

6 Jun 1671 Henry Cavendish to William Blackett

[Note: Cavendish (1630-91) was Earl Ogle and Viscount Mansfield until he succeeded his father as the Duke of Newcastle in 1676. He was Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland and charged by the King with arranging to have the keelmans' strike put down in 1671]

Sr

I received yours of the 2d yesterday, and since the disorder that happened wth you at Newcastle I have named you twice in my letters to Winsor as one of the best servts his Majte hath at Newcastle; I am soe obedient to Orders I sent you that I received from Court after you had suppressed the Mutiny, there is noe harme in being formall in obedience. I writ to the Major and you all yesterday and sent to Mr secretary Trevor. All my Childeren that are here wth me in the House hath and have had the small pox wth in these two months and my second daughter is now very full of them. I will see Sr Francis Cobb to thanke him for his Visits and will tell him the prudence and Constancy of you all, you know best your buseness I know I wil ever be your faithfull servt; I shall stay these three weekes or month in Towne my Childeren will not be able to Travell till then; I am most affectionately

Your most faithfull servt

Ogle

London June the 6th (71)

19 Jun 1671 Henry Cavendish to William Blackett

London June the 19th (71)

Sr

I give you very many thanks for two affectionate Letters I received from you since the Mutiney of the Keele men with you. I had writ sooner to you but that I stayed to heare from my Lord Arlington I having two letters perticularly named you as most active in the reduceing these disorderly Keelemen and that you was not only servisable to his Maj.tie in your station as Magestrate of the Towne but as deputy Liftennant and Captain of a foote Company. I know and rest assured all care possible will be taken for his Maj.ties service when you are in the Towne. I am very glad all is quiet there now I will writ to you next weeke a gaine

I am truly You most affectionate servt

Ogle

[on verso:] For my Worthy friend Mr William Blackett Alderman of Newcastle upon Tyne Northumberland

19 Jan 1676 Francis Bowes to William Blackett

[Sir Francis Bowes (1624-87) of Thornton Hall, near Darlington]

Thornton Jan 19th 75

Sr,

I understand you would returne me a £1000 or £1100 to London for 40d p Cent wch (I think) you will not be so unreasonable to take what ever the other penurious mony changers of the towne exact, you (I deeme) ax above such more than Jewish usurers. If you will take 25d (wch is 3d per L) I will gladly give it you for I am offered it so of Mr Thompson goldsmyth at York and have it pd at Lond upon sight. But for my mony is at Newcastle twill be more convenient to deal with yu. I begge answer by this Carrier Tho. Chapman, & remayne

Your friend & servant

Fra Bowes

21 Jan 1676 William Blackett to Francis Bowes

Newcastle January 21 1675/6

Sir

I have received yours of the 19th present wherein you judge mee unreasonable for asking 2.pCent for <rejuvenating> mony to London Chancery had 2 ½ p cent the last weeke wch is rather under then over the Courant price that all people are willing to give, first you call it an Exaxtion, and for the name you give my neighbours I shall let it lei. In your letter for leave of taking could, but as to there qualification of more than Jewish usurers I think your application is groundless without your mony, with wch you use to pay advance be of the same Coyne that the Jews bought our saviour with whereof 30 pence acquired soe inestimable a purchase, In such a case truly I think you are more then too reasonable to offer 25p and for my part I will not be guilty of takeing it, soe lett Mr Thompson or whome Else you please take that benefit wch is refused by W.B.

26 Jan 1676 Francis Bowes to William Blackett

Thornton Jan 26th 75

Sir,

Your last post will always make me esteem ye a civil person, and one whom I shall always have a respect for. I much regret my unfortunate <news>, that I made my application to you no sooner; but since it cannot be now helped I shall thankfully accept of so much as you can pay at this time wch you say will be 4 or 500£; but you will much oblige me to make it up 600 £ seeing Wm Hutch hath so much to pay you:

and I know you can with the least worde get it made up at London, weer it 100 times more.

All this trouble I put both my friends and self to, is not for myself but merely to extricate my daughter for that Labarinth of trouble in wch she is involved & I hope that for her sake (whom I heard (tho too late) you once thought well of) you will make this small addition to your bill wch I desire you send by this bearer Tho Chapman Carrier without fail, that I may post it up on Sunday, this short terme being all the time I have to disbatch this affair. I have made this new scribble<ment> to Mr Hutch who will observe it. What yr advance mony cometh to I shall cause Hu: Gill pay you. I am

Your real friend & servant
Fra Bowes

30 Jan 1676 Francis Bowes to William Blackett

Sun morne Jan 30

Sr,

Had I time I think I could pretty well vindicate what you are so tart about & answer with sharp expressions about Judas .. I used indeed the word exact, but sd not you did exact wch differ much; & the word Exact is as often taken in a good sense as a bad; & never hearing of above 30 pC , I called it unreasonable. I will breed no animosity betwixt us by any further reply & desire you to acquire .. Likewise.

This inclosed will assure you that mentioned not getting mony at Yorke for 3d p L as any scandalous ptense to get it cheap from you but that twas reall. But I shall fly to you for it at yr owne rate rather than be troubled to bring it from <nevore> hither, & hence to ran the hazard for York. I therefore request yu will by Tuesd. Post send me your bill for £1000 to be pd at sight (or wthin 2 or 3 days) to Mr Pointer at the Ball in Abchurch Lane this bill to Mr Hutchinson will imburse you £600 & shall send the other 4 this week but for fear you distrust me I shall write to my bros Jenison either to pay or assure you that it this week. My time of paying it at Lond. Drawes nigh, & I cannot defer it longer. So hoping yu will not faile me in great hast I rest

Your friend & servant
Fra Bowes

I had 60 old pieces sent me yesternight by my cos Wm Jenison if you please to have them as <laiue> (I think 23s6d the twenties & 5s6d the other) I shall send them ther.

8 Feb 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

London Feb 8th 1675

Yesterday wee did expect a full relation of the Ingagement at Sea between the Dutch and the French but the post that came to Court on Sunday brought noe Confirmation of

that Ingagement but divers of our Merchants have letters from severall Ports in Italy confirming the Victory over the French now doubt but by the next post you will have the particulars.

The 17th of this month if the Dutchess of Clevelands appointment hold she begins her journey for France with two of the little ones and a Rich Guilded Coach.

The Report that went through Westminster Hall this Term that the Lord Cheife Justice Hales would lay down his Comission, was not at First given credit into but it is too true he having declared to his Friends that being unhealthful in his body he cannot goe the Circuitt nor attend the business of the Court. This hath been communicated to the King in order to the procuring of a writ of ease for him but the King answered he will not part with him and that he will appoint some other to goe the Circuit to give him ease but last night I was told his Resolution holds to give up. There is great Lamentation in mens thoughts to part with soe worthy a man.

