath been pd them but wt you have I shal make it apear to the contrary & that som or most of them had nothing to crave but rather in debt to the concerned. I am satisfied you know not thees kind of men so wel as I doe & if not kept at under no dealings with them. I had been with you before now but our assizes falling out so late at Durham the 16 Augst & hear the 21st that I could not get away, being concerned in both places. I intend god Willing to be at Edenbr som time this week & so for the highlands & in my returne to vizzit Wanlock head to wch place I hope Sr James wil accompany me & then we shall, I question not but understand one another because lead mines are uncertaine, nevertheles I doubt not but we shall reimburse tho you dispaired, as for Carnwaths Wood I shall tel you more at meeting and remain  
sir yr most affnate freind & sarvt Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield knight these pres.t/ In Edinburgh/ pr paid  
[annotated:] 2 Sep 1677/ Mr W Blackett telling me that he hopes I am now somewhat satisfied that the men have found oare whil I am concerned

### **11 Sep 1677 Peirse Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/173]

Sr Jas Standfield

Since our last of the 2d past have recd yrs of the 25th giving a very good account of the Lead Mines wch is not a little joyous to us, & I hope in short time twill answer the expectacion of us all. Our Br[other] Lindsay came this day to towne & soe has not time yet to answer yr Lettr fully wch he intends in few days. Being wt at psent needful  
For my Br Jno Lindsay & Comp.  
Peirse Reeves

### **11 Sep 1677 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/156]

Edinb 11 7ber 1677

Honnored Sr

I am just goeing over the water & I forgot to intreat you to bring an accot with you to wanlockhead of what things you have lately furnished Jno Curtice with the 20th 9b

[November] last I stated accots with you at this place & you pd me that day to ballance £18:17:8 in ful for Eagels Leed mines & for your  $\frac{3}{4}$  of wanlockheads Charge till the 9th September last that accot pray bring with you and also notice what moneys you have paid more til this day to Jno that we may settel accots & put things in a posture. Mr H Wallace the writter I pcave wilbe at my Lds about the 20th presnt & God bless me I intend to be with Jno at or about that time I have got a letter from my men at glen lyon wch gives but smal incoridgmt of these works, they proveing harder & harder yet they get ore but that wil not make 3d for 5d charge. I wil bring theese men with me that we may be able to drive wanlockhead to purpas this winter & iff need be I can send 20 more from Engeland . My humble sarvice to yourself & Lady.  
I rest Sr your affnate freind Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield knight these pres.t/ In New Milnd/ pr paid

## 22 Sep 1677 John Lindsay to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/158]

Londo Sept 22th 1677

Sr Jas Standfield

Our last was of the 13th instant. Since none from you, neither have yet met wth Lord Brereton. Your desyre I shalbe mindefull off. As your last gave a good acct of the Lead Mines soe hope the incurragemt still continues & that the profitt will begin to answer the charge. As to your further drawing on us I desyre you to forbear untill you hear more fully from mewhen I come to towne wch will be abt 10 or 14 d hense. In yours of the 25past your desyre was to advise you wt Person in Rotterdam you might send a small quantity of Lead to make a tryall wt price it will yeald there & wt bargaine he could make for it. If you order some to Mr John Hill mercht of that place I question not but he will be as serviceable for us as any there. <...> soe soon as you doe Advise us that I may write to him accordingly. Mr <Hill> is here now & goes for Rotterdam next Monday I have acquainted him of your intentions who will readily serve the occasion & is all from

Your friend & servt Jno Lindsay

[outer leaf:] Sr James Standfield Mercht In Edinb

## 22 Sep 1677 William Blackett to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/126 & 159. The unclear currency shown in which the 'grass room' – pasture rent- was denominated in the debit side of the account seems likely to have been the merk, 13s4d of a 'pound Scots', of which there were 12 to £1 sterling in the

17th century. At this rate 750 merks would convert to £41 13s 4d sterling a year, which is the charge shown in the account]

Sept 22 1677 Accompt for Wanlockhead from 9th September 1676 to 22 Sept 1677. Since pd & cleared to John Curties for  $\frac{3}{4}$  £302-12-4 with instructions. Booked folio 11 & ending folio 21

Anno 1677 In Edenbrugh Sr James Standseild

Debit

For yor $\frac{3}{4}$ pt of the charges att Wanlockhead from the 9 Sept 1676 till the 11th Nov 1676 as per accot	57-08-02
For $\frac{3}{4}$ of the charges att Wanlockhead from 11 Nov 1676 till 2 Feb 1677 as per accot given in appeares	48-13-09
For $\frac{3}{4}$ of the charges att Wanlockhead from 2 Feb 1677 till the 13 May 1677as per accot given in appeares	63-10-03
For $\frac{3}{4}$ of the charges att Wanlockhead from 13 May 1677 till the 22 September 1677as per accot given in appeares	68-16-10
For yr $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Wood bought of My Lord Queensberry for the use of the Works att Wanlockheid pd him 30th yr $\frac{3}{4}$ part is	22-10-00
For yr $\frac{3}{4}$ part rent of the grass room taken of My Lord for the use of the Lead Mynes att Wanlockhead at 1000 [...] a year yr $\frac{3}{4}$ pt is for on yeare 750 [...]	41-13-04
SUMA TOTALIS	302-12-04

Credit

1. per Cash rec by Jno Curties att Edenbr 22 Nov as per his receipt 1676	25-00-00
2. per Cash rec by Jno Curties att Wanlockhead 23 Feb 1677	35-00-00
3. per Cash rec by Jno Curties at Leith 13 May 1677	50-00-00
per Cash rec of Lord Queensberry by yr order	40-07-00
4. per Cash rec of Alexdr Lisster att Wanlockheid 10 July per receipt	30-00-00
5. per Cash of yr self att Wanlockheid 18 Aug 1677	41-04-02
	221-11-8
Sept 22 to ballance	81-00-08
Totall is	302-12-4

Paid in the £81-00-08 In Ballance of this accot ster[ling] money on Wm Blacketts bill to John Courtice dated at the Leade-mynes, Wanlockhead 24 Sept 1677 as per receipt thereof.

[An almost exact copy of this account is found elsewhere in the collection, RH15/102/6/2/159, bearing the same date. The copy is evidently Stansfield's own, as

indicated by the phrasing of the receipt at the end, compared to that of Blackett's original given above:]

September 22, 1677 : Remaines to Ballance pr contra £81:00:7 for <wch> Mr Wm Blackett Drew bill on mee from Wanlockhead dated Sept 24,1677 payable to John Curtice in full of his the said Sr Ja: Standsefeld 3/4 pt charges of Wanlockhead Leidmynes till the 22 Sept 1677 As the Accot then given pr contra, which Ballance was accordingly paid to the said John Curtice as per his Receipt upon the forsaid bill £81:00:7

**24 Sep 1677 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/186]

Wanlockhead 24th 7ber 1677

Sr

Please pay unto John Curtice the some of Eighty one pond sterling & 7 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> d being in full for yr <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> part charge of Wanlockhead Leed Mines till the 22 pres[ent] as per accot given you appears & you will oblidge Your Aff. Frend Wm Blackett

To Sr James Standfield /Knight / these pres.t/ In Edinburgh

**4 Oct 1677 Peirce Reeves to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/160]

Londo October 4th 1677

Sr James Standfield

Our last was of the 22th past to wch referre you. Since none from you. Our last did advise you to whom in Rotterdam you might send over some Lead for tryall namely Mr Jno Hill merch of that place. These are now to Advise off Our onely Bill on You for £20 - payble to James Banatine at 30 d[ays] wch being inducd to pleasure a friend as also haveing excd Free wch desyre may receive due compliance & place the same to our accot. When Br[other] Lindsay comes to towne shall write more fullie whom we expect this week being wts [word missing] for my Br Jno Lindsay & Comp  
Peirse Reeves

Our Bill for the £20 is dated the third instant.

Since above written have recd yours of the 27th september past giving a further accot of the good proceedings in the Lead mines wch is very well & wn our Br. comes home you may receive an answer more at large to it. P. Reeves

**30 Oct 1677 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/175(a). This is an abstract made by Standfield which forms part of a longer summary of 21 separate letters of various dates from John Lindsay and Co in London that Standfield drew up early in 1678 (see Lindsay to Standfield, 9 Feb 1678). Although the writer is not named it is assumed from context to have been from John Lindsay.]

Oct 30, 1677

These are in answer to yours of the 25 August & 27 Sept wch I had answered sooner if Mr Vermudens illness in the Country had not hindred his comeing up as he intended, and since his comeing up the death of his father prevented my discvourseing with him about the Lead Mines As to the Smelting Mill I doe not think itt adviseable att present to build any for the nature of Oare is such that if it be not a good melting oare there will be never soe much gott by itt as the making of a Milne will amount to. And where the Smelters are not able men they often times burne away 5 or 6 <...> of Oare away in a day And there is <any>thing more difficult then the obtaining good smelters. And oare is of m[missing word] more <ready> in the low Countries then Lead is at present. As to the buying <of> a wood I think it best to re[s]pite it a while for considering the ton of toppeing rests if we should not smelt our oare it is cheaper to buy ready grove timber; besides the multitude of workemen <among> must accumulate upon the like undertaking And this is the practice & <found> by experience to be the best way with the greatest Mines we have in England And is also the advise and opinion of Mr Vermuyden <...> Ptner I desire you would send up an exact accot of the affaires of the Mines by itself because Mr. Vermuyden and I doe use to balance accots about this time of the yeare which wee cannot doe without itt he intends in the beginning of the spring a journey into Scotland to visit the mines. And to informe you to take another Mine in another place upon our accot wch he esteems as good as this. If you think to have an experienced man to come over to wait on you to the mines for to advise the best way of workeing of them you shall have on of the best & cheifest of the stewards in the meane time come over to you to informe you how miners are best to be dealt wthall And to advise what funder is to be done in carrying on the work whom you most dispatch back if he comes soe soon as you can.

**24 Nov 1677 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/163]

Londo Novembr 24th 1677

Sr James Standfield

Our last was of the 30th past. Since your lre of 9th instant. And in respect to wt I menconed in my last concerneing Mr Vermuydens opinion I am willing to be over ruld by you As wt you think best in your owne opinion for carrying on the worke as to your not sending a steward from hence in regard you are so well satisfied wth him already employed. But whereas you mencon yourself surprized at my owneing Mr Vermuyden [as] partner And that you say I long since agreed to leave him out It hath occasioned me to peruse all my Letters written to you whereby I clearly pceive that all the [intimation] that ever I had that Mr Vermuyden did not intend to continue his [interest] was originally either from your self grounded from his failure of coming into Scotland from the information given you by Mr Blacket who desyred a greater share wch made you as your owne expressions termes it, apt to conclude the <...> wth Mr Blackett . Its true that in mine of the 1st July 76 in answer to yours of the 8 June on the same subject my Br in my name writt that if Mr Vermuyden did relinquish his interest according as you did then advise I was willing you should oblige your friend (yr writt above) wth a 4th part, But from that time to this it never appeared to me that Mr Vermuyden did ever really relinquish And why I should think it for our interest during the time of our certaine charge & uncertaine profitt is wt I cannot understand. Besydes we are obligd in gratitude as he was the discoverer to us And I must not forget that wee were under a joynt agreemt with him also here, so may not offer him any injury seeing I finde that he still doth insist upon a right to his part And is willing to be accompless in respect of the charges. To conclude him therefore upon surmise or that he thought fitt at once for Reasons best known to himself to disowne his being concernd when at Newcastle will not make us rightly reasond to refuse him, All which I must leave to your consideracon Onely shall add that because by yours I finde you so much prejudiced agst his person & opinion his being interested shall not occasion any further dissatisfacon for that As to the whole halfe of the concerne you shall have to deal wth no body but my selfe. But for me to disoblige Mr Vermuyden is wt I neither can nor will doe though I should be forsed to Assigne him my fourth interest in that concerne. Soe desyre I may have your answer & compliance herein.

