

16 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle feb: the: 16dth: [16]76/7

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 10th present for w[hi]ch I thanke you very kindly; but requireringe little answer; the lesse to Inlarge upon this serveibge cheifly to advise you of the followinge billes w[hi]ch I have this day drawne upon you vizt

one for £70 payable 15/d[ays] Sight To Liuetet [Lieutenant] Coll [Colonel] John Steventon or Order; vallew of Mr Timothy Tizarke £70:=:

one other for £30 payable 15/d[ays] Sight To Mr Thomas Blagrone or Order vallew of S[ai]d Mr Tizarke £30:=:

In all ----- £100:=:

Mr John Blackett has accepted the bill for £100 and will be pay[e]d when dew I am MB:

16 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Lawes

Henry Lawes

Ditto [Newcastle 16 February 1677]

I have now a freight for you and may desire and advice is to see you here w[i]th all speede possible; I have putt off Tho[mas]: Bayliffe apurpose to give you the Employm[en]t for I thinke the freight is a very good one soe fayle nott to come over upon receipt hereof Remember mee to all freinds I am MB:

16 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mes[seu]rs Cha[rles] and James Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 16 February 1677]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 10th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you Soe the lesse to Inlarge upon this serveinge cheifly for Covert to the Inclosed I shall say noe more about the RD1200 [Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] for itt vexes mee to thinke of itt; I question nott but ere this you have found out the mistake and conveyed satisfaction unto mee; w[hi]ch lett[er]s I now dayly expect and if itt proves Mr Strother his mistake hee is still att London; where you may order himm as you thinke convennient for my part I take my selfe unconcerned for if you will pay RD1200 without my Order I cannot helpe itt I am willinge to affoord you all assistance I can for the procuringe of the same; haveinge noe other desire then To remayne

MB:

16 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr Edw[ard]: Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 16 February 1677]

Sir

My last to you was of the 6th past To w[hi]ch referrs you Since none from you so the lesse to Inlarge upon w[ha]t you have esferte [efforted] as to the Order above I will God willinge make good; but after receipt hereof proceed noe further haveinge Sold all my Leed In this place for a yeare; wee must now see if any profitt to bee hadeither by Coales or Butter of w[hi]ch pray advise mee the price once In 14/d[ays] if any Encurradgme[en]t upon the least notice I shall supply you my Service to all yo[u]r good family; not forgetting old Mr Cappre and Monsiuer Rubent; pray advise mee how that house holdes out I am

MB:

16 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Ditto [Newcastle 16 February 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 10th but my Customer is gone a fayre oppertunity presentinge I could nott possibly perevaile w[i]th him to stay neither for love nor money: I am affraid I shall nott procure a nother upon such reasonable termes; you may bee certaine I shall use my uttmost Endeavoures for yo[u]r most advantage: I find none of our Masters knowes any such diffrence betwixt the freight of Wine and Pap[er] as you mention; nor doe I intend to make them Wiser then they are I am in treaty w[i]th a nother a brave Vessell fitt for yo[u]r purpose and a very honest Ma[ste]r either this night or tomorrow morninge wee are to meete soe that in my next God willinge I will advise you of w[ha]t hath past in the meane rime remaynes

MB:

Suppose none Vessell to be gott about the burthen you desire pray advise if one of 160 Tonn or there abouts would nott <beere> for there purpose MB:

17 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

[Note: 1. A later letter suggests MB thought Maister was the owner, and hence he was trying to do Maister a good turn, probably expecting the favour to be returned.]

Mr Henry Maist[e]r

Newcastle feb[ruary]: the: 17th 1676/7

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 13th by John Thompson and have taken itt into consideration w[ha]t you write about him the worst is to loade him w[i]th Coales accordinge to yo[u]r Order yett provided the Ma[ste]r bee reasonable I doe not question but to procure him a freight w[hi]ch may render they Owneres pretty good advantidge upon Monday morninge the old Man is to bee w[i]th mee; of our proceedings next Post may expect to have full advice I now longe to heare of the Shippinge of they goodes desired I am

MB:

20 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Ditto [Newcastle 20 February 1677]

Sir

As to the effecttinge yo[u]r order I have fully discoursed the businesse w[i]th my Customer and wee hadd agreed upon all p[ar]ticulares; but hee going to acquaint his owners w[i]th the same they would nott condiseind; haveing occation for him upon theire owne account; Soe all broake off; I now think itt convenient to lett you know; that there is noe more vessells In this River unfreighted about the burthen you desire; but larger and smaller there is; if for yo[u]r purpose pray advise mee; here is likewise forraigne bottomes; w[hi]ch I could have reasonable but such I immiagine you desire nott; for forraigne Custome would Runnaway w[i]th a greate deale of the proffitt; if you hold yo[u]r resolution pray give mee yo[u]r advice; In the meane time if a vessell here; to bee gott for yo[u]r purpose the oppertunity shall bee Imbraced by him that is

MB:

20 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maist[e]r

Ditto [Newcastle 20 February 1677]

Sir

I have provided John Thompson a freight To his minde and the Dutch manes [names] likewise; Charterpartie was drawinge; but I cannott tell how shee was found by confesstion to bee forraigne built w[hi]ch broake of all I tooke the Vessell to be realy yo[u]rs but I understand otherwise; as the case is noe freight to be expected here; soe shall Load herof w[i]th Coales but where they Intend for I know nott; I have ordered to dispatch her for Hamb[urg]; one sayth hee will nott goe there the other sayth hee will goe to London; I wish a good agreem[en]t betwixt them; w[ha]t I doe for them is upon

yo[u]r account and I question nott yo[u]r readynesse to reimbursse mee I longe to heare of the Shipinge of the goodes desired I am

MB:

20 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: 1. Sir William, MB's father. 2. Edward Greene asked MB in an earlier letter to ask Sir William about a share in a boat.]

Honored Sir

Ditto [Newcastle February 20th 1676/7]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 15th present the contents of the former part thereof have Intimated to my Cousen Greene who thanks you heartily for yo[u]r greate kindness; and sayth if ever any oppertunity fallout; wherein hee may bee able and thought worthy To serve you; you shall see how ready hee will bee To make you a retaliation In some measure

Upon thursday morninge I intende God willinge for the pay and by Saturday Post may expect as full an account as I cann learne of occurrences there

Inclosed you have a note of w[ha]t Mr Blaney dyed realy Indebted to the Goaler you are very much desired to sland his friend; and amongst the rest by my selfe wee doe wholly referr itt to you and w[ha]t ever you doe itt will bee satisfactory; his Sister att Ravensworth tooke care of and was att the Charge of his buriall w[hi]ch was as followeth vizt

For the Churches dewes	£ =:13:4
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for a Coffin	£ =: 6:6
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for other Small Charges	£ =: 4:6
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<.toe> very Greate Costly buriall	£ 1: 4:4
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you certaynely know hee is owinge more money In Towne and that to severall; In whose behalfe I shall nott say a word; onely for one poor Widdow; who dweles next doore to the Goaleres house of whome hee tooke up att severall times 20S worth of pure thanks; w[hi]ch pray take Into yo[u]r Serious Consideration; my Wife God be thanked is pretty well who desires to have her duty remembered unto you pray present my service to all Friends Especially my Lady w[i]th my duty to yo[u]r selfe prayinge for yo[u]r health and happiness and earnestly craveinge yo[u]r blessing I remayne as In duty bound MB:

Tho: Sherrwood is dead and is to be buried this day.

20 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[sr]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle feb[ruary]: the: 20th 1676/7

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 6th Instant w[hi]ch requires little answer Soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveinge cheifly to advise you that this day I have drawne upon you a bill for £6:= payable 10/d[ays] Sight to Mr John Naylor or Order vallew of Mr Thomas Naylor w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied withall. yo[u]r Bill for £100 upon Mr John Blackett bill be pay[e]d this Weeke I am
MB:

23 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

[Note: Caplaken – gratuity given to Captain of a vessel.]

Mr James Burkin

Newcastle feb[ruary]: the: 23th: 1676/7

Sir

I have att last mett w[i]th a Brave vessell for yo[u]r purpose And will say that for the Ma[ste]r an honest Man you never Employed; he is to have no Caplaken unless hee deserve itt after he has p[er]formed his voyage; hee doth nott question but you will considder him; but whether any thinge are nothinge hee is wholly left to yo[u]r discrestion; by my next you have have a Coppie of yo[u]r Charter partie; 26 Gilders p[er] Tonn is the freight I did for you as if itt had beene my owne concerne I am
M:B:

24 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[s]rs Hum[phrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 24 February 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 20th present I find lest Post my Man Writt you as I ordered him of the Receipt of the £100 upon my Brother Edwardes account; w[hi]ch I hereby confirme and next Post God willinge you shall have a bill In lieu thereof I am affrayd itt will bee att longe sight but itt shall nott cost a farthinge advance nor will I putt to account any other charge

I wish you hadd more businesse In this place; none should bee more willinge then my selfe to serve you In retaliation In some measure of all yo[u]r kindnesses I wish the Alle and Salmon may prove good of w[hi]ch I am affreyd they haveinge beene soe longe att Sea; I hope the Silver Salt; Mustard Box and Sugar Box desired are before this shipped the Cost thereof shall bee done you good in account by him that is I[n] hast
MB:

24 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Ditto [Newcastle] 24 feb[ruary] [1677]

Sir

I advised you In my last how that I hadd agreed w[i]th an honest Ma[ste]r to goe the voyadge desired accordinge to my promisse; Inclosed sends you a Coppie of the Charter partey they Orriginall is att yo[u]r Comand the Tearnies In my Oppinion are very reasonable if you thinke fitt I will goe a ¼ part willingly In the voyadge the vessell is a new one and sett out to bee about 140 Tonn but I durst Ingadge shee will nott take in 130 att Charante an honest Man you never employd and truely considderinge the freight of the pap[er] hee deserves a Caplaken w[hi]ch is left to yo[u]r discession the vessell will be Loaden next weeke when all is done shall reimbursse my selfe upon you I have bought yo[u]r Coales for 6s 6d and you[r] Leed for £9:15s:=d wh[i]ch I thinke is p[re]tty well; Rye 2s 4d Malt 1s 8d Wheate 6s 6d Oates 12d Beanes 2s 2d wt [white] Pease 3s 4d p[er] Bus[hell] Winchester Measuer I am
MB:

24 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Bartholomew Harle

Mr Bartholomew Harle

Ditto [Newcastle 24 February 1676/7]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 20th present for answer unto w[hi]ch may please to take notice that there is noe such Greate hast of yo[u]r payinge any money to Mr Humphrey Willett and Company as you seeme to mention nore doe I desire you should untill you certaynely knoweath owneres dividend and then shall nott question yo[u]r payinge of w[ha]t is dew to my Cousen Kirkehouse [Kirkehouse] to my Order and w[ha]t you pay upon yo[u]r owne account It shall bee God willinge repay[e]d again upon the least word from you and if any of yo[u]r owners have nott disposed of their money doe you pay itt to s[ai]d Willettes if you thinke convenient and I will pay them heare ~

I wish you all happinesse in all yo[u]r undertakings and soe remayne

MB:

24 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Lawes

Hen[ry]: Law[es]

Ditto [Newcastle 24 February 1676/7]

I thought good to give you notice that this day beinge hollyday and allso monday next; Tuesday and Weddnesday Soe that none of these dayes the Custome house will bee

open that I can gett any enterrey made, for Leed or any other thinge; Soe Weddnesday att night next will be as soone as you need to bee at Newcastle; you may stay soe longe if you please; I leave itt soly to you I remayne
MB:

24 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edward Fleetain

Ditto [Newcastle 24 February 1676/7]

I have before mee thinee of the 22d present for answer unto w[hi]ch thou may take notice that I have Leed enough att thy service if In stead of 40 or 50 fudder thou shall have occation for 500 fudder I can furnish thee w[i]th itt upon a little warninge my lowest price is £10 p[er] fudder of 21 hundred each 100 of 112C weight and soe I have sold to severall In Towne; but because thou art a good Man and one whome I have a desire to bee acquainted withall In consideration of the quantity and Ready money I will abate thee 2s6d p[er] fudder now thou hast my very lowest price w[hi]ch if to thy content upon Receipt here of advise mee w[ha]t quantity thou would have mee to proceed for there and aganist w[ha]t time and thy Order shall bee dully observed by him who thou may comand upon all occations and realy is
MB:

24 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: 1. A crossed-out version of part of this letter (in a different hand) is found in the earlier letterbook, on page Recto 186.

2. On the places named (from Greg Finch and Ian Forbes): Bates Hill was in West Allendale. 'heades' is often used as a shorthand for Allenheads. Jeffreys is south of Blanchland. 'Reed groves' (with various spellings) is the Redgroves on the hill south of Nentdale, where the Blacketts had a lease from the Radcliffes in the 1670s. Fallowfield was a mine to the North of Acomb; a very rich and productive vein which the Blacketts had obtained in the late 1660s. William Blackett took the lease of the far west of Weardale from the Bishop of Durham about this time so 'Wellhope' could very well be the Weardale Wellhope. There is also a Wellhope between Nentdale and the West Allen, but this location seems less likely.

3. Richard or R: M: is probably Richard Mowbray at Allenheads (from an April 21 letter).

4. J: M: is probably Jno Mowbray (from an April 21 letter).

5. JB must be John Blackett, a cousin of Michael Blackett who was installed at Fallowfield House to manage the mines there (coal was raised as well as lead).]

Hono[ur]ed Sir

Newcastle feb[ruary]. the 24th 1676/7

My last unto you was of the 20th present To w[hi]ch Referrs you Since none from you Soe the Lesse to Enlarge upon, have onely att present to advise you occurances att the pay; soe farr as I could learne w[hi]ch is as followeth; I will beginn w[i]th the heades; the Condition of they severall Groves theyre as Richard Writes mee are vizt Greene Gill Inddiffrent good In one of the Shaftes they rest are poore Coalclugh good Eastward but poore Westward att Reed Grove little gotton there the Slittes Indiffrent good yett nott soe good as itt was; little alteration att Wellhope and Baytes hill Since last accou[n]t given the levell goeth pretty well on where they now drive above 4 yardes p[er] weeke and hopes to continue att the same Rate all the complaynt att Mill is for want of care [oare] the Smelters is very Earnest for borrowing of money till worke bee gott In for my parte I would lend none yett I think J:M: will bee forced to doe itt to whose discretion I wholly referred itt soe hee told mee unlesse itt were done you would loose them all – Fallowfeild beginnes to bee Indiffrent hope full especially att the forehead to the Sum of the <ble..fendes> where they have very good gettings att present; J:B: castes out now and then some wordes by the by and sayth that bargaine should have beene his but the meanienge thereof I understand nott w[ha]t Oare is afor hand att they severall Groves I can nott advise you excepting about 300 Bing at the Slittes and 100 Bing att Fallowfeild w[hi]ch they Smelters wishes w[i]th all their hearts were in till God send more and the wayes better the whole pay came to as followeth

£319:6:7½

The heades pay £ 165.6:6½ Paid R: M:	£173: =: =
planky Pay £20: =: 10 Rd [Paid] J: M:	£ 30: =: =
Rd [Paid] att Mill as p[er] p[er]ticulers	£ 46: 9: 11 ½
Rd [Paid] att Fallowfeild as p[er] p[er]ticulers	£ 69: 16: 8
as above	£319: 6: 7 ½

for w[hi]ch money you had made att Duxfeild [Dukesfield] Mill 3 foddres 5 p[iec]es Leed and 116 bing 0 horsse of Oare carried to s[ai]d place vizt

from the heads	57 bing 0 horse
from Read Groves	05 = : -
from Fallowfeild	48 = : 2
from Jeffreyes Groves	06 = 2
As above	117 = :

And att Plankey Mill 22 fudder 4 p[iec]es Leed C: 020 - 1

of Oar carried to s[ai]d place vizt

from Coale Clough	04 : 0
from Baytes hill	04 : 2

from the heads 05 : 1
from Read Groves 06 : 2
 As above 20 : 1

I cann remember of nothinng else worth yo[u]r noticer only that the levell att fallowfeild is very hard if any besides bee omitted upon the least notice from you God willinge next time I shall amend itt

S[i]r I had last post a letter from a freind and a Substantiall man who ordered mee to Shipp him 200 p[iec]es Leed provided I could procure them for £9:15s p[er] fudder and soe did expect to give mee orders shortly for the Shippinge him 40 or 50 fudder more I have discouriesd [discussed] the business w[i]th Mr Pease who beinge satisfied that I could soe have itt In Towne resolved to lett mee have the 200 p[iec]es above mentioned w[hi]ch God willinge shall bee Shipped and payd for upon Monday next; now if In case I should have Order for the Shippinge of the 40 or 50 fodder more I doe desire to know if you will please to lett mee have itt att the same Rate w[ha]t I take I shall pay Ready money for itt I suppose my Brother W[illia]m will this night write you about this business soe shall acquiese pray my humble service to my Lady w[i]th my respectes to all other Freinds and my duty and my wishes (who is gott downe Stayres) to your selfe prayinge for your health and happiness and earnestly craveinge your blessinge I remayne as im duty bound

MB:

27 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

Mr Antho[ny]: Allaire

Newcastle feb[ruary]: the 27th 1676/7

Sir

If the bearer hereof Mr Henry Lawes Comander of the Obedience of Newcastle have occ[a]tion for any money and repayre unto you; pray furnish him w[i]th w[ha]t hee demandes to the vallew of fouer hundred Crownes and w[ha]t you pay him w[i]th yo[u]r provition; bee pleased to draw itt upon mee payable att the house of Mr Peter Barr Merchant In London and yo[u]r Bill [s]hall be personally hono[u]red by him that is MB:

27 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum[phrey] Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 27 February 1677]

Sir

I cannott possibly meete w[i]th a bill to Content against next Post perhapas may doe itt; you may remember I have beene my selfe offten In the same condition and att this very

present; I can meete w[i]th noe Good bills to send you upon my owne account as soone as itt can bee Effectted itt shall bee Embraced by him that Realy is
MB:

27 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Ditto [Newcastle 27 February 1677]

Sir

I have none of yours to answer Soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveinge cheifely to advise you that Henry Law[e] will bee this day Loaden and Cleared; And if this winde hold; I thinke will Sayle God willinge tomorrow morninge Tide; I hope all thinges is to yo[u]r satisfaction the vessell is nott too bigg as was Expected; I doe verily believe shee will nott Stow much above 120 Tonn att Charante ~

Sir upon the Ma[ste]r his account I will desire that kindnesse of you As that In case hee want any money; for the use of his Shipp either att Rochell or Charante you will please to write to yo[u]r Freinde that hee may bee furnished; w[hi]ch kindnesse hee hopes you will nott deny him this beinge the needfull I Kisse yo[u]r handes and Remyne S[i]r

MB:

27 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

[Note: See the MB letter to Maister on 9 March 1677, which uses the word 'Studdies' to be used to 'bow Iron upon and break Sockes and Coulters'.]

Mr Hen[ry]: Maister

Ditto [Newcastle 27 February 1677]

Sir

Inclosed is an Invoyce of Goodes laid aboard John Thompson; w[hi]ch after examination and findinge right; bee pleased to place the amount thereof beinge £42:16:9 to my Creditt and lett itt Stand In place of w[ha]t you are to disbursse for mee and when I know w[ha]t more the full charge of the goods desired will bee I will God willinge order itt you either to yo[u]r place or send you a bill for itt ~

Inclosed is the Ma[ste]r his receipt for the £10:=:= pray agree for the Studies I am:
MB

27 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Tersmitten

Mr Hen[ry] TerSmitten

Newcastle feb[ruary]: the: 27th: 1676/7

Sir

This comes to accompany my Mr Henry Lawes Master of the Obedience of Newcastle In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you by Order; and upon the account and Risill of my very Good freind Mr James Burkin Merch[an]t in London Two hundred p[iece]s Smalle Leed and fifty fouer Chalder Coales Newcastle measure w[hi]ch after good arrivall bee pleased to receive and dispose thereof ~

accordinge as you shall Receive Orders from S[ai]d Burkin w[hi]ch I Suppose you may have Rec[eive]d ere this come to hand and full Orderes how to dispose of the Vessell after unloaden soe shall say noe more; but onely desires yo[u]r care In his dispatch and that w[i]th all Speed possible and if att any time you thinke mee worthy of Serveinge you In this place; upon all acco[un]ts Pray freely Commande

MB:

9 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward

Ditto [9 March 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 27th past; yo[u]r Inclosed for w[illia]m Lecke I have delivered; herew[i]th sends you his account; but for compareinge itt w[i]th my bookes as you desire, I understand nott for I neither have nor never had any part In s[ai]d vessell If you desire I should receive the money. I will doe itt w[i]th all my heard being realy

MB:

9 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Newcastle March the 9th: [16]76/7

Sir

In answer to yo[u]rs of the 27th past; may please to take notice that I freighted the vessell upon yo[u]r account before any contradictore order came to hand nor can I find that ever Recc[eive]d any; onely that if in case Such a vessell as you desired could nott bee procured then to desist; but I hope the Inclosed Invoyce will satisfie you that as for the vessell noe exception can be taken haveinge in my opinion fully answered yo[u]r expectation Therein Soe hopes w[ha]t I have done is to yo[u]r content. And that this Inclosed Invoyce after examination thereof will prove soe likewise the ammount of the same beinge £183:5:9 have this day vallewed upon you payable 10/d[ays] after date to Messieurs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] or Order w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]thall ~

I writt you the 24th past that if you thught itt convenient: I would willingly have beene $\frac{1}{4}$ p[ar]t concerned In s[ai]d voyadge answer unto w[hi]ch I might have had two Poastes Since; yo[u]r Silence make mee conclude of yo[u]r unwillingnesse; Soe takes my selfe uncon[c]erned; haveinge otherwise disposed of the money w[hi]ch Intended for that purpose I question nott yo[u]r compliance w[i]th my Bill Soe remaynes

MB:

Inclosed is a bill of Loadinge and another I have sent to Mr Hen[ry] TerSmitten

9 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr John Strother

Ditto [Newcastle 9 March 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the first present but noe satisfaction as yett from Mess[eu]rs Bankes about the RD1200 [Rijksdaalder] I can nott Immagine where the mistake is; Soe shall Censure neither of you till I know the Certaynty if on Bankes side I shall deale w[i]th him well enough and if on yo[u]rs Indeed I thinke you neither will nor cann In reason but offer mee principall and Intrest I shall say noe more untill I know who committed this greate; ~ doe you thinke I referr itt to yo[u]r selfe that there is any reason I should bee £300 soe longe out of Purse; either for Mr Bankes or you, I think nott

I have spoake to Mr Eden; who will write you this post att large pray when any letters from Stockholme lett mee know if they concerne mee, when I write my Father shall signifie unto him the discharge you mention; all Freinds here God bethanked are merrily disposed I am

MB:

9 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mess[eur]s Char[les]: & James Bankes

Newcastle March the: 9th: 1676/7

Sir

My last to you was of the 16th of February To w[hi]ch referes you Since none from you soe the lesse to Inlarge upon; I will God willing write you att large this morningenp[er] Post. In the meane time meeting w[i]th the conveniency; of the bearer hereof Mr George Johnson makes bold to trouble you w[i]th the Inclosed w[hi]ch I desire you to gett Enrolled the first Court day. And to dispatch itt unto mee p[er] first conveniency I am in hast

Ditto ~ Sirs the above is coppie of w[ha]t I writt this morninge p[er] Mr George Johnson; the contents thereof bee pleased to observe now Since my last p[er] Post (a

Coppie whereof you have allsoe above) have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the p[ri]mo past for answer unto w[hi]ch may take notice that att last I have Sold all yo[u]r Planke To Mr Edward Greene ½ p. att 3/m and the other ½ . 2/m after; the brack for 40S and the Planke for £3= a loade itt will be measured and d[elivere]d within 3 or 4/d[ays] and for yo[u]r Timber accordinge to yo[u]r Order shall dispose of none under 12d a foot~

To this day noe satisfaction from you about the RD1200 [Rijksdaalder] w[hi]ch I wonder noe little att I am MB:

9 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [9 March 1677]

Sirs

I writ you att lardge the morneing, for little more to Inlarge upon, onely to advise you, that to pleasure a friend have drawn fifty pounds more upon you, payable 10/d[ays] Sight. To Mr James Vasey or order valew of mr Gaven Driston, w[hi]ch pray little accepted when presented and p[ai]d: when due shall god willing reimburse you shortly In the mean time remaines

MB

9 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seu]rs Hump[hrey] Willett Ditto [9 March 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the first present; the box w[i]th the Plate desired have Rec[eive]d and given yo[u]r account Creditt £10:18= And I heartily thank you for yo[u]r Care and paynes take therein Inclosed is a bill for £183:5:9 of w[hi]ch pray procure the needful I have placed to account £3:= for the freightinge of a vessell for him about 130 Tonn att 26 Gilders p[er] Tonn; w[hi]ch I thinke reasonable yett I should bee very unwillinge to displease Mr Burkin In the least Soe if hee talke to you of itt and thinke itt too much pray abate him w[ha]t you thinke convenient and w[ha]t ever you doe itt shall bee to my full Satisfaction: I pray take notice I have this day vallewed upon you £200= payable 12/d[ays] Sight to Mr William Benson or Order vallew of Mr John Rumney w[hi]ch lett bee complied w[i]thall, as allsoe another bill for £100= p[ayable] 6/d[ays] Sight to mr Steap[hen] Jackson or order valew of mr Nicho[las] Foster w[hi]ch allsoe lett be p[ai]d when dew, and you will oblidge MB

9 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

[Note: Previous MB letters to Maister had mentioned 'staddies' and 'studdies'. The word was originally thought to be 'staddles'. Staddle-stones are mushroom-shaped stone columns that raise a (wooden) building off the ground. Maister was an iron merchant in Hull, so it was thought that MB was asking for cast-iron staddles that act as feet under a grid holding sheaves of wheat/corn. However, this letter suggests another meaning for the word.]