I am sr yr most humble Servt
Jo Rushworth

Received 20th

To the printer in all	4 00 00
To the engraver of the mapp	5 00 00
To clerks for writeing as by perticulars	2 17 00
To the rolling press for the mapp	10 06
To porters to carry 60 letters from J.R. to Embers Lodge <ings> in London, Westminster	7 00
For a reame of paper for them & for written Cases Before the P[ar]lam[en] <satl>	6 00
To Cooper the Dorre keeper to deliver paper	5 00
To two men more	2 00
For a Treatate att the Legg Sr Jo Knight &c	13 08
One more there wh S.R.S	2 06
To porters to goe to the Rolling presse till 12 at Night & to bring proofs from both presses	5 06
Expended at 11 att night & on the morning to entitula cases	4 08
	14 13 10

Disbursed my selfe for Coache hire & by often goeing By water to members, to the printers & on other Occasions touching this business in P.lm.t & wth Some small expenses	2 16 10
	17 10 00

[in another hand, probably Wm Blacketts:]

Left in Mr Rushworths hands for a Cap of Maintenance 2 10 00

For small disbursements after this note recd 16 00

20 16 00

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

[annotated, possibly in W Blackett's hand:] Mr Jno Rishworth's letters in anno 1676

9 Mar 1676 William Rollinson to William Blackett

Sir

That acquaintance wee had in the lifetime of Mr James Ware (my old friend and yours) hath emboldened mee to desire a kindnesse of yow. There is a proposal of marriage between my daughter and one Mr Robert Liddell whoe hath been about 6 yeares in Hamburgh and came about a yeare agoe from thence, he is Son to Sir Thomas Liddell of Ravensworth Castle neare Newcastle, a person who (as I am informed) yow very well know, and having noe acquaintance neare that place besides your selfe, am soe bold as to desire yow to give me the best accompt you can of him and his son Robert (if yow knowe him) what manner of person the sayd Sr Thomas is, his temper, how he hath educated his Children, what his Estate is, and in particular what his Cole mynes are, the true yearly vallewe of them and how many years purchase they are worth, and how farr they fall short of other Landes, this is for my satisfaction in order to the Settlement I expect he should make for a Jointure upon paying downe what porcon [portion] we shall agree upon if the businesse should proceed between his sonne and my daughter. As yet they have seen each other butt once, and I would willingly have some accompt or other of the pticulars above mentioned before I suffer any further proceedings, therefore pray Sr let me beg your answer with what convenient speed your affaires will permit. If you please to direct your letter to me to be left with my son Joseph Rollinson a druggist at the Greyhound in Bucklersbury London it will come safe to my hands.

Sr I humbly beg your pardon for giving you this <new> trouble and if there be any [torn, possibly 'businesse'] whereat I may be capable of serveing you I shall always be ready to testifye my self

Sr yr faithfull friend and humble servant

Wm Rollinson

Hampstead near London March the 9th 75

Pray let me beg your privity in this affaire until we see whither it is like to take effect or nott

[on verso:] To the honourable Sir William Blakett Baronet these New Castle

[annotated in another hand, possibly Wm Blacketts:] Wm Rollinson letters in 1676

18 Mar 1676 William Rollinson to William Blackett

London March 18 1675

Sir

I received yours of the 14 instant for which I returne yow my humble and hearty thanks. I am once more imboldened to give yow a further trouble in the same businesse, fearing that your speedinesse to answer my former letter (as I desired) might be a means to prevent your more strict enquiry into the pticulars of that businesse. Now as to the young man, his deportment and carriage at Hambrugh, I am well satisfied about from one Mr. Shepard, with whome he lived there as a Servant for 6 years, and then came to England to visit his relations, with full intentions to have returned thither againe and to have resided there, butt his parents being more inclinable to have him settle in London, in obedience to them he altered his former resolution; He is at present only a Lodger, and nott actually imployed as a Merchant, and if he should marry tho his Father intends that he should have the greatest part of his Wife's portion for a Stock to imploye in that way of merchandizeing wherein he hath been educated; I understand that his Father expects he should have £3,000 portion with a wife; In consideration whereof he intends to settle upon him £500 p Ann (viz £300 p ann in present possession (which will be a Jointure for his wife) and £200 p ann after his death. The accompt I receive from the younge man of his Father's concerns is thus; that he hath and Estate in Land of £1200 p ann and in Coaleryes soe much as makes one yeare with another £3000 p ann one moiety of which coaleryes (being £1500 p ann) is settled upon his eldest Brother, whereof £1000 p ann in present possession, Out of the other moiety he is to have a fourth part which according to their calculation will be £375, to which there will be £25 p ann more to be added to make it up to £400 p ann and £100 more in free Land near Durham which he hath lately purchased and this is the £500 which is proposed as an Estate for the young man. Now Sr if his Coaleryes be worth butt £1000, £1500 or £2000 p ann and not worth above 10 years purchase it will fall exceedingly short of what they reckon it, and consequently my daughters jointure will not be proportionable to what they expect as a portion, pray Sr let me once more beg the kindnesse of yow to get what farther information you can and yow may firmly depend upon my privacy, that I shall neither saye or doe any things whereby you shall suffer the least prejudice. I am very sensible that this is a very great trouble that I putt upon yow, butt doe hope that you will honour me once more with a lyne or two from yow, which shall be ever thankfully acknowledged by

Yr faithfull friend and humble servant

Will Rollinson

20 Mar 1676 Henry Cavendish to William Blackett

Sr

I perceive by your affectionate Letter of the 4th that you was pleased to come too often to see me at London, Mr. Rushworth did tell me a munday morning you was pleased to come to see me upon Sunday, I shall never need anybody to believe any thing when when you tell me it is soe, I respect and esteem Sr Will Blackett soe much. God willing I intend to goe to Barwick, some time next month, but I will stay there noe longer then to informe myself with the Deficiencies of the Garrison that I may acquante his Maj.te wth them and I will goe in as few days as well I can upon my own horses and will goe as privet as I can and troble my frends as little as I can, it trobles me very much when I putt them to charge

I am affectionately your most faithfull serv
Ogle

Wellbeck March the 20th 75

[on verso:] For my worthy friend Sr William Blackett Baronet att his house in Newcastle upon Tyne

[annotated:] <obscured> 1676

24 Mar 1676 Henry Cavendish to William Blackett

Sr

I give you many thanks for yours of the 17th and for your kind invitation to your House. I take it very kindly but I desire your pardon for I am resolved to lodg at an Inn, and stay but one night in Newcastle. I hope I shall see you in very good health, I am truly

Your most faithfull servt
Ogle

Wellbeck March the 24th 1675

6 Apr 1676 William Rollinson to William Blackett

[Note: The given date of 1675 makes no sense in the sequence of correspondence between Rollinson and Blackett so it assumed here that Rollinson set down the wrong year, it being scarcely two weeks into 1676 at this point]

London Aprill 6th 1675

Sr

Yours of the 25 March came sfe to my hands and for your additional kindnesse therein I returne you my hearty thanks; had Sr Thomas Liddall's proposals been as you mention (viz) £300 p ann for jointure and present maintenance and £200 p annum after his death and that estate in Land or some other certaine thing that might have been depended upon I should have made noe scruple especially if the young man had been to have had his portion; butt contrariwise his father expects halfe at least and moreso butt £100 pannum in Land and that which is reckoned sufficient to make it up £500 pannm. As I formerly hinted to yow (the whole being vallewed by him at £3000 p annm I have made ome enquiry concerneing the reason why Mr Nevill and be broke of, butt cannot have a certaine cause assigned, yet doe understand that there was much dispute between them concerneing the intrinsieque vallew of the Colliery and that that objection was never fully answered; What kinde information I have received from yow may assure your selfe shall never be divulged. Sr I should be very glad to know when your occations will call you to London that I might waite upon youw and paye my respects for your great kindnesse to me in this affaire, which shall be ever thankfully acknowledged by

Sr yr obliged friend and humble servant

Wm Rollinson

17 Apr 1676 Thomas Norton to William Blackett

[Note: Norton was father of Mary, who had married Edward Blackett in 1674. His handwriting was very poor]

Sr

My daughter cannot prevail on the man to wait you att Newcastle till next weeke & p expects 12 de an. I thinke he balleves his <shoitin Hige>

Her[e]s another that a great Mr of his penn (& saith himself) that adds excat in all accompts, sober & industrious to my knowledge & will be thankefull for £5 if either of these may please you they will attend you. Wth all our best services to yu <...ly seet> good Lady & all <ply> Concludes sr