Your Assured friend & servt, Jno Lindsay

Sr James Standfield Mercht In Edinb

**12 Jan 1678 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/134]

Londo Jan.r 12th 1677

Sir James Standfield

Your last I recd in answer to 24th Novemb last but being mislaid I desyre you would send me up a Coppy of it wherein you gave us a good acct of Lord Middletons affaire wch I hope you have settled. As to Vermuydens concerne I referre you to Mr James Donaldsons letter sent last post & should be glad that dispute was ended. I desyre you

would advise us how Mr Wilkys concerne stands wth us & wt I am like to trust to in that matter & whether the Bishpp has yet cleard Geo Greenhills D[ebto]r & is wts needfull at present from  
Your lov. friend & servt Jno Lindsay

**9 Feb 1678 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/133]

Lond. Februarii the 9th 1677

Sir James Standfield

Our last was of the 12th past therein desireing your Lt giving an accot of Lead Mynes affaure. As to Mr Vermuydens concerne I understand by our good friend Mr Donalson that upon his endeavour <for> informeing you, after perusall of our Lettrs and papers here, how the state of things are between us in reference to his claym, that you should now more fully have answerd into but that he acquaints us you will ere long be here when may with less trouble & more satisfacon satisfye one another. The expedient I think off is to lett the matter be referd to the determination of friends wch is much better than in the beginning of an understanding wch now is soe hopefull to occasion any discouragement to a vigirous prosecution of our joynt interests by continuing any difference between us. In the interim wee joyn in the desyre of yr forwarding the works wch according to the tryalls here made of the Oare is likely to be soe advantagious. And that you will let us receive from time to time an accot of your proceedings therein, wch will very much oblige  
your friend & servt Jno Lindsay

Sr theres Mr Wm Hambleton of <Edenb> adviseth a friend of his here that theres in his hands sevrall papers concerneing a D[eb]t due to us from an David Herriott it has some reference to one Cuningham of Glengarnoth. The said Hambleton lives one pair of staires above Sr James Stuarts close Our desyre is to cause inquirery to be made after those papers & to advise us wt they are. And to Advise wts done in the Land seized on for Sr Jas Keiths D[eb]t.

Yr humble servt PR

**9 Feb 1678 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/175(a). This appears to be an abstract by Sir James Standfield of correspondence between November 1674 and February 1678 principally concerning the question of Mr Vermuyden's claim to a share in Wanlockhead lead mines. Although the correspondents are not named, those with dates matching surviving originals indicate they are from John Lindsay & Co. of London, which is consistent with the content and style of these abstracts. The list of dates of the letters abstracted is given

here; transcripts of the content are given as individual items under the corresponding dates.]

Nov 10, 1674  
Nov 17  
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Jan 21, 1674/5  
July 24, 1675  
Aug 14, 1675  
Aug 17, 1675  
Feb 19 1675/6  
Apr 8, 1676 [known to be from Reeves to Standfield]  
May 20, 1676 [Reeves to Standfield]  
July 1, 1676 [Reeves to Standfield]  
July 6 [Lindsay to Standfield]  
May 29 1677  
Aug 2, 1677 [Lindsay to Standfield]  
Sept 11, 13 [Reeves to Standfield]  
Sep 22, 1677 [Lindsay to Standfield]  
Oct 4, 1677 [Reeves to Standfield]  
Oct 30, 1677  
Nov 24, 1677 [Lindsay to Standfield]  
Jan 12, 1677/8 [Lindsay to Standfield]  
Feb 9 1677/8 [Lindsay to Standfield]

**11 Feb 1678 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/132]

Sanqar 11th Feb 1677/8

Honored Sr

According to yr desire & my advice to you from Newcastle with much adoe I got hether yesterday but findinge you not here and having this opportunity of my Lds footman coming for Edenbr I thought good to give notice of my being here, and asto what monys you may bring with you to clear all accots til the 9th prest wch wil come to as per the following pticulars.

Rests to Jno Curtice upon my bil drawn on you according to accot stated here with you	£41- 0- 7 3/4
For yr 3/4 part of the charge til xmas as per Jno Curtice his acct £88:8:8	£66-06- 6
For yr 3/4 part of the charge til 9th psnt as per Jnos acct £58:16	£44-02- 0
Dew to my Ld for 1/2 a years rent of Wanlockhead for yr	



3/4 part 250£ scots £20-16- 8  
£172-05- 9 3/4  
of wch you have pd Jno Curtice I p.ceave £70-00- 0  
Rests £102-05- 9 3/4

Pray if you come yr self bring us the <news> or if you send your man with the mony let us have it. I intend be at Edenbr after I pd and settled things here. I rest  
your aff. Frend and sarvt  
Wm Blackett

Let yr man bring the book with him.

[outer leaf:] for Sr James Standfield Knight/ these preent/ In Edenb

**27 Feb 1678 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/183]

Edenb 27 Feb 1678

Honored Sr

I send you here with the book of wanlockhead Charges the accots I would Intreat let be Cleared till 9th pres.t you will find them Thus as followeth –

The bill from September till 15 December 77 come to £88-08- 8  
& from the 15th December till 9 Feb 78 £57-15- 9  
£146-04- 5  
yr 3/4 part of the £146:4:5 is £109-13- 3 3/4  
of wch som I Percave you have pd Jno Curtice £70  
and £35 wch makes £105-00- 0  
Rests £ 04-13- 3 3/4

Wch £4:13:3 ¾ Pray send me by yr man as also the £41:0:7 ¾ resting unpd upon my bill drawn on you payable to Jno Curtice. I intend to send or goe home by wanlockhead for am vexd to hear my Ld Complain tht our men should spoile & inpose of his wood wch neather can nor wil beleave. We had 21 trees and that small number am sure cannot be disposed all but to our use wt may be don with the lops of these trees I know not but shall Informe myself. I percave my Ld is for his ½ years rent & that I advised you of from Sanquar. I see we must Fish for wood for our selves Pray Imploy som or other to buy us 1 or 200 trees of Carnwaths wood otherwise we must resolve for Norway or lay the work in for if we want wood our men cannot work. I shall be glad to see you ear I goe, and Remaine Sr yr Affnate Fr. & sarvt  
Wm Blackett

**2 Mar 1678 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/181. In the context of other letters this date was clearly 1678 rather than 1679, even though not written as 1677 or 1677/8]

Edenb 2 March 1678

Honored Sr

You are to pay for the ½ years rent to my Ld 375 marks & since no vallew is set upon the 21 trees I think my Ld may stay till May that a trew vallew may be made of them to both our contents & then we will pay his Lordship I shall Advise you from wanlockhead how things is & wt further hopes and I doe Intend to sett Jno Curtice on work to try if he can get us any wood from other hands. Eather of my Lds brothers or the Ld Carnwaths. if of neather care must be taken for Norway for Capra<nins> & buntings of 16 foot long I shall writ you more of that when I come to newc[ast]le  
I rest Yr Affnate fr & sarvt Wm Blackett  
Rememb to send the ps leed oar by the first bote to Newcastle

[outer leaf:] memorandum For Sir James Standfield

[annotated by Stansfield:] p Mr. Blackett. To me to pay 375Ms for ½ years Rent of the Roome, and seeing noe Vallue is set on the 21 trees it will be time enough to pay for them in May next

**2 Mar 1678 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/184]

Recaved then of Sr James Standseild the some of Fower pond thirtien shillings 3 ¾ d sterling being in full for his ¾ part of the charge don by Jno Curtice on the Leed Mines called Wanlock head. Till the 9th February last past. I say recd by me Wm Blackett  
Jno Shand witness

This discharge is from the 22 September 1677 till the 9th February 1678

**16 Mar 1678 John Curtis to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/186. This appears on the reverse of the payment instruction dated 24th Sept 1677]

1677 October 5 Paid then to John Curtice	£40 : 0 : 0
1678 Feb 28 Pd then to Wm Blackett himself in Turnors	£20 : 0 : 0
March 2 to be sent in Torners by the Cart to Jno Curtice	£ 1 : 0 : 7 ¾

£81 : 0 : 7 3/4

Wm Blackett

Edinbr March 16 , 1677/8 Received then by mee John Curtice the twenty pounds starl[ing] that should have been sent by the Cartr conforme to the acct above and in full of the written pcept.

John Curties

Jno Shand witnes

[annotated by Standfield:] March 16th 1678 Bill Mr Blackett and receipt John Curties  
81:07:0 3/4

**9 Sep 1678 William Clerk to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/187]

Honoured Sir

You remember when you were heer upon a proposal made by Mr Lindsay that you would ascertain his proportion in the leadmines without regard to Mr Vermuyden you would not settle with him, which I having returned to him, & withal perceiving by your letter to Mr Donaldson, that you would willingly have that business settled, accordingly Mr Donaldson & I told Mr Lindsay that if he desired a settlement with you, it behoved to be upon the termes then proposed by you, with the burden of Mr Vermuyden. And now att the writing of this Mr Lindsay has desyred Mr Donaldson and me to signify to you that he is willing to take burden upon him for Mr Vermuyden, if you & he can settle as to these proportions of those mines, what it shall be in that case. This att his desyre wee have thought good to signify to you, & upon your answeare, we shall meet with Mr Linsay & acquaint him of your intentions, that if you thinke good, [that] business may be adjusted betwixt you when in, as you please to command any, or both of us to negotiat by your directions. You shall find us very willing & ready to show our selves

Sir Your very humble servants

Wm Clerk James Donaldson

London Sepr 9 1678

Sir,

I wrote to you long agoe but never had the honour of a returne, however I am glad to heare frequently from Mr Snell that you, your lady & son are in good health

[outer leaf:] For Sir James Standfield off / Newmills

**10 Sep 1678 John Lindsay to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/178]

London 10 Septembr 1678

Sr

This later part of the Sumer I have somewt relaxd from the daily occations I used to Subject my self to by being some time in the Country, So have bin thereby pvented of meeting our good friends Mr Clark & Mr Donaldson though often designed, & therefore could not properly make you Answer to your late letters myself as to the point relative to Mr Vermuyden sooner than now. But it hapining also that until now I could not be at a certainty with him (by a friend that agreed that affair with him) So tis time enough to acquaint you that he hath accepted of a considerable sume of money from him (which hereafter you shall know if it be necessary) to Intitle my friend to his Share of the said Mines. By this I hope I have obliged you in Easing you from a person you declared you had not satisfaccon to deal with & I am still willing as our Expression in Scotland is to take Burden on my self for the proporconable charges payable for our respective Interests. I never doubted your Justice as to my self (& having removed the Remora of an Obnoxious person to you) can as little Question your kind acceptacon of my recomendacon of him (in his stead) now concernd yet I offer is case you think best to end this Affair by a proposal on your part, which may respect our severall proporconable parts, & that may be reasonable in itself I am willing you should be Master of the whole Affair, & shall endeavour to obleige the person that hath dealt with Mr Vermuyden to be of the same mind. In the Treating whereof you may have the use of our friends that have writ to you in this behalf, whom I must value for their <Affeccon> to have this Affair Settled with peace & satisfaccon to all our Interests. I desire your Answer by the next post & remain

Your Affectionat friend & Servt

Jno Lindsay

**3 Apr 1679 John Curtis to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/36]

An account of wht is to me John Courtiee from the workmen at Wanlockhead

	£ s d
Edward Lethatt	1 6 00
Thomas Snowball	1 9 9 1/2
Thomas Errington	4 9 7 1/4 <ba.>
John Berry	2 15 7 1/4
Nicholas deblish	0 5 12 b