Mr Henry Maister

March the: 9th 1676/7

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 2d present Thereby takes notice you have placed to my Creditt the £42:16s:9d w[hi]ch is well I long now to heare of the Shippinge of the Goods I desired pray moreover send mee a Tonn of 2 to 2¼ Inch Square if to be procured: I heare Iron is bought w[i]th you, and that by Stockton men for £12:5:=- I hope you can buy as cheape as any Soe leaves itt wholly to you above ½ a dozen Studdies I will nott have Soe send mee w[ha]t Sort you will they are nott for Saile; onely for to bow Iron upon and to breake Sockes and Coulteres I am
MB:

I doe nott vallew much if the Tonn of Iron above desired be under 2 Inch but pray lett itt nott bee under 1¾ Inch Soe from 1¾ but nott under; to 2¼ and nott above I care nott if you send mee One Tonn if to be procured accordingly. MB:

10 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: MB's brother Edward married Mary Yorke in 1676.]

Mes[s]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle March the: 10th: 1676/7

Sirs

Since my last of the 9th present have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 6th ditto In the first place pray take notice that I have this day vallew'd a bill upon you for £100: payable 6/d[ays] Sight to Mr James Walkden or Order vallew of M[esseu]rs Ellinono: [Ellison?] & Walkden w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]thall and as soone as I can meete w[i]th billes for to reimbursse you; you shall have them; In the meane time I wonder none payes you noe money upon my account for I have ordered severall to doe itt and pray cause the Inclosed to be delivered to my Brother Edward who I thinke about May day or before will pay you neare five hundred poundes ~

I am glad you Receive and sell my Lady Yorkes Leed for I beleeve <Ti'es> a good businesse the bill my Man sent you; you need nott feare but twill bee pay[e]d punctually

I have sent my man to seeke for billes; if any to be found you shall have them
Inclosed If none must have patience till next Post In the meane time remaynes
MB:

13 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle March: 13: 1676/7

Sirs

Inclosed is a bill for £100: it would be well if you could Procure the whole soe when
presented, if the same be willingly accepted, there need not aword more but if any such
thing be presented as not soe much dew to the Drawear, let him accept it for wt he
pleases, and upon your advice of what hath <Past>, noe more then the needfull shall be
Placed to your Debit, shortly I am In hopes remitt you more In the meane time
remaines

MB

16 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mess[eu]rs Charles and James Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 16 March 1677]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 9th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you soe
the lesse to Inlarge upon this serveinge cheifly to advise you that the weather has beene
soe Exceedinge badd this nine or tenn dayes here that noe man was able to abide
without dooeres; to measure yo[u]r Planke; but by my next may expect more; if the
Weather prove Seasonable you may be certaine itt shall bee measured and d[elivere]d
as soone as possible. Still noe satisfaction about the RD1200 [Rijksdaalder] yo[u]r soe
longe delay in nott answeringe my letters makes mee partly believe itt to bee yo[u]r
mistake. If I judge amisse I desire to bee excused; being Realy

MB:

16 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin Newcastle March the: 16th 1676/7

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 11th present doe very much wonder how myne of the
24th past should come To miscarry. tis the first London Letter that ever I had
awantinge In all my life I have made all the Enquiries I could; and cannott finde; but

that itt was safely sent forward from hence I doe assure you I writt you a letter of that date and thereby sent you a Coppie of the Charter Partey; but seeinge itt never came to hand. Inclosed I send you another; the Originall is att yo[u]r command I hope all thinges are to content; if otherwise upon yo[u]r advice they shall willingly be rectified by him that Realy is
MB:

17 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Matthew Lambe

Ditto [Newcastle 17 March 1677]

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d yours of the 15th present & have well observed the Contents thereof; and returns you my hearty thanks for your Care in that Concerne, for answer to the first and last part of yo[u]r letter; that night I have writt to my friend att London to send mee with all speed possible a Brass Peck sealed w[i]th the Exchequor seale; and for the second part I am glad that they Cockerton men (whose names by the next I desire to know) have gott leave to make up the hedges, I have alsoe sent you by Robert Stainsby <this> day 30/s and would alsoe have writt <...> him, but he being in hast & <Juist> then very busie was forced to deferr it till the post; my wife and Child w[i]th the rest of our friend here are very well God be thanked all desires to be Remembered to you all, and soe remaines
MB

17 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[esseu]rs Hum[phey] Willets

Newcastle March the 17th 1676/7

Sirs

Since the sealing of myne to you this day In w[hi]ch you have the needfull I have been earnestly desired by a friend to give you the trouble; that is to desire you to cause any one that you can trust to procure him a Brass Peck Conteyning two Gallons Winchester measure; exactly according to the Exchequor Standard and sealed w[i]th the seale of the same & send it to mee by the first Convenience of shipping, And you shall bee thankfully Repay[e]d the Cost thereof, and alsoe will oblidge ~

Sirs w[ha]t is above written is my mans mistake the peek desired is for my owne use, Soe pray let it bee a substantiall one, and exactly Winchester measure; and you will doe a very great kindness unto MB:

17 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle march the 17th 1676/7

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 13th, In answer thereunto shall not trouble you with many unnecessary expressions, In short I am satisfied t'is M[esseu]rs Bankes mistake about the RD1200:== [Rijksdaalder] from whence have Rec[eive]d full satisfaction, both as to principall and Interest, soe noe more as to that particular Though mr John Eden writt you not last time according to his promise too me, yet he sweares he will write you this night att large, wheather he doe, or not, I must tell you soe much that he denies to be oweing you a farthing, soe if you have a mind to bestow £3:== of the purse, prvided shee will Engadge to trouble you noe more, and give you a generall release you must be pleased to order it me some other way ~

W[illia]m Pearson poore man is dead and buried ~

I am sorry of your bad news from Stockholme, tis very probable I shall get a brave price for my salt, however noe remedy but patience, I am gllled [glad] you have ordered the disposall thereof, according to your promise I doe expect it will be Effectted one way or other before it please god my Vessell Come on, or att least Soe much less drawne towards the Loading thereof, as In all probability the nett proceed, will amount unto ~

I wonder you advise me not the price of Iron att Stockholme w[hi]ch pray doe p[er] next, Remember me to my Bro[ther]: Edw[ar]d when you see him you maye doe as much for a friend as to Enquire about London for a good penniworth of pan plate and Sock Moulds, and advise me the price thereof and In whose hands, let him and me above for agreem[en]t and you will oblidge

MB

17 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Ditto [Newcastle 17 March 1677]

Sir

Since myne of the 16th present have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 13 ditto thereby takes noptice w[ha]t you are pleased to say in refringe to the £3:== w[hi]ch I placed to account for freightinge the Vessell tenn times more shall nott make any diffrence on my side betwixt you and mee Soe I wholly leave itt to yo[u]r selfe whether you will give mee any thinge or nothings yo[u]r Result shall bee to my full satisfaction and to this purpose I have this night written to my freinds Mess[eu]rs Willetts who (upon the least word you will Speake) will bee ready to deduct the same; how ever give mee leave to tell you that about this yo[u]r businesse I have att severall times and with severall Ma[ste]rs spent att least 20S w[hi]ch I thinke is but reasonable you should allow mee;

but I willingly referre that to you likewise; haveinge noe greater ambition then to remayne

MB:

17 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett

Newcastle March the: 17: 1676/7

Sirs

Haveinge none of yo[u]rs will cause brevity; this serves onely for Covert
To the Inclosed five billes for £300:= : Stg
as followeth the Single bill for £ 49: 1: 1
the first of the other fouer upon Abra[ham]: Wessell for £ 51: 5:11
the 2d [second] and 3d [third] upon Jno Gold for £173: 4:07
the last upon Francis Rainsford for £ 26: 8:05

To all w[hi]ch pray procure the needfull all beinge dew about the 28th present ~

To looke att the Single bill one would take itt to bee £49:4S:1d I have itt remitted mee for £049:1:1 and noe more I desire you should Receive; In short Receive mee £300:= In discharge of S[ai]d 5 bills and I am content ~

I had a letter last Post from Mr James Burkin who writt mee that the £3: w[hi]ch I place to account for the freighting the Vessell is nott allowable to those that buy the Loadinge and receive pruition for the same; Soe pray lett itt bee deducted and Receive onely £180:5:9 but I was att 20S charge att least about freightinge S[ai]d Vessell w[hi]ch I hope hee will nott refure to allow me; as I have writt him this Poast but lett him doe w[ha]t hee will; for I would nott displease him for thrice as much I am

MB:

20 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Mr John Wells

Ditto [Newcastle 20 March 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 19th present by Cuthbert Fowler for answer unto w[hi]ch Lead is nowhere att £10:=: p[er] fother greate Lead here is none but if small will service yo[u]r turne I Can buy you w[ha]t quantity you please att the Markett price I am

MB

20 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Messrs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

Ditto [Newcastle 20 March 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 15th present for answer lett Mr James Burkin pay you what hee pleases w[ha]t ever hee doth itt shall content mee ~

Pray remitt upon my account Gill[d]ers: 500 To Mr Nicholas Verlane Merchant In Amsterdam; herein I desire you will nott fayle I hope my bill for £300 Came safe to hand I am

MB:

20 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicholas Verlane

Newcastle March the: 20th: 1676/7

Sir

I <frone> [found?] Solomon Crosby a Ma[ste]r Repayre unto you for the loane of any money bee pleased to lett him have upon my account to the vallew of 500 Guilders and I will take care to remitt the same unto you againe from London ~

I have nott writt you this long time; but have discharded all yo[u]r billes and ballanced all accounts; w[ha]t is above written lett bee observed I have this day Ordered Mess[eu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] of London to remitt you some money w[hi]ch I am certayne will bee observed Soe remaynes

MB:

20 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: Timothy Davison married MB's sister Elizabeth. John Blackett was probably the son of MB's uncle Christopher, who was at Fallowfield.]

Brother Edward

Ditto [Newcastle 20 March 1677]

I have before mee yo[u]r kind letter of the 12th: present accordinge to yo[u]r desire I have spoake to my Brother Davison who I finde very ready to take In his money as soone as itt cann In Civility bee p[ro]vided hee tells mee you owe him realy £124:15:= w[i]th ½ a years Intrest for the same dew 16 June next; w[hi]ch hee hath a minde to bee pay[e]d him In Newcastle soe if you resolve to clear that debt as I would have you to doe if you would be pleased to follow a fooles advice against itt fall dew Order mee to pay itt; It is butt payinge Mes[eu]rs Willetts Soe much the more and if you desire itt I will pay John Blackett likewise £300: besides w[ha]t is dew; T'will bee the most I shall

desire of you; and nott for a very longe time; Reallity is for a Reqitall you shall ever
Comande mee Soe w[i]th my humble Service to my Sister and yo[u]r selfe I remayne
MB

all yo[u]r Inclosed I carefully send forward; noe newes but S[i]r John Fenwicke and Sir
Ralph Dalavall proclaymed Parliam[en]t men for Northumberland; yo[u]r freind takes
more then I will acquaint you w[i]thall MB:

20 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward

Newcastle March the: 20th 1676/7

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 15th present and according to yo[u]r desire have
Received of W[illia]m Lecke upon yo[u]r account £27:1S:3d w[hi]ch is ready att yo[u]r
disposall; draw itt upon mee when you please and yo[u]r bill shall be honno[ur]ed for I
can nott remitt it you without advance If S[i]r William will pay itt you and take itt here
upon the least word from you itt shall bee pay[ed] to his Order but In the meane time
give mee leave to aske you if you will doe my businesse In London for nothings yo[u]r
answer bee pleased to affoord att yo[u]r leasure unto him that desires to Remayne
MB:

20 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Mrs Turfrey

Madame

Newcastle March the 20th: 1676/7

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 6th present by Thomas Browne who is safely arrived
In this River And According to yo[u]r dersire shall furnish him w[i]th £84 to buy his
loadinge of Coales w[i]thall and att any other time whensoever either yo[u]r or yo[u]r
Husband shall have any Commands to lay upon any In this place none shall bee more
ambitious of them; nor more ready to observe and Effect them then
MB:

23 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edw[ar]d Fleetham Ditto [Newcastle 23 March 1677]

Lovinge Friend thine of the 20th present from Durham I have before mee the contentes
whereof well observed butt this Post cannott answer thy expectation: because as yett I
have nott pay[e]d the Keell hyre and Severall other Small charges w[hi]ch must be

placed In thy account but assure thy selfe that w[i]th all expedition possible them shall have itt and soe I remayne

MB:

23 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Messrs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle March the: 23th 1676/7

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 17th present w[hi]ch requires but little answer Soe the lesse to Inlarge upon: this serveinge cheifly to advise you That this day I have vallew'd upon you a bill for five pounds payable att Sight To Mr John Lucas or Order vallew of Mr Thomas Jefferson w[hi]ch pray let bee complied w[i]th all I am in hast

MB:

24 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[esseu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle March the 24th 1676/7

Sirs

I have none of yours to answer, soe the less to Inlarge upon, this being Chiefly to advise you that this day I have drawne upon you a bjll for £150:0:= payable 11/d[ays] Sight to mr Jno Doncon [Duncon] or order valew of himselfe w[hi]ch pray lett be Comply[e]d w[i]thall; I alsoe desire that if you meet w[i]th mr James Ward upon the Exchange if you will please to demand of him a bill of Sale for the 1/32 part of a vessell called the owners Love of this place W[illia]m Leacke late Ma[ste]r I am

MB

the bill of sale send mee the first Convenience of Shipping pray advise p[er] first how pann plaite Socke Mouldes sweeds Iron Rules MB

24 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Messrs Charles and James Bankes

Ditto

S[i]rs

My last to you was of the 16th present to w[hi]ch Referrs you, Since have delivered your Planck, and as monies comes In, I desire your order, how you please I should dispose pf the same ~

noe hopes of any Customers for your Timber att 14d a foot ~

This is my advice, Pray S[i]rs take it In good part ~

I am now w[i]th yours of the 27th present, with bills for £300:== w[hi]ch have first forward to procure the needfull, and am very glad you are att last satisfied of your Error, as alsoe for the advantagious Exch[ange]: have Credited your acc[oun]t according to your draught upon mee viz 331S:7d and debited you £18:15S: being the advance of the Exch[ange]: tis a very good one that you should expect benefitt by the exch[ange], when the money is mine, but that is not all I have wanted my mon[e]y allmost 8/mo[nths] however shall Reckon but 6/mo[nths] To you at 6p[er]c[e]nt is £9:= Exch[ange] att 34:18 £ fl: 15:13:6, w[hi]ch have alsoe put to your debitt

you say you have had little use of my mon[e]y, To w[hi]ch I answer had you known it to have been mine, doe believe you would have kept it ready to have answered my occations, but since it Remained as your owne In all probability you used it accordingly, were it my Case should not <scruple> itt and soe I remain

MB

24 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Hono[u]red Sir

Newcastle March the 24th 1676/7

For business and Townes news I Referr you to my Brother W[illia]ms writing you every post, att p[re]sent none I know worth the noting, Soe have onely hereby to give you an acc[oun]t: of occurrences att the pay, soe farr as I could Learn afrom whence I am this day Comd

the whole pay together as followeth	£ 39 :12:=	
the heades pay £186:18:0½ p[ai]d Rich[har]d	£192: =: =	
P[ai]d Jno in full for Plankey pay	£ 34: 4: 5 1/2	
P[ai]d att mill as p[er] perticulers	£ 93:16: 6 1/2	
P[ai]d att Fallowfield	£ 72:11: =	£392:12:=

for w[hi]ch money you had Smelted att mill	55 fod[der]	7 p[ie]ce[s] Leed
and att Planky mill	14:	4 p[ie]ce[s]

w[ha]t Oare you had Carried to the former place was

	bing : horse
from Fallowfield	39 : 2 :
from the heads	91 : 3
from the Reedgroves	8 : =
In all	139 : 1

and to the latter place was B h
from Welhope 6 : 1

from Bateshill = : 2
from Greengill 10 : 1
In all 17 : =

The Inclosed from Rich[ar]d will give you a full acco[un]t how all is att the heads and at Duxfield mill nothing is a wanting but Oare, of w[hi]ch not much Can be expected for one 14/d[ays] the waies being still soe extraordinary bad

mr Thomas Burdett will Call upon you for £:3:== w[hi]ch mr Carnaby desires you to pay unto him, and he will make you it good next pay with many thanks

fallowfield was never better Especially the Sun of the Bluebinder Shaft, w[hi]ch (as my Cosin Jno said himselfe) make his heart ake to tell mee, To w[hi]ch as likewise to all his other by words about the same, I am alwayes Silent

fallowfield Level Continues still very hard

I Can Remember of nothing else, but S[i]r if you desire any further acco[un]t as how much wood Comd in, how much Leed Carryed In, or any other thinge, w[hi]ch you think would be satisfactory unto you, doe but please to lett mee know thereof, and for the future it shall be obseved here is great Report of a warr proclaimed with France and the bone fires have been Burnt In London for Joy

God be thanked all friends here are In very good health and hopes it will find you In the same Condition soe with my humble Service to my Lady and my dearest to yourselfe praying for your health and happiness, and earnestly Craving your Blessing I remaine as In duty bound,

MB

24 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward

Ditto [Newcastle 24 March 1677]

Sir

In my last of the 20th p[re]sent I advised you of the Rec[e]ipt of £27:1:3 upon your acco[un]t of W[illiam] Leacke; w[hi]ch is ready att your disposal Se pray upon Receipt hereof deliver every bill of sale To Mr Hump[hrey]: Willett and you will oblige
MB

24 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

mr Henry maisters

Ditto [Newcastle 24 March 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 30th p[re]sent, I wonder noe sweeds Iron In your place of the Size of my purpose pray seek about againe for itt would doe mee a singular

kindness, butt I must have noe English Iron, of that bigness, mr Peckett and mr Mitcalfe sends now and then parcells of Extrordinary good Iron to this place, Sweeds of the best sort, and affords itt for £13:= delivered upon our key [quay] ~

I Long to heare of the shiping of the Sock mouldes and pan plaites, I hope the next time you will not be so tedious I am

MB

30 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr: Henry Maister

Newcastle March the: 30th 1677

Sir

I have before mee both yo[u]rs of the 21th and 23d present the former by Thomas Wilson and the latter by Post w[hi]ch God willinge I shall now answer att large; the Goodes send I have Rec[eive]d and the Cost and Charges there of beinge £66:15:4d have placed to yo[u]r Creditt I desire to know how you please to have w[ha]t is dew unto you disposed of and yo[u]r Order shall bee observed; <.her> wanted a barr of the fine Incl Squar[e]: w[hi]ch I have deducted of the Ma[ste]rs freight the Good are to Content; Expectinge the Iron w[hi]ch is betwixt the Sockes; w[hi]ch are sent for Coulter Mouldes; they are as like Coulters as Chalke is like Cheese In short all that Iron is soe much losse unto mee; Inclosed is a certificatt; the Cost beinge 3S 4d: I thinke the Ma[ste]r ought to pay Soe bee pleased to p[ro]cure itt for I heare hee is lyinge Sicke In yo[u]r place; I will have noe more Socke Mouldes ass yett; but whenever you send mee any more, lett there bee as little Iron besides the Sockes as is possible; for once more that is all losse I have got yo[u]r <6d> this beinge the needfull I remayne

MB:

I will have noe thicke Squa[r]e att 15S for I can nott sell itt here above 14:S

30 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to John Strother

[Note: Anchor palms (or flukes) are the triangular-like ends on the arms of an anchor. Swede Iron is wrought iron of a high purity, originally from Sweden.]

Mr Jno: Strother

Newcastle March the: 30th: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th present; the contents have well observed; I can nott affoord to give you any such price as you mention for Plates and Sockes for considderinge the freight I could nott sell them soe here, I have them bought att Hull for 14S 6d well Strucke yea a purpose for mee; of w[hi]ch I have had a tryall and

proves to content; and w[hi]ch I thinke will sell as well as others; Soe noe need of Giveinge Mr Western £16: and £17:== for his; but if you could light of a parcell of Anchor Palmes Sweds Iron for £17: or under Pray send mee a Tonn or two; the $\frac{3}{4}$ of of 12:13: and 14 Inch over and the Other quarter of 19: and 20 Inches over and soe p[ro]portionable; but I must have of noe other Size; Soe if a p[ar]cell bee mett w[i]th all to content I would nott have you to Stand for a Small matter although you give somewhat more then £17:== you know I am a young Trader; and have Potent Enemyes Soe if I have nott good Stuffe and such as is vendable In this place I may as well shutt upp Shopp; I can play w[i]th them for any Sort of Iron Exceptinge Anchor Palmes and Coulter Mouldes; of both w[hi]ch I have a greate maney; but nott such as is desired $\frac{1}{2}$ a tonn of Coulteres will bee enough; Soe pray once try your hand what ever you doe shall bee to my satisfaction and upon the least word I will order you money this beinge the needfull I remayne
MB:

30 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[sr]s Humphrey Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 30 March 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th present the contentes whereof I have observed and for yo[u]r care about the Pecke returnes you my kinde thanks; the cheife of my desires is that itt bee Substantiall and Exactly Winchester Measure and whether itt bee Sealed att all or not I doe nott very much care

Inclosed you have a bill for £84:8:4 of w[hi]ch when dew I pray p[ro]cure the needfull I am MB:

Sir upon Second thoughts I doe nott much care if you gett the City Seale sett upon the Pecke I am: MB:

30 Mar 1677 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

[Note: Presumably a follow-up to letter to Mrs Turfrey of Wife of George Turfrey? See letter 20 March 1677 to her.]

Mr Geo[rge]: Turfrey

Newcastle March the 30th 1677

Sir

Accordinge to yo[u]r Ladyes Order have furnished Thomas Browne w[i]th £84:== as p[er] his Inclosed Receipt; for w[hi]ch sumed w[i]th 8S 4d for my Commission after the Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ p[er]o/oo [percent] makeinge in all £84:8S:4d have this day vallewed my Bill

upon you payable 10/d[ays] after date to Mes[seu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett and
Compa[ny] or Order; yo[u]r Compliance w[i]th w[hi]ch I doe nott question In the least
and if att any other time I be thought Capable of serveinge you In this place pray freely
lay yo[u]r Commandes upon
MB:

3 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hump[hrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 3 April 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 29th past the contents whereof I have observed and
takes notice of w[ha]t you say concerninge Iron (vizt) Pigg hoges for Plow shares &c:
[etc] and findes them too deare for me In this place

I further also advise you that I have this day vallew upon you the followinge bills
vizt

one for £100 payable 6/d[ays] Sight to Mr Stephen Jackson	
or Order vallew of Mr Nicholas Foster	£100:==
one more for £100 payable 10/d[ays] Sight to Henry Ashurst Esq	
or Order vallew of Mr George Murton	£100:==
	In all £200:==

w[hi]ch Pray lett bee complied w[i]th all; within a Post or two I intend to remitt you
God willinge a little money In the meane time lett the 2 bills above mentioned bee
complied w[i]th all I am
MB:

3 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Giles Bridgman

Mr Giles Brigdman:

Newcastle Aprill the 3d: 1677

Sir

For want of Occation I have nott writt you this long time; but now my desire is; that
you will please to lett mee know by your first conveniency if you doe continue In
yo[u]r Old way of Trade; but In case you doe nott; I desire you will doe mee the
kindnesse to Recom[m]end mee to an honest car[e]full Man that will doe my businesse
faithfully In yo[u]r place And who t'is lett them bee pleased to advise mee the Price of
Rye and all other Sorts of Grayne and how much itt will cost a last bringeing here. In
doeing whereof you will very much oblige him that is
MB:

3 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Newcastle Aprill the: 3d: 1677

Sir

My last to you was of the 30th past to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you Soe the less to Inlarge upon this beinge cheifly to desire you (that if itt bee to bee had) that you will send mee by the first oppertunity of of Shippinge; there or fower [thre or four] Tonn more of the very same Small; Squar[e] Iron; that you sent mee last pray if possible lett this bee Effectted; and when I know the charge of the whole; I will send you a good bill att Short Sight; Soe remaynes

MB:

6 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[s]rs: Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

Ditto [Newcastle 6 April 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 27th past In conformity to w[hi]ch for the 500 Gild[er]s: remitted Mr Verlane have Creditted yo[u]r Account £45:9s.1d I longe to heare of the Shippinge of the Pecke I desired t'is for my owne use; Soe lett itt bee exactly winchester Measure and a Substantiall one you will oblige

MB:

6 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

M[ess]rs Charles and James Bankes

Newcastle Aprll the: 6th: 1677

Sirs

My last to you was of the 24th past To w[hi]ch refers you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 23d past thereby takes notice of the Receipt of mine of the 9th of March p[er] Post as Also of one of the same date p[er] George Johnson; w[i]th an Indenture w[hi]ch you will gett Enrolled and Returne mee p[er] first Shipp for the dowinge whereof I returne you my hearty thanks ~

I have beene Speakinge to some about yo[u]r timber but none will heare mee Speake of 14d a foot within a day or two I am to meete a nother Soe that in my next; you shall have an acc[oun]t of my proceedinges; as money comes In I desire to know yo[u]r orders about the disposall Thereof; for I remember discharginge Mr Boones bill for the last £100:== was nott to content lett mee have yo[u]r Order and itt shall bee observed by him that is

MB:

6 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edward Fleatham

Newcastle Aprill the: 6th: 1677

My last to thee was from Durham; of the 23d past by w[hi]ch I gave thee a p[ar]ticular account of the Severall goodes Shipped by thy Order aboard the Francis of Stockton George Burdon Ma[ste]r w[hi]ch I question nott but the s[ai]d acc[oun]t came safe to thy handes and proves to thy satisfaction soe that I hope itt will putt thee In minde of w[ha]t I am In disbursse upon thy account and that if thou will remitt mee the same as soone as possible money att this time; In this Towne is very hard to come by; and the sooner that thou rememberest mee; the greater kindnesse thou wilt doe mee and also Ingage mee to serve thee; as soone as any man; if not sooner; bee as good as thy word In rememberinge thy promise and that is all is desired by

MB:

6 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Giles Bridgman

Mr Giles Bridgman

Ditto [Newcastle 6 April 1677]

Sir

My last to you was of the 3d present and in case of misscarriage as alsoe to second the contents of the same I desire that by yo[u]r first conveniency that you will please to signifie to mee; whether or noe you continnue In yo[u]r wanted way of Trade the w[hi]ch if you doe nott please to Recomend mee to some carefull and honest Person that I may confide In for the effecting of my businesse in yo[u]r place when occation serves w[hi]ch I am resolved shall bee as soone as I can – understand either by him or you the prices of Rye and all other Sorts of Grayne and how much itt will cost a Last bringinge here you]r speedy answer is very much desired by him that is

MB:

6 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Newcastle Aprill the 6th: 1677

Sir

My last to you was of the 3d present And to second my Order therein to you for the sendinge mee of 3 or 4 Tonn more of the very same small Squar[e] Iron that you last

sent mee; I now also desire once more that itt may be done w[i]th all Speede possible and send p[er] first conveniency of Shipping

I pray take care that itt doe nott In the least Exceed one Inch Squar[e] but as much small as you please or can p[ro]cure: In the punctuall observeinge of w[hi]ch (and w[hi]ch I question nott but you will bee able to Effect) you will very much oblige ~

MB:

6 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward

Newcastle Aprill the 6th: 1677

Sir

Yo[u]rs of the 29th past I have before mee for answer you may bee certaine In respect of the favoures received from yo[u]r Good Family I shall bee very ready as you shall alwayes finde mee to doe you any service that lyes in my power and that w[i]th as little charge as any other In this place And whereas yo[u]r concernes hitherto hath beene Inconsiderable as you are pleased to tearme itt I now say you are welcome and soe may charge the whole £27:1s:3d upon mee att Sight yo[u]r Bill shall bee hono[ur]ed I shall nott trouble you w[i]th my concernes In London because though I say itt t'is a little troublesome In recevieinge and payinge of moneys for mee for I remember the Old p[ro]verb: and I take most to bee of my oppinion t'is better to sitt Idle then to work Idle; you say you have noe bill of Sale but onely a Receipt for the money payd for such a p[ar]te of his vessel w[hi]ch pray deliver over to Mes[sr]s Humphrey Willett and Company w[i]th yo[u]r discharge of the s[ai]d p[ro]misses upon the backesid thereof this beinge the needfull I remayne as you shall allwayes finde mee willinge to the uttmost of my Capacity:

MB:

6 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

6th Ditto [Newcastle 6 April 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 27th past the Contents have well observed for answer unto w[hi]ch: may please to take notice I am very ready and willing to submitt unto w[ha]t you say but as to the: £3:== and my Expense formerly mentioned but I am sorrey you should have reason to call any of my Charges placed to account unreasonable I will say nothings of w[ha]t you payd for yo[u]r Goods but I am certaine nott one In Newcastle would have letten you had them att the rate; And as good Goods you had as comes from this place for the future when ever you thinke mee Capable of

Serveinge you none shall obay yo[u]r Commandes w[i]th more readynesse and fidelity
then my selfe haveinge a greate ambition to remayne
MB:

7 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[s]rs Hum[prey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

Ditto [Newcastle 7 April 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 3d present the contents whereof have observed the
£37: you mention that you have Rec[eive]d from Bartho[lomew]: Harle I have already
payd here ~

I hope ere this my lette[er]s of Advice is come to yo[u]r handes dated the 24th past
for the paym[en]t of £150: to the Scottish Gent[le]man Mr John Duncon by name this
beinge the needfull att present I remayne

M:B:

7 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Newcastle Aprill the: 7th: 1677

Sir

My last to you was of the 6th present To w[hi]ch referrs you; Since have Rec[eive]d
yo[u]rs of the 3d ditto the ballance of Accounts betwixt us being £24:= you may Order
mee to pay when you please noe more discourse of Coulters for now I p[er]ceive they
came nott from yo[u]r place ~

In my two former I have given you full Ord[er]s for the buyinge mee three or 4
Tonn; of the very same small Squ[are] Iron you last sent mee; w[hi]ch I hereby confirme
again and if such bee to bee had; I desire you will please to make itt up tenn Tonn and
advise mee p[er] first how much more of S[ai]d Sort you thinke you could p[ro]cure
mee over and above I thinke I shall give you order to buy all you cann p[ro]vided itt
bee of the same; or as Good; for yo[u]r <Govern[ance?]>; if you please to minde that
you have 60 Barres to the Tonn you may Rest satisfied t'is Right; In the meane time the
10 Tonn desired pray send p[er] first Conveniency; and affoord yo[u]r Answer as to
the Remynder of the letter as soone as w[i]th conveniency you cann the sooner the
Better for

MB:

10 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Hono[ur]ed Sir

Ditto [Newcastle April 10 1677]

Inclosed is a lett[e]r from the Goaler; w[hi]ch pray help if possible I Can assure you; Soe many such bargaines hath made him very poore w[ha]t hither to hath beene omitted In my account of Occurrances of yo[u]r Leed mines att my monethly returne from thence shall God willinge for the future bee done accordinge to yo[u]r minde all the Charge that was att Mr Blan[e]yes Buriall; Indeed S[i]r Rob[er]t Shaftow did pay but tis verily thought S[ai]d Blaneyes Sister did repay him againe itt seemes S[i]r Rob[er]t doth write otherwise w[ha]t hee hath must bee reckoned as truth (as I questionn nott but t'is) for my p[ar]t I can heare of none that can say To the Contrary ~

Thomas Powell presents his humble Service to his Ma[ste]r and M[istres]s who just now desired mee to lett you know that hee heares you are agoeing to build a Steath [staith] Someplace up the Water; if soe and that you have occ[a]tion of 200 Streight long Oakes; hee can furnish you therew[i]th Standing within 8 Miles or lesse of Swalwell w[hi]ch hee questions nott but will bee for yo[u]r purpose and if you please to Order any one for to goe and see them hee doth nott feare any disaggreem[en]t for the price thereof ~

all freinds here God be thanked are very well soe w[i]th my humble service to my Lady and my duty to yo[u]r selfe prayinge for yo[u]r health and happinesse; and earnestly craveinge yo[u]r blessinge I remayne as In duty bound

MB:

10 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to William Creagh

Mr W[illia]m Creagh Newcastle Aprill the: 10th: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 5th present Thereby takes notice of yo[u]r greate desire to Cleare the unlucky businesse betwixt you and mee as you are pleased to call itt; I am sure I have good reason to tearme it soe; but that is all one I have as greate a desire as you can have that an end thereby may be made; you may remember that by the last account I gave you; you were Indebted unto mee the sume of £55: =:9
out of which I deductinge the 1/3 p[ar]t of £43:7:7 for £14: 9:1
2 p[ie]ce]s <linnen>

Remaynes £40:11:8

Payinge the same to M[ess]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] or Order; the Remaineinge 4 p[ie]ce]s shall bee delivered unto yo[u]r Order; you need nott mention any more the £20: In Scotland; for I will have nothing to doe w[i]th itt yo[u]r answer may afford att yo[u]r leasure; In the meane time remaynes
MB:

10 Apr 1677 Philipp Leece to Humphrey Willett

[Note: P:L: was Phillipp Leece, one of MB's servants]

Ditto [Newcastle 10 April 1677]

Writt Mess[eu]rs: Willett and sent them a bill for 100 payable 16/d[ays] Sight the Sole contents of that lett[e]r p[er] my Ma[ste]r his Order p[er] P[hillipp]:L[eece]:

13 Apr 1677 Philipp Leece to Michael Blackett

Ditto [Newcastle 13 April 1677]

And also writt to my Ma[ste]r att Billingham etc. ~

13 Apr 1677 Philipp Leece to Humphrey Willett

Me[sseu]rs Humphrey Willett and Company

Newcastle Aprill the: 13th: 1677

writt to In my Ma[ster] his absence and sent them a bill for £100: And advised of £60: drawne by my selfe accordinge to my Ma[ste]r his Order; payable 15/d[ays] after Sight to John <Paen> or Order vallew of Richard Lines etc. p[er] P[hillipp]:L[eece]

20 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Me[sseu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Company

20th ditto [April 1677]

Sirs

I have severall of yo[u]rs To answer; w[hi]ch I must deferr till the next Post (by reason of my present Occations) Soe this onely serves to advise you that this day I have drawne upon you a bill for £10:= payable 4/d[ays] after Sight to Mr Edward Lashells or Order vallew of Mr Mat[t]hew Lamb w[hi]ch pray lett be complyd w[i]thall I am MB:

the brasse Peck is comd but have not yett seene it MB:

21 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: Michael's daughter Elizabeth was born before 1 Feb 1677 and died 13 Jan 1678]

Hono[ure]d Sir

Ditto [Newcastle 21 April 1677]

I p[er]cive my Brother William writs you this Post to Borrowb Bridge soe I thought itt my duty to doe the same though have noe more to Inlarge upon then to give you an account of occurances att the Pay

the whole Pay together as followeth	£485:14: 1/2
Payd Rich[hard]: Mowberey towards the heads pay	£201:00:00
Payd Jno Mowbrey towards Plankey Pay	£ 64:10: 8 1/2
Payd att Mill as p[er] perticulers	£135: 1: 9
Payd att Fallowfield	£ 85: 1: 7
	485:14: 1/2

for w[hi]ch Money you had Smelted att Duxfeild Mill 33 fod[de]r p[ie]ce[s] Leed Oare brought to s[ai]d place is (vizt) from

	B : Horsse
Jeffereyes Grove	11 : 00
from Greenegill	21 : 3
from the Read Groves	16 : 3
from Fallowfeild	91 : 3
from the Heads	96 : 1
In all	237 : 2

1274 p[ie]ce[s] Leed Carried to Bladon from thence And Cowp[er] House and 150 Sacke of Wood come In att 8d p[er] Sacke
Smelted att Plankey Mill 15 foddors 9 p[ie]ce[s] Leed and Oare brought there as followeth

	Binges Horse
from the Heads	29 : 2
from Greengill	11 : 3
from Wellhope	11 : 3
from Bates hill	2 : 1
from Reed Groves	14 : 1
from Cole Clough	25 : 2
In all	95 : 0

543 Sacks of Wood come to s[ai]d place from thence to Bladon I meane thorow 442
Pigges Carried this Moneth How all is att the Heads my Brother Will[iam] will this
night send you a lett[e]r from Richard that will Inform you ~

att the Mill nothinge a wantinge butt Oare and Fallowfield is very hopefull Butt the
Levell hard ~

Mr Copperwhite And J:M: [John Mowbray] Cannott hitt of itt Mr Copperwhite is
fayrely by JM his Wife desired to seeke out a Lodginge and noe more time given him
then till Monday next; hee takes all In good part and sayth hee will doe as well as hee
can till please God you come home for my Part I take him to bee a very Civill and
honest Man

my humble service to my Lady w[ith] my duty to yo[u]r selfe prayinge for yo[u]r
health and happ[y]ness and earnestly craving yo[u]r blessinge I remayne MB

my Wife desires to have her duty p[re]sented unto you who w[ith] my selfe gives you
many thanks for yo[u]r toaken to little Bettye MB:

21 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Ditto [Newcastle 21 April 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 7: 10th: and 13th: past all which I shall now god
willing answer at large according to your Ord[er]

In the first did d[elivere]d the Inclosed to Jno [John] Thompson

In your second have the acc[oun]t of 4 Tonns small square Iron the amounte there
of beinge £52:10:6: have placed to your Creditt, w[hi]ch with what more is dew unto
you am ready to pay you either here or att London – but to doe itt at Leeds, I can say
nothing to you – your kindness is extraordinary I hope you putt your selfe to noe
inconvenience for my accomadation I doe assure you, I desire it not but give me Leave
to tell you the parcell of square is not nigh soe good as the former

By your last I take notice you have bought 3 Tonn of Iron more, and will endeavour
to buy 3 Tonn besides, w[hi]ch is well onely pray see to p[ro]cure some about ½ Inch if
possible, and be sure ill [it will] be under Inch, pray advise mee how thick square still
rules with you from 2 to 3 Inches, Sweeds Iron, likewise how flat rules from 3 to 4
Inches I am

M:B

21 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edw[ar]d Fleatham

Newcastle Aprill the: 21th 1677

I thought to have seene thee att yarme last weeke otherwise would sooner have Answered thyne of the 29th past and 11th present but a sudden businesse callinge mee home prevented mee of my designe there is noe mistake In the price of the 57 p[ie]ces Leed for I agreed w[i]th G:B: for £:10:= and hee knowes I gave itt in his chayce whether to leave itt or take itt for soe much I pay[e]d my self; I Rec[eive]d of W[illia]m Hester £200:= thou didst promisse £3 or £400=: within 20 dayes after agreem[en]t and the remaynder within 6 weekes att furthest I hope thou will nott bee unmindfull of thy promise for my p[ar]t I shall say noe more I thanke thee and R:W for both yo[u]r kindnesses; but I sweare I have noe money to venture any more In shippinge for I am too deepley concerned allready Leed is now risen to £10:5s:= here and little to be p[ro]cured w[ha]t I doe for thee here after will expect reasonable Commission I am thy loveinge Friend
MB:

21 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr W[illia]m Benson

Newcastle Aprill the: 21th: 1677

Sir

I understand by a lett[e]r from Mr John Strother that hee bought a p[ar]cell of Anchor Palmes of you upon my account for the ammount thereof beinge £34:6s:6d as p[er] yo[u]r note; Inclosed sends a bill paym[en]t of w[hi]ch you neede nott question when dew ~

Mr John Rumney had allsoe a p[ar]cell w[hi]ch was likewise upon my account the amount of w[hi]ch shall either pay to him or you as you please for t'is all one to me and when hereafter you chance to have a p[ar]cell; of any Sort of Iron pray bee pleased to lett mee know; I will give you as good a price as any other shall doe and my paym[en]t you neede nott feare I hope here after wee may bee better acquainted w[hi]ch will bee very much to the satisfaction of

MB:

21 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

Mr Thomas Westerne

Newcastle Aprill the: 21th 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]r acceptable lines of the 10th present The contents have well observed I doe confesse I am very much obliged unto you for yo[u]r kindnesse therein Expressed and if ever itt lie in my power to serve you in this place; you shall see itt by deedes; what greate ambition I have to make you a Retaliation In some measure ~

for short broades from 52: to 54 Inches longe and from 9 to 12 Inch broad w[hi]ch wee call here pann Plates I have att present noe occation haveinge hadd lately a considderable supply from Yorkshire w[hi]ch proves to content but when I want hereafter shall make bold to trouble you w[i]th my Comission not questioninge yo[u]r good usage In the least and for Moulds wee use in this place of 2 Sortes called by the name of Socke Mouldes and Coulter Mouldes; a Mould of Wood of the Exact Size desired shall God willinge send you p[er] first convenience and thereby will desire to know yo[u]r price for such goods In the meane time remaynes

MB:

21 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Me[sseu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 21 April 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 12th: 14th: and 17th present all w[hi]ch I now shall God willinge answer att large

In the first place take notice I have this day vallewed upon you £15:== payable 6/d[ays] Sight To Mr John Naylor or Order vallew of Mr Thomas Naylor w[hi]ch pray lett be complied w[i]thall the 2 former requ[i]ers little more answer then that I have Rec[eive]d the Brass Pecke w[hi]ch proves above extraordinarey to Content have given you Credit 54/s for the Cost thereof, and I give you my hearty thanks besides for your care and paines herein – w[ha]t bills my servant Philipp Leece finds unto you pray take Care of them they being all upon my Account and I thanke you for accepting his bill of £60:= pray pay unto Mr W[illia]m Benson £34:6:6 and take In my Bill upon you for s[ai]d sum payable 10/d[ays] after Sight ~

I thanke you heartily for yo[u]r advice In yo[u]r last never feare Ralph <Horupes> [Harope] non payment of Billes drawne by Rob[er]t Wetwange Inclosed you have one for £100:= if a day 4 or 5 a forebearance after dew bee desired lett itt bee granted for the drawer is secure enough ~

As for George Turfrey be sure dunn him very Offten nay never lett him a lone till hee hath compleyed w[i]th the Bill w[hi]ch if done allready or security to content given pray lett yo[u]r servant acquaint Mr Nicholas Hardinge in Furnivalls Inn [Furnival's Inn] w[i]th the same who will doe any businesse In case of non paym[en]t Soe if itt stand w[i]th yo[u]r convenience pray discourse the businesse him and you will very much oblige

MB

21 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicholas Verlane

21 ditto [April 1677]

Sir

My last to you was of the 20th of March To w[hi]ch Referres you Since have Received yo[u]rs of the 16th present; by w[hi]ch takes notice you have payed accordinge to my Order unto Solomon Crosby 500 Gild[e]rs w[hi]ch is well have booked the same accordingly and I am well pleased you pay[e]d him noe more; for had noe Ord[e]rs to remitt him any more; I am glad Mess[eu]rs Willettes Bill is accepted; noe question butt itt will bee likewise pay[e]d when dew ~

of occurances w[i]th you pray write mee once In 14/d[ays] w[he]n any Encurragm[en]t shall make bold to trouble you In the meane time remaynes
MB:

24 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mess[eur]s Cha[rles]: and Jam[es]: Bankes Newcastle Aprill the: 24th 1677

Sirs

My last to you was of the 6th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 10th present; w[he]n I writt you last I did Realy thinke to have writt you againe within 3 or 4/d[ays] after but those holly dayes by past did prevent mee; w[he]n my Customers were nott to be Spoaken w[i]thall; but now I have had a large discourse w[i]th them about yo[u]r Timber and have also taken theire finall resolution; w[hi]ch is to give mee 24s for every 40 foot one w[i]th the other though In this letter before mee you give mee full Order for the Sale thereof; yett soe poore a price beinge the most I can bee bid will nott venture to doe itt w[i]thout yo[u]r Order ~

you need nott fear punctuall payment for w[ha]t goodes I sell I thinke I take care to deale w[i]th good Substantiall men haveinge a greate ambition to deale further w[i]th you wee shall nott fall out about the Error of RD 1200: [Dutch Rijks dollar] pray p[er] first conveniency of Shippinge Send mee over an Aume [Aam] of the best old Hock In Hamb[urg]: that can bee gott for money; markinge itt AH directinge the same to Mr Anthony Heron noe Merchant observe, to whome pray write a lett[e]r both by Post and Shippinge as if hee were your very good freind and that for Old acquaintance and the many businesses Rec[eive]d from him you present that token unto him butt tell the Mr t'is mine; onely bid him be sure hold his Tongue I am

MB:

24 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos[hua]: Pannell

Newcastle April the: 24th: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 30th past w[i]th an account of occuranceyes w[i]th you w[hi]ch pray continue to give mee one In 14/d[ays] and when I finde any Incurragement you shall want neither Leed; Coales Grindstones; not butter; but at present I finde none ~

pray send mee p[er] first conveniency of Shippinge a Rundlett of good honest Renish; and a nother of Renish wormwood as also a Land Shipp Screene of 7 or 8 Leaves and 2 yards and halfe a quarter high the price and goodnesse of all w[hi]ch I must leave to yo[u]r discession; butt pray lett them all bee as good as you can gett ~

Coales 8s a Chalder Leed 10: to £11 p[er] fodder butter 15 to 16s Grindstones 14: to 15s all sortes of Grayne a <very> drugg I am

MB:

when I know you are In disburse for mee; I shall send itt you over In Doll[er]s or remitt itt you

24 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess: Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

Ditto [Newcastle 24 April 1677]

Sirs

I have none of yo[u]rs to answer Soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveinge cheifely to advise you that this day I have vallewed upon you the followinge billes vizt

one for £34:10:6 payable 10/d[ays] after Sight to Mr W[illia]m Benson or Order vallew of Mr John Rumney

one other for £45: payable 30/d[ays] after Sight to Mr W[illia]m Towerson or Order vallew of Mr John Rowell

In all £79:10:6

w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]th all I am

MB

27 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward Newcastle Aprill 27th: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 21th: present accordinge to yo[u]r Order have pay[e]d Sir W[illia]m £27:= W[illia]m Leck[e] desires you will please to Cause that pap[er] to be sought for; w[hi]ch you say you have, acknowledginge you Interested In his vessell I am

MB:

27 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Giles Bridgman

Mr Giles Bridgman Ditto [Newcastle 27 April 1677]

Sir

I understand by yo[u]rs of the 9th that all sortes of Grayne is att present a litle scarce w[i]th you In respect of the price thereof; I can have here under the rates you mention; Pray Sir once In 14/d[ays] give mee a line or two for I am a little concerned In the Corne Trade I am

MB:

28 Apr 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seur]s Humphrey Willett and Company

28 ditto [April 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th present w[hi]ch requires little answer onely the Brass Peck proves to content as I have formerly advised you ~

I have this day vallew'd upon you a bill for £150 payable 20/d[ays] after Sight to Henry Ashurst Esq[ui]re or Order vallew of Mr George Murton w[hi]ch pray lett be complied w[i]thall. I am affrayd the next Post I shall bee forced to draw upon you £100= or £150 more ~

I am very desiroues to have yo[u]r account; for I thinke you will bee in disbursse for mee. About the middle of the next moneth my Brother Intendes to pay you a considerable sumed of money for mee and in the meane time I will bee remittinge you as itt comes to hand pray lett mee know how thinges standes betwixt us as soone as is possible and you will oblidge

MB:

1 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Newcastle 1 p[ri]mo May 1677

Writt this day to Edw[ar]d Fleatham merchant In Yarme [Yarmouth] etc

1 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Ditto [Newcastle 1 May 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th past; when please God the Iron by John Hargrave arrives I shall advise you how itt proves; but as yett I heare noe newes of him

I find my selfe Indebted unto you £156:15:3d for w[hi]ch Sumed Inclosed you have a bill; w[hi]ch I hope will bee to content for all t'is att longe Sight; next time will doe better if you desire itt; advise p[er] first if any thicke Square bee to bee gott about 1¾ to 2 Inch ~ and the price thereof and the quantity you could p[ro]cure pray also advise if any more small Square bee to be hadd about 60 barres to the Tonn I am

MB:

1 May 1677 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Mr Ge[orge] Turffrey

Ditto [Newcastle 1 May 1677]

Sir

I thanke yo[u]r Lady for punctuall compliance w[i]th my bill; did expect such good care in the Effertinge the same as was promised ~

Thomas Browne this day hath given mee a bill upon you for £34: w[hi]ch hee desires you will pay when p[re]sented; beinge payable att sight Commission 8s 4d and charges above 20s In all £1:8:4d w[hi]ch I hope you will likewise pay to my Freind Hump[hrey]: Willett I remayne for the future as I finde you

M:B:

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

Newcastle: May the: 4th 1677

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 26th past. In the first place pray take notice I have this day vallew'd upon you £156:15:3d payable 20/d[ays] Sight to Mr Henry Maister or Order vallew within my selfe w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]th all

if Turfrey will nott pay my bill of of 84:8:4d pray demande of him if hee will pay the Inclosed bill till further Order I have pretty well secured my money and have freighted Thomas Browne the Master of yo[u]r place; who you may Expect w[i]th Leed and Coales more of that hereafter; next Post I thinke to remitt you some moneyes: and desires to know how thinges stands betwixt you and Charter Parthey that may expect next Post

MB:

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

4 Ditto [Newcastle 4 May 1677]

Mr Josuah Pannell his last of the 24th past seconded this day

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

M[esseu]rs Cha[rles]: and James Bankes theire last of the 24 past seconded this day.