Yr affect Brother & humble servt

Tho Norton

Our duaghter is <much> discomposed of a little stomach lesse sleepe & hourly molested by a Cough <.ritt ... beg yu y caie.. & advise>

[on verso:] for Sr William Blackett Bart Newcastle post pd 2d

26 Apr 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

Ex parte Remendr Regis

Termd postide Anno xxviii Regni Regis Car 2d

Mercarii xxvii dio April

Johes Carey Barr Quer Willm Blackett the Bill Augb

N Casted suy Tyne

This day being appointed for reading of the plts Bill and the Defts Demurrer Now upon opening of the said bill the demurrer by Mr Warde of Councell with the Deft and hearing Mr Sawyer on the same side. And Mr Duncombe for the plt it is this day Ordered by this Court that if the Deft doe by the first day of the next terme deliver unto the plt or his Attorney in Court the Bond in the bill menconed to be in his hands and to be entred into by the plt to the Deft then the Demurrer is to stand otherwise the Deft is to put in his Answer to soe much of the said bill as relates to the said Bond

Watte pro Defte

p Mand d Regis

Turne Over

Cary agt Blackett in the Excheqr

Att the Arguing the Demurrer

To Mr Sawyer then	1 00 00
To Mr Ward then	1 00 00
Abbreviating books & two facre Breifes	10 00
Waterage trwice to Westm	1 00
To Mr Sawyer to attend the second time	1 00 00
Pd entring the Order	3 06
Pd the Register for the coppie	1 03
	3 15 09

Sr

In my last I gave you an Account that I had received Caries bond which I have delivered to Mr Sheldrake to keep till the first day of the next terme which is the time Ordered for bringing it into the Court but not to part with it till wee see you are freed from further trouble as to Cary. Although the Order be entred after a coppie was given to the Attorney on the other side yet they threaten to move the Coyurt againe to overthrow the Order unless he may have damages for his Imprisonn. But yor counsel think it wilbe laboure in vaine. I goe tomorrow to Cambridge and shall returne againe two dayes before the terme. As to the Capp of maintenance it will bee delivered to the Richmond carrier on Saturday next put up in a box and delivered to your selfe. The Charge of the Cappe furring and tassels comes to £8 I pray get the mony pd into your hands it cost [torn/missing word] it hath been compared with the Lord Mayors Capp

<wch> cost £10 & it is <tiptd> to be much richer. when wee know the Carriers name by whome we send it you shall have Notice. The charges about Caries buseness appear in a Note here inclosed which is all from

Sr your most humble servt

Jo Rushworth

London May 11th 1676

The Court Fees in the Exchequer are not included in your bill of charges but them you shall know alsoe when wee can put the matter to an issue with Cary

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

3 May 1676 Thomas Norton to William Blackett

Sr,

It may <affen> you that my daughters maladies are abated & she sleepes soundly we are near Rippon & hopes (through God's mercy) for recovery. I hope the <love> will continue her & that she may have opportunities to acknowledge yo[ur] <indcarne.. to her>.

If you please to supply me with yours, will after discharge a debt, or serve her (if beggars may be chusers) I desire whittfeild may bring it to Rippon to Aldeman Gibsons. My <.....> to all sr your most affect. Br & servt

Thos Norton

May 3rd 76

11 May 1676 Thomas Norton to William Blackett

Hond Sr

I am <Cranle> thither to master the best Fist ever I can to my dear Child when I see her I must <spend> all my earthly treasure – in our bottoms floating on the waters not all pray the <...> the praises for her, & advise to us all: the doctor has done what they can & advise us Southward into a warmer ayre, which her husband not onely allowes but a most passionately sealous to submit to anything that may Conduce to her Recovery. I confesse I am willing & her discomposure has too great an influence on my <soule> (for any greife adds to the distemper) that I have bene as you left me now 13 weekes.

I had fully purposed to have waited on you & yr lady err this & have pd of the sone part of my engagement for what I beg yr pardon & am forcd to pray the addition of

<£10> what I lost & will secure you. Both principall & interest for I am resolved to accompany her; when <sacred> God's providence shall desert us & supply her with all either my reputation or interest have proven I like the serv.t I <p..ile> you of - <why find I Converse yue> wth my best <services> to yu.self good Lady & all <...>

Yr most obliged bro, Faithfull servt
Thos Norton

Yorke May 11 76

If yr convenience pledge to supply me it would add to the favour to returne it eyther to me Henry Collyson shoemaker in Fosgate Yorke or Capt Crofte at Appleton near Cattricke

18 May 1676 Thomas Norton to William Blackett

[Note: Easter Sunday was March 26th, so Whitsun was 14th May, 7 weeks later, making the Thursday in 'Whitsun week' the 18th]

Sr

You may justly clayme all our best services here & I know <wee> have soe much <Candour> & good nesse, as will be pleasing to <...> to know my dear molly is much Changd for the better & eats pretty well & sleepes better & a <..... ep..> most of her infirmities. I must thanke the Lords worke <If> the means were very ordinary; now then the noble favour of yr vigil which we must thinke surpasd the other great endearments; for all which we shall offer up Harty praies for yr health & welfare, & tis all the returne we for the present can make & by the blessings of God you want noe other. I have recevd (& humbly thanke you) the £30 which (if my memory betray me not) makes £160 besides interst.

I pray be pleasd to let me know if you have yet heard of yr son Willy; I <confesse his .> name. I was lately ill puzld w <pont advis> & God preserve the tow thats left. I must beg yr pardon for this ill scribble for I am spread over wth a leprosy of Goute. & yt praies for those relating to

Sr yr most affect B & obliged servt
Tho Norton

Thursday in whitsunn weeke 76

Pray speake our humble services to yr lady & all yrs

19 May 1676 Martin Lister to William Blackett

Sir

I was desired by your sonne the last post to send you inclosed your daughter-in-law's case, such as I apprehended it to be when she first came to this Town, wch you will receive from

Sr your most humble servant
Martin Lister

Yorke May 19th 1676

[Translation from the Latin original, made in 1958 by L.M.Payne, Assistant Librarian at the Royal College of Physicians, for an exhibition of medical records by the British Records Association:]

At the beginning of May the worthy Lady Blackit came to our city and consulted me about her illness. The disease was at once made plain to me by signs which were not unimportant. So to enumerate them as I observed them myself, or learnt about them from her relatives:- first she is troubled with diarrhoea, accompanied by colic by which her bowels are moved four times or more each day; and that for many months; then her sputum is purulent, hawked up by daily coughing; this even if it is not foetid is at least bloody although it has not been placed in fire and does not sink in water. However it is often streaked with bloody fibres, and there is no doubt that it is discharged from an ulcer of the lungds. Again in the extremities of the legs a swelling has appeared which is oedematour or soft. On top of this there is a slight fever, and rigors like febrile paroxysms invade her more often by day, especially after food. Moreover, her urine is bright red, and as soon as this is cold much white matter is precipitated. There are also present night sweats, but these are not particularly troublesome; they are, however, to be attributed to the disease in that they break out round the throat, temples and face. To anyone considering all these things it is not to be wondered at that her most beautiful body has become lean and emaciated. Finally, her menstrual period has cased for three months from which it may be asked whether she bears a child in her womb. I confess this could be so, even in her great weakness, but to me it is scarcely credible, in default of other evidence.

The case is thus properly set out; and the virulent phthisis will certainly kill her, unless she is afforded immediate relief by a voyage and a prolonged residence abroad where she may constantly breathe purer and drier air – one among other remedies (some of which have been prescribed by me and some to be prescribed by others in our faculty more experienced), which alone will, however, effect little.