John Smedley	3 6 4
Peter Standfeild	3 8 2
George Taylor	2 12 1
Charles Jacques	1 16 11 3 bo
William Hill	1 6 1
Sanders Hambton	2 1 3
William Vazee	1 11 1 2 bod
George Watt	0 00 10
James Cooper	0 7 7 2 bod
James Robson	1 13 7 4 ba
William Mattall	0 8 5
James Tompson	1 2 6
Munge English	1 6 5 2 ba
George Wilson	0 11 1
Alexander Airde	0 8 1 4 bd
John Johnson	0 14 2
John Portace	0 1 3
John Moffitt	0 4 7
[interlined]: more p Jno Moffatt	0 6 8
William Weare	0 1 8
William Warde	0 18 11 5 bod
George Howard	0 5 10
Robt Johnson 1	0 9 3 bod
William Reay	0 13 8 3 bod
William Atkinson	0 15 11
William Park	0 7 2 2 bo
John Bourne	0 9 4
In all	37 05 11 1/6
[added in a different ink:]	
John Jacques	3 15 2 1/2
<Umph:> Jacques	3 14 7
	45 5 8 2/3

Leid hill April 1679 This is a true List of debts owing to mee by the workmen at Wanlockhaed and paid mee by Sr James Standfield witness my hand day and year foresaid

John Courties

[annotated:] Johne Courteis accompt of tis Due to him by the workmen Apll 3 1679  
£45 5 8 2/3

**13 May 1679 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/127]

Sanqar 13th May 1679

Honored Sir,

Yr letter I delivred my Ld who went for Edenbr yesterday <Thair> he <Could> he would speak with you as to all things but non wil cut for us in Elrock one stick altho the arestmt be over & <Lou..>. I got Liberty of my Ld for the pres[en]t to cut som more wood where we got the bo:trees from that the works might not Ly Idle & I doe beleave my Ld wil obliedg us to pay for all that wood as doubtles he will tel you when you meet and you doe not agre with his Lordship our work wilbe Ruined for want of wood & without his Leave & Kindness I cannot see where we shall get any, so pray come of with him as well as you can.

I like not the method you have taken in parting the wood with my Ld Hopton. I would have you & he to fell trees together and pay each the half charge & then part by Horse Lods wch is the best way. I would not have you cut any this sap altho you might for the waest thair wilbe for want of a Chopper, wch when I hear you have agreed with my Ld I shall send one or 2 with the milwright so pray Let me here from you to Newcastle.

I have taken a look upon the works & oredered Ed Lethard to work accordingly as we consulted for the most advantidge, but what should we be at more charge for if we be deprived of wood.

I have agreed with the men I have at such rates as wil please you. I have turned off such as I thinck be mutinneers & have set as many to work as we need this year so pray set on no more. I have bid Lethard send you the note subscribed by the men. I wonder you would let the room to Tho. Errington for <600 th> & my Ld <sue hes> we shall pay 1000 & Thos hath let it to other contry people so we must pay 400 for other's conveniency but non resarved for our selves so I have tould him my  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the room I expectt so he may take yr  $\frac{3}{4}$  part if the gentleman pleased. I have bad pen & inck so cannot inlarg as I would.

resting yrs etc Wm Blackett.

[The following section is in a different hand - possibly Edward Lethart's, since he is named as one of the authors on the cover of the letter:]

Sr, pray suffer no more men to labor or any pickmen more for they are as many as we thinck can be supplied with wood. Except Ed Lithart want a laborer or two. The execution is sarved but I heer a new arestmt is like to follow upon Elrock Wood, so pray put a period to the affaire & agre or we shall ruine our work. iff he desiers the planting aboute the tennants houses you may grant that for I see non about any tennants hous. however doe what you thinck fitting & view <ear> you grant that to satisfy yrself I p<rae> my Ld wil have <no Lords> of the Sessions to determine what

shall be for planting for the tennants if it be granted our bargin will be but a poor bargin.

Agreed with the men as follows  
Edward Lethard as Steward 25£ a year  
Tho. Snowball as smith 14d a day

pickmen at 12d a day  
Jno Berry/ Wm Baird/ Cha: <Jaycies>/ Jno <Jaycies>/ Humphra <Jaycies>/ Wm Hill –  
hath only washed, shadded or knocked/ Jno Smedly/ Geo Taylor

pickmen  
Ra Baird at 10d a day/ Alx Hamilton at 10d a day/ Wm Vase at 9d a day/ Ja: Thompson  
at 9d a day/ Wm. Reay at 10d  
13 Pickmen in all

labourers  
James Robinson 7d a day/ Alx aird 7d/ Jno browne 7d/ Wm Crage 7d/ archd fewler <1/2  
s>/ Wm Wiese 7d/ Munge English 7d/ Geo Robson <1/2 s>/ Ja: Coeper 7d/ Geo Wait 7d/  
Jno Mestal 7d/ Jno Jnoson 7d/ Jno Porlace 7d/ Wm <Mt.kal ½ s>/ Geo Wilson 6d

Washers & knockers  
Wm Hill/ Joyce Smedly 10 d a day/ Eliza Taylor 5d a day/ <Ma: berne> 5d a day/ Sara  
Wmson 5d a day/ Ma: Millikin 5d a day

More Then these need not to be Employed this year

[outer leaf:] For Sir James Standfield Knight in Edenbrugh  
[annotated:] Sanq May 13th 1679. Mr. William Blackett that he hath ordered Edward  
Lethard to worke according to his directions & that he hath turned of some Mutineers  
& sett as many to work as wee shall need this yeare and desires me to put on no more  
workmen &c then the 33 in the List on the other side <Fd> Edwards May 25 1679

#### **14 May 1679 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/129]

Dunfries 14th may 1679

Honored Sr

I write you yesterday & gave it to Ed Lithard to forward. by it you wil see what I  
have don at our leed mines at Wanlockhead, wch I hope you will approve of. I have  
turned of nico.Deblish & Thom Erington & his wife, haveing pitched upon as many  
men as I think will doe our work to content this <sommer> & more cannot be

Employed but to our los. I shall desier you if you pleas not to alter anything I have Don. If you doe Imploy Erington & Deblish let them be upon yr owne accot not myn for the first I am to swear next sessions that I have neather papist in my Sarvice at home or abroad, & for the 2d he hath abused me more then Even Jno Curtice did you, so as you had fredem to put of the steward, the like we shal not get for our advantidg, say all wt they will, so I doe not question but you will allow me to <put> out of part of my service a sarvant who I <...> to have been an Idle & an unprofitable fellow to us. Ed Lithard will writ you as to other pticuler so I refer you to his letter. I paid my part till 10 May according to his accot .wt you pd or Ingaged for the last pay I know not neather did you give me any Information so what may be Dew that be pd if not paid alredy. Sr the bearrer hereof is Mr Rob Clark the messinger you ordered me to deliver the papers unto. He hath performed very well as no doubt but he wil give you an accot of his diligence & to say truth he Desarves for wt he hath don kindness & mony.

Dear Sr I Desire you be kind & not Huffy to my Ld for he can Ruine both yr Concerne & myn in the leed mines a good word may doe us a favore where a bad one wil get us no kindness. If I wear with you I could tel you more however I rest & remaine

Sr yr affnate fr. & sarvt Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield knight In Edenbrugh

[annotated:] May 14th 1679 Mr Wm Blackett anent putting off some workemen: and that he expects Ile allow of it

#### **14 May 1679 Edward Lethart to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/103]

Honourd Sr I have by order of Mr William Blackett made out this last five weeks account which I here Inclose & send you amounting to in all £35-08-09 sterling. Mr Blackett hath payd his 1/4 pt & your 3/4 part comes to £26-11-06 3/4 which if you please you may send me out by the bearer that I may make a clear pay because Mr Blackett hath altered the mens wages & turned some of them of & will have noe more to work til summer then 12 pickmen 15 labourers and 5 washers and knockers of oare. we shall stand need of more Labourers which I shall Indeavour to procure at as easy a rate as I can.

[The next section appears to have been written later]

Honoured Master I am to make you acquainted that he hath ordered me to turne of Thos Errington and Nichlast Deblish and likewise he hath brought Georg Howard to 10d a day in regard he hath taken twoe pence of all the Pickmen's wages except Thos Snowball which he hath ordered to be smith, which I think is the fittest man to take charge of any thing when I am absent if your Honour think it . Likewise I understand



by Charles Jay<ces> owne report your Honour is pleased to make him overseer about the works when I am any wayes busyed abroad about your Honours concernes wch neither Mr Blackett nor I think him capable to undergoe likewise the workpeople thinks very much that he should be any way concerned in that way for he hath soe many foolish conceits in his braine that he will doe nothing but stir up discord amongst them. Likewise as for his workmanship it is not as he report of himselfe <yet> what is your Honour's pleasure I shall fulfill to the very utmost of my power. Mr Blackett hath left me orders to cut of Cushogle wood both for the work or building houses for the workpeople either and he saith that he hath noe desire to cutt any in Alwick wood as yett if god willing as soone as we gett wood in we shall fall to sink the shaft we are carrying on the low Levill as fast as we can thinking to gett <...> it near to the Levill that comes downe the feild and soe to sett our shaft in the forehead that goes downe the feild and then to put downe a <turne> to the low levill wch will be a great deall less sharpe and convenienter for the work if we can gett them near together as I hope we shall soe desireing your Honour will be pleased to send me word by the bearer Tho: Snowball concerning every pticular that I shall doe and <with> gods assistance I shall perform to my power I rest your Honour's very humble servant till death Edward Lethatt

[A note added at the bottom, in a different ink and possibly from a different hand:]  
The wood in the shaft & drift in the black hole end to be drawne for your present use in putting downe the shaft at Belton graine in caisse <you> finde noe hope of carrieing itt on.

[outer leaf:] His Most Honoured Master Sir James Standfeild Knight at his place in Edenbrough

#### **24 Oct 1679 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/22]

Newcastle 24 8ber 1679

Honnored Sr

I have since I came last out of scotland recd 2 letters from you the one from London the other dated from this place the contents I wil not trouble my head to answer but at meeting I shall give an Acct of my actions with the men at Wanloch head, which I shal make appear was by yr orders & advice to doe thair as I thought fit. But since you have suffered so much by my Ill manidgmt pray manidge you[r] p[ar]t better. I shal pay my part as soon as Sr James may doe his three fourths part at any time when accot is presented I owe non for work at wanloch but since the 12 of May last as Ed. Lithards receipt wil make appear & when accot is stated from that time til martinmas next my part shal not be wanting. I take journey towareds Sancqr the 1 9b [ie. November] where I should be glad to see you. I wish I may have good weather for we have had 1/ mo of

very bad here. I sent Ja. Hammilton 2 pair of Leed miln bellas and now by Nicolas Mason I send you a paire of Smiths bellas, backs, breasts & Grats. I have not as yet got out of Yorkshire so with kind respects I rest.  
Yrs etc Wm Blackett

Sr pray caus yr man to Leave the Inclosed at Hew Wallace the writers Chamber to send forward.