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr W[illia]m: Benson

Newcastle May the: 4th 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]r kinde letter of the 26th past for w[hi]ch I heartily thanke you but yo[u]r price is soe very high; that I cannot afford to give itt the Iron is pretty seizable and to tell you the reale truth I take itt very well; In respect where of I will give you a good price for itt (as is my opinion) Soe if itt bee hadd for £12:10:=
d[elivere]d here may send itt by whom you please pray take into consideration that all yo[u]r p[ar]cell is gone att once and ready money now doe w[ha]t you will; onely by the way give mee <leave> to tell you that lately I bought a p[ar]cell of very good Iron for £12:2s:0d though I must confess that itt is noe Rule for you to worke by ~

when you shall have any Pann Plates of Swedes Iron pray doe mee the kindness as advise mee the length breadth and price thereof ~

noe convenience att all to mee to Receive money here and pay itt againe att London the usuall and p[re]sent advance is 1½ to 2 p0/00 [percent] and soe much I have had for maney a pound but because I have a greate desire to Serve you I will doe itt for 1 p0/00 [percent] If any In Newcastle will doe the like I am very much mistaken ~

If Mr Strother bee ungone pray p[re]sent my humble service to him I am

MB:

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Ditto [Newcastle 4 May 1677]

Sir

I pray doe mee the kindness when you write to yo[u]r Freind att Amsterdam to whom Henry Law[es] is consigned to desire him to acquaint s[ai]d H[enry]: L[owes]: when Please God hee arrives that there is a letter for him from mee att Mr Nicholas Verlanes Merchant there In doeinge where of you will very much oblige

MB:

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Newcastle May the 4th 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th and 27th past the former by John Hargrave and the latter by Post the 350 Ends of Iron I have Re[ceive]d and now I must tell you that noe Iron was nigh soe good as the first p[ar]cell; this last parcell is the worst of all nott soe good as the other by 10s in the Tonn I did expect it should bee better Scarce a barr under Inch in the whole parcell; but noe reamedy but patience onely I will have noe more of that size for have allready from you w[hi]ch may lye in my handes longe enough in respect itt beinge nott sizable for this place

I am

MB:

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Lawes

Henry Law[es]

Ditto [Newcastle 4 May 1677]

I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 29th past from Rochell; the contents where of have signified to yo[u]r owners but neither Mr Roddam nor my selfe have any freight for you; when this is Ended; for are both p[ro]vided; Soe when please God you <.rarease> w[i]th this present and are unloaden wee leave itt wholly to yo[u]r selfe w[ha]t to doe there after onely would rather have you take a freight att Amsterdam if any to yo[u]r minde; be to be had; then come home; for the p[ro]cureinge of w[hi]ch my Freind Mr Nicholas Verlane who will d[elivere]d you this letter; will give you his best assistance

Yo[u]r Wife and all att Billingham is very well; Soe is all yo[u]r owners here God be thanked w[hi]ch is the need full att present from

MB:

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 4 May 1677]

Mess[eur]s Willettes writt to this day and Inclosed sent them Tho[mas]:Browne his Charter Partey etc:

4 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nich[olas]: Verlane

Newcastle May the: 4th 1677

Sir

My last unto you was of the 21th past to w[hi]ch referres you since none from you
Soe the lesse to Inlarge upon onely doe desire you to keepe the Inclosed till called for;
my Brother Davison and my selfe have $\frac{1}{4}$ of the vessell Soe if hee desires yo[u]r
assistance In p[ro]curinge him a good freight wee doe desire you will please to helpe
him; In doeing whereof you will oblidge us both ~

Leed £10 p[er] fodder Coales 7s a Chalder Grindstones 13s a Chalder of Occurances
w[hi]ch you advise mee once In 14/d[ays] I am

MB:

9 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[r]s Hump[hrey] Willett and Compa[ny]

9 Ditto [Newcastle May 1677]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 4th present and then Inclosed sent you a Coppie of Mr
Thomas Browne his Charter p[ar]tie (the bearer hereof) by whome I have this day
consigned and sent you 80 Chalder of Coales 200 p[iec]es Leed and 43 Chalder of
Grindstones w[hi]ch after good arrivall bee pleased to accept and dispose of for my
most advantage; I intend to write you att large next Post God willinge and soe
remaynes

11 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edw[ar]d

Newcastle May the 11th 1677

I have noe newes to advise you of onely that my father and my Lady Intendes
towards London Thursday next the 17th present ~

I now make bold to putt you In minde of yo[u]r former promise w[hi]ch if nott
performed (nott that I question itt In the least) will doe mee noe small diskindnesse; for
have all allonge relyed upon you and ordered my businesse accordingly and if you
please that I should that I should pay my Brother Davison and Cousin John Blackett tis
but yo[u]r payinge soe much the more to Mr Willett about w[hi]ch I desire to heare
from you att yo[u]r leasure, and to have an account of yo[u]r finall resolution In every
p[ar]ticular I thinke I may now lawfully p[re]sume to wish you heartily much
happinesse of yo[u]r new hono[u]r: for certainly there must bee some truth of that

w[hi]ch is In every ones mouth and I cann assure you when spoaken of here; noe other name is given you then that of Sir Edw[ar]d – my humble service to my sister I am
MB:

11 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] ditto [Newcastle 11 May 1677]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 9th present to w[hi]ch referres you by Thomas Browne who sayled yesterday and I hope may bee w[i]th you as soone as this when please God hee arrives bee pleased to make money of his Loadinge; wch Concerne I wholly leave to yo[u]r discretion; onely I pray take notice his vessell drew here In soll water 15 foot fore and aft I am certaine will draw soe much in the Poole; soe if you finde her otherwise; lett the Ma[ste]r and all men bee sworne that they neither Landed; nor any other way conveyed any of the Merchants goodes and if any of the Stones bee broaken an account whereof you have beneath or any Leed wantinge; be sure lett the Ma[ste]r pay for them

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 3d and 5th present yo[u]r account Currant is right and booked accordingly I am now in yo[u]r debt but pray deliver the Inclosed to my Brother Edward who I thinke will pay you nigh £1000 upon my account I hope to remitt you some money besides shortly: In the meane time will willingly allow you Intrest to content till you bee reimbursed because Leed is soe fallen I send you butt 200 p[ie]ce[s] other wise would have sent you a much greater quantity observe Charter partey In payinge the Ma[ste]r his <to night> I am

MB:

27 Stones 7 footes 27 Chalder
27 of 6 footes /
25 of 5 footes - 05 Chalder
45 of 4 footes - 5 Chalder
54 of: 3 footes - 3 Chalder
81 of: 2 footes - 3 Chalder

11 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Newcastle May the 11th 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 4th present takes notice of the Receipt of my Bill for £156:15:3d; w[hi]ch you need nott feare will finde punctuall compliance

The Iron you mention 2½ Inch one way and 1½ another is nott of any use in this place; and for yo[u]r Inch Square the last parcell that I received from you is vallewed by my Customer; that uses that sort of Iron tenn shillings in one Tonn worsse then the first was; soe that I have nott any Incurragem[en]t to send for more; I will Ingage this last p[ar]cell will last mee long enough to tell you the truth I am affrayd shall loose a good Customer by itt hee who tooke the first p[ar]cell and would have taken the remaynder had itt beene of the same sort; whereas the two last p[ar]cells to this day have sold onely one barr I shall nott use many wordes; do thanke you for w[ha]t you have done and soe remaynes

MB:

11 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edw[ar]d Fleatham

11th ditto [Newcastle May 1677]

I should bee glad to see thee here that soe wee might discourse our businesse; for my part I did expect all my money before this day I readily granted all thy requestes for though ready money was first agreed for 2 ptt [percent] upon thy first moveinge for 1/m[onth] or 6/w[EEKS] time att longest; I submitted thinkinge to have found thee very punctuall In thy promise and I doe declare I did more rely upon thy word i then I would have done upon some otheres fre[i]ndes ~

I have nott one Pigg of Leed aforehand nore is ther[e] much in Towne itt goes currantly of for £10:5:s= I thinke I shall have enough downe within 14/d[ays] att farthest and will att any time abate thee 2½ s of the Markett price I am

MB:

12 May 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

12 ditto [Newcastle May 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 8th w[hi]ch before I answer lett mee desire you to direct none of yo[u]r letters any more To William Blackett March[an]t for this before noe was Intercepted by my Cosen William; alias Stockholme w[hi]ch mistake for the Future I desire may bee p[re]vented ~

I my selfe have made an Inspection Into our Custome house bookes and have founde the Order in question; so that when the vessell Arrives forraigne Custome will bee allowed for 112 Chalders Coaste Custome beinge deducted; I shall write to Mr Verlane accordinge to yo[u]r advice; Soe I remayne

MB:

15 May 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

mr W[illia]m: Benson

Newcastle May 15: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 10th p[rese]nt for Answer thereunto pray take notice that I accept not of your Iron, soe may order the disposall thereof as you please seeing you neglected soe Long answering of my letter, I did really thinke you had accepted of my prop[os]ition w[hi]ch had almost made mee Loose a good bargaine; butt your Letter came In time, and I have supplied myselve, with as good sorts as yours is and something Cheaper than I offered you, I am

M:B:

19 May 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Hono[ur]ed: Sir Newcastle May the 19: 1677

Accordinge to yo[u]r command given to my Brother Christopher when you went from hence shall God willinge direct this letter to bee left at Shilton till called for where I houpe the same will finde you and my Lady merrely disposed as I heartily wish as also all pleasure delight and content Immaginable; the remaynder of yo[u]r Jo[u]rney as for businesse or private Newes w[hi]ch may bee expected shall bee silent; referringe itt wholly to my Brother William; therefore will onely Insist upon giveinge you the best acco[un]t I cann of occurances att the Pay; from whence I am come this noone soe In the first place the whole pay came to £507:6:2 as Followeth vizt

the heades pay £190:15:9 P[ai]d Rich[ard] M[owbray]:	£195: =
Plankey pay 54:4:5 Payd Jno M[owbray]:	£075: =
Payed att Mill as p[er] Perticlers	£156:11:2
Payd at Fallowfeild as Per Perticulers	080:15:-
	507: 6:2

For w[hi]ch money you have the followinge Perticulers observeable att Duxfeild Mill vizt 71 Fothers 11 p[ie]ces] Leed Smelted;

	B:H: [Bing: Horses]
Oare carryed there is from the heads	225:2:=
From Greene Gill	014:2:=
From Rookehoope	006:2:=
from Jeffreyes Groves	005: =:=
from Read Groves	007: =:=
from Lunehead	013: =:=

from Fallowfeild	138:1:0
In all	409:3:=

Leed carryed to Bladan is from the Mill	190:=: p[ie]ce]s
from Cowp[er] House	170
from the <Crea>	241
In all	601 p[ie]ce]s

The Quantity of Wood come to s[ai]d Place is 670 Sackes. noe more in the Mill account;
I thinke worth yo[u]r notice now in Plankey Acc[oun]t may please take notice of the
followinge Peticulors vizt

23 fothers 7 p[ie]ce]s of Leed Smelted there
323 p[ie]ce]s Leed carryed from thence to Bladen
the quantity of Wood come to s[ai]d Place is 258 Sackes

	b:h
Oare carreyed these is from the heads	034:1:=
from Reed Groves	007:1
from Coale clough	045:=:=
from Wellhope	010:1:=
from Bates Hill	007:3:=
from Green Gill	020:3:=
In all	125:1:=

Nor doe I see any more in that acc[oun]t worth yo[u]r notice; If you can in either
Acc[oun]t remember any thinge forgott wherin you desire a Monethly satisfaction
upon the least notice from you for future itt shall God willinge bee observed; ~

I shall nott need to give you an acc[oun]t of the Condition of the Severall Grooves
for Inclosed is a letter from Mr Copperwhite w[hi]ch will doe itt att large; nothinge is a
wantinge att the Mill butt Oare of w[hi]ch Stuffe you may have a fore hand washed
about 250 binge 200 binge att Slittes the Remaynder att Fallowfield att other Places nott
any to Speake of; but lett mee nott forgett to advise you that att the Mill there is all
ready about 10 dayes worke ~

I hope you will nott be angry w[i]th mee for that I have Ordered Thomas Proud to
goe on w[i]th his bargaine for his time; w[hi]ch is butt 2 monethes I will assure you I
did nothinge without Mr Coperwhites and John Mobereyes advice wee all consulted
the businesse together and that itt might nott bee sayd that you should ever bee the
occation of any mans reneinge wee thought itt convenient to doe w[ha]t wee did and
afeter his time God speed him well for wee are all satisfied that hee has beene as is still
an Arrant Cannarey Bird ~

Mr Carneby sayth hee will take the Leadinge of the Plankey Leede for 14s will referre the rest to yo[u]r selfe and desires yo[u]r answer; whether hee may rely upon itt for the next yeare or noe

Fallowfeild Workes Indifferent good especiall Blewbender Shalfe where they have very good gettings butt the Levell is extraordinary hard where they drive nott att present 2 yardes a weeke

Richard and John seemes very well content w[i]th this new Order of the Pay and by little and little I hope to gett itt Effected but att Fallowfeild I had brow Sport where I found a perfect combination by some bodyes good Councell and nott one man for severall hours would Receive $\frac{1}{4}$ d my laughinge att them mad[e] them the Stiffer; my Cousen John an earnest mediator but when wee came to <here vale> I told both them and their Mediators that such was yo[u]r positive Order and to doe otherwise In either dearest nor in shor would soe if they would take their money they should have itt; if nott and that they would want their money one moneth for their owne Pleasure I did assure them the should want itt another for my Pleasure; for all this I was very neare cominge away w[i]thout payinge $\frac{1}{4}$ d butt at last my Gent[le]neses Stomaches came downe when they saw I was resolute and soe I payd them; And seemes content now to observe yo[u]r Order for the future Mr Copperwhite is soe well beloved; that I am confident that if hee were to be hanged and wanted a Hanges Man rather then hee should nott I could name 2 either of w[hi]ch would officiate God forgive mee if Judge amisse

my humble service to my Lady and my duty to yo[u]r selfe wishinge yo[u]r health and happinesse and earnestly craveinge yo[u]r blessinge I remayne as in duty bound
MB:

19 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Messrs Hump[hrey] Willett and Compa[ny]

Newcastle May the 19th 1677

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 15th present as also one from my Brother Edward who writes that as soone as you shall dispose of my Lady Yorkes Leede w[hi]ch you have In yo[u]r hands hee has told you that hee will allow you £500::= upon my account w[hi]ch you were content w[ith]all pray advise mee if any such thinge; that soe if nott I may immediately remitt you the needfull In the meane time take notice; I have this day vallew'd upon you £88= payable 28/d[ays] Sight to Mr Nicholas Hardinge or Order vallew of Mr John Duglas; w[hi]ch lett bee accepted when presented and payd when dew before w[hi]ch time if I have a life shall remitt the noe small sumed and I hope att least £300 next weeke ~

I hope before this Thomas Browne is arrived of his Loadinge make money as you please w[ha]tever you doe therein shall bee to my satisfaction ~

pray deliver the Inclose to my Brother if nott come away and if come away returne itt unto MB:

19 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edw[ar]d

Ditto: 19 May: 1677

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 15th present I am Gladd you have satisfied Mr Willet w[i]th the payinge him £500=: so soone as hee shall dispose of my Lady yorkes Leede in his handes my acctiones will require; noe more except you order mee to pay money for you In this place w[hi]ch if you doe shall bee observed and I am certaine both J:D: and JB: accordinge to warninge given them by yo[u]r Order does expect their money when dew

t'is very certaine my Lady is sett forward for London when I heare you are att Richmond will God willinge come and see you and I hope to see both you and my sister att our Horsse Course to whome pray rememeber my humble service I hope you will never goe by the Old House of Doncaster and soe I remayne

MB:

19 May 1677 Michael Blackett to John Rumney

[Note: Addressee un-named but other letters to 'Lo: Cosen' have been associated with John Rumney.]

Lo[veing]: Cosen

Newcastle May the 19th 1677

I have before mee thyne of the 18 present for answer unto w[hi]ch doe assure thee that I never had any badd thoughts of either thee or thy partner Ed[ward] Fleatham but punctuallity beinge allwayes observed by men of yo[u]r Principall made mee fully rely of his promise w[hi]ch might have proved to my prejudice for if hee had but made the least doubt of performance; I both could and would have beene very free to have forborne it longer; as I am also now att thy request for the weeke ensureinge when I hope thou will nott sayle noe foe shall fully rely upon thee soe w[i]th my kind love to my Aunt Netby and thy selfe nott forgettinge to Lett the know that thy deare is well; I remayne MB:

22 May 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Messrs: Hump[hrey] Willett and Compa[ny]

Newcastle May the 22d 1677

Sirs

I have none of yours to Answer; soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveing chiefly to advise you that this day I have drawn upon you a bill for £10:== payable 14/d[ays] after sight to Mr Ralph Sanderson or order, valew of Madam Ann Swinburne w[hi]ch pray Lett bee complied w[i]th all, I have beene all this morning seekeing of bills for you, but none that is good to bee gott, though have got a promise against next post to the valew of A Little money w[hi]ch you may rely upon and soe I remaine
M:B

In the meane time I hope Tho[mas]: Browne is arrived

25 May 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr W[illia]m Benson

Newcastle May the 25th 1677

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 19 present and according to your order have taken Care of your Iron, but for my p[ar]t I have noe occation neither of the sort, nor any other, having already very well supplied my selfe for the yeare though if you please to sett upon itt the Lowest price, I will see what I can doe to Serve you my opinion is, if itt give w[ha]t I bid you that will be the most, but use your discretion ~

pray advise mee If I may sell the narrow by its selfe and att what price, and another thing is wee can never sell goods heare for ready money, but Commonly gives 3/m[onths] time, lett mee have your order In every partivcular, and your Interest I will assure you shall be promoted as much as possible by him that realy is

M:B

25 May 1677 Philipp Leece to Humphrey Willett

ditto [Newcastle May 25 1677]

Writt this day to Mess[eu]rs: Willettes and sent them 2 billes for £160:==:

PL: p[er] MB:

29 May 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: The 'C q ll' column headings in the table are Hundredweight (8 stones), Quarter (of a hundredweight, i.e. 2 stones or 28 lb) and pounds]

Hono[ure]d Sir

Newcastle May 29th 1677

John Mowbray happened to bee here when I opened yo[u]rs of the 22d from Wainsford Bridge w[i]th whome and Christopher next pay shall God willinge fully discourse the businesse about Mr Carnaby and of our Result you may expect an account att my Returne from thence in the meane time I finde J:M: Clearly for the Costly men

I dare nott say itt was my Cousin John his advice that made the Sport att Fallowfeild; but hee told mee when all was done; that the unreasonableness of the businesse made him speake soe much in their behalfe; or such like wordes neare that purpose; I now leave itt to better Judgment to Judge; for my part I am satisfissied hee had a finger in the Pie the that have soe greate a kindnesse for Christopher may easily bee guessed beinge two very honest Bretheren; that have nott a good word to give him behind his backe and R[ichard]:M[owbray] told mee; that Ch[ristopher]: will never bee able in all his life; to doe you that service that hee hath done; and both of them much more; not worth yo[u]r hearinge being all babbles; onely one Report there is; and from whence itt comes I can nott learne vizt that hee is runn much behind hand in the place from whence hee came; otherwise would never have come to you and I heard one saye that my Cousin John should say he would lett him goe on his way for a while; but know very well how to (and would) trunce him afterwards I cannott tell; my Cousin John doe noe love him and all about the house;

The followinge Sortes of Iron were found in the Cellor under the Shopp vizt

	C	q	ll
23 Coulter Moulds qty	5	0	2
27 Ends Rodd Iron qty	12	0	0
152 Anchor Palmes qty	62	3	16
12 <Stroker> Plates qty	5	0	14
64 Ladles qty	19	2	24
43 Iron Grates qty	32	0	14
In all	136	3	14

I desire to know how you will please to vallew them; this is w[ha]t I can remember needfull att present onely that all freinds God bee thanked are well soe w[i]th my duty to you my humble Service to my Lady prayinge for yo[u]r health and hippiness and earnestly craveinge yo[u]r blessinge I remayne as in duty bound

MB:

1 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle June p[ri]mo [1st] 1677~

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs before nott fully answred w[hi]ch God willinge I shall now doe att large

yo[u]r first of the 12th past requires little answer

all yo[u]r rest is cheifely about Thomas Browne and yo[u]r acc[oun]t of the Saile of the Coales and Grindstones I have received Examined found right and booked accordingly onely 2 p[er]o/o [percent] for Commission is very high though willinge to Submitt; for all that others have not soe much; pray dispose of my Leed and make money of itt as soone as you cann for I am ashamed to bee soe much and soe long in yo[u]r Debt occationed by my Brother Edw[ar]des disapoyntm[en]t [disappointment] pray advise mee w[ha]t discourse past betwixt you the very length of itt and w[ha]t positive order hee gave you for; for my part I can send you noe bills as yett without greate losse; could rather and better affoord to allow you after the Rate of 10 p[er]o/o [percent] till I could reimbursse you And certainly what Leed you have of my Lady yorkes. I thinke you might dispose of itt in a short time ~

I shall send noe more Grindstones till further Order when ever they or Leed or Coales are in request w[i]th you advise mee the sortes vendable w[i]th you and God willinge you shall bee Supplied you say my Grindstones were soe bigge; made them goe the worsse off; I wish I had knowne itt before for could have sent you any sort; soe advise mee for my future Governe w[ha]t sortes are most vendable and most in request w[i]th you ~

if any Leed a wantinge I hope you have made the Ma[ster] pay for itt ~

Pray once more make money of my Leed; the businesse answers Pretty well because I payd but a reasonable freight but now noe Vesselles to bee gott upon the like tearmes noe nott by the one halfe att the least ~

feare noe draughts upon you by mee; till first you bee reimbursed; for I am too much ashamed allready; and soe I remayne

MB:

1 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to William Hindmers

Mr W[illia]m Hindmers

Newcastle June p[ri]mo [1st] 1677

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 28th past and doe returne you my hearty thanks for yo[u]r remembrance of mee my possitive order In answer to the same is that if you can meete w[i]th a parcell of under Inch Squa[re] 60 Barres to the Tonn or upwards but not under; for £12:10:= and another parcell of 1¾ to 2 Inch Squar att same price I desire you to buy 2 Tonn of each for mee for a tryall may draw the vallew upon mee att Sight; and bringe the same a longe w[i]th you, In Effectinge of w[hi]ch you will oblidge
MB:

1 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Ditto [Newcastle 1 June 1677]

Writt to Tho[mas]: Finley etc.

1 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mes[seurs]: Charles & James Bankes

Newcastle June the: 1th 1677

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 4th past for answer unto w[hi]ch may take notice that att last I have disposed of yo[u]r timber to Mr Edward Greene for 24s a Tonn that was the most I could procure; and you may be certaine I did for you as if itt had beene my owne ~

I have this morninge ordered a man to <take> to the delivery and measureinge of the same as soone as w[hi]ch is done; the account shall be sent you butt I am affrayd little will bee done next weeke; In respect of the Whitson hollydayes ~

I shall expect an Answer of good old Hocke p[er] first conveniency ~

Sir you give mee Order to furnish you w[i]th a Shipp about 300 Tonn w[i]th Coales for Lubecke if the will accept of a reasonable Freight provided shee bee willinge to take in her full Loadinge from you neare Lubeck back to London for £100 to £120 St[erlin]g To w[hi]ch I answer wee have few Shippes of that beaithen; but if one of 200 to 250 will serve yo[u]r terme and that you will please to advise mee w[ha]t you call a reasonable freight; that is how much p[er] tonn or last as also w[ha]t goodes you Intend to Load her back w[i]th all; upon yo[u]r giveinge mee a full account in every of these perticulars I will see w[ha]t I can doe for you I am confident I could fitt you w[ith] a brave Shipp ~

Lett mee have the price of Leed Coales and Iron w[i]th you I am

MB:

1 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

[Note: Recipient not stated but the term 'Loving friend' has only been used elsewhere by MB in a letter to Edward Fletham]

Loveinge freind

Newcastle June the: 1th 1677

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th past upon Receipt of w[hi]ch I immediately repayred to Mr Ralph Elstob who is the Gentleman that took Mr Millbankes Shopp from whome Inclosed is a letter; you may advise him the prices of all Sorts of goods

you have; In w[hi]ch hee deales and if you can affoord him as cheape a penney worth as another I know upon my Recommendation hee will make use of you ~

The prices I give for my Iron wares is as followeth for all Sorts of Squar and flatt Iron from £12: to £12:10:= p[er] Tonn for Anchor Palmes English Iron £15:= ditto Swedes Iron £16:= for Socke mouldes Coulter Mouldes pann Plates Stroker plates and Laddles; Iron gross all about £16:= above and under as in goodnesse and Size fitt for this Markett ~

Pray advise mee yo[u]r Freinds name; Sir if in any thinge I can serve you here freely Commande

MB:

1 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Josuah Pannell

ditto [Newcastle 1 June 1677]

Sir

I have before mee both yo[u]rs of the 20th and 28th past the former by Thomas Burdis and the latter by Post

The 2 Ankers Rhenish I have Rec[eive]d w[hi]ch proves to content and have Credited yo[u]r acc[oun]t Currant for the same £40:12:

The <Screene> I hope will be Shipped ere this come to hand Considderinge the Losse by Exchange noe profitt by Leed if one knew how to make money St[erlin]g itt might bee worth the venturing but that I doe nott soe In hast remayne

MB:

1 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicholas Verlane

Newcastle June the: 1th 1677

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d both of yo[u]rs of the 28th past and p[ri]mo present; Henry Law[es] I hope may bee w[i]th you ere this pray cause the letter I sent you bee delivered him ~

You may Safely deale w[i]th Mr John Squires upon all acc[oun]ts I will recomende you to none but good Substantiall men

A warr w[i]th France is much feared; Continue adviseinge mee once in 14/d[ays] of occurances w[i]th you I am

MB:

2 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

2d ditto

Writt Sir W[illia]m In the behalfe if Jos[eph]: Nicholson of Morpeth for beinge
Treasurer of Castle and Tindall ward etc:

2 Jun 1677 Philipp Leece to Humphrey Willett

Mes[srs] Hump[hrey]: Willett and Company ditto [Newcastle 2 June 1677]

Sirs

Yo[u]rs of the 29th past requiring little answer save onely my Ma[ste]r his order
about the Gowne and Petty Coate for my Mis[tress]: And my Ma[ster] his Order to mee
is to advise you that both hee and my Mis[tress] soly leaves both the Collour and silk
and w[ha]t ever else belongs to the Gowne and Petty Coate to yo[u]r Ladyes Choyce
onely lett the Gowne bee alittle shorter wasted then the last and not alltogether soe
wide and alsoe desires you to send them by the first conveniency of Shippinge w[i]th
a poynl [panel?] Whiske about £4: or £5 price and 3 yards of Greene Satton Ribbin for
Sleeve Stringes ~

Inclosed you have a bill for £100: of which you are desired when dew to p[ro]cure
the needfull w[hi]ch is all that can be gott att p[re]sent but when any more can bee
hadd will be sent you and soe remaynes

P[hillip]:L[eece]: p[er] MB:

2 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr W[illia]m Benson

Newcastle June the: 2d: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 29th past; whereby you desire mee to direct my
letters to Wakefeild In yorkshire; but where to bee left you neither mention, nor doe I
know, Soe att hazard shall direct this to be left att the Post house till called for w[hi]ch I
hope will come safe to yo[u]r hands ~

In answer to yo[u]r s[aid] letter may please to take notice that for my selfe I have
noe acction for yo[u]r Iron nor would I give you the price you mention; If I had; nor can
I p[ro]cure that price In Towne; you may be certaine I will act as much as lies in my
power; for yo[u]r advantage and will continue the same care ~

Of yo[u]r concerne as I have hither to done tis In soluo Custodio; and ready to bee
delivered To yo[u]r Order and soe I remayne

MB:

12 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Edw[ar]d Allan [Allen]

Newcastle June the: 12th: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th present; for answer unto w[hi]ch I have informed my selfe w[i]th the prices of our Marketts here for your beanes but can nott bee bidd one penny more then £7:== p[er] last such as they came to my hand such the are still well layd up and turned every fourteene dayes ~

I also take notice of the second past of yo[u]r letter and shall furnish the Ma[ste]r w[i]th a Loadinge of Coales but not upon the account of yo[u]r Beanes, In w[hi]ch I must begg yo[u]r excuse and soe I remayne

MB:

12 Jun 1677 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 12 June 1677]

Writt this day to Mess[rs] Willetts and sent them one bill for £100

J:W p[er] Mr Michel Blackett

16 Jun 1677 Timothy Davison to Urban Hall

[Note: A subsequent letter (18 June 1677) to John Strother expands on the 'concerns' mentioned in this letter.]