[on verso:] to Sr William Blackett in Newcastle
[annotated in WB's hand:] Martin Listers Letters for 1676

22 May 1676 Thomas Norton to William Blackett

Sr

I recevd yrs of the 20th instant by yr servt who saw molly, who I bless God <impayls> not this last night, had a quiet & sound sleepe & <...> (as my Fryday letter tould you) to the best of my skill if I wrote for any returnes of money (since I last saw you) I was mistaken, for my last (as I remember) eyther did or ought to have tould you I had sum £30 which I thinke makes up 160 besids interst & the other £40 <woould shor> my occasions 20 days later. I prayd yr letters (as I thought I did) might be returned to Alderman Gibsons in Rippon.

My daughter gives you her duty & humble & hearty thanks for yr great & many favours & hopes she may waite on you att Newcastle but as yet praies hr excuse: wth the best services to worthy self Hond Lady & all yrs conclude

Sr yr most affect B & humble ser

Tho Nortone

May 22 76

I knew nothing of the £40 you left wth yr sonn, will I <..caud> yr last having scarcely seen him since

23 May 1676 Mary Rogers to William Blackett

[Note: Mary was the eldest daughter of John and Margaret Rogers, and born c. 1655. The widowed Margaret became Sir William Blackett's second wife in 1675. 'Ember' was Imber in Surrey, home of Blackett's daughter Isabella (elder stepsister to Mary Rogers) and her husband Shem Bridges. Mary married the Catholic merchant William Creagh in 1681.]

Honoured Father,

I receved yours of the 19 present which transported me with joy that you were pleased to confer so great ann Honour upon mee ass to answer my Letter. I wish that I may merit your love in being your dutyfull daughter: which is my desire; madam Bridgis & Cuzen Blackett came to London onn purpos to have uss goe with them to Ember; and this day & wee retuned all to Ember; in the degree that you are obligeing soe am I troublesum: in putting the trouble upon you for to give my humble servis to my Brother and Sister Davisson; my Bro: Midford and Sister: My Bro:hr Michael & Sister not forgiting my Brother Cristpher; my Duty to my Mother; my sister presents her Du[ty] to you boath; [s]easing to trouble yo:u furder with my rued [worde missing] but to subscribe myself;

Your Dutifull & obd:t daugh[ter]

Mary Rogers

London May 23th 1676

25 May 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

Sr,

Yesterday myself and Mr Sheldrake went to the Exchequer Office and there we gave the Bond you sent up to the Hands of your Attorney Mr <Natts> with this order, to shew it to the Attorney of the other side that he might take notice that the Bond was brought into Court according to former order. Soe that now they can take noe advantage against you, you having fully performed the same if your Adversary doe at any time (which Mr Natts beleeves he will not) move any new matter the Bond being delivered into Court he will be sure to give as timely notice to prevent any effect upon the Motion. Some Letters say that De Ruitter is Dead of his wounds but no other Forraign newes wee have; this is all at present from

Sr Yo. Very humble servant

Jo Rushworth

25th May 1676

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

15 Jun 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

London June 15th 1676

These lines are written before the Gazet is abroad if this be defective let the Gazet Supply it, but thus runs the discourse in Westminster Hall and the Exchange, that the King of France's Flett have Sheerness & the Dutch Fleet in the Port of Palermo in Italy & soe have revenged our quarrel against the Dutch for Sheernes <..> us but yet wee are Sorry that the French got the advantage: for if hee got Cicily our Turkey Merchants may bid adieu to the Turkey Trade. The French are soe powerfull at Sea having more men of War, Burden for Burden than wee have. In this Disaster De Ruitters Ship wherin his dead Corps was felt the fury of the Fire ships & 5 Dutch men of War were consumed. Those that could escape by Swimming saved their Lives. The Admiral the vice Admiral and Reare Admirall & 5 more of the Spanyards were likewise destroyed by the Fire ships and Galleyes our Englishmen that were in the Service of the French were the men that did this Action who having the wind surprized the Dutch and Spanyard in the Harbour.

There is a Jew upon the Exchange whose name is Leby who did yesterday and the other day produce a Letter signifying that presently after the Duke of Lorraine retreated after the great defeat given to Hamiltons Brigade of English Scotch and Irish;

Luxemburgh advanced after him apprehending (as the <..uth> was) that Lorrain was goeing to attack Phillipsburgh but saith the Jewes letter Lorrain returned back again over the Rhine and fought the French before they could make a retrenchmt and have utterly Rowted Luxemburgh's Army. The Jew is soe confident of this newes as he also hath layd Wagers to vast sumes of mony that it is true but no letters are come to any other Merchants nor to Whitehall so suspend beleife for a while

The Comission is passing the Great Seale to make the Lord Chancellor Lord High Steward in order to the tryall of the Lord Cornwallis about the killing of the Foot boy. The Peers who are to be his Tryers are not yet named but we heare that the Lord Lauderdaile is to be one of the number being a Peer of England as well as Scotlan. The Lord Gerrards sonn who was in the Action is fled beyond Sea.

The King and Councill lay to heart the barbarous usage of some English-men tradeing to Bristol by the French pirates by burning their fingers with matches. Orders are given to take those 4 pirates whoe were at Newcastle some of wh did this injury as is reported

[in a different hand:]

Sr

I had yours this last post & thank you for your advertisemt of my sonn C Bla.--- being there; engage not for noe lend mony unless 20s to carry him to Hull wch I will repay. Hee is not only a drunkard but a brandy drunkard & his being att Newcastle is a Scandall to my family, whoe though poore in wealth yet rich in Reputacon. Jo R

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

[subscript apparently in code:] S A Suyagdteq ucS Blayu;y abfamal 20 but hee fawt em n

17 Jun 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

Sr,

I received your large letter which I leave Mr Sheldrake to Answer who likewise writes this letter for mee. Who although he formerly gave you an Account what the Capp of maintenance came to does now give you another Account of the same as alsoe the disbursements in your owne concernes but he must hereafter Add some further disbursements because wee have had a Motion in Court as to your busenesse to prevent Cary dismissing his owne bill and at the next Seale wee must defend the same Motion which Motion he makes out of craft & knavery that by the dismissal of this said Bill hee many bee at liberty to proceed in the Chancery but by your sending up the subpoena soe seasonably wee doe not doubt but to satisfie the Court of Exchequer what a troublesome fellow hee is and therefore not to be countenance to dismiss his Bill here to be at liberty to vex you else where wee have given the Subpena to an honest

and able Clerk in Chancery who hath searched if Carye's Bill were filed agt you in order to have taken a coppie of it that when wee came to show cause in the Exchequer wee might have trumped Up his owne bill agt him to let the Court see that his bill in Chancery was for the same matter for which the Court of Exchequer would yield him noe reliefe if it comes in in time wee shall watch and get it. If it does not wee will make the best defence wee can in it wee hope wee shall cheque him in his Motion till when excuse the last of

Sr your very humble servant
Jo Rushworth

London June 17th 1676

The last night Sr Sam Bernardiston did declare that he would Arreigne the Judgment of the Major Voice of Judge in Parliament when they meet who have understood the Judgmt he obtained agt the Sheriffe of Suffolk

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For the stringes & tassels	2 00 00
For the making for the velvet and lining	1 3 00
For a box to put it in	1 6
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To Mr Ward then	1 00 00
For briefes then & two fair copies	10 00
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[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