To Sr James Standfield Knight In Edenbrugh

**15 Nov 1679 to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/124]

Accompt of moneys due at Wanlock head to Sr James Standseild

1678	To Tho. Errington $\frac{3}{4}$ of Clouth at 15s	00-11-03
Oct 28	To Edward Lethard 3 ells $\frac{1}{2}$ at ditto	02-12-06
31	To Tho. Snowball 2 ells $\frac{3}{4}$ at 8s6d	01-03-04
Dec 28	To Wm Waird & Geo Howard 5 ells $\frac{1}{2}$	02-17-09
1679	To Charles Jaques 3 ells at 10s	01-10-00
May 17	John Berry $\frac{3}{4}$ at 11s8d	00-08-09
	To Jno Smedley 3 ells 15/16 at 10s	01-19-03
Aug 13	To Edward Lethard by his noate 8 ells $\frac{1}{4}$ at 12s	04-19-00
Nov 1st	To Tho. Snowball 2 ells $\frac{3}{4}$ at 10s	01-07-06
	To ditto 3 ells $\frac{1}{4}$	01-12-06
	To ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ at 10s6d	00-07-10
Accompt of money lent them at Edenbr		
1679	To Tho. Errington	01-00-00
Aprill 26	To Jno Smedley	01-00-00
May 17	To Jno Smedley	01-00-00
	To Jno Browne labourer	00-05-00
	To Tho. Snowball	00-10-00
Aug 9	To Edward Lethard	00-15-00
Oct 19	To 10 L.[dollers] to ditto	02-06-08
	To Wm Baird 4 Rd	00-19-04
	To Tho. Snowball 4 R.[dollers]	00-19-04
21 Aprill	To Margt. Youll No. 20 Cask qt 53 p Brandy with the carriage according to agreemt	58-06-00
	No.32 qt 54 pints at £22	59-08-00
		09-16-02
Nov 18	To Edward Lethard accompt <precept> by Samll Meinzes	09-00-00

	for Grasse Rent <12s 3/4 is>	
	Deducted for Wm Ward & Howard in regard Edward Lethard sayes hee advanced them the wages due to them	02-17-09
	Rests disco[un]ted at [...] pay to the 15th Nov 1679	44-03-06

[annotated on reverse:]

At clearing that Pay deduced of the workemen that was oweing me 44:03:06

### 20 Feb 1680 William Blackett to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/120. Elliock was near Sanquar and therefore still several miles from Wanlockhead, reached by the twisting Mennock Pass.]

Newcastle 29th Feb 1679/80

Honoured Sir,

I recd yours of no date last post by wh[ich] I p[er]cave you have got clear Elliock Wood wh[ich] I am glad of and I hope neather you nor Hopton wil part with yr mo[ney] but on sure gronds. Wt my part is I shall pay when I come to Scotland wh[ich] wil be about begining of May I shall provide the needful for the mill & send you the Inclosed to our men pray p[er]use & send them it, ading wt you thinck fiting & let me intreat you to send them 60 <RD> for I cannot have an oportunity to send it them from hence & I know the poor fellows wil be nessessetated so with kind respectks I rest etc Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] Sir James Standfield knight In Edenbrugh Pr paid

[annotated:] 20th Feb 1679/80 mr Willm Blacketts obligatory <Lre> about Elliock Wood and desireing me to send 60 R D to the workmen at Wanlockhead for him in reguard he can not send it them from Newcastle

### 5 Mar 1680 James Standfield to William Blackett

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/119. The Allingford from where the smelting mill hearthstones were to be procured is perhaps Allensford on the River Derwent, not far upstream of Shotley Bridge, a renowned metalworking centre (swords).]

Mr Wm Blackett,

March 5th 1680

Sr,

I recd yrs of the 29th past, and as to the Wood we have it as secure a bargaine as Lawyers advice could make it; you say you will speedily send the needfull materials for the Smelt-Mill; I was in hopes the harths would have beene hear er now; they

beeing to bee gott at Allingfoord 16 m above Newcastle; But seeing they are not my desire is they may bee sent as soone as possible at least one harth consisting of 2 Bearers 2 Keystones 1 foorstoone two back peeces and 2 bellie pipes; their are 2 Cariers that constantly travell twixt Newcastle & Dunfreze, the one called Walter Elderdice liveing in Newcastle at the back of Kirkgate & the other is Jno Carlile whose residence is at Dunfreze, and you may agree wth either of them to bring the harths by land to Wanlockhead. Hoptons was soe carried to Leadehill for £3-6s-9d and this will bee better & quicker dispatch both for them & the Bellus then via Leith at as small charge. I desire you will send mee the figure of one of the smelt mills with 2 harths at Newcastle with yr directions about it, and if it bee not very difficult worke you need not bee at the extraordinary charge of bringing a Mill-wright from Newcastle for heare I can have an ingenious Mill wright will goe thither for 2s 6d per diem or his men for 18d; send yr best directions how its to be built & I shall advise with him. hee is reputed the best in Scotland for Walke mills & Cornemills & informe him but what should bee donne, and hee will performe; My Lord would have us take the Roome againe but haveing lost almost the whole rent I will not take it againe but am endeavouring to gett my Lord a good Tennant, who will give as much rent as usuall in the Countrey & as such land gives for the somer grass. The Lord Chancellor & Earle of Queensberry are said will part for London next weeke. I am sorry you cannot bee at Wanlock sooner then May but beginning next Month Ile goe and <pt> a hagg & order the cutting of wt is needfull for our present use; and stay their some tyme, being all the needfull at prsent from  
Sr yr most humble svnt.

[Annotated on cover:] Double of a Ire [letter] to Mr Blackett anent the leadmynes & harth from Newcastle

**7 Apr 1680 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/112]

Newcastle 7th April 1680

Honored Sr

I rcvd yrs in the contry dated the 5th past, by it you give me great Incoridgmt of my Ld queensberrys kindnes, but I find his inclination nothing bending that way eather to you or me, so that I am at a stand what to doe, as to my concerne thair for to provide nessesarys & be deprived of matterials is not convenient. I was not at Newc.e when my Lord past the 24 past but he caused his sarvt Sam Kirkpaterick to writ to me to tel me that no Wood should be suffered to be led fro' Elroke [Elliock] eather by his tennants or any other to wanlock head Wt can we doe then ? The words of his letter are these : My Ld hes refused to let any Timber be led or Carried to Wanlockhead be his tennants or others upon the same acct of Sr James.

now wt this acct of Sr James is I am ignorant off til I hear from you I shal say little more to the affaire nor pro[vid] anything to be wormed out of it by my Ld. I think we spent

our mo[ney] & time very ill to be thus used. I could say & writ more but anger & grief puts me off it but not to rest

Sr yr Affnate fr & sarvt Wm Blackett

[annotated on cover:] Aprill 7 1680 Mr Wm Blackett anent a Lre by direction of the Earle of Queensberry that we shall have noe wood from Elliock. written the 24th March by the Earl's servt on his L.pps Journey from Newcastle to London

**19 Oct 1680 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/117]

Newcastle 19th 8ber 1680

Honored Sr

I have not writ unto you since the 13th of May last wch was then in Answer to yrs of the 30 April, wherein you gave me an acct of the hard useidge don us by <spanoch> my Lds sarvt. I did intreat you to send me a copy off our contract with my Ld that I might have taken som councellors advice here about the same, so as that I might have had ground to have spoke to my Ld in our English <Toone> whilst he was in this Contry. recving no answer from you I could not proceed as I intended. I doe hope you and my Lord hath settelled all Differences now & that the works goes on more cheerfully, of wch I should be glad to understand from you, that soe might with more vigour prosecute our intrist.

I came this <tenth> som <4 days> agoe with an intention to have com'd for scotland, but it hath pleased the Lord to put a stop to it my resolution by viziting me with sickness insomuch that I have been given over by the doctors have the griping of the guts & a fever both saluteing my stratnes of breath, but praised be to god (Who strengthened me to withstand thoesse my adversaries) I am on the mending hand & intreats you to take care of our concerns at wanlock head this year & god spareing me life & strength I will be with you next spring & clear al accts with you for my quarter part of this years charge.

Sr, Mr Leamon tels me that the last bellows etc that I sent by Mason is at Holly Iland, he haveing lost his vessel thair - be pleased caus inquirie after them. I have severall other things wch will be redy to send this winter as backs and brests & the like nessesaryes for a lead mil & a man shal come along with me an artist in building them, but what can be don iff no wood be had I wish we had kept Enochs Wood & would have made my Ld a Complyed. pray let me have a line from you how squar [Sanquar?] goes & you wil obliedg

Sr yr most Humb. sarvt Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield knight In Edenbrugh  
[annotated:]

Octo 19th 1680 Mr Wm Blackett le sineing me to take are of the Leade works at Wanlockhead this yeare promising to be wth me next Spring and cleare all accompts wth me for his fourth pt &c

[Shorthand note also given on outer leaf, dated Ed, Nov 6th 1680]

[further annotation:]

Octr 19th 1680 Mr Wm Blackett <A.d> 6th of Novr & valued £50 on him at 13 d Sight pay.ble to Bayly Hale for <./4> to acct of my disbursem. of the Leade works at Wanlockhead

[underneath, in a different pen:] Bill returned back unpd

### **1 Dec 1680 Allan Bower to William Blackett**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/151. Undated, but the complaint against Wilson and the reference to Charles and Humphrey strongly suggest that this was one of the 2 letters forwarded by Blackett to Standfield on 28 December 1680. Allowing for a few weeks interval this is therefore given the date of 1st Dec 1680]

Sir

According to your desire and order att Thornhill I furnished your worke ther with mell & malt beife <mat on> buter cheese and All necasaries that the stoodin <...> of that I could procure in <regard> I sarve the <works> was yew and goe onto <..our> profit for that I am out of purse 13 pound betwixt the time you was heare and mayday <sin...> may Willm Willson hath furnished them but theare hath beene litell worke at the mine since and when I <.rane> monythie say your part is wanting and I must waite. I thought fit to acquaint you with <thefle> things by refer the ane witnesses of my diligence to your desire and Charles and houmphray will enforme you of all things conserning your worke which in my Judgment will be abenifitt to you if itt bee well followed for you saw much laded oare in the time the wrought at the oaire I desire to heare from you by the first ocation and ane service I can doe you I will not faille to sevice you this with my humbell service [resented to you ever praying for your helth and a safe sight of you I rest your servant Allen Bower

Leadhill

Des ..

[outer leaf: ] for the Right hon Mr Willm Blackett at Newcastell

### **28 Dec 1680 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/17]

Hoppiland 28th Xber 1680

Honnored Sr

Since I writ the inclosed of the 27th pres[en]t it com'd to my hands by Charels & Humphray Jaques these 2 Inclosed letters, which I thought myself oblinded to send you, that you may see how things goes at Wanloch head. & the more becaus you pres for mo[ney] when non is paid thair upon my acct but those sarv[ent]s which I thought good to drive on the work banished and Mr Wilson saith he wil doe me toe when he hath don that I doubt he wilbe but a reasonable stewart for you, iff he knew not better how to <rips> persons Cloek bags when he was in the kings sarvice then what belongs to mynerry he would hardly get salt to his kale, however as ling as he is thair som must help to mentaine an idel person. I shal not reflect anything as to your manidgm[en]t off the affaire at al, not doubting but as you have caused to banish those who hath been our sarvants this several years you wil provid others which I fear wil be but a few as long as Mr Wilson hath the hectoring of them. Nevertheles I shal aquies to what you doe & since these men are forced away without thair wages til I se acco.ts stated I shal not pay a penny for this last years work & to that efeckt I will bring them with me p[er]haps soenner then I advised you in my last, but you shal have timely notice, for it may be I may come by New Mills . Al shal not make me to differ with you, but you shall at altimes find me

Sr yr Reall freind and Servt Wm Blackett

[outer leaf:] For Sr James Standfield knight In Edenburgh  
[annotated:] Hoppiland 28 Xber 1680 Mr Wm Blacketts lre complaineing why I should presse for money when none is paid upon his accompt but those servants wch hee thought good to drive on the worke banish and Mr Wilson saith he will doe him too, and therefore Mr Blackett saith hee will not pay one penny for Last years pay.