Mr Urbane Hall :

Newcastle June the: 16th 1677

Sir

The bearer hearof Philipp Leece is a Servant to my Brother Michael Blackett; now sent over by him as well to dispose of some Goods as to Agitate some Concernes hee hath att Stockholm and desired a line from mee beinge butt a Stranger to you that you would please to affoord yo[u]r advice and assistance in w[ha]t needfull; therefore pray observe his orderes as well in Selling as buyinge and Goods hee shall Intrust to yo[u]r Care w[ha]t you doe in his account will meete w[i]th punctuall Compliance and yo[u]r kindnesse therein will Engage

TD

This is a Coppie of Mr Timothy Davison his letter to Mr Urban Hall of Stockholme

16 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edward Fleatham

Ditto [Newcastle 16 June 1677]

Last time that I see you yo[u]r promise was to come and drinke a Glasse of wine w[i]th mee and I both hoped for and should have beene glad of yo[u]r company on Tuesday next I doe Intend God willinge to bee att yarme against w[hi]ch time; I doe desire that you will p[ro]cure mee w[ha]t money you can possible for my occations att present are very urgant and for what as shall remayne; if you pay mee considerably I shall forbear longer and soe I remayne

MB:

16 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edward

ditto [Newcastle 16 June 1677]

I am desired by my Brother Davison and very earnestly to lett you know hee expects his money very shortly accordinge to advice given him itt beinge now dew and w[hi]ch makes him more move this businesse is that within a few dayes hee is to pay a considerable sume w[hi]ch without yo[u]r furnishing him w[i]th w[ha]t was promised hee will bee for straytened and forced to borrow £100: or £200: these were his very words to mee this night and besides Brother I am this day come from the pay and by discourse I find my Cousen John Blacket very ready and earnest for the having in of his money and both of them lookes upon compliance from mee for my part I doe assure you provided you hold yo[u]r resolution and give me but yo[u]r Order I shall pay wh[a]t you doe desire very readily and in the meane time I desire you to send mee my Lady yorkes bill upon Mes[srs] Willettes for what you thinke convenient without w[hi]ch hee will nott place one farthinge to my Creditt upon yo[u]r account ~

My Father this night gott very well home all friends God be thanked very well here; I hope the same w[i]th you w[i]th my humble service to my Sister I remayne

MB:

16 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essrs] Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

June the: 16: 1677

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th present and within 2 or 3 Posts expectes to send you a bill from my Lady Yorke for a Considerable summe noe more of this businesse itt hath vexed mee too much allready In the meane time inclosed is two Billes for £104:2:8 of w[hi]ch I pray procure the needfull when dew ~

As soone as possible pray convert mee Leede into money; w[ha]t ever yo[u]r Lady bestowes on a Gowne and a Whiske for my Wife I shall be soe farr from beinge angry att itt that itt will bee very Satisfactory unto

MB:

16 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Harmen Algreves

Mr Harmen Algreves

Newcastle June the: 16th 1677

Sir

I have some billes att some times come to my hands upon you from Merchants in this Towne and though according to the Old Proverb I desire nott to eate another mans Bread out of his mouth yett for Old acquaintance sake I thought itt convenient to lett you know that att present I am for my selfe and will be ready to send you upon all ocations as cheape if not cheaper then any man in this place and none shall bee more ambitious of; nor more ready to obey and observe yo[u]r commands; soe for future dispose as you please of

MB:

16 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

[Note: Captain Bickerstaff's forename was Philip. He married Jane, widow of John Clark of Chirton, Northumberland in October 1675. The change in hand in the writing is presumably because Michael's usual scribe, his servant Philipp Leece was en route to Stockholm. In all probability the scribe was MB's apprentice John Wilkinson.]

Mr Hubert Aylwin [Alywyn]

ditto [Newcastle 16 June 1677]

Sir

I doe not understand your meaning of writing soe many times upon one subject, for my part upon your request, Intending noe prejudice to the Lady, nor any of her friends, and in Answer to yours of the 9th pres[en]t I hereby Lett you know that she is married, to the best of my knowledge about 8ber [October] last, with a very civell, honest, Ingenious worthy Gentleman, Capt[ain] Bickerstaff by name, Brother to Sir Charles Bickerstaff, I Cann hear of noe reall Estate he ever had, but while he was Governour of Berwicke £400: p[er] annum w[hi]ch since marryidge, he hath turned over to some other, and now Lives with his Lady, who was worth to him as generally is reported above £20000: and that being the needfull I remane

MB

18 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno [John] Strother

Newcastle June 18 1677

Sir

I hope this will find you well gott home to your Lady; and this Serves Chiefly to accompany the bearer Thomas Kirke M[aste]r of my Vessell In whom I have Loaden and Consigned unto you two hundred pecies [pieces] Leed and Cl [150] Chalder of Coales newcastle measure, w[hi]ch after good arrivall be pleased to receive and dispose thereof att price Currants, for w[ha]t they will yeild, for I find noe profit by having goods unsold a whole year together, and I hope ere that my Salt is sold likewise, if not I doe expect, as I hereby give you order, to doe it upon receipt hereof, now you have full orders, w[hi]ch if you will not observe, I must begg your excuse, and have given my servant Phillip Leece who comes along with s[ai]d vessell, full authority to demand s[ai]d goods, and dispose thereof as he best can, you see I doe not halt w[i]th you, had you sold my salt upon arrivall, I believe it had been nigh £100: In my purse, In short I will have noe goods lye unsold any more, but expect the net proceed both of the Salt and the goods hereby Loaden, to be doeing mee good In pt [part?] of this my vessells Loading back, if you readily performe this my desire, and will accept of my small Commission, you are very welcome to itt w[hi]ch if itt stand with your Convenience after what is above written is Effected, I must desire you to dispatch s[ai]d Vessell back w[i]th all speed possible with a loading of the best and finest Iron and best mettle that can be procured, I need not mention any sorts, you know which sorts you used to send, my man will advise you the most vendable sorts, pray Lay your heads together and Lett me have a loading of good Iron ~

After all is done pray clean accompt with him and w[ha]t will be found dew unto you may valew upon M[es]seur[s] Banckes [Bankes] of Hamb[urg] whoe will accept your bill and bills, but I hope your draughts will not exceed two hundred pounds however for fear of awant, have given ord[e]r to the valew of £400: which according to my Computation will be much more then you will need ~ A last or two of tarr and as much of pitch, if itt be 3: 4: 5: or six Last of each, it will not bee amisse to send mee provided it be reasonable, but if dear I cann be without it, a few Anker [Anchor] palms, and a few pann plaite, I would gladly have, a ton or two of each will be enough, if none to be procured noe remidy but patience, pray study my most advantage and you will oblige

MB

18 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Urban Hall

Mr Urban Hall

Newcastle June 18: 1677

Sir

The above doth Embolden mee to trouble you with these few lines requesting itt of you, that if Incase the bearer hereof Phillip Leece doe Repaire unto you, you would please to afford him your best advice and assistance, and if he desire you either to sell or buy goods upon my acc[oun]t pray Lett it be done to my best advantage, and In short observe his order in every particular, If you chance to be In disburse may freely reimburse your self upon M[esieur]s Charles and James Bankes marchants In Hambrough, who will honour your draughts ~

Sir if you act my Concerne pray study my most advantage and you will much oblige

M:B

18 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Anthony Purvas

Mr Anthony Purvas

Ditto [Newcastle 18 June 1677]

Sir

If the bearer hereof Phillip Leece shall make his address unto you for your advice or assistance in my Concern; I pray bee helpful unto him In w[ha]t you may and you will oblige

M:B

18 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mes[seurs] Charles and James Banks

Ditto [Newcastle 18 June 1677]

Sirs

My Last to you was the 1st June to which Referrs you, since none from you soe the Less to Inlarge upon, in my last I gave you advice of the sale of your Timber and promised to send you an account of the same after Whitson holly dais [days] were over, but Mr Greene to whom it was sold by casuallity hee gott a most dangerous fall and all most broake his backe, soe that as yett nothing is done in itt; but soe soone as Mr Greene is able to sturr about to take deliverance of itt, you may expect an account thereof; ~

I pray send forward the Inclosed to Mr Jno [John] Strother and advise him that you will accept of his bills to the valew of £400: St[erlin]g, on my account, but of In case my Servant Philipp Leece, doe write you from Stockholme and order you not to accept s[ai]d Strothers bills, pray Lett it be observed, and if itt soe fall out, then pray be pleased to accept all Mr Urban Halls bills w[hi]ch: my s[ai]d Servant shall give you advice to be drawne upon you upon my acco[un]t you know how to reimburse your selfe and soe I remaine

M:B

19 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seurs] Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

Newcastle June 19: 1677

Sirs

I am just now goeing from home; so shall Answer your Last from Stockton; soe this serves chiefly to advise you, that this day I have to pleasure my friend Mr W[illiam] Bayles drawne upon you a bill for £50 payable 12/d[ays] after sight to him or order; which pray Lett bee complied with all and you will oblige.

M:B

26 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno [John] Strother

Newcastle June the 26th: 1677

Sir

The above is w[ha]t I have writt you by Thomas Kirk who sailed yesterday, if the present come to hand before the vessell pray be makeing all things ready I doe not question but you will readily observe my order In every particular, and likewise study my most advantidge soe shall not Inlardge then that I am

M:B

26 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: The letter from the 22nd mentioned below is not in this letter book, presumably because it was sent while Michael was away from his usual office and copy clerk. Michael's sister Christian married a Robert Mitford, but there is no obvious John Mitford visible from the Blackett interactive family tree.]

Mes[srs] Hump[hrey]: Willetts and Compa[ny]

Ditto [Newcastle 26 June 1677]

Sirs

In my Last of the 22d from Stockton I sent you a bill for £100:== w[hi]ch I hope came well to your hands I have alsoe been att Richmond, and will now god willing very shortly send you my Lady Yorks bills upon your selfe, and one Mr Jno Mitford for £1000:~ 14 dais [days] will be the Longest ~

att my Returne home doe meet with yours of the 11th and 21th past ~ for Answer unto both w[hi]ch Gabriell Rontry is arrived, and the things proves extraordinary to Content ~ have given you Creditt for the Cost and Charges thereof ~

pray dispose of the Remainder of my Leed as soone as possible Mr Jo[h]n Ellison is a man I thinke able enough, and with whom you may deale if you thinke Convenient, for my p[ar]t I would trust him more then I shall sure mention, I have spoke to him but he tells me he has noe order to pay mee any money, I perceive you and he cannot agree about Commission ~ I am

M:B

26 Jun 1677 John Wilkinson to James Cooke

Ditto [Newcastle 26 June 1677]

Sent to Mr James Cooke by Cuthbert Fowler being my masters order £15:==

29 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[srs] Hump[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny]

Newcastle June the 29: 1677

Sirs

To pleasure a friend, and meeting with good advance I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £250:== payable 12/d[ays] sight to Mr Walter Ettrick or order valew of Mr George Murton, which pray Lett be complied with all soe remains, I shall be remitting as fast as I can

M:B

29 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

[Note: The last letter in this letterbook to the Bankes was on the 18th rather than 19th.]

Mes[srs]: Charles and James Bancks

Ditto [Newcastle 29 June 1677]

Sirs

My Last to you was of the 19 present to which Referrs you Since none from you so the Less to Inlarge upon, this being Chiefly to Confirme my former, desireing you to observe my servant Phillipp Leece his order from Stockholme In every particular, and safely to send forward the Inclosed ~

now comes to hand yours of the 15th I will assure you that in the saile of your wooden commodities I did for you, as if they had been my owne, the acc[oun]t thereof shall be sent you as soone as possible but your Timber not yett taken away occationed by what is above written ~

the <wine> Rennish I have Rec[eive]d In salvo Custodio, how it proves shall know hereafter not a mast[e]r now will undertake your voyadge mentioned they all give mee

for Answer, that before they can have your Resolution Sommer [summer] will bee too far spent, for the performing of such a voyadge ~

soe noe more of that I am

M:B

£3: p[er] Last is the usuall freight for the above mentioned voyadge and for thereabouts I thinke a vessell may be procured if you hasten your answer, but pray advise how far of Lubeck tis, where they must take in there Loading of wooden Commodities

MB

29 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Ditto [Newcastle 29 June 1677]

Sir

I expected ere this to have heard from you ~

I desire to know what you have done with the note of £130:== I gave you, if you Can find mee a bill for the £100:== remaindeing you will oblidge. M:B

29 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Urban Hall

Mr Urban Hall

Newcastle June the 29: 1677

Sir

By the Recommendation of my Bro[ther]: Timo[thy]: Daveson [Davison] I writ you the 18th present by my servant Phillipp Leece, which if delivered unto you and you desired to act my Concernes, pray Lett it be done to my most advantidge, In short pray observe s[ai]d Leece his order in every Particular, and when you have occation to draw upon mes[seurs] Bankes of Hamb[rough] upon my acco[un]t doe but acquaint my s[ai]d servant therewith that he may Likewise give advice thereof, and all your bills will be dewly honoured, pray deliver the Inclosed when Called for, and you will much Engade

MB

29 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Philipp Leece

Phillip Leece

Ditto [Newcastle 29 June 1677]

I hope this will finde you well gott to Stockholme, w[hi]ch I should bee gladd to have an acco[un]t of from your owne hands, I thinke Jno Strother will be Civile, soe Long as

he is, be you Civile likewise to him, but I must have noe goods lye unsold I find noe profit by itt, you know my mind for I told it you fully before you went away Soe if J[ohn]: S[trother]: say he cannott sell my goods, doe you Repaire unto Mr Urban Hall, and Lett him know how the case stands and he and you Lay your heads together, and dispose of both salt Leed and Coales for w[ha]t they will yield, and desire him to reload s[ai]d vessell and as either he or Jno [John] Strother drawes upon mes[seurs] Bankes desire them to acquaint you therewith ~ that you may likewise give advice thereof, and then there bills will be dewly honoured, otherwise they will not, for soe I have ordered my business, and written mes[seurs] Bankes accordingly you may acquaint J:S: w[ha]t a kindness I have for him, and that I should be sorry to take my Commission from him, but if he will not observe my order I must bee forced to doe itt, for plainely and shortly I will have noe goods lye unsold, I thinke the of my salt lost mee £100:== but am Resolved to losse noe more that way, Come I am Confident you will find him Civile and ready to serve mee, and see shall Conclude advise mee of w[ha]t passes I am
M:B

29 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Edw[ar]d Allen

Newcastle June the 29: 1677

Sir

Your vessell is arrived and shall be dispatched with all speed possible, and soe I remaine

M:B

29 Jun 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seurs]: Hump[hrey]: Willetts and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 29 June 1677]

Sirs

by good fortune after sealing of my Letters I have mett with the Inclosed bill for £100:== of which procure the needfull, shall remitt you more as fast as I cann I hope this day to heare from you of the disposall of my Leed I am

MB

3 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Edw[ar]d Allen

Newcastle July the 3d 1677

Sir

Michaell yoakely is dispatched, Inclosed you have an Invoyce of his Loading amounting unto £69:1s:= which somme have this day valewed upon you payable 10/d[ays] sight to mr Hump[hrey]: Willett or order, your Compliance w[i]th the sayme I doubt not soe remaines
MB

3 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 3 July 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 26 past for which I heartily thank you Inclosed you have my Lady yorkes bills upon your selfe for £570 as also another small bill upon Mr Edw[ar]d Allen for £69:1s:= and shortly will find you bills upon mr Jno Midforth for £500:== or £600:== more

My brother Edw[ar]d is In towne desires to be remembered unto you and to Lett you know that of the £100:== you returned him he onely Brind [brought?] as you may remember £95:== soe that remaines dew to him £5:== out of which he is willing to allow you w[ha]t you please for the returne of s[ai]d £100 Lett mee know w[ha]t I shall pay him and itt shall be done

for future shall direct my Letters singly to you as you order soe remaines

M:B

3 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum[phrey] Willett

Newcastle July 3d 1677

Sir

after sealing of my Letters to pleasure my Brother Davison have past a bill upon you for £128:10:= payable 10/d[ays] sight to mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe or order valew of s[ai]d Timo: Davison which pray Lett be complied withall I am

M:B

3 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Ditto [Newcastle 3 July 1677]

Sir

I have yours by Cuthbert Fowler for Answer ~

I doe not question but Edw[ar]d Fletham will pay you the moneys shortly soe that the sooner you Can find mee a bill for £100:== remaineing, the greater kindness you will doe mee

I take notice of your parcell of Anker [anchor] palms but you never mention what sorts nor what size soe that I Cannot tell you w[ha]t they will give you – if Sweeds Iron and siziabie I thinke they will yeild after the rate of £16:== p[er] Tunn if English Iron not soe much be forty shilings

for my part I shall nott Councell you to send them about unless you were Certaine of a price and I have noe occation but if you doe send them about I shall doe for you as if they were my owne

Stockholme Tarr from £9:== to 10l:==

Thinn Tarr £8:== to £9:==

Leed [Lead] £10:== p[er] Fodder

Coales 7s to 8s a Chalder

Rye 2s 8

M:B

3 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 3 July 1677]

writt Mr Hump[hrey]: Willett another Letter and advised him of £168l:5s:6d valewed upon him p[ayable]: 16/d[ays] date to mr Jno <Husay> or order valew of Anthony Jackson Esq[ui]re]

6 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Newcastle July 6th 1677

Sir

I desire you to give me an acco[un]t w[ha]t you have done about my business w[i]th Edw[ar]d Fletham – If you Cannot gett the money pray send mee back again the bill and I will send you £30:== soe remaines

MB

6 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Newcastle July 6: 1677

Sir

I have this day valewed the following bills upon you viz –
one p[ayable] 15/d[ays] sight to mr Geo[rge]: Richards or order
valew of mr Joseph Hudleston for £100
one p[ayable] 15/d[ays] sight to mr Winifried Ogle or order
valew of mr Robert Rookeby for £290:==

both of which pray Lett be complied withall ~

within a post or two I expect to find you bills for 700l:== or £800:== w[hi]ch shall
rest in your hands a while, besides I have Lying by me about 400 p[iece]s Leed, which
you may expect p[er] first convenience, I Long to heare of the saile of the 200 p[iece]s
you Last Received I am In Hast

M:B

7 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

mr Jos[h]ua Pannell

ditto [Newcastle July] 7th 1677

Sir

I perceive by a Letter from mr Nicholas Verlan[e] of Amsterdam that you have
ordered him to buy mee a <Schreene> [Screen?] and to send itt mee p[er] first
Convenience, w[hi]ch is well, In paying him for the same you need not trouble your
selfe (if not already done) but order him to place itt to my acco[un]t - what you finde
by your bookes dew to mee may please to send mee the nett p[ro]ceed thereof In rodd
Iron p[er] first Convenience ~

Hen[ry]: Laws the bearer here of if he returne hither will bring itt for mee, if he doe
not you may send itt by any other Convenience ~ I doe not question but you Can buy
as Cheap as others, and be as spareing in the Charge, all which I Leave to your
discretion ~

I heare Leed is Rissen with you to 24 or 25 if soe Lett mee know p[er] first ~ and I
desire, you will please once In 14/d[ays] to advise mee how occurances rules w[i]th
you I am

M:B

10 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho[las]: Verlan[e]

Newcastle July 10: 1677

Sir

I take notice by your Last of the Receipt of £200: of Henry Laws upon my acco[un]t
w[hi]ch have booked In Conformity ~

I Long to heare of the shipping of a Schreene [Screen] for me as mr Jos[hua]: Pannell has ordered you, you need not trouble him for money, but may plan it to my acco[un]t w[ha]t you find by your books to have of mine in your hands Let the ballance be sent mee in rodd Iron p[er] first Convenience Lett me have good stuff and you will oblidge
M:B

13 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

mr Hen[ry]: maisters

Newcastle July the 13th: 1677

Sir

by the two last parcells of Iron small square I shall loose Considerably haveing most of it in my hands and for any thing I know it may be soe for some years, however for old acquaintaince I have a desire to Imploy you and I hope you will Endeavour to make mee amends soe p[er] first Convenience you will please to advise mee if a parcell of Sweeds Iron square from 2 ½ to 2 ¾ and 3 Inches square be to be had and att w[ha]t price, In doing of w[hi]ch you will oblidge
M:B

13 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

mr Thomas Western

Ditto [Newcastle 13 July 1677]

p[er] first Convenience be pleased to advise mee if you can furnish mee with a parcell of square Sweeds Iron from 2 ½ to 2 ¾ and 3 Inches square and att what price, In doinge of which, you will oblidge
M:B

17 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

M[esseurs] Charles and James Banckes

Newcastle July the 17: 1677

Sirs

My last to you was of the 29th past, which I hereby Confirm desiring you, to Lett the order of my Servant Philipp Leece from Stockholme be observed In every particular your timber was all d[elivere]d yesterday noe Longer since I will assure you and now very shortly you may expect an acco[un]t of the whole Concerne and I desire your order at your Convenience about the nett proceed thereof, as moneys comes In; pray how rules Iron with you This being the needful I remaine as I really am
M:B

17 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edw[ar]d Fletham

Ditto [Newcastle 17 July 1677]

I hope in this Thou hast satisfyed my note In favour of James Cooke for the somme of £130l: In Confidence whereof have placed the same to your Credit ~ and now I desire att thy Leasure to Lett mee know when thou thinkes, thou wilt be able to furnish mee with the remainder ~

my love to my A[u]nt and Cosin Thomas, with the same to thy self I remaine
M:B

17 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

mr W[illia]m Benson

ditto [Newcastle 17 July 1677]

Sir

I understand by Cosin Jno Rumney that when I have occation for your Iron, you Expect to hear from mee, so which I thought good to Lett you know, that I neither have nor shall have the yearn for such sorts, haveing already very well suppelyed my selfe but I am ready to doe you all the service that lyes in my power, soe if you have a mind to sell itt pray Lett mee know your Lowest price, which if I Can procure, or above, for you, I will be well, and if not tis but my Labour Lost, which is really att your service if a parcell of square Iron from 2 ½ to 2 ¾ and I 3 Inches square Could be had reasonably, I would not <Care> to venter of 5 or Tenn Tunn for a tryall, pray your advice unto
M:B

20 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

Mr Tho[mas]: Western

Newcastle July the 20: 1677

Sir

I writ you In my Last of the 13: something about a parcell of square Iron from 2 ½ to 2 ¾ and 3 Inches square but it was my great mistake, for the sort I must have must be of 1 ½ to 1 ¾ and 2 Inches square, of which size pray advise mee your Lowest price, and that p[er] first Convenience, In doing whereof you will very much oblige
M:B

20 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

mr W[illia]m Benson

ditto [Newcastle 20 July 1677]

Sir

I writ you in my Last of the 17th something about a parcell of square Iron from 2 ½ to 2 ¾ and 3 Inches square but it was my great mistake, for the sort I must have must be of 1 ½ to 1 ¾ and 2 Inches square, of which size pray advise mee your price thereof, and that p[er] first Convenience, In doing whereof you will very much oblige
M:B

20 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

hen[ry]: maisters

ditto [Newcastle 20 July 1677]

Sir

I writ you in my Last of the 13th: something about a parcell of square Iron from 2 ½ to 2 ¾ and 3 Inches square but it was my great mistake, for the sort I must have must be of 1 ½ to 1 ¾ and 2 Inches square, of which size pray advise mee the price thereof, and that p[er] first Convenience, In doing whereof you will very much oblige
M:B

21 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

mr Tho[mas]: Western

Newcastle July the 21: 1677

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 17th p[re]s[en]t. I know very well that there is noe such sort of Sweeds Iron Sq[uare], as I first writ for, you say you have a parcell of full Inch and halpe [half] and some neare two Inch pray advise mee w[ha]t quantity you have, of that sort, and your lowest price perhaps I will take all you have soe remains
M:B

21 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maisters

mr Hen[ry]: maisters

Newcastle July the 21: 1677

Sir

I writ you in my Last of the 20th p[re]s[en]t of my mistake In a former Letter about the size of a parcell of square Iron desired, and that the sort I must have of, is to be

from 1½ to 1¾ and 2 Inches square if any such bee to be had pray advise mee and att w[ha]t price, and how the Iron newly arrived proves, w[ha]t sorts and how it rules ~

White wheat 3s: 6d p[er] Bush[el] Reed wheatt 3s Rye 2s:4d White Pease 2s: 6d:
Gray Pease 1s: 8d pease and beanes mixt 1s: 8d malt 1s: 6d Bigg and Barley, noe vent
att that time, oates 1s: 2d to 1s:4d Coales 7s to 8s a Chalder Leed 10l: to 10l: 5s
Grindestones 14s a Chalder I am

This in Answer to yours of the 17th p[re]s[en]t

M:B

21 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

mr Nicho[las] Verlan[e]

ditto [Newcastle 21 July 1677]

Sir

my Last unto you was of the 10th p[re]s[en]t to w[hi]ch Referrs you since none from you soe the Less to Inlardge upon, this being Chielfy to Confirm my former, that att your Leasure you would be pleased to looke over your books and w[ha]t money you finde in your hands dew to mee, That the ballance thereof be sent mee In Rodd Iron p[er] first Convenience, In doing whereof you will very much oblige

M:B

21 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Josua Pannell

ditto [Newcastle 21 July 1677]

Sir

my Last unto you was of the 7th: to which Referrs you since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon, this being Chiefly to Confirm my former, that att your Leasure you would be pleased to looke over your books and w[ha]t mony you find in your hands dew to mee, That the ballance be sent mee In Rodd Iron p[er] first Convenience, In doing whereof you will very much oblige