20 Jun 1676 Mary Rogers to William Blackett

Sir,

I received yours the 16 present which brought the happi tideings of all your healths; I bless God wee all injoy the same merci; your gownes I indevered to buy them as good as I coulde for the price you mentiond; and shall take care to send them sune time this week; I have exceedd your price in the two gownes but 8 shilings w:ch; I hope you will pardon; Sir you are pleased to divert yourself in telling mee I complement w:ch is that perfection I coulde never attain the least knowledge of; as I not being gilty of that extravagance I hope I need not fear A pardon; therfor not having practiss I hope you have forgotten to Nipp: and will att our returne be favourable to mee as I am A Stranger now; My Sister presents her duti unto you & my Mother my duti to my Moth:r and Honour me with the exceptanc[e] of the same to yourself from; Sir, your most dutifull daughter,

Mary Rogers

London June the 20 dy 1676

[on verso:] Sir Willm Blackett Baronet in Newcastle upon tine
[annotated in another hand:] Mary Rogers 1676

22 Jun 1676 Edward Blackett to William Blackett

Sr

Tuesday last I was with Mr.Norton and tendred him the forty pounds which he was very willing and ready to receive, but when I produced the bond he absolutely refused to seale it not that he denyed any part of the debt but alleged an Inability to pay it In <so> short a time as a twelve month, and added further that he should not in the least doubt of your Civility in case he should not bee in a Capacity to observe the time, but (being all men are mortall) and in case itt should fall into other hands, he knew not how sever they might be upon him <his> request is that you would please to give him 3 yeares time for the paymt and he would give you good security, and pay Consideration for the time he should keep itt. Wednesday next I am to meet him against wch time I desire to know what you please to have done in itt. If you please I shall take bond for the moneys he hath already, and bring the £40 backe. Att my Comeing to Newcastle Mrs Norton is att Rippon, placed in a gentlewomans house; to her owne Content and satisfaction with my dayly prayers for your health and happiness I am

Sr your must Dutifull Sonn
Edward Blackett

June the 22 76

Sr William Blackett Baronet These / Newcastle

22 Jun 1676 Thomas Norton to William Blackett

Hond Sr,

On Tuesday last I was wth yr sonn <ne> who tould me he had £40 for me provided I would seale a bond for the payment of that & the other £160 <.. in a ...> I must say this motion was Raesonable & Civill & I <..> I could not in that time I movd him to pray you for an addition two <sones> years for interst

I had lately 2 children both now together in Glory & if God had been pleasd to spare me either I would have worne <coors> cloathes & drunke smalle beare err I would sould an Acre of Land, but now will sell £100 & better p. ann (my wife being not onely willing but desirous to <joine wth> me) & pray <bing> it for you shall have it a fayre <p emy worth> tis entire & <n can> a moyty life free & most of the money you may pay att <... Ley farr> & then yr debt is secure, & I can make it appear the lands improveable & God will sell it I will.

I sadly know the young & healthfull dies & if I were <farr of yr owne setr> I should not give yew the trouble. Notwithstanding what security you expect you shall have; let happen what will to me for all gratitude & honour & respect is justly due to you from

Sr yr most disconsolate Br & servt
Tho Norton

June 22 76

Be pleasd to speak me in humble serv. To yr Lady & all yrs

I beg of yew to remember to promise not to <decree> against me unheard for I will ever study to preserve that fayr opinion, I pray God give you perseverance which is (the Goulden Glasse) that joines Grace and Glory together

The land lies wth in 2 miles of <Allerton/Allenton> call Mossey & <Scoretenn/Sweeten> Sike

22 Jun 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

Sr

Mr Sheldrake and myselfe have narrowly watch't yor Adversary who had thought by his cunning to have surprized you so wee entertained one in Chancery office to appeare for you according as we should advise he entered noe appearance upon the Book but was ready to appeare to prevent an Attachment and now there is not Bill come in, whereby you may have cost against him, this was his deisgne to get the Bill dismissed wherein he was foyled at the first motion and I believe had before that time sent away the Subpenaes hoping to have effected his desire, and so to prefer a

bew Bill in Chancery, against you, now if hee had filed hi Bill according to the return of the writ it would have appeared as wee presume to be the same matter as the Bill in the Exchequr and my reason is because the same partyes are Joyned with you in the writ, that wee partyes in the Exchequr whence it is to be presumed, that this Suite in Chancery is to the same purpose to tghat in the Exchequr, Soe wee shall get Mr Sawyer and Mr Ward to move the Barons for a positive order that this Bill should not be dismissed and give the Reasons for it, as are last above mentioned and then I doubt not but to obtain our desire. Noe newes but surveyor and Carpentr are att worke in Westminster Hall to erect a <Cor.t> for the Lo. High Steward

June 22 1676

Sr Wm Blackett

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

24 Jun 1676 John Blackett to William Blackett

[John 1635-1707, nephew of Sir William, was son of Sir William's brother Christopher Blackett. He married Mary Errington of Beaufront, and was later a Northumberland JP]

Fall[owfield?] 24th June 76

Sr,

I recd a message yesterday fro yrs by John Mowbr about working of Coales, in answer I think for the quantities wrought at present it is not greate, being as I understand about 50 a 60 tens a month, and as yet not about 150 tenns afore hand, soe that when Carriage goes they will Immediately be aground and it wilbe time enough to abate the working at Martelmas Sr I am sertenly inforamd thet Jno Hunter the Bayleif som day this weake went into newbigin way and by virtue of his office tooke away Martin Wheldons horse out of his Cart that was leading Coals for yor staith, and that upon noe other acct but because he was at worke, contrary to the artickls, that they maid amongst them in wch he was not Confornd now if it be soe in my judgment you have a very good action of trispas against him and may lay 1000 l damags to his charge, beside I thinke you may get him bound over to yr pdaod and at the sessions may indite him for disturbance for as I heard it was out of his Libertie so liable to an inditement for coming there I sent one to informe you of it and if it be soe handle him both sharply and speedily for both by writ and warrant for he is the greatess ringleader of the rest wch is all at present

Fro Sr your Affect nephew

Jno Blackett

28 Jun 1676 Daniel Collingwood to William Blackett

[Note: Year not given, but Blackett had died by 28 June 1680, the year of Collingwood's other letter. It is tentatively assigned to 1676, since the vast majority of other letters in this collection are from that year]

Sr

You will much oblige me to let my sisters have the Coach to Morpeth one munday where mine shall meette them that day by no one, my horses being blooded and put to grasse are not fit at present for the length of Newcastle. If you can serve me in this you may always command him in the like who is Sr

Yr most Humble servant

Dan Collingwood

June the 28 ['1680 or 81' added in another hand then scratched out]

My honrd friend Sr William Blackett Baronet att his house in Newcastle these

1 Jul 1676 Mary Rogers to William Blackett

Sir,

I have received yours of the 27 dy last past wherin, you are pleased to complement with mee; in calling that A trouble which I shall esteem the greatest favour that you can confer upon mee; if I may bee imployed in any thing that is posab:le to pleasure you; duering my aboad here: lay your comands upon mee wherin I may serve you; and I shall most willingly doe my best indeavour; which I hope you will be plesed to except of if it be not soe well as it mite be; sene I shall take [] care I can for to doe my best; my Unkel: Aunt & Cozens present thare servis to you: my sister presents her duti to you & my Mother; praye give give me duti unto my Mother; I shall not detain you longer; only to let you know that it shall be my ambition to be soe quallified as you may think I merit the name of;

Your dutifull & obedi:t daughter

Mary Rogers

London July the 1 dy; 1676

8 Jul 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

Sr,

I received your letter by this Post with a Bill of Exchange for £20 which I gave to Mr Sheldrake to demand money when payable and to reimburse himselfe what was

laid out for the Capp of Maintenance as also what he hath disbursed upon your account in the Exchange of which he will send you a Bill very speedily.