### **1 Jan 1681 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/84. Undated but reference to Stack Moss and Belton Graine are also made in Wilson's letter of April 1681, and Blackett's annoyance about the steward hectoring the men echo complaints he made about Wilson to Standfield the previous December. This letter is therefore tentatively dated to 1 January 1681]

Memoriall Mr Wm Blackett anent the Leade works

1. to get wood & other nessesaryes for driveing on of the stack moss wch so it be droven on with all Expedition & seek the workmen . Cary a dew Lavell in the soal & thair breeth & <Limmered> so as not to waist any wood
2. We must have 2 Expert pickmen to work in the belton graine & see it be wrought workmanlike for thair is oar to get in abondence iff it be looked after.
3. We must not have the stewart to hector the men neather to Countenance one more then another but to see that every of them work trewly for thair wages & who <doth> amis to reprove them Civilly & doe not Exact upon any of them for thair nessesaryes

neather Countenance storys of one or other, but the works wrought to our most advantidge.

4. Let the smith be Careful in makeing & sharping the workmens tools & when he hath spare time Let him goe through the works & se the men work dewly & also how the work tools stands. when thats don let him be makeing new work tools.

**21 Mar 1681 William Blackett to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/110]

Hoppiland 21 March 1680/81

Honored Sr

Since myn at Xmas wherin I sent you Snowbals accot how Wanlockhead was driven on I have had non from you altho I intreated you to send me copy of our Contract with my Ld queensbery etc, I hope you have this last sessions put a period to the Dispute with him & that we may enjoy our tack of him in quietnes iff not I fear he will caus us to be sufferers and curse the day we Dealt with him.

I have by <.> al the work geer for 2 harths as 2 backs, 2 pips, 2 bearers, 2 keys, 2 forestones, 2 work stones Which wil ly me in above £60 st[erling] Carridg and all, but iff no wood to be had what should they be sent for but sold here againe, but iff wood to be had wch be pleased to advise me upon receipt of this I wil bring a milwright with me after Easter & also the person who I think wil buy my part & som off yours iff he finds Incoridgmt in the Works and to be Expe<kted> by my Lord. pray writ me a line in answer to this letter & you will obliedge,

Sr, yr Aff.nate fr: & servt Wm Blackett

[annotated:] 21 March 1680/1 Mr W Blackett about 2 harth-stones for Smelt Millw cost 60£ stl

**11 Apr 1681 William Wilson to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/93]

Wanlockhead 11th April 1681

Right Honorable,

I have written severall tymes to your Hon But <nov..l> hes gott so much as ane lyne agane And now I ane forsed to geve yor Ho. notis that effter thes wiche that all the workemene protesates that they will worke no more till they <si..> your Ho. Selve to make ane Establishment wth theme for the insewing yeare, for the tyme comes one that they may provyd for there <Cliding> and fewall for the nixt wenter for ther is severall of the mene that workes at thes place that leves at ane destance of, that <wuld> come to that place and make up their howsses that they <... theyve noie> ther work



that does not know what to do unless they speak with your Ho. Selfe to these purposes And this would be done in time for if they do not settle with the <Field> they will settle with some other Labourer but I have kept them even of for yr Ho. Outcomeing But cannot put them any longer of – nor those which <> Therefore I desire Advice to this purpose if your Ho. Be not hinder those which to come for if there be not more <mine [or] money[y]> for this work all that is hinder is not worth the attendance And the time is coming one in next And there is several work <Hollis> to be provided for the <encouraging> of the work And the time spends daily both for the new travelling of the Stankmoss and the Lead dressing for our nightbowlers has put all the men to distress there are and will be preferred to the Carriers first and who ever the Carrier takes one with first they will continue with for all the year. Therefore Lett your Ho. Be pleased to consider this in time And come out as shewne as possible for if it be not timely I will be forced to let the workmen come to your Ho. They will not be stopped for me Your Ho. May give the Inclosed warning we have got from the <Garall> for to Fleet and remove from the Grounds we have got a good price of timber to the workes home and has made use of a good deal of it and I shall have some more of it shortly here. I hope before this be all spent we should be looking for more the mine is in great distress with sickness that falls to them at this time of the year and wants money to get themselves helped with <Stoyiek> and fresh meettes they are complaining daily upon me And I cannot help them with any penny and <Cutleres> is upon me daily for his money if your Ho. come not hinder <the mine> come to your Ho. Both for him and the rest of the Country that I am owing to for it is not possible mine cannot work and live upon nothing. I cannot be witness to the lyke. I will not give any account of the condition that the workes stands into tell your Ho. Come and give them for your great <Teroffties> lest all things go bad they will take time to repair every thing as it would be. the bearer James Hunter will tell your Ho. What paines I have bene at for the timber we have got I <creve> pardon for complaining for others but your Ho. May guess what I mean my selfe in this barbarous part since I came to it . I will add no more at present But I am  
Your Ho.s most Humble servant  
Willm Wilson

[On reverse:] For Sr James Standseild, knight, to be found at his Lodging within the heed of Blackfrares wind in Ede/ This with Cair in hest]  
[annotated in a different hand:] April 21 (81)

Thos Snowball/ John Benny stake most/ Wm Wakeley stake most/ George Watt/ Wm Mackall/ Ja Robsen/ Geo. Robson/ Wm Craige/ John Maffost stake most/ George Wilson/ John Johnson stake most/ John Wilson

From 8br to feb.ry he was about 6/w at the worke

[Notes on reverse also in a different hand and pen to Wilson:]

Best labourers

Ja Robson [underlined]/ Jo Johnson John affott Jno Berry Wm Wakeley for stake moss

To secure the shaft & Leavell the Roofo of Belton graine wch 2 men may doe with the Bankere in a day or w: & to work none their except it be when the now occation of worke else where & to see nothing bee wrong in the Levell to go downe <onw> a weeke. This to continue till all the oare bee carried of the Hil as can bee transported this sumer

20 doz spars	£28	John Robson &
Panroofe & other timber	16	James
Do ore <clerke> & house & banks	5	
Wester house great Timber	14	
Eight jests	8	
<nobs> for the house	2	
Lintalls & roe<.>	2	
Hecks & rungs for the Manger	2	
For Trees to the Manger	2	
Timber for the grove	3	
	82	

For <hes> charged 8 scoors at 6<£> & <bol.ds> 7<d> a day for a man to each horse Lode is 80 score 7<.> & the workmen were already Employed about the building of the horse stable & storrhouse

### 16 Apr 1681 William Wilson to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/45. Unsigned account but presumably from Wilson alongside other accounts and letters from him at the time. Some of the original sums were corrected in a different pen]

An Acompt of the menes dayes and wadges from the first of November last to the 16 Aprill 1681

			£ s d
Thomas Snolball	114 dayes at	14 p day	8 8 0
Charles Jaques	42	12	2 2 0 0
Umphrey Jacques	40	12	2 0 0 0
John Bery	30	12	6 10 0 0

Wm Wickliw	83	10	3 9 2 0
Georg Watt	88 1/2	7	2 11 7 1/2
Wm Mcall	79 1/2	halfe mark	2 3 10 1/3
James Robsione	111	7 1/2	3 12 4
George Robson	109	7	3 3 7
Wm Crage	121 1/2	7	3 10 10 1/2
John Moffitt	126	7	3 11 4
Georg Wilson	123	1 halfe mark	3 8 4
Archbald Forster	87	1 halfe mark	2 8 4
John Johnstone	106	7	3 1 10
James Lowrie	72	1 halfe mark	2 0 0
John Wilson	114 1/2	6	2 18 4
James Park	87 1/2	10	3 12 3
Gawen Weddell	6 1/2	5	0 2 8 3
James Cropper	11	7	0 6 5 0
Mathew Moffat	46	2 1/2	0 9 2

### 13 May 1681 William Blackett to George Galbraith

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/107]

Wanlockhead 13th May 1681

Pray pay unto Sr James Standseild or his order the some of sixty six pond six shillings sterling and place it to accot of [ditto] Yr aff. Friend Wm Blackett  
£66 6 stlg

To Geo Galbraith, merchant In Edinburgh

[on reverse:]

Received the within mencond contents being on accompt the within named Mr William Blackett his one fourth part share of my disbursemt to workemens wages at the Leade Mynes at wanlockhead by me Ja: Standseild

[annotated:] Mr Wm Blackett his bill on Mr Geo Galbraith

### 11 Jun 1681 Onosiphorus Dagnia to James Standseild

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/172. This letter appears to relate to Standseild's glassworks in Leith, another of his enterprises. See J. Turnbull, *The Scottish Glass Industry 1610-1750* (2001). The Dagnias were well-established glassmakers on Tyneside by the late 17th century]

Sir

I understand by John Tyacke you have A mind to set forward Againe if you could gett workmen . the last workmen you had I am sartain there is not such Another Crue in England (exsept them <slefs>) for we Have had full experience of them both as to thaire behavier and workmanshyps, as for thaire behavier thaire very Abusef in there tonges to them that has don them A great dell of good and are in <deped> mony too. I am sartin you have bine very kind to them by A Letter I Recd from Mr <Baptist> you lent £35 to pay his depts and Loose him out of prison and allsoe the Rest had mony Lent nevertheless thire worst word in thire mouthes thay think to good for you, for the finall time thay wear here befor thay went to worke thay was £14 in oure dept & thay erved when wee wure at worke thay (Leggory & Squire) £44 and he is gone £4 in oure deptt besides in one hous £4-12s for drink besides other trivillin g depts I beleve in all will mounte to £12 that small time he was here (soe let Any Jug wt wicked sorte of pepoll thay be). Jno <Segre>] hes Reported in London that we <...> him for his work & cales us all A Company of Cheeting Roogs, as for there workmanshyps thay ware but ornery. As for John Leggorry, he is past worke and the other can doe but litle. Sir If you are intended to put it forward Againe I will bring others with my self that shall Carry one your work with Corrig and profit (if we can Agre), I think About 15 or 16 weeks worke will sarv the Contry, wich I can doe and follow my imploy hear, you will have no men Roling upone you as for playing weages, wch otherwais if you have A set of workmen of your owne and have not employment for them thay will Expeckt playing weages, if your worshyp plese to bear my Charges I will come over and give you the nearest Account of what stok may farme for A 15 weeks free in all pertikulers, and Likewise will doe your busness in bying your ashes for there is A great mater in your ashes for thear is <as.> that one bushell will goe as far as one and a ½ of other sum (as I have good Reson to know) Sir I desire you to consider one it and Return me an ancer wth the first post, for I am intended for London spedely. If I can doe you Any sarvis I shall be willing to doe it. I [once] writ before concerning your right work but Recd no ancer, John <Tiyack> tould me you Recd my letters, Sir when you write dereckt your lettr to the Close yatt glasshous which is all at present.

From your humble sarvant At your Commands  
Onosiphorus Dagnia

From Newcastle upon tyne June the 11th 1681

[Annotated:] From Glaserhouse of Newcastle, Mr Dagnia, June 11, 1681

**21 Oct 1681 Cornelis Thomasse to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/101, RH15/102/6/2/108 This is an abstract of the very long legal document, using the paragraph numbering in the original.]