M:B

24 Jul 1677 John Wilkinson to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Newcastle July the 24: 1677

Sir

my master is away and when he will come home I Cannot advise you, if he were In towne I am very Confident he would stretch himself very hard to serve you, att his

returne I shall deliver him your Letters, and then you may expect an Answer from him w[hi]ch is the needfull att p[re]sent I am

J: W p[er] my master MB

24 Jul 1677 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 24 July 1677]

Sir

you may a Little wonder that you have not heard from my master In soe long a time, he is in yorkshire about some extraordinary business, and when he will return I cannot advise you, here is severall of your Letters comd to hand w[hi]ch I shall not presume to Answer, but the inclosed 5 bills I have vintend to send you being for £500l:=s:=d the needfull of which pray receive when dew I am

J: W p[er] my master MB

27 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Newcastle July the 27: 1677

Sir

I am att Last god be thanked well gott home, where I find Severall of yours, but have not the post time to Answer them ~

I find my man Sent you bills for £500:= w[hi]ch I hope is safe Comd to hand and this day have valewed upon you £240:= p[ayable]: 20/d[ays] date to mr Jno Wood or order valew of mr Rich[ard]: Tooth which pray Lett be Complied withall, more p[er] next, Interim Remaine

MB

27 Jul 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

mr Josua Pannell

Newcastle July the 27: 1677

Sir

I hope ere this Hen[ry]: Laws is arrived, and will pay you more money then I find myselfe Indebted to you, pray desire him to make hast back again to this port, for I have a good freight for him soe remaines

M:B

4 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Newcastle Augt 4th 1677

Sir

I have this day valewed upon you the 2 following bills vizt
one for 12l p[ayable]: 10/d[ays] sight to mr Ralph Sanderson
or order valew of madam Ann Swinburne £12:==
one for 10l p[ayable]: 10/d[ays] sight to mr Jno Naylor
or order valew of mr Thomas Naylor £10:==
Both w[hi]ch pray lett be complied withall ~

To this day have not time to looke upon your Letters shall shall Answer them
shortly in the mean time remains

M:B

4 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Sir W[illia]m Blackett

Newcastle Aug[us]t 4: 1677

Hono[ure]d Sir

I doe beg it of you to do me the kindness as to speake a word to your sack
marchand [merchant] In my behalfe, for I shall want two or three hampers against the
sizes, therefore my request is that att your Leasure you will please to send for him, and
order him to send me p[er] very first Convenience the quantity above mentioned of the
very best In his seller [cellar], each hamper to Contain betwixt 3 or 4 douzen, bottles,
and as soon as he shall send me his noate, I will immediately order him his mony;
another trouble, the partiss Concerned In the French vessell, doe desire you not to
thinke much withall, w[hi]ch is, that if you meet w[i]th a Convenience to speake w[i]th
the Comm[issioner]s you will please to see if any Course Can be taken for our Landing
our fish, when please god willing the vessell arrives, without paying any more Custom
or other duties, than English vessells ~

I intend god willing for the pay Tuesday morning att my return, may expect the
best acco[un]t I can Learne of occurrences there, I hope this will finde you well gott to
London that being the needful praying for your health and happiness and earnestly
Craveing your blessing I remaine

M:B

I question not but Care will be taken by the sack marchand of haveing good strong
bottles, and of them being well Corked

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to William Thompson

mr W[illia]m Thompson

Newcastle August 7: 1677

Sir

Upon the request of a very good friend doe Inclosed send you a Letter and if att any time I may be thought Capable of serveing either your selfe, or any of your friends, none shall be more ready to observe, and more ambitious of your Commands than myselfe, and I thinke I Can att any time furnish you with w[ha]t goods these ports affords, as Cheep as any other, and for the occruing Charges of the same none shall be more sparing ~

Coales 7s per Chalder, Leed £10:5s:= p[er] fodder of 21C weight each hundred q[uan]tity 112lt, Grindstones any sorts 13s p[er] Chalder Butter 26s p[er] firkin ~

before a Letter from you they may either rise or fall, but according to the markt, when any of Concerne from you I shall be very ready to serve you, and be assured will study your most advantidge and soe I Conclude remaineing

MB

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Newcastle August 7: 1677

Sir

I have att Last gott some Leasure to answer many of yours at Lardge, w[hi]ch I have hitherto omitted ~

In the first place have given you Creditt for my wifes gown et& [etc] £25:3:11d according to your Letter of the 14th June ~ and I thanke you for your great Care therein; as also for you drew Compliance w[ith] all bills Charged upon you, and Care In receiving when dew all bills sent to you ~ noe more of Jno Ellison, I would not have thought itt of him, if it had not comd from your owne mouth, but he is a person substantiall anove [enough?] In my opinion ~

I will not meddle with my brother and you about the £5:== mentioned in yours of the 7th July, soe End it your selfs, never doe you mention of anything writ to me of itt, had it been any other but my brother would have been very ready to have served you I am sorry for the death of Alderman <Burkin>, the Lord In heaven prepare us all ~

The acc[oun]t of the sail of my Leed have rec[eive]d Examined, found right and booked In Conformity w[ith] you haveing debited your acc[oun]t Currant £125:10s:5d ~

mrs Ogle is a brave Lady as I heare, I wonder w[ha]t reason shee had to thanke me for my kindness I am Certaine I never see her In all my life and I was not p[ai]d for the returne of her money to Content

I observe you have Rec[eive]d bills for £500:== and accepted my bills for £240:== all w[hi]ch is well ~

all my Leed my father hath Commanded, so In hast may expect none I am really
MB

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

mr W[illia]m Benson

Newcastle August the 7th 1677

Sir

some business Last post hindered mee from answering yours of the 21th and 24th past, but now may please take notice, that I neither Cann afford to give you £13:£12:15 nay £12:10s for your Iron nor £15:== for mr Westernes as I have writ him this post, for your parcell tis ready att your Command and soe I remaine
MB

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

mr Henry maister

ditto [Newcastle 7 August 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 1th p[re]sent, whereby takes notice of the parcell of square you mention w[hi]ch is note for this markt, but when you Can Sight of a parcell of such square as is desired pray be pleased to give mee an acc[oun]t thereof and the Lowest price In doing whereof you will very much oblige
M:B

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

mr Tho[mas]: Western

ditto [Newcastle 7 August 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 24th past thereby takes notice of the price of square desired to bee £15:== p[er] tonn, I cannot afford to give you any such price soe Remaines
M:B

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

M[esseu]rs Charles and James Banckes

ditto [Newcastle 7 August 1677]

Sirs

I have before mee yours of the 13: past, and though I am not in Cash, nor should not be these 3/m[onths] yett am very willing to Lett you have a shipp's loading of Coales till moneys Comes In, Soe am seekeing a good vessell, w[hi]ch I hope to procure shortly, by whome you may Expect the Invoice of the same as alsoe the acc[oun]t of your other goods, w[hi]ch will save a Little mony In posttdge [postage]~

The Rennish wine proves extraordinary good ~

I have nothing more to say about my Stockholm Concernes, only that you will be pleased to stick to my former order, w[hi]ch is w[ha]t the present offers, soe Concludes remaineing

MB

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

mr Josua Pannell

Newcastle August the 7th 1677

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 27th past, according to the same have Credited to your acc[oun]t 56 Gilders for the Schreene [Screen] I hope Hen[ry]: Law will pay you more then I owe you, otherwise will shortly doe itt my selfe, soe remaines

M:B

7 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho[las]: Verlan[e]

ditto [Newcastle 7 August 1677]

Sir

I have several of yours before mee, all which I shall now god willing answer at large

I take notice of yours of the 26 June of the Receipt of £200:== of Hen[ry]: Law upon my acc[oun]t w[hi]ch have placed to your debit ~ and for the Cost of the Screene being £56, have placed it to mr Jos[uah]: Pannells Creditt, In Conformity to yours of the 21th past I formerly desired, that w[ha]t monyes you had In your hands dew to mee to be sent mee in Rodd Iron, since which have not heard from you, w[hi]ch I a Little wonder att, pray Lett itt be Effected I am

M:B

11 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to William Thompson

Mr W[illia]m Thompson

Newcastle August the 11th: 1677

Sir

my Last to you was of the 7th present to which referrs you since I could expect none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon, this being Chiefly to advise you that here is lardge Commisions comd to towne to buy all leed possible, and I my selfe have gott one, and have this day got all the Leed that is to be had att present, soe be pleased to advise mee p[er] very first Convenience if you have occation for any, for doubtlesse others will gett Commissions within a post or two as well as my selfe, and then I am wholly p[er]swaded itt will be very deare, so w[i]th my service to your selfe Concludes remaineing

M:B

11 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mes[sr]s Charles and James Banckes

ditto [Newcastle 11 August 1677]

Sirs

my last to you was of the 7th present to which referrs you since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon this being Chiefly to advise you that I have this day Freighted a vessell for you about the burden of 100 Chalder ~ a copy of the Charter partic[ulars] you may expect p[er] next and more att lardge besides Interim remaines

M:B

14 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edw[ar]d

Newcastle August 14th 1677

If ever you will doe mee a kindnesse, procure mee aveneson against thursday come a Seaventh night the 23d present some of your friends tell mee, if I rely upon you. I may very likely be forced to make a shift without, however I will live In hopes, soe take notice of itt, for the bearer that brings itt I will pay him very well ~

my Humble service to my Lady yorke, my sister and to the Esq[uire]: and be pleased to accept of the same your selfe hoping you are all In good health and merrily disposed I Conclude remaineing

M:B

Excuse for not comeing to see you when I was att Beedle for faith I had noe time to spare

17 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

mr W[illia]m Benson

Newcastle August the 17: 1677

Sir

I yesterday sold your Iron to mr Hen[ry]: Hargrave for £12l:15s:= to pay within 4/m[onths] and though I say itt I think t'is very well sold paym[en]t when dew you need not feare, I doe not question your aggrement[en]t hereof for my part I doe a Little wonder how I got him up to that price, but shall acquiesce, I hope you will be content w[hi]ch will be much to the satisfaction of
M:B

17 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 17 August 1677]

Sir

Be pleased to take notice, that I have of the 15th: present valewed upon you a bill for £100:== p[ayable]: 15/d[ays] sight to mr Thomas <Partis> or order valew Rec[eive]d of him selfe w[hi]ch pray lett be complied withall ~

I have nothing more of Concerne, onely have promised a friend a bill for £50:== w[hi]ch will be charged upon you either this post or the next, I shall be remitting as fast as I can Interim remains

M:B

20 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

mr Charles & Ja[mes]: Banckes

Newcastle August 20: 1677

Sirs

This Comes to accompany Hen[ry]: Laws, who I have freighted upon your acco[un]t, and Inclosed you have a Copy of the Charter partie, you have alsoe Inclosed an Innoyce of his Loadeing amounting unto £ [blank] w[hi]ch I have placed to your Debitt

I must desire your Excuse for 14/d[ays] In not sending you the acco[un]t of your wooden Commodities, In request of some difference att prresent betwixt me and my Customer, In the delivery thereof, w[hi]ch will be Ended in two or three daies, but then our assizes Comes on, att w[hi]ch times I cannott possible be att Leasure being att the time to waite upon our Judges, In short It shall be sent you as soone as is possible, and w[ha]t more will be dew unto you, shall be disposed of as you shall Command me, soe wishing the vessell to his desired porte I remaine M:B

mr Ch[arles]: & James Banckes

Newcast;e August the 21: 1677

Sirs

The above is Coppy of w[ha]t writ you yesterday by Hen[ry]: Laws but he sailing att tide before he Expected, and before he desired me to send downe my Letters, is the reason that you have moe Letters by him ~ Inclosed you have all the papers above mentioned, to w[hi]ch I Referr you, and is the needfull att present from

M:B

25 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

mr Hump[hrey]: Willett

Newcastle August the 25: 1677

Sir

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for one hundred pounds payable 20/d[ays] sight to mr Rob[er]t Jackson or order valew Rec[eive]d of himselfe w[hi]ch pray lett bee Complied withall ~

I have nothing more of Concerne att present I am

M:B

28 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

mr Rob[er]t Jackson

Newcastle August the 28: 1677

Sir

mr Moorecroft forgott to Call for the bill w[hi]ch Inclosed I send you, I hope all friends are well soe remaines

M:B

31 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

Mr Thomas Western

Newcastle August the 31th: 1677

Sir

Be pleased to advise me att your leasure how all sorts of Iron rules w[i]th you and if a parcell of Stantiall Iron bee to be had and att what price ~

I have a parcell of large Anchor palms from 20 to 26 Inches, I desire to know whether they would vende with you or noe and w[ha]t price they would yield, In doing whereof you will oblige M:B

31 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen[ry]: Maister

Ditto [Newcastle 31 August 1677]

Sir

Be pleased to advise me att your leasure how all sorts of Iron rules w[i]th you, and if a parcell of Stantiall Iron bee to be had and att w[ha]t price ~

I have a parcell of large Anchor palms from 20 to 26 Inches I desire to know whether they would vende w[i]th you or noe, and w[ha]t price they would yield, In doeing whereof you will oblidge

M:B

31 Aug 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr W[illia]m Benson

Ditto [Newcastle 31 August 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 23d: pres[ent] and have noted the Contents, In short your Iron is still to the fore, for I sould itt Conditionally if you approved thereof but Indeed I did Expect thanks, for I thought I had done you a kindnesse, it seems not, however noe harme done, I wish you a good price for itt, for my p[ar]t I have noe occation, about w[hi]ch Concerne your order shall be observed ~

I have a parcell of large Anchor palms from 20 to 26 Inc[hes]: pray advice mee att your leasure if such would finde aready markett with you, and w[ha]t you thinke they would yield ~ I want 4 or five tonn of Stantiall Iron, w[hi]ch if you could helpe mee too a reasonable rate you would oblidge

M:B

1 Sep 1677 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

[Note: day not given but between 31st Aug and Sept 4th]

Newcastle 7ber 1677

Writ to mr Hump[hrey]: Willett and send him a bill for £200:==

J:W p[er] M:B

4 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

mr Jos[hua]: Pannell

Newcastle 7ber: 4: 1677

Sir

I have freighted a vessell for your port Called the Greene tree of Burnham W[illia]m Greene m[aste]r and Consighned the same unto you; pray when she arrives Receive the goods Loaden (an acc[oun]t of which p[er] next) and dispose of them as well as you Can for ready mony, and reshipp mee the nett proceed In fine small roff Iron I am in hast
M:B

if any goods be to be had upon Freight for this porte pray helpe me to them and shipp them in s[ai]d vessell

5 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos[hua]: Pannell

Newcastle Sep[tember]: 5th: 1677

Sir

I am Called out of towne my vessell by whome this comes will be loaden this weeke with Coales and Grindstones the quantity of each I Cannot advise you, but the master is an honest fellow w[ha]t he hath in take all, and dispose thereof (as I yesterday Writ you p[er] post) as well as you Can for Ready mony, and Reshipp mee the nett proceed In fine small Rodd Iron, and if any goods to be had upon freight for this place pray helpe mee to them, you are to pay the m[aste]r noe freight, but if he desire any mony, lett him have w[ha]t he pleases soe farr as £400:=: I am
MB

if I could have staid att home you should have had a quantity of Leed

5 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

mr Hum[phrey]: Willett

Ditto [Newcastle 5 September 1677]

Sir

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for foure hundred and Eightie pounds p[ayable]: upon the first of 8ber [October] unto mr Nicho[las]: Harding or order for the like valew Rec[eive]d of himsele w[hi]ch pray lett be Complied w[i]thall

Inclosed is a bill for £200:=: I shall be remitting more as fast as bills Can be gott, In the meane time remaines

M:B

8 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

mr Hum[phrey]: Willett

Newcastle 7ber: 8: 1677

Sir

I have none of yours unanswered, Inclosed is a bill for £165:16s:6d shall remitt you more as bills can be procured, for now is my harvest time for a little advantage, and I verily beleive that shortly I shall Charge some good sommes upon you, however be certaine I shall take Care to reimburse you against my bills fall dew, and soe I remaine M:B

8 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Bro[the]r: Edw[ar]d

Ditto [Newcastle 8 September 1677]

The last time I writ to you for venison, you told me that I gave you soe little notice, that It was almost Impossible to procure mee any and Indeed your Endeavoars did prove Ineffectuall, but that now are such Excuse for Currant, I give you 3/w[eeks] time desiring you to procure mee one that may be here this day 3 weeks (alias upon Michaellmas day) for the Monday after I am to have a great breakfast, now I hope you will not faile mee, though some of your good friends thinkes you will for I shall really rely upon you, my Humble service to my Lady my sister and the Esq[uire] w[i]th the like to yourselfe I remaine MB

I Came Last night from the pay where I found my lady In the grumbles, and all the house in theire robes, Expecting you, but your letter mentioning to the contrary I Can assure you was very ill taken for great provision was made, more p[er]haps than you will finde when you Come M:B

8 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen[ry]: Maisters

Ditto [Newcastle 8 September 1677]

Sir

I have yours of the 4th present the stantiall Iron you mention is not vendable here for that use, I have already of that size, such as is desired must be of $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch att most, if any such bee to be had, pray advise mee the price thereof ~

my Anchor palms are all sweeds, pray lett mee know w[ha]t you thinke they would give w[i]th you ~

I have att present noe occation for <shacce> moulds, I am

M:B

8 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

mr Edw[ar]d Allen

Ditto [Newcastle 8 September 1677]

Sir

I have yours of the 4th present, according to your order shall shipp your beans for your port, soe soone as ever I can procure a vessell, have spoke to mr Tizacke and I hope In his Custody will be shipt along w[i]th the same, all are ready att your service, but that noe difference may arise hereafter pray upon Receipt lett me have your positive order, either to stm't mee to such a freight, or that I may agree for the same as well as I can, I am afraid you will finde the freight more than you thinke of let me have your Answer, and your order shall be observed by him that is

M:B

8 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

mr Tho[mas]: Western

Newcastle 7ber: 8: 1677

Sir

I have yours of the 4th present wherein you advise the price of Iron to be from 13l to 13l:10s Can you buy mee a parcell of Good narrow flatt sweeds att that price, I heare you your selfe p[ai]d my Brother Davison £13:10s for a whole ship Loadeing soe pray att your Leasure lett mee heare from you, my Anchor palms I Intend for your port, Consigne the same unto mr Hum[phrey]: Willett, if for your purpose you shall be welcome to them if not, I hope they will serve another for they are right Sweede ~

noe occation of Sussex shorts att present I am

M:B

11 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to William Benson

mr W[illia]m Benson

Newcastle 7ber: 11th, 1677

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 8th according to your order shall deliver your Iron to mr Rumney if he desires itt from whom this post you may Expect the needfull about itt

I thanke you heartily for your proffer about the Exchange of some Anchor palms, t'is very strange there should be noe difference w[i]th you I onely desired you to lett mee know what such anchor palms as I mention would give, which if you please doe att your leasure I am

M:B

11 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

mr Rob[er]t Jackson

Ditto [Newcastle 11 September 1677]

Sir

I have yours of the 7th for the 20s you mention awanting I shall Answer to itt, that the next time you may either send a man that Can till moniys better or att best will not be soe Spareing of his labour, tis very true when the money was told to mr Dunny there was 20s over and I would have Councilled him to have told the money over againe which he denied, soe I returned itt to the person of whome I Received itt (vizt) to mr Nicholas Harding of London, of whome you may procure itt if you Can ~ for my part I take my selfe Cleare of itt~

I take Speciall notice of one way of writing you up which is to lett mee Endeavour never soe much to serve you itt is alwaies returned to me as kindnesses done to myselfe but I shall say noe more but onely that I am as you please

M:B

15 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

mr Hump[hrey] Willett

Newcastle 7ber: 15: 1677

Sir

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £100:== p[ayable]: 10/d[ays] after sight to mr Jno Wood or order att the Excise office in Broad Street for the like valew Rec[eive]d here of Mr Ric[hard]: Tooth which pray lett be complied w[i]thall

I have several of yours unanswered, but none of note Excepting that of the 8th present, which god willing I shall now Answer in every particular first I thanke you heartily for the Care you will take to discharge all bills that I shall att any time passe upon you ~

butter enough, In this place, I Can furnish att any time att marktett price with w[ha]t quantity you please, att present tis sold for 16s to 17s p[er] firkin of 56lb weight netto, and as for tranie Ogle, the quantity you desire is to be procured, but not att your price, if you will have good Stuff itt will Cost you £14 p[er] tonn first <penny> perhaps 20s p[er] tonn may be gott abated, but suppose you had w[ha]t you desired you must be

forced to Freight a vessell if for Rouen, which will Cost you 20s atonn at least for noe vessell never goes from here to s[ai]d place, unless upon Freight, by this you may make your Calculation, if any good to be done, afford your order att your leasure unto
M:B

more Charged upon you £50 p[ayable]: 8/d[ays] sight to mr Gawen Corbin or order valew of Mr Ralph Ellstobb

£50 p[ayable]: 8/d[ays] sight to mr Ja: Eyton or order, valew of mr Ralph Ellstobb both which lett be Complyed withall.

pray send mee a Chease p[er] first Convenience
M:B

21 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

mr Hump[hrey] Willett

Newcastle 7ber: 21: 1677

Sir

Pray Informe yourselfe and advise mee p[er] first Convenience w[ha]t Anckor palms will yield w[i]th you from 22 to 26 Inches I am
MB

21 Sep 1677 Michael Blackett to Hugh Mason

mr Hugh Mason

Ditto [Newcastle 21 September 1677]

Sir

Pray be pleased att your leasure to advise me w[ha]t Anchor palms from 22 to 26 Inches will yield w[i]th you I am

2 Oct 1677 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Writ this day to Mr Hump: Willett and sent him a bill Inclosed for £119: 17s: 7d likewise given him advise that his bill for £27 odd money shall be paid JW p[er] MB

Mr Hump Willett

Ditto this post

Sr

I have already writ you this post and sent you a bill for £119: 17s: 7d since writing of which I have mett with another bill which Inclosed I send you JW p[er] MB

3 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

[Note: In Rotterdam]

Mr Josua Pannell

8br 3d 1677

Sr

This comes to accompany Thomas Kirke, whose vessell Joh<anna> Loaden with Coales, and Consigned unto you which, upon arrivall be pleased to receive, and dispose thereof for what they will yeild, and shipp mee the nett proceed in fine small Rodd Iron, and if any goods bee to be had for this place, pray helpe mee to them, and shipp them in sd vessell, I question not your Endeavoures for my most advantidge and soe remains MB

5 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Josua Pannell

8ber 5 1677

Sr

The above is a Coppy of my last to which Referrs you if this comes to your hands before sd Kirks Arrivall, pray lett the Rodd Iron and what others goods you thinke may be procured upon freight, be provided and in as much readiness as possible may be, for his ready dispatch I am in hast[e] MB

pray lett the master have w[ha]t moneys he pleases

6 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Rich: Hutchinson

Newcastle 8ber the 6th 1677

Sr

I Rec[eive]d yours some time since and have Rested in hopes to have received ere this same further account of my concernes wch I still expect dayly & the sooner the better I am MB

9 Oct 1677 Phillip Leece to Hugh Mason

Mr Hugh Mayson

Newcastle 8ber the 9 1677

Sr

At your best Convenience My master desires to have advice if either your selfe or any other in your place have any thicke square sweads Iron from Inch ½ to 2 Inch that is very good mettle and alsoe your very lowest price of the same I am PL p[er] MB

9 Oct 1677 Phillip Leece to Thomas Wistry

Mr Tho: Wistry

Ditto

Sr

At your best convenience my master desires to have advice if either your selfe or any other In your place have any thick square Sweads iron from Inch ½ to 2 Inch that is very good mettle, and alsoe your very lowest price of the same I am PL p[er] MB

9 Oct 1677 Phillip Leece to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Ditto

Sr

At your best convenience My master desires to have advice if either your selfe or any other in your place have any thicke square sweads Iron from Inch ½ to 2 Inch that is very good mettle, and alsoe your very lowest price of the same I am PL p[er] MB

12 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 8ber 12 1677

Sr

I have this day valewed upon you the two following bills vizt

one for fifty pounds p[er] 10 after sight to Mr Richard Ellborough or order valew
of Mr Ralph Ellstob £50: -: -

one for fifty pounds p[er] 10 after sight to Mr William Tigh or order valew of Mr
Ra: Ellstobb £50:

both which pray lett be complied withall to pleasure a friend have valewed £50: -: -
more upon you p[er] 15 d[ays] sight to Ed[w]ard Burdett Esqr or order valew of Mr
Rich: Carnaby, I shall remitt you some moneys shortly. In the mean time remains MB

your bill comes not to hand what is the reason pray alwaies draw w[ha]t you can upon mee, spare mee not if any profitt to be gott

13 Oct 1677 Phillip Leece to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

8ber the 13d

Sr

By my Master his order I send you here inclosed a Bill for £50: - : - of wch when dew I pray procure the needfull and more you may expect wth w[ha]t speed possible may be I am Sr PL p[er] MB

16 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

ditto

Sr

I have this day vallew'd upon you a bill for £100: payable <12> d[ays] after sight to Richd Kent Esqr or order valew of Anthony <Isaac>son Esqr wch pray lett be complied wthall I am seeking for bills and can finde none as soone as I cann you shall have them I am MB

16 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Ed Allen

Newcastle 8ber the 16th 1677

Sr

I rec[ieve]d yours of the 25th in dew time I wonder Robt Wheately comes nott to demande your Beanes when hee calls for them hee shall have them soe remaynes MB

16 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to William Thompson

Mr Wm Thompson

ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the xth present and your Inclosed unto Mr Smith was carefully delivered when wee meete shall discourse of your concerne with HB and bee assured of my most endeavours on your behalfe

little to doe this Winter some of our Ships Layd up and all of them will make noe more then this voyadge in the Spring God willinge doe Intend you a p[ar]cell of goods for a tryall upon my owne accompt (this winter if a convenience) with Invoyce thereof by wch yew may make your Calculation and if any good to bee done I shall bee willinge and ready to serve you upon your own acct I am MB

16 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Newcastle 8ber the 16th 1677