There was a man taken the other day with a Fire brand in his hand kindling hay & straw to set Hogsden near <name/nare/Ware> on Fire he confessed he had 30s given him to doe it & this much doth Sr John Monson Certify. There is no forraign newes, The Court will keep at Whitehall all this summer. I am going to the Assizes in Essex but will be back again this week

I am Sr yr humble servant
Jo Rushworth

July 8th 1676

I will send the Acquittances by mr Lambton to Durham Assizes. Appoit some body to call to him for a letter directed to yorselpe

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

18 July 1676 William Blackett to William Blackett

[William, nephew of Sir William, son of Sir William's brother Christopher Blackett, was at some time envoy to Court of Sweden, b. c 1630s, d. 1695]

Honnered Sr

Edenb[urgh] 18th July 1676

The ship assigned for the 26 fodr of leed was beat back into the road and went from here againe yesterday morning about 6 a Clock so that I Coni Lud she may be with about this time pray give her all Imaginable dispatch and Writ me by the Fryday & Saturdays next post. I intreat you, the other vessel will be with you. I hope very shortly I come not from hence til Weddens Com Sennet [senight?] so the letters will come sfe to me wch you may writ those two day & send bils of lading I pray you.

As for news this day is Com'd a letter from the King to put of his privy Councell 6 persons viz the Duke of Hammilton my Ld Kincardine my Ld Dumfries my Ld Cockdron my Ld Morton and my Ld Register wch wil make very Ill blood here, my Ld Duke oF Lauderdaile hath used means It seams to put of those persons and hath also got so much favour of the Dukes of Monmouth as to put out of his farvite Mr Snel Sr James Standsfeild & Sr James Johnson the second hath disbursed a large some for the Duke & its thought his mo wil be pr[missing] suddenly Sr James wil lose 500£ a year by It.

I hath no else at pres[en]t but my Sarvice to yrself I rest

Yr Aff natd nephew
Wm Blackett

22 Jul 1676 Mary Rogers to William Blackett

Sir;

I have heare taken upon me to present you with these few unpolished lines: for to intimate the receipt of your most affectionat letter: of the 18 present; which informed me of the continuance, of your good: healths; I bless God we partisapate of the same merci; my Brother and Sister Bridges present thare duti unto you & my Mother; I will assure you we have received as kinde a reception from them as any persons wtsoever since our departure from Newcasll: for which we most stand indebted unto you and them; thare being nothing of merit in us ever to atain to a requitall; my Unckel & Aunt present thare servis to you; my Sisters humble duti & mine to your-self & my Mother; I shall not detain you longer: but only to imploar your pardon for this liberti; I remaine;

Dear Sir; your duti[full] & obediant daughter

Mary Rogers

London July the 22 1676

[on verso:] For Sir Willm Blackett Baronet in Newcastle

[annotated in another hand, possibly JEBlacketts:] Miss Mary Rogers letters to Sir W B 1670 1 76

31 Aug 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

Sr,

Within these 3 dayes some have been with mee, one relating to the Lord Chancellor the other to the Attorney Genl to know when the Coales would come which the Towne supplied them withal the last sumer. You see what expectation there is, what was then done was by consent of your sergeants at law. Wee may perhaps stand in need of a Friend at Councill Table and none will be more our Friend then the Lord Chancellor, nor none to plead for us like the Attorney General but doe what you will a Friend at Court some times is better than a penny in ones purse, you must devise warily to Compass this business if you doe <incline> to it at all, & noe time must be lost herein; the name of Coales in kind will not relish with the Town, therefore thinke of so many Guinys in lieu of them to buy Coales with all, let me have your speedy answer. I have noe newes at all as to matters at home nor nothing pleasing from abroad

I am Sr yo humble servt

Jo Rushworth

Aug 31th 1676

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at his house in Newcastle

1 Sep 1676 Daniel Collingwood to Henry Cavendish

[Note: presumably dated before 25 Dec 1676, when Cavendish, until then the Earl of Ogle, succeeded his father William to become the 2nd Duke of Newcastle. Cavendish had informed Blackett on 20th March 1676 of his intention to inspect the Berwick garrison. Remedial work to the Holy Island fort might have followed that summer, so a tentative date of 1 Sept 1676 is proposed here. Collingwood (1634-81) was MP for Berwick from 1665 and then for Morpeth in 1679. He was governor of Holy Island from 1672.]

My Lord,

Sr William Blackett was with me to desire me to give your Lordsp the satisfaction that the lead which my Lord Widdrington bought of him was imployed for the covering of the Holy island Fort, and that the King ordred the monyes to be payed me & I upon the request of my Lord Widdrington payed it to Mr Winlow a Marchant in Berwick who payed it to my Lord afterwards as he says I am

Your Lordships most humble servt
Dan Collingwood

[annotated on verso:] Mr Daniell Collingwoods certificate to the right honourable the Earle of Ogle

[annotated in another hand, possibly JEBlackett:] Danl Collingwood 1680

29 Sep 1676 Henry Cavendish to William Blackett

Sr

I receved yours of the 16th assoon as it could come by the post, and I am sorry I have not yet thanked you for it sooner in letter, though it was an answer to mine, but it was soe friendly a retorne it deserves several letters of mine to repeate my thanks to you. I am very glad to heare you are in good health and noe frend you have wisheth the continuence of it more heartily than I doe. I shall goe to London a Tuesday seavennight wch is 14 days sooner then I intended. I shall be in London the 14th of Oct: it is privet buseness calls me there. I am really

Your most faithfull servt
Ogle

Wellbeck Sep the 29th (76)

30 Sep 1676 Francis Draycott to William Blackett

[Note: Draycott might, in this letter, have declared himself determined to leave Brownsea Island, where he was employed as Clayton's agent, but 14 years later he was a "widower of Brownsea, Dorset" (TNA PROB 11/401/427)]

Brownsea Sept 30th 1676

Honour.d Sir

In making Consions of giving you trouble and knowing it more a dam'd one to be often Imperten.t & imitate the least sort of Roman Christians, who if they make their confession but once a yeare, tis well a nough when the Rogues cannot remember the Iniquities of a single day but Crowd in their sinnes altogather the Mortall with the veniall (as Trulla doth the fragments of fatt bacon and poore John in a bagg) and thinke they deserve something too.

I must in general for the perticulars are too many but with a very gratefull memory and without the least dragm (of that fond opinion of Merritts) about mee, acknowledge Sr your most generous favours, and confess that ware I not a Cilly whelp I might in a better way (then such as exceeds not the Best natured Curr who never failes to fawne upon those that cherish and doe him good) express my thankfullness, But Sr you knowing my defects, and I knowing you are but a man (tho a very great and good one) doe believe you will be contented with a mite our saviour himselfe being satisfied with two, Therefore take the bouldness to tell you, I shall never faile to owne (though its more odds then a guilded coach to a Turnup Cart or a downe right wheel barrow) that I am never able to pay my very great obligations, or deserve the good opinion you have been please to express of me. It is a very great truth and may be sworne to by a saint that I have been stark madd with my self in parting with Newcastle, but at that tyme I had such a parcel of Love and Maggotts in my head that devowered all my braines and left mee not with enough to Know when I was well. But Sr as I had wickedness enough to sinn against soe good a master soe I have had grace enough to repent & hope for pardon professing had I believed my selfe Capable of Meritting your favour or that my servis had been at all valued by you neither Love not Maggotts had removed me.