Contract between Sir James Standsfield and Measter Cornelis Thomasse and Adriaen Oudenaerde, Merchants at Rotterdam, and Measter Jean Blondet Merchant at Middelburgh in Zealand, for lead ore and lead bar. October 21, 1681

ABSTRACT :

1. Sir James has sold to all the above all the lead ore called Potters Ore which Sir James has in his Magazines in Leith, and also all the lead ore that is, or will be, raised out of the Lead Hill called Wanlockhead during the time of the present contract, not exceeding a set quantity [see article 6].
2. Sir James guarantees well-dressed Potters Ore without any 'sive ore' or 'Smethen' and will deliver it aboard the ships at Leith that the company [ie the purchasers] shall appoint, free of all excise duty, transport to be paid by the company, who will bear the risk once the ore is aboard ship.
3. Sir James to give the company six weeks notice, in writing, of a delivery. The company will pay for each delivery, according to the rates in article 8.
4. If the ore is to be shipped in Barrells, the company reserves the right to furnish the barrels themselves, in which case Sir James will have them packed and will rebate 3% of the price. Otherwise Sir James will supply the barrels and the company will pay the full price.
5. If Sir James defaults on delivery to Leith, after giving notice of a delivery, he must pay 'demurage'.
6. The company is obliged to take the contracted 700 tons of ore for the term of the contract (3 years): 200 tons in 1682, 250 tons in 1683, 250 tons in 1684.
7. Sir James agrees not to sell any of the said ore to any other person during the term of the contract 'except it be some that goes certainly to the Streets'.
8. The company will pay to James Standsfield or his Order upon missve letters, bills of exchange on Other Orders, in writing under his hands in Rotterdam within 10 days after sight of his order on bills they being dated upon or after the deats of the respective bills of Loading on or after the Expiring of the Six week advertisement the sum of 4 guilders of lawful holland money 'for each 100 pound weight of ore containing 5 <troue> stone schots [ie Scots] to the hundredweight and 20 Pound trose to the <troue> stone, according as <Hopton> delivers the same'.
9. If transportation of the ore is prohibited, 'or if Weare [ie war] aryse betwixt Schotland and England, and the Unitted Provinces, or any Civil Wars in the Cuntrye' the contract to be suspended.
10. The contract shall run from 15 October 1681 to 15 October 1684.
11. Signed in Rotterdam 21 October by Ja Standsfield Cornelis Thomasse Adriaen Oudenaerden, before witnesses Mr John Jack, merchant in Rotterdam and Captain Henry Frasser in Leith, Frans Huygen [Cocxburger] in Rotterdam. [All sign]

**17 Nov 1682 John Niesmith to James Standsfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/97B]

I, John Niesmith Mason at the Leade hill, does hereby grant mee to have recd from Sir James Standfield of Newmylns twelve pound scots wch with thirtie six pounds paid me the [blank space] day of September last past is fourty eight pounds scots – in full paymt for Wright & Mason worke donne by me & servs at the building of the Smelt Mill at Wanlockhead as per agreemt whereof I grant the receipt & discharge the said Sir James and Warrant the forsaid worke to bee well & sufficiently donne & performd by mee; Likeas I the said Jno Niesmyth grant mee to have borrowed & receivd from the said Sir James Eight pounds scots upon accompt of worke donne by and outover the bargaine of building the forsaid Mills by paines at hewing stones for the Harth and other worke: and if the same be declared by Wm Wilson & Allan Boare not to amount unto the said eight pounds then to repay the said Sir James; and in caise they declare more to be duely wrought for the said Sir James shall satisfie the same; In witness whereof written at <Edb> this 17th day of Nov 1681 I have signed the same before these witness

Alex.<Ainsle> witness, John Nesmythe [both sign]

[outer leaf:] nov 17 1682

Discharge Be John Niesmith To Sir James Standfield for building the Smelt Mill att 56:  
Scots Wanlockhead

## **22 Mar 1683 William Wilson to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/24. Scotland had adopted January 1st as the start of a new year in 1600. An English date of 22 march would normally be assigned to 1684 under the modern/Gregorian calendar but the date as given here properly belongs to 1683]

Wanlockhead 22 March 1683

Right Honorable

I heveing the ocatione of thes barer Mr Robert Lockart for to Reitt your Ho: know that wee do think long to <sie> you hair in thes pairt and sence I did <sie> you at Edr [Edinburgh?] we heve sonke ane other shafft in whyt Clough meadow but we are nott come to enay vyne as yett but befor wee do dreve Long I hope we well come to one ere it be longe. Upon that vyne that bery did work in their hes bene verie good leid in it lettlie and there is ane <sheek> at present but I hope it is verie lickle to come in their hes beine verie <Hell> wother thes great tyme past Spick with Mr Snow abut that that [sic] he hes aganest me for I have beine ever expecting your Ho: hair that I may go tow dayes downe to the border if yor Honor doe nott come verie shortlie leitt me know that I may go tow dayes done to take ane <Course> with it partickliere I did challeng Wm Rea anent hes being at <boodall> bridg but he telles me at he was nott there And

will show ane testimonall for that affict the Countrie is thinking longe for money <at wffe> we do owe it but I joodg [end of page; rest missing]

[outer leaf:] for the Right Honorable Sir James Standfield of Newmilles at present nr Edr

[annotated:] Wanlockhead 22 March 1683 Wm Wilson

### 23 Mar 1683 Allan Bower to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/82 This is all that is legible of a very badly faded account for smelting lead, totalling £450. Allen Bower appears in several documents variously named as Allen Bower, Allen Boare, Allan Boar.]

To accompt for Smelting [missing] Piggs of Leade 450:00:00

#### Deductions

For accompt Gilber[missing].ah	22:00:00
For accompt Wm Ai[missing]	97:12:00
For accompt Wm Ha<u...>	21:04:00
For my Black horse	30:00:00
For 4 R.Dollrs pd yw	11:12:00
For 1 Loade <meals yr> Some	14:00:00
For yw pd to George Carmichaell	03:18:00
	200:06:00
To cash pd him for Ball	249:14:00
	450:00:00

I Allan Boare the elder in Leadehill grant mee to have Received from Sir James Standfield of Newmylns two hundred fourtie nyne pounds fourteen shillings scots in full of the above written accompt. Also foure pounds scots for a fore<stone to the ..> Smelt Mill <In witness> whereof I have <sin.d> these <p.sents> written <..> the said Sir James before these witnesses George Ramsay servitor to George <Howe> Merchant in Ed[inburgh] & Alexander <Enstie> servitor to the said Sir James at Edenb Mar 23 1683 Allan Bower [signs]  
Geo Ramsay witness/ Alex <Ens..> witness

[verso:] Allan Boa<re> for smelting <205[missing]> of Leade

### 10 May 1683 Robert Douglas to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/94]

Bee it known to all men by these psnts that it is Agreed and finally ended Betwixt these psnts following that Sir James Standsfeild of newmylnes and Rbt Douglas presently resideing at Douglas that is to say the sd Robert Douglas doeth hereby undertake and binds and obliges himselfe to grieve and oversiee all the workepeople presently employed in and about the Leadeworks at Wanlockhead or that shall happen to be employed their; and that hee shall faithfullie and honestly attend the said employment and take notice of the severall workepeoples following there worke, and workeing the Levells duely and sufficiently, and doe and performe all and every other thing relating to the same and dressing the oare for the best advantage utility and proffit according to his knowledge for the behoofe of the sd Sir James, and Keepe exact accompt of the workepeoples & <Steins> and give up the same weekly to William Wilson, Stewart for the said workes to bee entred in his books; and in Caisse of any Disorders and abuses comitted by any of the workepeople to aquent the sd William Wilson thereof; for the timely preventing of the same; and from tyme to tyme to advise wt the said William Wilson for easieing on and prosecuting the said worke from tyme to tyme in the most probable way to best advantage and to keep an accompt from Tyme to Tyme of the timber and other materialls that shall cume to the sd works; and Carefully to oversee the workepeople in shadding washing and buddling the oare – and every other thing as to the office of a greve and oversier doth appertaine and belong and give an accompt of all matters weekly at Least to the sd William Wilson to bee booked and ordered by him beginning his said imployment from the Fourteenth day of May instant <ant J avjq> fourescor and three years For the <...> cause I the above named Sir James Standsfeild on the other pt binde and oblige me and mine to pay unto the said Robert Douglas twelve shills scots <aye> and so long as hee shall remaine and continue employed by mee in and about the said Leadeworkes for each working day, whereunto both the sd pties have agreed unto and subd the same at Wanlockhead the Tenth day of May <J avjq> fourscore and three Befor this witnesses Alexander Young merchnt in Ed[inbur]gh and Alexander Enslie servt to the sd Sir James and written their of

Ja; Standsfield, Rot. Douglas, Alex Young wittnes, Alex Enslie witnes [all sign]

[Annotated on cover:] May 10th 1683. Agremt twixt Sir Ja Standsfield & Robert Douglas to bee Grieve to the Leade-works at Wanlockhead

### **11 May 1683 William Wilson to James Standsfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/89]

May 11th 1683. Accompt of Workemens Wages at Wanlockhead and other disbursements ut intro from 26 of August 1682 to the 28 of Aprill 1683



	Dayes	Wages p diem	£ s d	
Thomas Snoball	68	10	2 16 8	
John Berry	206 1/2	10	8 12 1	
William Waiklie	187	10	7 15 10	
James Park	198	10	8 5 .	
William Moor	190	8	6 6 8	
John Moffit	211	7	6 3 1	
James Robson	97 1/2	7 1/2	2 19 7 1/4	
Alexander Hamilton	74	7	2 3 4	
George Robson	190	7	5 10 10	
John Johnston	108	7	3 2 9	
James Whyt	123	7	3 11 8	
George Wilson	196	7	5 13 4	
Robert Wilson	88	7	2 11 4	
Thomas Carmichaell	20	8	13 4	
James Cooper	123	7	3 11 9	
John Balentyn	82 1/2	7	2 7 0 1/2	
John Lorimer	8	7	4 8	
William Craig	179 1/2	7	5 4 4 1/2	
James Kilpatrick	6	7	3 6	
William Daycoll	8	7	4 8	
William McCall	132 1/2	7	3 17 3 1/2	
John Dinwoodis	168	7	4 18 1	
Patrick Millar	83	7	2 8 5	
John Wilson	134	7	3 18 3	
James Lourie	68	5	1 8 4	
John Oliphant	212 1/2	6 2/3	5 18 4 2/3	
William Park	100	6	2 10 4	
George <Mireles>	113 1/2	4	1 17 10	
<Harra> Williamson	15	5	6 3	
John Craig younger	46	3	11 6	
William Hamilton	101	3	1 5 3	
James Moffet younger	168	3	2 2 .	
James Robson	22	3	5 6	
John Mackelwin	20	3	5 .	
John <Meall>	90	3	1 2 6	110 19 7 5/6

To 46.5 faddom taskworke in Whelsclough wrought by Thomas Snoball, Alexander Hamilton and 10 Laborars under them at 7s 6d per faddom proceeding the 11 May 1683

£17- 8- 9

To 28 faddom taskworke wrought at Stakmoss by James Robson

and 5 other ptners at 8s per faddom proceeding May 11 1683	£11- 4- 0
To Gilbt Mccall for 33 load coalls to smiddy at 8d per load	£1- 2- 0
To Robt Douglas for 60 Load of Timber at 6d per load	£1-10- 0
To George Makmichaell for 22 Load coalls at 8d	14- 0
To John Mackmill Couper for makeing 20 senking Keables water barrals <roodys> and Repairing sivess	£1- 8- 0
To Wm Hair for carring of 9 Load Timber	4- 6
To Wm Aiken for workeing & carring of Timber vizt. 100 Loads 14 duzen peks shafts and 13200 Top rods	£6-02- 2
To Andrew Tailor for carrage & pryce of 17 Load of coalls at 9d. To John Lees for carrage of 3 Load of Timber To the 1st May at 6d	19- 3
To John Aiken Collior as the pryce of 57 Load of coalls for the smiddy at 3d per Load	14- 3
For goeing about Business of the masters to the wood and other Whers	17- 0
For persewing John Dick ane Theiff to Douglas and so pd for Commission to the maighnus of Doiuglas to hold ane <saysse> on him for stilling Lead goott with him and conffessed the same	£11-05-07
To Gelbt Mccall for Lying in the old stor howse	1- 8
To the 27 pynts aill <qn> the hadg house was builded on the <extsie cotted>	3- 0
For six gallones of aill to the worke at the holling of 5 shafts	6- 8
For on wright to Thomas Snoballs house and ane wright that did alter the <slodie>	8- 8
To Thomas Hislop and ane horse for Leding Ling and deffitts to the houses	10- 0
For hay and corn that was forgoott at Tymes by <miggie> youll and Jannet Williamson	<u>£4-04- 0</u>
Suma	£156- 1- 1

Wanlockheid the eleventh day of May 1683 fitted this Accompt with Wm Wilson Stewart for the Leid works at wanlockheid Containing Accompts of workmens wadges & severall other desbursments upon the sd work Commencing from the twentie seivint day of August 1682 yeairs & Ended the twentie seivint day of Appryll 1683 yeairs Extending to the soum of ane hunder fiftie six pounds ane shilings ane penny sterling which soum is Cleared & payit to Sr James Standfield of Newmylnes In wittnes whereof I the sd Wm Wilson hath sub[scrib]ed this p[rese]nt day & pleace fors[ai]d befor this wittnesse Alexr Ensly servitor to the sd Sr James & Alexr Young <mercht> & writter thereof.