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 11th present the contents thereof have well considered but my friends and my selfe, takes your friends demands to be a little too high Leed <Clearly> the best comodity & most convenient for us if your friends be willinge to serve us (I question nott his prai<.....>) and hee thinkes that itt will bee worth his paynes upon every <.> of either Certificatt or <....> bond wee will order him the one halfe of w[ha]t is <s....d> this In shortt your answer shall expect butt pray Sr consider well of itt great care must bee taken that none of his bee att any time Exchequered and wee thinke itt convenient security bee given us to that end your thoughts p[er] first convenience unto MB

19 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to William Lee

Mr Wm Lee

Newcastle 8ber the 19th 1677

Sr

For Answer unto yours of the 15th present may please to take notice that I will pay god willing your Wife the £150: upon Mr Erringtons Acct when dew soe pray lett mee know when tis dew and where you will have itt p[ai]d, att Newcastle would doe mee a kindnesse, but must submitt to your desire & order. your mother <Granger> £100: - : - I know nothing of, have d<elivere>d your Inclosed to Mr Errington from whome may Expect an Answer If I can serve you In this place freely command MB

19 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 8ber the 19 1677

Sr

Inclosed I send you a bill for £50: of which when dew pray procure the needfull, likewise I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £20: p[er] 3 d[ays] after sight to Mr

Charles Wood or order valew of Mrs Ann Simpson which pray lett bee complied withall, and Remember mee kindly to my Cosin Wood, when you pay my bill, and I desire you to Enquire privately and advise mee of what Condition he is In, and how he thrives in the World
more bills may Expect shortly in the mean time remaines MB

19 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr George Moorecroft ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 15th present according to your desire have p[ai]d Tho: Wrangham £60: - : - pray send mee the bond uncanceled, for that is all I have to shew for the paym[en]t thereof

Inclosed is one from Cosin Rumney

as I pay the remainder of the mony, pray doe you take In the <need> full bonds and send mee I am MB

23 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett Newcastle 8ber the 23d 1677

Sr

I have this day vallewed upon you £100: p[er] 6 d[ays] sight to Mr Edwd Lashelles or order valew of Mr James Raisbeck, wch bill cannott bee sent till next Post, I have sent my Man to seeke bills, if any to bee gott, you shall have them Inclosed if nott must desire your patience advise mee the the price of Sable Mufs for Women them that are made of the Tales are the cheapest advise mee the price of both sorts, for I must have one for my wife I am MB

Sr Since w[ri]t you <h...> above the Inclosed bill was procured of wch when dew I pray procure the needfull and as more cann bee gott may expect them I am CL per MB

23 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to James Raisbeck

James Raisbecke ditto

I have yours takes notice that <..> become bound to Mr Robinson for the £100 of W Erringtons and that the bond is given In to Mr Moorecroft though I heare nothing from him yett will take your word, and Inclosed you have a bill wch you may rely on, will

bee payd when dew, wch will bee before Martinmas day, my service to all frends I am
MB

23 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

23 ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 12th present, wherein you make mention of a former to mee, wch never came to my hand, I also took notice of w[ha]t you say concerneinge the p[ar]cell of thicke square, your price is very high, yett for a tryall send mee by the first conveniency of shipping a <tonn> two or three but I hope itt will be <but> of £14 and by your next advise mee w[ha]t quantity will remayne of the same Iron and the lowest price, And if reasonable I may come to bee your chapman, for all the rest, pray gett as cheape as you cann doe for mee as for your selfe I am MB

I will send you a bill or pay you money here what soe you please

27 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 8ber the 27 1677

Sr, Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you the following bills
vizt

one for twenty pounds payable 6 d[ays] sight to Thomas Firman or order for the like valew Received here of George Ayrey

one for twenty pounds p[er] 6 d[ays] sight to Wm Lovell or order valew of George Ayrey

one other for thirty pounds payable 10 d[ays] sight to Mr Richard Chiswell or order valew of Mr Richd: Randall and Received all which pray lett be complied withall

one other for £60: - : - p[er] 10 d[ays] to Mr Wm Russell or order valew of Mr Ralph Ellstobb, to all which lett dew honour be given

Inclosed is a bill for £<4>00: - : - I am MB

27 Oct 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum Willett

27 ditto

Sr

This will bee d[elivere]d you by Mr Nicholas Hardinge to whome I desire you to pay w[ha]t money hee shall call for upon my account nott exeedinge [struck out: 'eighty'] sixty pounds and upon advise from you of the sune payd him the same shall bee allowed you by him that is MB

30 Oct 1677 Philipp Leece to Edward Allen

30 ditto

Given Major Edward Allan of London advice that his beans is this day shipped according to his order aboard Robt Wheatley p[er] PL

2 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

9ber the 2d 1677

Sr

Please to take notice that this day I have vallew'd upon you a bill for £50 p[er] 10 d[ays] sight to Mr Nicholas Ridley or order vallew of himself and also accepted another for £177: 10: 10 pd 2 <.> in London to Abraham Jacob and Company drawne from Hambrough the 5th present by Messrs Bankes wch I pray take care to pay when dew I am MB

3 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edard Fletham

Newcastle 9ber 3d 1677

I have alwais taken people of thy Principall to be punctuall but after w[ha]t manner I have found the[e], thou and I best know I have now been much longer out of my money then I could either thinke or believe I should have been, by thy first promises unto mee, The first fortnight day after great monday God willing I doe Intend to be att Darnton and will bringe thy account along with mee, soe that against that day, I hope thou will not fayle to make w[ha]t money as is behinde ready and then wee shall ballance the account of which I Expect thou will not fayle I am MB

3 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have this day accepted a bill for £200: drawne by Mr Banckes of Hambrough p[er] 2/u[suances] to Mr Jno Banckes which pray take notice of, I will take care God willing to supply you before bills fall dew I had some Goods in my hands of Mr Edard Allens wch according to order I have reshipt, the acco[un]t of disbursem[en]t have this Post send him amounting unto £19: 5: 10d but itt being a Loosing concerne (as I imagine[]), have left my Commission to his discretion soe lett him put in what he pleases, and Received the whole, for have ordered him to pay itt unto you, I have shipt and consigned unto you p[er] the Edwd and Jno of London, Robert Wheatly master 100 p[ie]ce[s] Leed wch after Arrivall pray dispose of for my most advantidge, if the master will take in more he shall have them which wee will see upon monday morneing I am MB

3 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to William Lee

Mr Wm Lee

ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 31 past, and doe thanke you very kindley for your L<...> but pray take notice that I know how to make up of my money as well as another man soe att the day your money is dew, you appointing a place convenient for paym[en]t thereof itt shall be punctually observed and p[ai]d and not before I will assure you, appoint w[ha]t place and house you will, either In Stockton Norton Durham or Newcastle, and your mony shall be then ready for you att the day, soe let mee know which place you Resolve upon, but minde I will pay noe Consideration, soe remaines MB

3 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Edwd Allen

Newcastle 9ber 3d 1677

Sr

I have been In the West Country for some time, and upon my Returne this day, doe find that my man hath shipt your beans in Robt Wheatly In conformity to your order Rec[eiv]ed some time agoe, but hath kept two last for my horses, of which I am very sorry and have been not a little angry att itt, but the thing is past noe remedy but patience, and I will willingly wth all my heart be accomptable to you for them, as you sell the Remainder the first thing I did was to draw out the account which you have Inclosed, by the same you will see my reall disbursements to be £19: 5s: 10d for my Commission (seeing I am a Friend[]) tis a Loosing businesse, I have left to your discretion put in w[ha]t you please and pay the whole to Mr Hump: Willett, whome I have ordered to call upon you, and to Receive w[ha]t you please to pay him, and when

you have disposed of yours lett mee know att w[ha]t price and upon Receipt of your letter I will Imediately order you money for the two Last in my hands I am MB

6 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo: Moorecroft

Ditto

Sr, Yours of the 1th present I have Rec[eive]d wherein you desire to know where the supp<oenas> were served, they were served upon mee in my owne shopp in Newcastle, but on great monday I must bee att Darnton, where hee may have his opertunity to serve mee regularly If itt be observed I am MB

6 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 9ber the 6th 1677

Sr

By my last of the 2d present I gave you advice of the shiping of 100 p[iece]s Leed In the John of London Robert Wheatly master, and this morneing I have spoake wth sd master but he will not be perswaded to take in any more, soe pray after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive the same, and dispose thereof for my most advantidge, payeing the master fifty shilings freight, call of him for a Runlett of Ale marked HW which bee pleased to accept of, I thinke itt will prove good, if noe <In>quiry Be <plaid> with itt by the <...man>, and I have given the master a great Chardge of itt I am MB

6 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 30th past, p[er] first opportunity shall Expect three tonn of Iron from you but as yett I cannot be reconciled to the price, and pray lett mee know the meaning of the following words in your letters, and shall be part of <ca.h free> if itt be for my purpose itt must bee as formerly and <usd> from 1 ½ 1 ¾ to 2 Inch square which pray take notice of

If the parcell when itt comes be to content if any abatem[en]t I will take the remainder I am MB

6 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edward Fletham

Ditto

By my last to thee of the 2d present I gave thee notice that I would bee att Darnton the first fortnight day after great monday, but since recollecting myselfe, att that time I must be in the West Country soe that great monday must be thy day for mee to be att Darnton therefore pray faile not to meete mee there and I shall bring thy acco[un]t along with mee, and wee shall ballance the same pray consider that I have been long out of my money, soe hopes thou will not fayle, I Expect thou shall not faile mee soe remaine MB

6 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Math: Lambe

Newcastle 9ber the 6th 1677

Sr

My last to you was of the 2d present and then I writ you that I did Intend to bee with you the first fortnight day after great monday but mee recollecting my selfe, att that time I must of necessity bee in the West Country, soe pray order off the tenants to make all there Rents ready against great monday, for that must bee the day and most convenient for mee, pray tell them all I Expect there moneys will be ready, I hope you are all well as god be thanked wee are I am MB

10 Nov 1677 Philipp Leece to Humphrey Willett

10 ditto

Given Mr Hum: Willett of London advice of a bill p[er] £40 drawne upon him by my Master pd 10 d[ays] sight to Mr Timothy Davison Esqr or Order vallew of himselfe p[er] CL

10 Nov 1677 Philipp Leece to Edward Fletham

Ditto

Writt to Edwd Fleatham nott to fayle to meete my Master att Darnton on Great monday next and to pay him in his money that hath been longe dew p[er] PL

13 Nov 1677 Philipp Leece to Charles Banks

Messrs Banckes

Ditto

You may a little wonder that of late you have not heard from my master, but the businesse is in short that he rather could possible write you, nor doe I thinke you will heare from him this month, att least, however care is taken for payment of all your bills, In which you need not fear any neglect and after Mr Jno Strother his draughts for RD 1650: is dischargd, you may please to accept his bill to the valew of £150:- more, which you may please to advise him of, and send him forward the Inclosed.

about two months agoe my Master sent you by shiping by one Robt <Rewlen> the account of your Goods Consigned to him by Hen: Laws and Jno Fell, but I heare sd vessell was by great storms driven into Amsterdam River and then still Lying and repairing, soe that of my owne accord I thought good to send you a Coppie which you have Inclosed you know to w[ha]t valew you have <stood> upon sd account and for the remainder lett mee have your order and itt shall be observed

Your two bills for £200: - & 177: 10: 10 are both accepted and shall be punctually paid when dew, as alsoe w[ha]t more bills you shall att any time draw when my Master comes home you may Expect a letter from him att lardge,

This being w[ha]t I thought Convenient I remayne CL p[er] MB

13 Nov 1677 Philipp Leece to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Ditto

Sr

This day Messrs Banckes of Hambrough are ordered to accept your bill, to the valew of £150 <st[erling?]> more then the RD 1650 advised of already drawne, which I thinke will doe more then ballance your account

Bee pleased by the very first convenience to give my master dew advice att w[ha]t Exchange you draw all your bills that soe he may know how to Enter them, he hopes that you will draw noe more then the Real ballance I am CL p[er] MB

13 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to William Lee

Mr Lee

Newcastle 9ber 13 1677

Your money shall be ready for you att the day and att the place and house you appoint which if you will accept of without Consideration tis well if not you may lett itt alone, I know nothing of any slighting Letter I writ nor did I expect to have Received such a one from you as yours of the 9th present. If I desired to pay the money att Newcastle itt was not 2 m[onths] before itt was dew, and I valew as little as you Can doe whether I pay itt or not, This is the needfull from MB

14 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Christopher Wall

[Note: Christopher Wall appears to have been of Weardale, and was owed money by William Blackett of Woodcroft prior to Woodcroft's purchase by Sir William Blackett of Newcastle in November 1676. A Christopher Wall seems to have been associated with Bollihope smelting mill in 1667 (R.Fairbairn, Weardale Mines, p.135)]

Mr Christo: Wall

Newcastle 9ber the 14th 1677

I have before mee yours of the 13th present wch doth nott a little Astonish mee I doe assure you I cannot rayse money out of stones, nor have I any mony to Lend farr more ready to borrow att present if any would lend mee Itt seemes £320 is nothing in yr mouth I doe assure you itt is a great deale of money amongst us Merchants, and especially when one has nott hadd goods to the third part of the vallew, pray Sr lett mee nott hear of Lending moneyes according to contract with <3> months after Leed comes In I will pay you for itt, send itt in as fast as you will and soe I remayne MB

15 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: Date not given but appears between copy letters dated 14th and 16th November]

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 9ber 1677

Sr

Upon the 14th present I valewed a bill upon you for £150: - : - p[er] 10 d[ays] after sight to Mr Robt <Lokesmith> or order valew of himselfe which pray let be complied withall within a day or two I Expect some Stockton bills all that comes to hand shall be sent you by him that is MB

have you not re[ceive]d the money of Major Allen, pray mind itt for he is a youth.

16 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to William Lee

Mr Lee

Newcastle 9ber the 16 1677

Sr

I percieve by a letter from you to Cosin Rumney, that you Expect the 15th Xber next £150: - : - from mee, and has ordered him to Receive itt, you know very well I owe you nothing, and if you meane of the £150: - : - upon Mr Erringtons account you may

Remember you writ mee word, that you valewed not whether I paid itt or not, soe that I have told Mr Erringto[n] I will pay sd some to himse[lf]e from whome you may please seeke your dew, besides nothing will serve you but Consideration <Toa> which I am not to pay, In short I will pay my money to whome I owe itt, and pray doe you Receive your money of those that owes you and lett us have noe more of this businesse, wch I hope neither hath nor will occation any difference betwixt you and mee, having really a desire to be accounted one of <.. F> MB

17 Nov 1677 Philipp Leece to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 9ber the 17 77

Sr

By master his order. Inclosed I have sent you two bills for £200 of which when dew I pray procure the needfull and as soone as more can be gott you may Expect them this being the needfull att present I remayne PL p[er] MB

17 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edward Fletham

Ditto

I have thine of the 14th present wth the acco[un]t Currant which I have Examined and if you have p[ai]d the last Artickle in the Creditt side vizt £100: - : - to Mr George Moorecroft I must acknowledge sd account to be Right but I never knew of itt before, nor could I ever in the least Imagine sd some to be p[ai]d for Mr Moorecroft last time he was in town told mee he had not <dd> itt nor knew not w[he]n itt would be paid besides in my opinion you were to blame to pay £100 for me, and never to advise mee thereof, and I doe assure you when I writ you these former letters, I had noe other thoughts but of 105: 16s dew to mee but now I am well satisfied and I know of whome to demand the £100: - soe pray send mee Geo: Moorecrofts Acct that I may gett the same allowed me from the party concerned and for the Remainder, take thy owne time I hope noe hurt is done soe remaines MB

20 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Newcastle 9ber the 20th 1677

Sr

I doe nott a little wonder that I doe heare nothing from you of the Shippinge of my Iron; since wthin this eight dayes there is arrived here several shippes both from Hull

and Yorke; pray either Shipp itt soone or Lett itt alone, if not bought, for If I have itt not before primo xber itt will stand mee In noe steed I am MB

20 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have this day valewed upon you a bill for twelve pounds payable 6 d[ays] after sight to Mr Ralph Sanderson or order valew of madam Ann Swinburn which pray lett be Complied withall I have another 100 p[iece]s Leed for you p[er] first Convenience wch I hope will be shipt tomorrow, noe Stockton bills yett to Content comes to hand I am MB

23 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

23th ditto

Sr

Please take notice that this day I have vallewed upon you a bill for £50: - : - payable 10 d[ays] sight to Mr John Ellison or order vallew of himselfe wch pray lett bee complied wthall yesterday I shipped aboard the Frances of Ipswich William Morgan Master 100 p[iece]s Leed and consigned to your selfe wch after good arrivall be pleased to Receive & dispose of for my most advantage paying the Master £4: - : - freight I thinke I shall send you 2 or 300 p[iece]s more very shortly in wch proceeding may expect dew advise from MB

24 Nov 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 9ber the 24th 1677

Sr

Yours have Received whereby I take notice of the Arrivall of Robt. Wheatly of wch I am Glad

please take notice that this day I have drawne upon you a bill for £50: - : - p[er] 10 d[ays] after sight to Mr Hen: Hateley or order valew of Mr Richard Randall wch pray lett ne Complied withall I am MB

1 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle xber the 1th 1677

In all yours I take notice of your great care in discharging my bills as well as receiveing the needfull pray lett Mr Edwd Allan alone trouble him noe more I yesterday payd your bill att sight of £27: - : 6 I now long to know how accts stands betwixt us soe when you have

received and payd all bills and my 200 p[iece]s Leed disposed of pray lett my acct currant bee disposed unto him that desires to begin a new acct along wth a new yeare and remaynes MB

1 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

ditto

Sr

To this day have heard nothing of the vessell In wch you shipped mee the 3 Tonn of Iron and of late wee have had greate winds and some shipps wrocke hereabouts I know not w[ha]t to thinke of him onely God be thanked the adventure is nott greate pray be pleased to advise mee when hee sayled from your place and give mee any other acct of him other that you have att present or that shall come to your knowledge hereafter Doinge whereof you will very much oblidge MB

1 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edwd

ditto

I have Re[ceive]d yours of the 27th present, doe heartily thanke you for your kindnesse and have delivered your bills wch is satisfactorie my Father settts out of London the latter end of the next weeke vizt about the 7th or 8th present I hope your bond and Judg[e]m[en]t to Mrs Scurfield wch I sent you from Darnton came safe to hand my humble service to my sister Lady Yorke and to the Esqr wth the same to yourselfe hopeing you are all merrily disposed I remayne MB

1 Dec 1677 John Wilkinson to George Liddell

George Liddell

Newcastle xber the primo 1677

I have Rec[eive]d from you by the hands of Jno Gibson £7: 9: 6 being in full upon your account for Iron but onely for a <....sine> which I paid 18: 5d for soe you remaine dr for itt, but for the rest that I have Re[ceive]d I have crost out in the booke being in hast[e] I remaine JW p[er] MB

7 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to John Hodgson

Mr Jno Hodgson

ditto

I have Re[ceive]d yours the Contents have well observed pray hasten mee with all speed halfe a tonn of hamer moulds as formerly desired and for the price I will Referr myselfe to you, but I desire you to Remember that for the last parcell I was to give you noe more than 14s a hundred which was our position agreement Mr Jno Eden was present to whom I will willingly Referr myselfe soe remaines MB

7 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum Willett

7 ditto

Sr

This comes to accompany Mr Hesketh Hobman Comander of the Swann of Hull In whome I have this day shipped 100 p[iece]s Leed wch after good arrivall bee pleased to Re[ceive]d and dispose of for my most advantage paying the Master three pounds freight I am MB

8 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Moorecroft

ditto

I was this night speakeing wth Mr Errington about the £150: - and the use thereof who tells mee that Mr Lee told him positively the paym[en]t of this money in Newcastle would be sufficient but seeinge Mr Lee will nott stirr one foot unless hee can have the promise of £300 upon returne (wch I will nott doe otherwise then I have writt you this day already) you may please take notice and acquaint him that the principall as well as Interest shall be ready for him to Receive att the day when dew att his owne house this wth my former letter is thought sufficient by MB

8 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle xber the 8: 1677

Sr

My last to you was upon the 7th present by Mr Heskett Hobman who I hope will be wth you soone after this present, the Contents of my last letter pray observe in every particular onely one thing pray observe lett the price be w[ha]t itt will dispose of all my lead before you dispatch me my account currant, and which I now desire may be done wth all speed possible and the sooner Effectted the more itt will be to the content of MB

I shall trouble you noe more this year soe pray lett all my bills be Re[ceieve]d and p[ai]d and my Lead disposed of, and my account Currant dispatched wth all speed possible

10 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edwd: Fleatham

ditto

Thyne I have Rec[eive]d wth a bill for £100 – wth wch I am satisfied being for soe much I payd thy partner Thomas Thom pp last weeke. To answer w[ha]t thou sayest concerning the takeing of bills here att this time itt is a thing impossible to doe without advance, for I am confident one might have bills to the valew of £4 or £5000 att £1 p[e]rc[en]t soe that I thinke that if thou wert here thy owne selfe thou could nott procure £100 for one farthing lesse advance without wch noe bills att present acceptable, thou may bee certayne I will doe for thee as cheape as any in Towne will doe itt being realy MB

10 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Newcastle xber the 10th 1677

Sr

My last to you was of the 8th present in wch you hadd an accompt of 100 p[ie]ce[s] Leed consigned to you and sent by Heskith Hobman Commander of the Swann of Hull by whome also I have this day shipped and consigned to your selfe two hundred sixty & fower Ankor Palmes, wch after good arrivall bee pleased to Receive and dispose of for my most advantage, I have <prev.ly> agreed with the Master for £3: - - freight hee is nott altogether willinge, referrs itt to your selfe, but Sr hearing hee and you are very well acquainted, I doe nott altogether condes[c]end, yett for once I will trust you I am MB

11 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

ditto

Sr

The above is a coppie of w[ha]t I yesterday writt you by Hesketh Hobman by whome you will onely receive 255 Ankor Palmes soe there nott being soe many as I thought I thinke £3:- too much freight I suppose hee will abate nothing of itt soe doe you stand to him and pay noe more wch goods make noe hast[e] in selling for if you can nott gett a good price for them, I cann have them brought home againe for nothing soe pray every Post advise mee w[ha]t you are bidden for them stand upon 20s a 100 altogether or more as you see cause for am unwilling to abate any thinge of itt I know the Great ones will give more but I would have all goe together I thought to have troubled you noe more this yeare yett Inclosed is a bill for £100 wch lett be <recd> and inserted in my acct Current for my Palmes the <Smithes> will bee the onely Chapmen noe Merchant will give you their worth, nor would I have them [struck out: 'troubled'] offered to any Merchant Inclosed is the Transire wch see to dd to the Master as soone as hee Arrives I am MB

11 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edwd

Newcastle xber the 11th 1677

Whereas by my last I gave you notice of the Parliam[en]ts sitting downe on the 15th January next and that my Father would nott come downe att all, wch was true, but by the last Post hee hath sent contradictory letters and that hee Intends to be att home the latter end of the next weeke, my service to my sister I am MB

14 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Newcastle xber the 14th 1677

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 8th present for answer bee pleased take notice that att present there is noe vessell bound for Rochell from this place soe cannott effect your desire

The £50: you payd to Mr Harding have placed to your Creditt

To pleasure a friend was yesterday forsed to vallew £18 upon you payable the 20th of January next <ensing> to Mr Philipp Harman or order vallew of Mr Gawen Wilkinson wch pray pay when dew however you need nott trouble my acct Currant wth itt for this yeare before this come to hand I hope both Morgon & Hobbman will bee

wth you wch will be very acceptable newes unto mee; pray as soone as they arrive lett
all my Leed bee disposed of for w[ha]t itt will yeald & my acct Currant dispatched I am
MB

15 Dec 1677 John Wilkinson to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle Xber the 15th 1677

Sr, Yours of the 7th present I have Recd In answer to wch my Master gave me Orders
To advise you that the Vessell wth his Iron is safely Arrived and that the long Barrs
proves very well: and for the Short Barrs hee knowes nott w[ha]t to do wthall for they
are nott for this Markett soe I believe that they will lay in his hands for a long time, for
your moneyes if you please to take a bill my Master will send you one or any other way
you please to command itt will be ready for you your answer expected soe I am
J W p[er] MB

18 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edrwad Fletham <And sho.> Thorpe

Newcastle xber the 18 1677

I have before mee yours of <.> date the Contents have taken into Consideration but am
forced to tell you that I am very sorry you doe <rely> upon money from mee for your
marketts I am necessitated to tell you in plaine English you must goe without for I have
neither money to lend upon Consideration (nor Can I heare of any that has) nor for
bills neither none to be procured in towne att present under 1 ½ p[er]cent I formerly
told you the event of itt wch happens accordingly for mony is as scarce here in the
towne as wth you and scarcer if possible In short I can noe waies helpe you soe rests
wth w[ha]t I am JW p MB

21 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

21 ditto

Sr, I have before mee yours of the 15th present I should be glad to heare of Hobbmans
Arrivall I take notice of w[ha]t you write concerning Leed oare wth wch Comoditty Ill
furnish your customer: As well as any Man in England and as Good Stuff (And if hee
and you can agree) wth w[ha]t quantity att any time hee shall desire pray take notice itt
can nott be afforded for lesse than £7: - : - p[er] Tonn att London butt I will Shipp itt
aboard free of all charges att that price & is as cheape as any Man in England cann doe
itt to save by itt prays lett me have your <result> herein p[er] first and if an oppertunity

present shall shipp him some this winter if nott may bee providing for him at the spring I can lett have every bitt that comes from this place I am MB

22 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicholas Verlan

Newcastle xber 22d 1677

Sr, I have before mee yours of the 21th present the Contents have well observed Inclosed doe returne you the Acct Curant you sent mee balance of wch you may please to place to my Fathers Accompt haveing done him the same good two yeares agoe, but take my advice doe not talk of In[te]rest to him In your letter I should nott doe itt to any Merchant whatsoever itt never haveing beene demanded, but Especially as you Ingeniously confesse itt to arise by your owne Carelessness and if any must pay for your mistake; doe you your selfe Judge I have nott writt you this long time for want to occation, finding better Marketts then yours for my Leed; I hope the next spring your Marketts may be Encurrading and then shall renew our Coraspondencey. If I owe you any thing send mee my Acct Currant and the ballance shall bee ordered you by him that is MB

Itt semes I am much oblided to you w[he]n you would make mee pay 6 p[er] % and others but 4 p[er] % MB

29 Dec 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle Xber the 29th 1677

Sr,

I have before mee yours of the 21th present for answer to wch assure yourselfe that your Bill for £20: - : - when presented shall bee accepted and payd when dew as also the <unpd> £24: 2: 7 God willing I shall order to bee payd to Mr Peter Barr according to your Order.