Emeadiately after my commin to London I did ingage my selfe to Sr Robt Clayton where I must confese uf a generous sattesfaction for my tyme a genteel accommodation for my selfe and more than ordinary Kindness from my Employers be temptations I cdoul not easily thinke of quitting it but the truth is, it being an island where U live attended with many inconveniences as excessive chargeable and extremely troublesome in our Pasage back and out being a long league besides soe voyde of Sociatie that for want of convers I am afraid I shall become Barbarous and you know Sr for a Brisk fellow to be pri[sone?]d up in an island as tedious as a <Metl'd> strum[pe?]t in a Nunary. This Sr hath often made mee endeavour to leave the Place and a gratefull humor keeps me here in spite of my resolutions being Loath to disoblige Sr Robert Clayton but since I cannot resolve to Live here out my dayes I must resolve to

quit it and will very shortly, at wch tyme if you are please to thinke , that all my
abillities are Capable of meriting a Living under your Obeadiance your favours have
Obliged mee to leave you sooner then any gentleman in England and to bee all my life

Sr, your most obeident and most faithful servt

F Draycott

Sr, I have not Impudence enough to trouble Sr Wm Blackett with Messages of servis
but hee will please to give me leave to say I have the most profound respect for squire
Blackett squire Medford and my dear Sisters and am there Obedient servant

19 Oct 1676 Joseph Rushowrth to William Blackett

[Note: unsigned but in Rushworth's hand (or his clerk's), and similar in context and
content to others from him in the same collection]

Sr

I received yr letter with the Bill of Exchange wch yesterday I showed to Vincent
Delebar upon the Exchange, who bid me come when I would for it. You doe heape
kindnesses upon mee by soe good a returne to the damage of yourselfe,
notwithstanding all the Kindnesses I did for Mark Milbanke in his great trouble about
false Bills of Exchange I am sure he would not have done it without paying the
uttermost penny. I long to heare what you have done upon the Letter from Mr
Sheldrake and my Selfe whether the other Comission for Cary did consent to be
present at taking your plea if not wee can renew it, or whether let it alone, till you come
up and put your answer in here

The only newes upon the Exchange yesterday was the Revolt (as it is called or
Virginia, the people have chosen Baron for their Generall and have given him power to
Comitt Sr Henry Cherkley and divers others by name to prison as abusers of the King
and Government and persons minding their owne ends to the oppression of the
people, Drums are beating up every day for volunteers to goe to Virginia but this will
be a <Norbe> of time And it is said at Court that the Earle of Carlisel shall goe upon
this expedition but with a further Title of Viceroy to all the plantations in America but
keep that private to yr selfe

The King comes home this night and hath sent before to have a Speciall Councill
Somones to meet tomorrow being Friday at Whitehall. Sir John Otway told me
yesterday that Mr Ralph Grey is chosen Mayor of Newcastle. If I had known it sooner I
would have let him know I am his and the Townes Servt on all occasions but excuse me
for present unto him until I make it my Selfe

October 19th 1676

28 Oct 1676 John Rushworth to William Blackett

Sr,

These are only to acquaint you that yesterday Mr Sheldrake went to Fleete Bridge, and went with your friend to a Master of Chancery and got him sworne, whereupon the Comission and your Demurrer was delivered into <Cort> So now it lyes upon your Adversaries part to bring it onto be Argued in Court whether your Demurrer ought not to hold, and so stop his Proceedings; if he thinks fit to sturr further herein, we shall match him as a Catt doth a mouse, and doubt not but to intrapp him in his vaxasious suite, this inclosed is all that I can send you of news & Rest

Yr very Humble Servt

Jo Rushworth

October 28th 1676

[on cover:] to the Hon.ble Sr William Blackett Bart at Newcastle

7 November 1676 William Blackett to William Blackett

Honnered Sr

Edenb[urgh] 7th 9ber 1676

I presume the Last Disappointmt to yrself & me may occation yr Anger, but iff you Will be pleased to Consider all things with an Impartiall <Sence>, You Cannot Blame me much since the Debt I have Contracted to you was only to Ingadg P[er]sons to take of yr leed before others wch Is & was all the designe I had & to assure you the same I granted 6 fother of Leed to be shipt in the vessel I was conserved in <Cecans?> you got redy Mony for the same knowing Mr Schand Desired Longer time of Paymt What quantity of Leed I got fro Yrself within <this> 4/mo if half pd for, tho some not 2/mo agoe wch <relh> & some 1/mo yr presing so hard for mo & myself being disappointed divers ways, both of yr Leed mony & my owne Concern's occations my Coming hether as wel to Crave to pay you as to get of my owne but I come but <Hily?> Speed all Sorts of Coyne being as Scarce Hear as at Newcastle and men as loth to part with it. I have got an order on the Excise office for a small some wch iff Got (as I doubt I shall not) I shall bring it & for the rest Mr Schand hath faithfully promised to remite or send It to Newcastle agst 20 Xber I doe my utmost for you & Thairfor Lo: unckell be not displeasid with yr nephew who hath don nothing wch he conceves Can mirrit yr disfavour & Espetially having no Benefit by the <premittes> I hope to be at home about the 14th pres[en]t & remaine

Sr yr most aff. Natd nephew

Wm Blackett

21 Nov 1676 Mary Yorke to William Blackett

[Note: Mary Yorke was mother of the second wife of Edward Blackett, and clearly directly involved in agreeing terms of their marriage settlement]

Honrd Sir,

I suppose your sunn hath and will Aquent you howe all things At present stands Amongst us, and you will find what is one my part to doe is down fit for sealing, depending upon you Sr for the performance and the Ackomplishment of all the Rest on you parts I onely ordred the Counsel to put in Another £1000 in Case of daughters and noe suns which I believe you will not be Aganst but Rather Ade more if there should be Above the number of 3 I imedgen les then £1000 a pese cannot be though on for them, all which I leve to your owen beter Considrashion, whom if it please God to Blis us with such Comforts will be as neare Related to as my selfe thay bearing your owen name, Langthorn and her porshan is likways settled, my Cosen desiring the statute migh be in his owen despose which I thought bur Reason he being so strictly tyed up in his other Estate, he is so ful of hast nowe upon his Jurney I have not sene the papor books but hopes you will be Carfull nothing be dune pregdishall to younger Children and all so Apoynt Sr John Huley or Any other heare to se me seal and then what Remanes is that you and I joyn in our prayers to Almigh God for his Blising upon all further prosedings in this Afare being in hast Sr

Your reall and Humbel sarvent Mary Yorke

Nov the 21 76

21 Nov 1676 Thomas Norton to William Blackett

Hond Sr,

I recevd yrs & for the statue upon my Honour & <Allegiance> (either of which I desire not to survive) I neyther have it or knows where tis for these foule & <fashe> Calamnies of my true king will now Sr Ed Anderson, if I either saw him writt to him, & sent him any messages this 18 monthes I will forfeit my reputation to shame & my life to Justice & notwithstanding yr 2 last letters, if I either can retrieve it or draw after it you shall be my first Confessor <further> I declare I rightly owe you all service obedience & must Fall short too of yr unspeakable endearments to me, & my dearest in Heaven which thank the great God may supply, <Full ...> be the dayly devotions of

Sr yr disconsolate Bro & Faithfull humble servt

Tho Norton

No 21th 76

Pray <spl.> me an humble servc to yr <...> Lady & all yrs

Sr

I deliver the statue to my dear molly by her husbands order & somewhere has a note under <his> hand for its receipt, I long above all things to see you that I may pay you what I am able for the present & to assure you I have secrud you the rest

I am now fast nayld wone with the Gowte but in yr journey to London will (by Gods assistance) wait you where you please to command me. <in the interim> pray now & then favour me wth line for tis I confess pleasing to me. I had almost <sd> a Cordiall