Wm Wilson/ Alexr Young wittnes/ Alexr Anslie Witnes [all sign]

**21 Sep 1683 William Wilson to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/90 This is a fairly untidy account focused on carriage of timber and 'chopcoale', presumably chopwood to be dried and used as fuel at the smelting hearths. The L referred to throughout probably stands for 'loads', typically a horseload]

From 10 May 83 to 20 Sep	L		
Timber carried by Wm Aikin	75		
Chopcoale carried by him	<u>218</u>		
	293		<u>07:06:06</u>
Ditto Atkin Dr for Meale		02:04:00	
allowed to Wm Wilson for him		11:05	
pd 4 Lode half at Edenbr		01:01:00	
deducted in pt wt is due Allan Boar		<u>01:10:00</u>	
		05:06:05	05:06:05
			<u>02:00:01</u>
			07:06:06
Timber carried by Gilbert Mccall	73		
Chopcoale	<u>81</u>		
	<u>154</u>		03:17:00
ditto Mccall Dr for Meale		00:11:00	
		03:06:00	
Timber carried by Wm Hair	17		
Chopcoale	<u>44</u>		
	<u>61</u>		00:15:06
Ditto Hair Dr for Meale		00:11:00	
allowd to Wm Wilson for him		<u>01:11:04</u>	
<£ s p C>		00:12:11:04	
00:02:06:02		02:06:02	
Timber carried by Rbt Douglas	50		
Chopcoale	10		
	60		00:15:00
Timber per Thos Glencors	06		00:03:00
Chopcoale by Ja Blackett	79		01:19:06
Chopcoale by Wm Dyell	14		00:07:00

Chopcoale by Ja Graham	41	01:00:06
Chopcoale by Jno Arthur	4	00:02:00
Chopcoale by Jas Dyell	2	<u>00:01:00</u>
		16:07:00

Blackcoale to the Smythy	9
Blackcoale to the Mill	69

[overleaf:]

			£	s	d
2:00: 1	To Wm Aikin To Ball	1)	02:00:01		
3.06:00	To Gilbert Maccall	2)	03:06.00		
0. 2. 6.2	To Wm Hair	3)	00.02. 6.2		
0.15: 0	To Ro.t Douglas	4)	00.15:00		
0. 3. 0	To Thomas Glencorr	5)	00. 3. 0		
		X	1.19. 6		
		X	.07.00		
1:00: 6	To James Graham	6)	1:00.06		
		X	0. 2. 0		
0.01. 0	To Jno. Dyell	7)	<u>0: 1. 0</u>		
7:08: 7:2			9=16= 6.2		

Received by mee W. Wilson Stewart for the Leadworks att Wanlockhead from Sr James Standfield Seaven pound eight shill & seaven pence sterling & 1/3 for paying the seaven persons above named for carriage of Timber & chopcoall conforme to the.r p.ticular acco.ts within. In witness written by the said Sr James I have sub[scribe]d these p.sents at Wanlockhead this 20th of Sepr <Jay> foure score & three years before their witnesses Ro.t Douglas greve their & Alex Enslie serv to the sd S. James: two pounds ster and a penny is p.sently paid to William Aikin & soe Recd onely five pound eight shill six pence 2/3 ster to bee pd to the Six remaning persons above

5:08:06:2

Will Wilson/ Rot douglas witness/ Alex Enslie witness [all sign]

[annotated:] 20 Sepr 1683 Receipt William Wilson £5 8s 6 2/3 d sterling to pay some workemen within named

**1 Dec 1683 William Rae to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/91. The year is given but otherwise undated. It is given here as 1st December on the assumption it ws compiled towards the end of the year]

1683 Acct of the Iron worke to the Smelt Mill per William Rae smyth.

Ane Account of Al the Mill Gear belonginge to <hir>

2 gaulokes to draw the fier

3 fier shovles to cast up the fier

1 <Iron bear> to strik down the fier

2 Cloats one for the buddell the other for the fier

1 Leadell for the taking up of the Lead

3 Mettell shovels for <hir use>

2 hakes for hir use

1 <re> bake for to weght the <chopes>

A pan for to cast the pikes of lead in

4 Ston and A half Iron for the harth wrought by <The...>

10 Ston of other great bars of Iron for the harth with the <cutting> of tow <Keas> and the tow berars

A hamer and 8 figguars for the marking of the lead with the neam of Sir James is [neas] graved in the <[harner]>

A Iron plyeret for to get draw the lead with and 1 Ston of Iron for the pan to hold lead under the fier and A lok for the door all this within the fier house of the Mill

Allso within the belles house

2 <gughes> for the whiell thes within the belleshous

8 cotterall <slales> with thear forlokes and rings

2 swords for the beliff with thear keper nealls and thear shears with thear cottreall <sealls> and forlokes

4 Iron bands for the whiell and tow kepers for the <bliess> to hold them to the freams with thear Ring and cottrall nealls

A swingelltre for the derrecting the bellis, the one up and the other down with thear linkes and hukes for derrecting the easment of the Rod the 4 stamper feett with thear 8 Rings besyd thear nealls for to hold the feett fast and A soall of Iron under the stamper and A Great huk for to hold the belle rod and the swingell tre together all thes besyde the greatt gavell nealls belonging to the mill copells and great timber in the bellehouse and <manney> a small neall for the nealling of the dealls and the mill whel and <t....> the <tr...> up standers not to number and all the <neales> for the <belle gear> and the mill <daurs> with the <.....> and bands and lokes all don by me As William Rea

**21 May 1684 Allan Bower to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/46]

<M> Edenbrough <...> of 1684

<Most .....>

I am <sore pore sore> that I shoud of <to.. co..> Agenst your honer for upon my Reall  
<faith> Itt was not my <defaut> but my father tyst me to cast bak the bargean and now I  
am com to the taking Itt Agean if itt be your will to lett me heave itt and I shall never  
turn for no man till your honer tyer of me no man shall work more and with less  
expences then I shall doe to your honer <fye> said my father I will give the 12 pence  
my self than be made A sleave of them, I am com from Glen lyon and Egyell mynes  
and I have <An[oth]ere> onest man with me and a good workman att 6 pence a day  
and <he hes> a onest wife now sir to tell you the truth of the last unhapie deed my  
good brother was the kneauf my wife was innosent of itt and I my sellf but one of the  
bitts god knows if I be lying or no my wife being seek and I send him to douglas on  
errand and that knave <dike heght> him A pear of <sones> to gett him A ston of the  
lead soe I had the trust of the mill I hung up the keye he sloped out with itt and did  
what he pleased I was soe shamed I cold say nothing so I Remeane your honers  
humble sarvant to Command Allen Bower younger.

[postscript added down the side of the letter:]

Sir I hope I will gett imployment from you casting Away all the daught <nosh...> seing  
my frends hes <beggled> me and caused me to doe so to your honer

[outer leaf:] The Right worthy James Stanfiell of new mills

[annotated:] 21 May 1684 young Allan Boare Lre that hys father entised him to breake  
the Contract he made with me

### 10 Dec 1685 to James Standfield

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/49]

	M[ar]ks
The totall price for Sr James halfe of the wood is	7250:00:00
the thrid of the wood is reckned cut so deduceing ane	
thrid of the price being	<u>2415:00:00</u>
rests	4835
It. by the Estimat made above if 6th pt of the two thrids	
is reckned cut so deduceing a 6 pt of that somme being	<u>600</u>
<rests of pall> as for the standing wood	4235
It. by 7 years @ rent thereof viz from Whits 1679 till	
Whits 1685 Inde at £168 yearly Inde	<u>1500:00:00</u>
	5735
	<u>251:06:08</u>
	<short cast>
	5986

So at this Calculation Hopetoun payes for the wood as he had bought all at the tyme of the bargaine, with deduction of what his been cut by Sr James. & Hopetoun is content to Concur in processe for the park and what is recovered shall goe to Sr James in so fare as concerns his halfe , and shall pay for his halfe after sentence for the standing wood at the sight of 4 men 2 for Hopetoun two for Sr James

Ed. 10th dec 1685

action is to be reserved to Sr James agst all the wood cutters presiding <Mert> 1685 with Exception of Hopetouns tennents.

[Note at foot of page] :

27th of feb 1679 the Contract signed by the Earle of Carnwall of the wood Memor.d Error in the Cat<...> 7 yrs @ rent at 168 yearrly , being Marks 1751.6.8 and onely sett down @ Marks 1500

[outer leaf:] Memorand for Sr James Stanfeild

### **9 Sep 1686 to James Standfield**

[Note: RH15/102/6/2/92 A,B This is a compilation of extracts of accounts from 1679 to 1686, including an income and interest account for the whole period, accounts of sales of lead ore and lead exported from Leith to Holland, lead smelted at Wanlockhead 1683 and expenses of the smelt mill . It was perhaps prepared in connection with winding-up the business. It is dated here to the last date given in the collection of accounts.]

#### 1) Accompt of charges for Barrs or Piggs of Leade Smelted at Wanlockhead

May 23, 1683 To 450<L> scots paid for Smelting 209 barrs q. at 9d pr Stone

<94. Pd for> a forestone to smelt mill

Nov 4 1684 To £850.06.00 pd for 391 barrs sold to Bayly Irving whereof 80

barrs was borrowed of Wm Luckups psell to make up this psell to the

Smelters at 8d pr Stone qt 2150 Stone

85. July 23 To 776 .00.00 pd for smelting 358 barrs qt 1940 Stone at 8d

To 542.06.00 pd for 244 smelted by Jno Browne at 8d

[Total:] 2630.14.06

Barrs ut sup.a

209 p. Allan

391 Boare

358 p. Jno Browne

244

1202

1678 Memorandum of receipts pr John Curtice for money paid him

	13 february	35:00:00
	28 Aug	43:15:04
	24 July	40:00:00
	16 & 23 <Dec>	134:11: 2
Edw Lethart	1679 10 July	<u>50:00:00</u>
		303:06:<06>

Item paid more to ditto Curtice

1678	28 July	40:00:00
	28 Aug	<..:00:00>
	21 Octo	03:15:01
1679	3 Aprill	45:05:08 2/3

The charges in building smelt mill &c  
 The Grasse Roome of Wanlockhead where the Leade was wrought  
 The wood bought of the Earle of Carnwath first price 7250 Ms scots 402:15:00  
 To Interest thereof from Whits. 1679 to Mert. 1685 is 6 yrs 1/2  
 at 290 scots yearly [or] £24.3.04 sterling & extends to 157:01:08  
 559:[16:08]

Martinms 1685 : Memorandum then sould the Remaining pt  
 of sd wood for 333:06:08  
 226:09:06  
 559:16:02 2/3

2)[given on right hand leaf to 1) above, and presumably to be considered as  
 part of the same account]

From the 9th of Feb To the 18th of May 1678: folio 26,27  
 Extends for three fourth parts to 83:15:01 1/2  
 For Mr Blacket for his one fourth pt 27:18:4 1/2 111:13:06  
 From the 18 May to the 12 of October 1678 folio  
 28,29 for three fourth parts extends to 134:11:02  
 For Mr Blacket his one fourth part 44:17:00 179:08:03  
 From the 12 Octbr 1678 to the first March 1679 folio  
 30,31 three fourth parts extends to 105:18:02  
 for Mr Blacket his one fourth part 35:06:00 141:04:03

From the 1st March to the 29 March 1678 folio 32  
 27:11:10 2/3  
 From the first of Aprill till 12 May 1679  
 folio 33,34 35:08:09  
 From the 2 May to 25 Octbr 1679, folio 35,36 166:18:10 1/3  
 [torn] to the 15 Nov 1679 folio 37 11:16:04 241:15:10



[torn/ one word missing] is extending to 241:15:10 Is instructed by Edward Shott [torn/ 2-4 words missing] as his receipt dated 24 November 1679 [followed by a series of sums too worn to read follows, giving a total of] \_\_\_\_\_  
 1891:10:03 4/6  
 By the Totall brought over from the other side pr Contra 963:06:06 4/6  
 [presumably refers to 1) above, though no matching sum seen] \_\_\_\_\_  
 2854:16:10 2/6

The interest is to be charged from the pticular times of advance p.payt of the severall foregoeing Accopts.