30 Nov 1676 Mary Yorke to William Blackett

Sr

This unexpected opertunety gives me An occasion a Gane to present you with my serves, and All so to tel you what Troubel and vexashion your sunn hath been in, Cansarning his setlment and all by the menes and mestakes of your Counsell and might I declare his doum for iff he should never Resave Fee from your family more, for he by his mistakes might have cased Great diffrances, which I hope the Good providence hath and will nowe preven, and that all Kindnes and love may be and Contened Amongst our Fameleys which shall be my desire, your sunn tells me we shall be Hapey in seing you before we bee for London which we desire God wiling this day senett [ie. seven nights, a week], and might obtan your Compney one 6 miles on our jurney that you may be a wetness of the A Complshment, of what your sunn desires so much it would be a Great Content to us all, I am Glad you can despose of the £1000 for your sunes use it Redey heare at your despose being All in hast save the presentment of all due servses from our Famely beseeching you believe to be Sr your very Humbel serven

Mary Yorke

Novm the 30 76

[on verso:] To Sir William Blakett Baronet present newcastel

[annotated in another hand, possibly Wm Blacketts:] My Lady Yorkes letters in 1676

19 Dec 1676 Mary Yorke to William Blackett

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Sr

I praise God we had A very good and safe jurney and came hether on Wednesday Last After we parted from you we came to donkester in good time whear I

could not prevail with your sunn to Runn the Haserd of your disinheriting him, but we there had the seremony of the sackposet and nowe none is more hapey then thus cupel Thinkes them selves to be, my daughter presents you Sr with her Humbel duties, and all so what is furtherdew from her to all your Relashions, and we all Acknowledg your Obligashion in the Troubel you have your selfe In Afording us your presence at parting, the wether is so strveing I can skarse hould A pen in my hand, and nowe onely gives my serves to my Lady Blacket Remaning Sr

Your sarvent and affecinat Sister

Mary Yorke

[on verso:] To Sir Willm Blackett Baronet at his house in Newcastel
[annotated in another hand, possibly JEBlacketts:] Lady of Yorkes 1676

12 December 1676 William Blackett to William Blackett

Sr

Iff It wear for my Life I Could not doe more to procure mony then I have don to get for you,, Mr Schand writs me he hath ordered Mr Scot of Harwood to pay me 60 £ the 20 x ber & by Robt Garrat who I sent to Edenb I peam [presume?] they will send 100 £ or two. He will be hear on Thursday or Fryday & It shall no soener come to hand but It shall be sent you. I hope to clear all with you ear primo January I am

Yr Aff nal. nephew

Wm Blackett

12 Xber 1676

1 Aug 1679 George Neale to William Blackett

[Note: Dr George Neale was a physician of Leeds, a strong proponent of warm water bathing, with whom Dr Ralph Thoresby of Leeds dined and 'lost too much time at play'. Neale started, but appeared not to finish, a book on the Yorkshire spa wells of Knaresborough: D.H.Atkinson, *Ralph Thoresby, the topographer; his town and times*, (1885)]

For the right wor.ll Sir William Blaket August 1 1679

The cheife and principal Disease (wch is the epidemical disease of this and many other Northerne Counteyes) is the scurvy, manifesting itselfe by many and various symptoms a dejected appetite, Asthma, Phisick or shortness of breath, looseness of teeth, wasting of the Gums, a great lassitude, weariness, drowsiness and sleepiness, An increase of Choler and bilious humours and also acidities in the blood, Nervous and Pancreatical Juices and in the lymphortick vessals. Breakings out of the skin of Pimples white scurfe sometimes. Pains in the back loins thighs and legs, arms & shoulders and

also in the head with swimmings, Dizziness & light vertiginous motions. Great Sweatings in the night towards morning & bleeding at the nose neither of which two last symptoms must be stopped or hindered whatever is objected by many persons.

The best way and means at this season of the year, as also in the Autumn & winter I shall set down, to obviate, subdue and overcome these infirmities, & doubt not but (by the blessing of God) to bring your body again into a good condition and state of health as your years will admit and yr body is capable to receive.

Purgative Diaphoretick vomiture or as yet alternative medicines are not proper for you, nature being able of herselfe to discharge & cast of all Excretions by stoole, urine, sweat or by other emunetories but would now commend vitrioline waters to you (a luminous & Sulphureous being not so proper the first being to acide & apt to coagulate the latter being too hot for yr body, wch is sanguine & apt to abound with Choler) & in them to take sometimes Syrrup of violets, volatile drops of sal volatile, olessum Harts horne or spiritus solie aemoniae volatile, of wch you may likewise take of frequently in your ordinary beverage of wine and water mixd. & in fresh small bear, mixd with Syrrup of Auranges, mulberries, woodsorrell, Nymphaea, violets cowslips, lemons pomegranets, Citrus, cherries & barberries.

I would also commend to you Thamovenids to quench your thirst, Conserve of barberries, woodsorrel & the tinctures of them as of current berries Gooseberries Raspberries sweetend with a very little of any of the syrrops mentioned above you best fancy & like or agreeable to your palat & stomach. Bathe often (whilst the weather is hot) in cold springs, river water or an artificial bath made according to the Prescript in the Bill, use moderate exercise but not to tire the body or weaken your spirits, be cheerful, frequent god company but meddle not much with businesse till you arrive at a better state of health wch I hope will be in a short time.

In the latter end of October and September take once a week of the opening electuarey in the bill drinking fresh whey when it works or Posset, Drink Chicken broth made wth french barley or little Harts horne, sorrel, & violet leaves, a sprig of Rosemary & a little mase with a papir of the white powder in it instead of salt & such like broth with the sayd powder set down in the bill. I would have you take of it your breakfast every morning & if you add a few watercress leaves to it you will find it still more advantageous to your recovery.

Let your diet be of fresh meats of flesh or fish & of the latter shel fish as lobsters, crabs, gurnets, Crey fish, the fresh river trout, salmon, Smelt perch, Gudgeons are good, of qwick digestion & so are Turbat Place whittings and Soales wch you have at home.

Let your drink be yet ahile wine and water mixd but let the latter be the greater quantity, no drinks made of malt being yet proper for you or correcting scorbutical Ferments so well as the other, or good made wines of flowers, Berryes, Cherryes, Grapes Fruicts of Apples, pears of which you can procure of the best sorts of cydar and perry, it is a good liquor and makes a wholesome bereage.

I would intreat you now this month to have your bath prepared for you according to the Prescript in the Bill but let it not be above new milk warme when you goe in first

& continue in that heat about an hour if your sweating leave you, the bath may be made hotter when you have been three quarters of an hour, if have not, let it be kept of an equal heat all the time & it will abate yr drought, coole your body & the whole masser of blood, promote an equal distribution of nutrinical blood and spirits, remove your vayous pains & make you more nimble, lightsome & cheerful.

Let me beseech you to hear from you sometimes to Leeds & I shall take all the care I can to answer yr letters & give your worship the best advice I can for your health & recovery wch I pray God grant unto you. I remain worthy sr

Your faithful servant to command

Geo. Neale

There being lately some symptoms of the jaundices appearing in Sr William by his high colord veine, suddain faintness drought & short breathing I would intreat his dear Consort his lady to bruise five and tenty or thirty lobstrus L & pour a little wine and water upon them & strain them out and drink it in a morning & sometimes at fur a clock in the afternoon. Also I desire this drink to be mdae & let Sir William drink of about a gill of it in a morning & at four a clock. Take of salt threepenny worth of Tumerack in powder a poonful of Madder. Infuse these in a quart of spring water & a pint of Rhenish or white wine & also put in a bagg four score lobstrus lice buisd in a bag let all stand in close infusion near the fire 24 hours, straine it out & put a little syrop of woodsorrel or Oranges to it

[on verso:] Directions for Sr William Blaket Baronet 1679

[annotated in a different hand, not WB's:] Doctor Neale His Directions