3)

Extracted out of the Day Booke for Leade Oare began 11 Octobr 1680

[The lists given in the original, without dates, are shown in the original sequence here. Each shipment is given in the form of stones/Day Book page/value – assumed to be £ sterling. The first list appears to cover 1681:]

874/p1/£244 19s4d; 707/p2/£138 4s2d; 1,285/p2/£204 8s; 1,048/p3/£176 18s2d; 1,475/p3/£233 2d; 2,818/p4/£439 10s 8d; 1,293/p4/£206 16s 4d; 1,293/p5/£206 16s 4d; 1,186/p5/£185 16s10d; 1,172/p6/£186 13s2d; 1,048/p6/£164 1s6d; 722/p7/£115 9s4d; 931/./£147 11s6d; 269/p8/£64 5s10s; 879/./£197 6s6d; 688/./£123 15s; 66/./£17 13s  
 17,820 Stones £3,053 5s 2d this concludes the year 1681

This begins 7th June (82)

788/p9/£106 6s; 112 & 962/p9/£135 2s; 690/p10/£86 6s; 1,188/p10/£149 15s; 944/p11/£118 13s; 520/p11/£75 5s2d; 625/p11/£106 15s 6d ends 10th 8ber 1683

5,829 Stones	£773:03:02
Brought over <u>17,820</u>	<u>3,053:05:02</u>
23,649	3,829:10:02

Accompt of Leade Sould in Holland

[The document is badly damaged and mostly unreadable. It covers the period March 1681 to October 1682 and lists sales of both 'Neate Oare' and 'Barrs' of lead. Prices are given in guilders. The following tabulates what is legible]:

	lb		
March 1681	28563	Neate Weight at 4 gild pr <Cto> after shipt on board at Lieth free of <Sea hazard .....> & all charges <.....> is 1142<10> guilders 10 stivers or 22d [rest of line torn]	715<...>
15 July 1681	162126	neate oare at 4 gild [torn/missing]	1995<...>

5 Sept 1681	111618	neate oare at 4 gild [torn/missing]	
18 May 1682	38907	neate oare per C at [missing]	1711 15
23 Aug 1682	105693	neate at 4 gild per Ct at 22d pr gildr for 52 tun 1693<..> 4649<l.>	4649
7 Oct 1682	8505	neate at 4 gild per C at 22d p gildr	374
	316	in 4 barrs at 22<d> p stone	21 <14>
TOTALS	455730	Is 227 Tunn 1730 lb Wtt Is 20051 <G> 18 <.>	20111 <05 ..>

This too bee carefully Examined by the day booke and Ldgers

To 1203 Barrs Leade sold to se[ver]all psons 7008:15:00  
 Barrs Leade sould at Edenbro 2711 <.>

4 &5) Accompt of Money Disbursed for workeing the Leade Mynes at Wanlockhead  
 taken in Lease of the Duke of Queensberry Comenceing the first of September 1675

	£	s	d
Paid for seaverall charges and worke peoples wages from page 1 ending 10, being from 1st September 1675 to the 9th of Sep 1676, In all	113	12	04
To Interest thereof for advance from 9 Sept 1676 to 9 Sep 1686, being 10 yrs	248	01	08
Paid by pticular accot page 11,12, from the 9 of Sep 1676 to the 11 of November said yeare	76	10	11
To Interest thereof from 11 Novemb 1676 to 9 Sep 1686 being 9 yr 3/4	44	10	00
Paid by pticular accot page 13 &16 from 11 Novemr 1676 to 3 Feb 1677	64	18	04
To Interest thereof from 3 Feb 1677 nto the 9 Sep 1686	36	19	00
Paid b pticular accot page 17,18 from the 3rd feb 1677 to 13 May 1677	114	13	00
To Interest from 13 May 1677 to 9 Sep 1686 being 9 year 1/2	61	18	00
Paid by accompt page 19 from 13 May to 18 Aug 1677	54	18	11
To Interest from 18 Aug 1677 to 9 Sep 1686 being 9 yr & 21 days	29	10	00
Paid by pticular accot page 20,21 from 18 Aug 1677 to 22 Sep 1677	92	07	00
To Interest from 22 Sep 1677 to 9 Sep 1686	49	10	00
Paid by pticular accompt page 22,23 from 22 Sep to 15 Dec 1677	88	08	08
To Interest from 22 Sep 1677 to 9 Sep 1686 being 8 yrs 8 ms	45	14	08
Paid by accompt page 24,25 from 15 Dec 1677 to & wth 9 feb 1678	57	15	09
To Interest from 9 feb 1678 to 9 Sep 1686 being 8 yrs 1/2	29	06	06
Paid by accompt page 26,27 from 9 Feb 1678 to 18 May sd year	111	13	00
To Interest from 18 May 1678 to the 9 Sep 1686 being 8 yr 1/4	<..>	06	00
Paid by ac[missing] from 18 May to the 12 Octor 1678	179	08	03
To Inter[missing] the 9 Sepr 1686 being 7 years 11 ms	84	05	00
[missing] Octr 1678 to first March 1679	141	04	03
To Interest from first March 1679 to 9 Sep 1686	65	09	10

Paid by accompt page 32 from 1st of March to 29 March 1679	27 11 10
To Interest from 29 Mar 1679 to 9 Sep 1686, 7yr 5ms	12 03 09
Paid by accompt page 33,34 from 1st Aprill to 12 May 1679	35 08 09
To Interest from 12 May 1679 to 9 Sep 1686 7yr 3 ms	15 04 06
Paid by accompt page 35,36 from 12 May to 25 Oct 1679	166 18 10
To Interest from 25 Oct 1679 to 9 Sep 1686, 6yr 11ms	69 03 05
Paid by accompt page 37 from 25 Oct to 15 Nov 1679	11 16 04
To interest from 15 Nov 1679 to 9 Sep 1686, 6yr 3 qters	4 10 06
Paid by severall accompts page 38,39,40,41 from 15 Nov 1679 to 16 Aprill 1681	265 07 06
To Interest from 16 Aprill 1681 to 9 Sep 1686, 5 yr 4ms	84 16 00
Paid by accompt page 42,43,44 from 16 Apr 1681 to 1st Nov 1681	193 19 08 1/6
To Interest from 1st Nov 1681 to 9 Sep 1686	55 05 00
Paid by accompt page 45,46 from 1st Nov 1681 to 1st May 1682	131 18 09 1/2
To Interest from 1st May 1682 to 9 Sep 1686, 4yr 4ms	33 04 08
Paid by accompt page 47,48 from 1st May 1682 to 27 Aug 1682	111 19 05
To Interest from 27 Aug 1682 to 9 Sep 1686, 4 years	26 13 04
Paid by accompt page 49,50 from 27 Aug 1682 to 28 Apr 1683	156 01 01 5/6
To Interest from 28 Apr 1683 to 9 Sep 1686, 3 yrs 4 ms	31 03 10
Paid by accot page 51,52 from 28 Aprill 1683 to the last of Aug 1683	111 06 01 5/6
To Interest from last of Aug 1683 to the 9 Sep 1686, 3 years	20 00 00
Paid by accompt page 53,54,55 from the last of Aug 1683 to last of May 1684	256 00 00
To Interest from the last May 1684 to the 9 Sep 1686, 2 years 3mos	34 11 00
	4000 12 05

6) Journall Leith 11 October 1680. To pticular accompt of petty charges on accompt Leade Oare

page 1) 101.03.04

Aprill 15, 1681	Charges paid out at Rotterdam by John Sandilands To Custome & waiters 18g 18 stg [stuivers?] To Frieght & avarige 90 00 To drink money to the Seamen 1 05 To port of Letters 11 To his Provition at 2 pr Ct 28 02 138 16 at p gild	107 15 00
30 Oct 1680	To 4 C $\frac{3}{4}$ of Deales sent by 19 Carts to the Leade mynes	158 06 08
21 Aprill 1681	To six single trees received of Wm Pringle on his accot	2 14 00
	To 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ stone Iron gross of Bayly Hall not 25 stone at	35 10 00

	28s p stone	
	To 3 pr of Large Bellasis for the Smelt Mill To a pr of ordinary Bellace to the smyth imployd for the mines	24 00 00
May 3	To 5 hankes of Wyer for Seives at 33s 4d p hanke	8 06 08
June 3	To 6 hancks ditto	10 00 00
June 17	To 5 gads of Iron weighing 335 <..> of B.Hall not 337 ½ at 28	29 10 08
	To 12 Stone ½ of great Iron of Pat Haliburton at 28s	17 10 00
	To a box of Steill weighing neate 6 stone 1/4 at £3 p stone	18 15 00
	2 bar<lls> all sent by Wm Steills cart at 20s pr ps	2 00 00
July 7	To a sand glass & 2 <qr> of writeing paper	
August 27	To Pat Haliburton for 2070 lb of Iron beeing 33 gads small & 18 gads stanciall Iron sent by Geo Caldcleugh 3 carts 123 stone payble <Iron> at 27<d>	166 01 00
<.....> 6	To 248 <li> of an roop neare 90 fatham for the shafts at £20 pr 100 <ft>	49 <12> 00
[lost]	To Alexan. Young for 32 single trees at 9<s>	16 00 00
[lost] 18	[obscured] for 30 <single> trees 15 <...> 1 C 1/4 deales at £40 & £50 & 4 Knapoldsack [obscured]	68 04 00
[lost]	[obscured] by George Calcleughs cart a hanck	10 00 00
	[obscured] year twice drawne	
	To a doz a pr of bands for the house windows. Item a dyall for Dyalling the ground &a large box with <wafers>. To Patrick Hall smyth in North Lieth for Iron worke for the Leade Oare accot	16 12 00
	To William for Iron Wieghts bought of him to wiegh the Oare	37 00 00
26 September	Item for a new large Iron balke from Rotterdam for weighing the Leade Oare	40 00 00
	8 halfe hundred Weights at 2s per lb	40 00 00
	2 & 1/2 Stone Weight at 2s per lb	4 00 00
	2 Stone Weight , 1 stone Wt , ½ ane stone, ¼ of a stone, 1 lb, 2 lb at 2<s>	6 06 00
	To Wm Cooper for 3 <lasts> of <Bar.lls>	36 00 00