Pray take notice that as I sayd before your short thicke Barrs are nott for this markt and may lay long in my hands; but if you have or cann procure mee 3 or 4 Tonn more of the long square provided itt bee of the very same Mettle and Size that this last was of I shall bee your Chapman for itt; if itt cann bee hadd for any thing under £14: - : - p[er] Tonn wch I am sure is an extraordinary price and little to bee gott by itt more then the pleasuring of my Customers unto wch I desire your answer p[er] first soe remaynes MB

I hope you will gett <abated>10s att least 5s p[er] Tonn MB

4 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

January the 4th 1677/8

Sr

Inclosed is a bill for £100 and next Post shall remitt you £2: or 300 more you may send mee my acct currant when you please and lett this bill beginn the new Acct.

P[er] first shipp may expect 20 Tonn of Leed Oare for a Tryall butt cannott affoord to dd itt att London for £7: p[er] tonn itt will bee shipped within 14 d[ays] and you shall have itt if you please shipped here aboard free of all charge for £7: p[er] Tonn if nott for your purpose I have Chapmen enough for itt pray meddle nott wth itt, but lett Mr Wm Benson upon whome you have this bill Re<...>d itt I am MB

8 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Newcastle Ja: 8: 1677/8

Sr

I have yours wth my account Currant wch I shall Examine and let you know next post how I finde itt In the mean time question not but I shall finde itt right.

Last post Remited you £100: - : - and Inclosed you have a bill for £150: - but I have drawne upon you £100: - In three bills as followeth

£50: p[er] 14 d[ays] sight to Mr Marr Esquire or order value of Ra: Ellstobb

£25 p[er] 14 d[ays] sight to Mr Jno Shewell or order value of ditto Ellstobb

£25 p[er] 14 d[ays] sight to Mr <Hen> Nicholson or order value of Ra: Ellstobb

£100 In all value upon you which pray lett be Honored now there will be paid in pt of the ballance due £150: - : - and the Remainder shall Remitt you as soone as is possible seeing you have occation for money; and Cannot pay till you supply yourselfe out of the goods consigned unto you I am MB

11 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Barkin & Compa[ny]

Newcastle Jan: the 11th 1677/8

Srs

I have before mee yours of the 3d present thereby takes notice of your desire to have a vessell of aboute 200 Tonns for Rochell and soe for Rotterdam; wch I think I could Effect as soone as a nother and upon as Reasonable tearmes; but noe hopes of

procuring one upon your Conditions by much besides you very well know the difference betwixt Tonnage of paper and that of Wine I last yeare freighted one for your good Father the same voyage; you may please look over the Charter partey you will finde I payd much more and I am certaine the Parteyes concerned was well pleased for they had all their Goods carryed to Rochell freight free and somewhat over and above; but that is nothing; If I can serve you, you shall find mee very ready and willing

I heare Oats is In greate demand wth you I cann procure you 4000 or 6000 Bus[hels] of very good ones for 16d p[er] Bus[hel] I am MB

Coales 8s a Chalder

Leed £10: 5 p[er] Tonn of 21 <cwt>

Leed Oare £7: p[er] Tonn dd aboard free of all Charges

Butter 15s & 15 ½ s a firkin

11 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Peter Barr

Mr Peter Barr

Ditto

Sr,

By order and upon the Acct of Mr Henry Maister of Hull I remitt you the Inclosed Bill £24: 2: 7d Charged by <Tim Davison> upon Henry Nelthorpp p[er] 14 d[ays] sight to your Order I begg a line of the Receipt of sd bill this beinge the needfull I kiss your hands and remayne MB

I heare Oats is In greate demand wth you I can procure you 4000: or 6000 Bus[hels] of very good ones for 16d p[er] Bus[hel] MB

11 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Henry Maister

Jan: the 11th 1677/8

Sr, I have payd your Bill of 20li and have also remitted Mr Peter Barr the Remynder of the ballance of Accomptes betwixt us being £24: 2: 7d now Sr I desire to know what farther progress you have made In my last Order I am MB

22 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Newcastle Jan the 22d 1677/8

Sr

I have both yours of the 12th & 17th present and am glad by your last to heare of the arrivall of Hobman and Morgan the disposall of all my Leed I leave to your discession you formerly advised mee of the Sale of 100 p[iece]s butt yett have had noe acct of the same make noe hast[e] in sellinge the Ankor Palmes, but advise mee when needfull w[ha]t you are bidden for them

I have examined and found right your Acct Cur[re]nt but you may remember that you sold severall Goods for mee, for wch you hadd your provition Soe to allow you ½ p[er] c[en]t more for Draweing of the money, I think is nott reasonable besides there was bills upon your selfe for £500: - of wch in my oppinion you cannot expect Commission att this rate I finde noe profitt by exchange, for w[ha]t is by past I am willing to submitt, but shall trouble exchange noe more the ballance of accts shall remitt you as soone as bills are to be procured In the meane time if you please may freely vallew upon mee and your bills shall be Honoured. The Leed oare shall God will[ing] bee Shipped the next weeke. I have this day past upon you £55: 19: 6d p[er] 30 d[ays] sight to Mr Nicholas Harding or order valew of Mr John Duglaus wch I could nott <avoyd>; soe pray lett bee accepted and payd when dew I have sent my Man to Seeke Bills if any to be gotten you shall have them Inclosed; but att worst within a Post of two you may rely upon bills for that Sume & more from MB

22 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

M[ess]rs Bankes

Ditto

Srs

Severall unlucky businesses one after another have partly delayed mee from home and partly kept mee from my <Contrare> this long time, however good care was taken for the paym[en]t of all your bills as shall be God willing soe long as wee deale together the ballance of your acct Currant in my hands may dispose of as you please, I sent you the acct of your Tarr & wooden comodities by shipping; wch by contrary winds was forced to Amsterdam and there lay a long time repayeing I finde my Man sent you a Coppie wch I have pe[ru]sed and finde itt a true Coppie Soe questions nott but you will finde itt right; likewise yours of the 21th past signifies the receipt thereof pray advise the price of all sorts of Iron and if a quantity of Inch square and under and of three Inch broad flatt and above be to bee procured if desired I am MB

22 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle Ja: the 22d 1677/8

Sr,

I have yours of the 14th present whereby takes notice of your <landing>; being making inquirey after a parcell of such long thick squar[e] Iron as I last hadd of and that all your mett[le] wthall was aboute a Tonn; but you doe nott write mee whether you bought itt for mee or nott, if nott I pray doe itt and send itt by first conveniency; I question nott your Indeavours in procuring itt as cheape as possible

Pray bee pleased to advise mee att w[ha]t price you cann furnish or procure mee 15 or 20 Tonn small square Iron of Inch or under and the same quantity of broad flatt of three Inch or above Sweads Iron if reasonable I shall trouble you wth my Order soe rests MB

These last 5 lines [ie. last paragraph] were this day above writt
To Mr Hugh Mason Mr Tho; Westernne Mr Wm Benson of London p[er] MB

25 Jan 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willitt

Newcastle Janu: 25: 1677/8

Sr

None from you last post soe the lesse to Enlardge upon in my masters absence I have mett wth the Inclosed bill of wch pray procure the needfull and place to his Creditt and w[he]n he Comes home wch I thinke will be to morrow morning you may Expect a bill or two more from him I have put my masters name to the Endorsement of the bill wch I hope will never be questioned soe I remaine JW p[er]my master MB

Sr Since the writeing of the above I have mett wth another bill wch Inclosed I have sent you, pray w[he]n dew procure the paymt thereof and place itt to my masters Creditt and In doing whereof you will oblige JW p[er] MB

26 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sir

26 Ditto

Accordingly as I have heretofore done I have now to Informe you the best I can wth the present condition of the severall groves and other occurances att your Leed Mines wch I shall indeavour to effect to your satisfaction the whole pay comes to as followeth

£ 437 4 8

the heades pay comes to	£ 266 2 4
towards wch payd Rich	£ 240 - -
Plankey pay	£ 24 18 8 ½
towards wch payd J M	£ 14 - -

pd att Mill p[er] particulars	£ 103 5 8
pd at Fallowfeild p[er] p[ar]ticulars	£ 79 19 0
	£ 437 4 8

what wth hollydayes and w[ha]t wth <floods> they Smelters have nott over wrought themselves this month by past the little Leed that is made both att the Mill and Planky goes on to the next acct wch is only three dayes worke att either place I imagine you have allready heard of the dammage att Planky dam for the repaying of wch John Mowbray sayth hee makes all speed possible though hee said <tis> if hee had itt would have beene done before this. Ore from the severall Groves to Duxfield Mill vizt

	Bings horse
from Fallowfeild	67 3
from the heads	43 3
from Reed Groves	1 2
from Rookhope	14 2
from Colclough	1 0
from Jeffryes Grove	11 0
	139 2

Lead carryed from the Mill to Blaiden	193 p[iece]s
From the <Crag> to ditto	77 p[iece]s
From Comp house to ditt[o]	83 p[iece]s
	353

346 sakes of bought wood att 8d wch is all the Principall passages att the Mill pay. Ore from the severall Groves to Planky Mill vizt

	Bings horse
from the heads	28 1
from Coleclough	4 -
from Wellhope	8 -
from Reed Groves	2 2
In all	42 3

116 p[iece]s Leed carryed to Blaiden and 274 sakes of bought wood wch is all I <see of note> in Planky acct the condition of the severall Groves as followeth Greene Gill getts indiff[er]ent well att one Shaft the Rest are poore Coale Clough is poore in all places the Slitts forhead doth <rend> as also many of the <Stopes> the Levell is nott soe good as itt was of Oare neither East nor West there is good oare att Red burne Shaft and hopes of itts continuance; Well hope and bayle hill are both Indiffrent good and indiffrent good gettings att West End att heads & Reed Groves very poore noe Oare afore hand to speake of att any of the Groves oare by as is guessed about 400 bing unwashed att Fallowfeild att wch works Mr Copwhite is very confident that you will have fine

gettings this next summer from whome you have Inclosed a letter wch will more fully advise you of all p[ar]ticulars soe wth my dayly prayers for your health and happynesse & earnestly craveing your blessings I remayne as in duty bound MB

29 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Newcastle January the 29 1677/8

Sr

If you have to spare a parcell of Inch square or under and of 3 Inch broad flatt or above or Can procure itt mee, of any of your neighbours, pray advise mee the quantity of Each and the lowest price, In doing whereof you will oblige MB

29 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Humphrey Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have none of yours to Answer soe the lesse to Enlardge upon this being Chiefly to advise you that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £200: - : - p[er] 22 d[ays] after date to Mr Ralph Elstobb or order valew of himselfe wch pray lett be Complied withall.

Inclosed I have sent you a bill for £200: - : - of wch when dew pray procure the needfull.

I have not had a letter from you these 3 or 4 posts, I long to heare w[ha]t progresse you have made In the Saile of my leed, and w[ha]t you are bid for the Anckor palmes alltogether.

I heare oats is in great demand with you I Can procure you 6000 or 10000 Bus[hells] of very good ones for 16d p[er] Bush[hell] I am MB

29 Jan 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Edwd Allen

Newcastle January the 29 1677/8

Sr

I desire to know if yett you have sold your beans, and if soe, and w[ha]t rate, that soe I may doe you good accordingly for the two last which my man kept for my horses and Consequently End that small acco[un]t betwixt us.

I heare oats is In great demand wth you, I Can procure you 6000: 10000 Bushells of very good ones for 16d p[er] Bus[hell] if I thought Capable of serveing you freely Command MB

1 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Thomas Western

Mr Thomas Western

Ditto

Sr, I have before mee yours of the 26th past, for wch I returne you my thanks, but Cannot accept of your motion I was all along Credibly Informed that your selfe was the onely mann for buying Iron of who had Generally the best, and Could sell Cheapest, wch made mee more ambitious to deale wth you, for your Iron It may be good, itt had need for you are the very dearest In London, I am offered itt from many hands much Cheaper, I wish itt were att £20:-:- a tonn as they may Expect ready money soe remaines MB

1 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Hugh Mason

Mr Hugh Mason

Ditto

Sr, I have before mee yours of the 26th past, for wch returns you my thanks, but my thoughts were always that you Could afford Iron as Cheape as another, but finding to the Contrary, that att the price you mention noe good att all Cann be done wth itt here, soe hoping to finde a better markett must Remaine MB

1 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho: Verlann

Newcastle Feb primo 1677/8

Sr

I am Credibly Informed that one may procure in your place a very good <penniworth> of right Sweed Iron both well struck well drawne and good mettle, if soe (God sparing life) I may Come to be a good Customer, soe pray p[er] first post advise the lowest price you Can procure mee twenty tonn of Inch square and under, and the same quantity of three Inch broad and above pray minde a tonn is twenty hundred Weight, and if I like or Can doe any good wth the price, I shall Imediately remitt you mony to dischargd the quantity desired, your speedy Answer is desired by MB

1 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Cuthbert Snow

Mr Cuth: Snow

ditto

Sr

By the last post I thinke I gave you a full accompt of very particular of Concernes and att this time have little to trouble you wth but onely to desire you as your are about your ma[ster] his business on the towne that you will please to cast an eye or Informe your selfe of a parcell of long thick squ[are] Iron from Inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ to Inch and $\frac{3}{4}$ for the goodnesse thereof I know I need not say much you Can give as Guesse as well as I but in case that you Can meet wth a parcell to the valew of 3: 4: or 5 tonn att £13: - : - or rather than faile £13 : 10: - you may buy itt and call to Mr Hum: Willett for your mony or att least by the very next post lett mee have your Answer itt is a Sort of Iron not much In request nor never is <...> upon for fine mettle soe that if itt be not understood that you have an urgent occation for itt I would thinke you might buy itt as Cheape if not Cheaper then above but if you have time and Can Come to handle itt observe that itt be free both of great and small cracks for great Craks is <unrewly> and small Craks and a rough outside is a Signe of burnt Iron the best signe that I observe is a Smooth out side and a deepe Impression of the Stamp soe hoping that you will use your Endeavours herein as hee shall doe for you on all accounts soe is MB

1 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 26th past, wch shall Answer In short for whatever you say or doe, is to me a Law, the disposall of my Leed I leave to your discretion, and for the Anchor palmes pray observe my former order.

Pray pay Mr Harding w[ha]t he demands upon my accompt and if my fathers man Cuth: Snow doe desire any mony of you, lett him have £5<0> £60 or £70 I heare oats is in great demand wth you I can procure you 5000 6000 or 10000 Bus[hells] of very good ones for 16d p[er] Bus[hell] I am MB

1 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle feb: primo 1677/8

Sr, I have before mee yours of the 25th past, and now begs to heare that you have shipt mee the Remainder of that parcell of Long thick sq[uar]e pray procure mee as much as you Can of that short if att £11: - : - or under wch I leave to your discreet mandgem[en]t

the price you mention for the other sorts of Iron <A...d> is a little too much, I am Credibly Informed that others in this towne have Iron of all sorts from your place att £13 p[er] tonn and I question not but you can buy as Cheape as others, if to be Effectuated, would desire you to Shipp mee p[er] first Conveniency tenn tonn of Each sort formerly mentioned viz of Inch sq[uar]e and under, and of 3 Inch broad and above, or if a parcell of the broad alone Could be procured att that price would serve mee, if nothing of this <seizable> must have patience, for Cannot afford to give more I am MB

1 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Ditto

Sr, I have before mee yours of the 26th past, and Cannot but returne you my hearty thanks for the Same Though Can doe noe good of your friends Iron, nor your owne Anchor palmes, you needed not once to have mentioned ready mony, for w[ha]t iron I buy you may Expect itt, vizt a bill att 8 or 10 d[ays] sight. I am offered Iron att Hull of any sort, for little above £13: -: - I wonder you Cannot sell soe Cheape as they, I Begg your pardon for the trouble I have given you and remaine MB

2 Feb 1678 John Wilkinson to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Ditto

My m[aste]r hath ordered mee to write to you and desire you that you would be pleased if you doe any thing on the business he desire to be very quick and doe itt att all speed possible soe I am for my m[aste]r Miche Blackett JW

2 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Ditto

Sr, I have before me yours of the 29th past wch requiring little answer soe the lesse to Inlarge upon this being cheifely to advise you that I have this day to pleasure a friend drawne upon you a bill for £12 payable 10 d[ays] after sight to Mr Surtis Swinborne or Order vallew of Madam Anne Swinburne wch pray lett bee complied wthall I am MB

2 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Robert Thorp

Cousin Thorp

Newcastle feb the 2d 1677/8

You may remember that when I payd the thirty pounds to Mr Ellison for you, you then promised itt should bee repayd mee within 10 d[ays] wch is now fully past my occationes att this time are very urgant for money; soe that the sooner you cann order itt mee the greater kindness you will doe MB

7 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

I have yours of the 2d present, many thanks for your Care in <Receiving> and dischargd all my bills.

Be still adviseing mee w[ha]t is offered mee for my Anchor palms but will not sell them neither for 15s nor 16s <p cwt> my oats are very good but am unwilling to send soe small a parcell as 100 Bus[hells] I thinke shall sell all mine to Mr Peter Barr

Pray w[ha]t will you give mee for french pistolls and Louis <Dor> I have about 100 of them by mee I am MB

7 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Edwd Allen

Newcastle feb 7 1677/8

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 2d present, but does not in the least Condescend to your motion, for the two last you mention I am willing to be accomptable for as you sell the remainder wch In my opinion is all you Can desire and Cannot question but you will be Civill as a Merchant ought to be and order mee the Remaindering ballance of my acco[un]t sent for the placed Charges therein, is nothing but just and right and if noe Commission be allowed, I am Content Leaveing itt to your selfe, and remains MB

9 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Willett

Mr Henry Willett

Ditto

Sr

Pray lett diligent search be made amongst your friends the Iron mongers, and soe if that kindnesse can be done me, as to procure mee a parcell of broad flatt from 3 to 3 ½ Inches broad, if soe pray buy mee five or tenn tonn provided att £13: p[er] tonn or rather then faille £13: 5s, pray stirr about in the business, and w[ha]t you doe lett be done quickly, I leave the manidgment thereof wholly to your discretion, if a par[c]ell of

right good be mett withall, rather than goe without give £13: 10s I know french men are quick enough, pray Sr try your hand and see w[ha]t you can doe for me In this businesse your Answer p[er] first unto MB

9 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

ditto

Sr

Pray w[ha]t demand you now for your Iron ready money or upon 6 m<onths> trust, In affording your Answer att your leasure you will oblidge MB

9 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle feb 9 1677/8

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 5th and 6th <p> post, mentioning the Shipping of some thick square upon my acct by Mr Tho: West wch I am Glad to heare of, and pray god send him to his desired port In the mean time have placed the full Cost and Chardges thereof to your Credit if any more to be procured I desire Search may be made and the same not to be shiped, for I heare there is a greater quantity in your place and pray buy all you can meett withall of that sort

I take speciall notice w[ha]t you writt about the broad flatt and fine square desired, and though I am Certaine there is bought att your place of those sorts for £13 p[er] tonn (I will not say I am a partner of the bargaine) yett I am willing to acquiess to your advice but am necessitated to tell you that I am offered more broad flatt for £13 5s p[er] tonn, I am Loath to part wth my old friend if you Can afford itt or procure itt mee soe pray buy mee 5 or tenn tonn and sned p[er] first Convenience, if not lett mee I pray have your Answer p[er] first, that soe noe time may be lost, and soe I remaine MB

9 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Hugh Mason

Mr Hugh Mason

Ditto

Sr

I desire to know p[er] first Convenience if a parcell of broad flatt from 3 to 3 ½ Inches be to be procured and att w[ha]t price In doing whereof you will very much oblidge MB

9 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Newcastle feb 9 1677/8

Sr

I have yours of the 4th present but can give noe such price for the sorts of Iron you mention, if a parcell of broad s<quare> flatt from 3 to 3 ½ Inches be to be procured with or about you, att £13:- or rather than faille £13: 5s p[er] tonn pray buy and send mee p[er] first Convenience w[ha]t quantity you Can procure, att that rate my service to your good wife I am MB

15 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Francis De La Champ

Mr Fran: <De La>champ

Newcastle feb 15 1677/8

Sr

By the Recommendation above written of my good friend Mrs Allice Mallabarr [copied below] I make bold to write you these few Lines desireing you att your Leasure to Lett mee know how you will please to afford mee five or ten tonn of broad flatt Iron from 3 to <3 1/4> Inch broad, and for your disbursem[en]t att any time, you shall either valew upon mee att sight, or draw upon my friend In London being all one unto MB

I desire to have alwaies Sweeds Iron fine and good mettle

Sr

I have writt this post already to wch Referrs you these are Chiefly to Recommend my kinde friend Mr Michael Blackett who has some Concerns att your place and wanting a Corrispondent there have recommend him to you, who I thinke will take Care of his business, his Concernes for Iron soe if cann serve him yourself, its well if other way, desires yourself to doe as well for him as

Alice Mallabar

15 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maisters

Ditto

Sr

I think itt needlesse to acquainte you how I Can be Concerned in a parcell of Iron att your place, wch I heare of since I writt you last the £14: 15: 4d pray order as you please, I suppose my small Commissions are not worthy your trouble besides I am Informed you deale wth the Commodity your selfe, soe I am alwaies left to your mercy, but as wee meet friends soe pray lett us part for my part I am really and soe shall you finde mee upon all occations MB

If I alwais had of your owne Iron, In my opinion noe Commission was dew, wch you may abate mee if you please MB

15 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Cuthbert Snow

Cuthbert Snow

Ditto

Yours of the 9th present to <Chd Love> I opened, the Contents have observed I take notice w[ha]t progresse you have made In his desire, wch I could have told you before would be (as itt now proves) all to noe purpose, for you must have nothing to doe wth Iron mongers, the marchants man if your acquaintance must if any doe the deed, and lett him know I desire noe small parcell but that I want 30 or 40 tonn, wth wch iff He will furnish mee wth the sorts underneath att any <....> Rate, as twill be worth my while, I will be his Customer, and may lett him know that I may Come to give him a good deale of mony in time, wch may Come to worke a little in haveing this the Cheaper, and if to be procured for £13: p[er] tonn wch I hope itt may if not under, doe noe more but strike on a bargaine with him, I must leave the manidgm[en]t of the businesse to your discretion, if any thing be done he may Rely of ready mony, upon shipping of the goods, if not lett mee know his Lowest price, and the marchants name att your Leasure I am MB

of 1 ½ to 1 ¾ Inch square 5 or 10 tonn of 2 ¾ to 3 ¾ Inch broad 10 or 15 tonn, of Inch square or under 5 or 10 tonn of fine narrow flatt 5 or 10 tonn In all 40 or <45> tonn

Rather than faile give £13: 5s a tonn and be quicke, now you have my utmost Resolution, try your hand and see w[ha]t can be done

15 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Willett

Mr Henry Willett

Newca: feb 15 1677/8

Sr

Yours of the 7th present requires noe further Answer, than that all my oats are to goe another way

I have this day valewed upon you £50: 10: 9 p[er] 25 d[ays] sight to Mr Nicholas Harding or order valew of Mr Jno Dagleish wch pray lett be Complied withall, inclosed you have 2 good bills for £110: - :- I hope ere this you will have disposed of my Leed, Pray Enquire of your Pewtherers, and see w[ha]t they will give mee for Copper you may acquiant them tis sweeds plates wch is the best sort of Copper I thinke they Cannot bid lesse than 12d or 13d a <piece> & there Answer be pleased to afford att your Leasure unto MB

19 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Ditto

Sr

I have yours p[er] Tho West, your mony pray order as you please, you say there was noe more of that Sort In your place whereas my Brother Davison hath more than I have in sd vessell I am MB

19 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Willett

Mr Henry Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have none of yours to Answer soe the lesse to Enlardge upon, soe this serves onely to advise you that this day I have valewed upon you a bill for £100: <p..> the 4th of march next to Mr Jno Wood or order valew of Mr Rich: Tooth, wch pray lett be Complied wthall I am MB

I am sorry you Can meet wth noe Iron att my price I Cannot afford to give £14: 10s soe must have patience I am afraid you Resort to the Ironmongers, but the marchands that sells to the Iron mongers must doe your deed If any

19 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Ditto

Sr I have before mee yours of the 14th present I heartely thanke you for your kinde proffer, but Cannot afford to Embrace itt Soe Remaines MB

19 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edwd

Ditto

Upon Receipt of yours of the 15th, I Immediately repared to my Cosin Kirkhouse, who told mee that he would not part wth his Waines Scott untill he heare further from you, and accot of them as followeth with the price of each sort vizt

about 20 Inch bords att 3s p[e]r p[iece]

about 140 $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch boards att 2s <7d>

about 150 $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch boards att 1s <6d>

I have Enquired after spruce <dails> but can heare of very few, yett if you please to advise w[ha]t Lenth you would have them of I will Enquire againe, and advise you the rate my Service to my Sister I am MB

Mr Kirkhouse and Mr <Leaman defries> to be remembred unto you

19 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Mr Edwd. Allen

Newcastle february 19 1677/8

Sr

I have yours of the 17th present for Answer same thing, must be as you say, I am willing all account betwixt us should be Closed and soe farewell MB

19 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo Moorcroft

Ditto

I have yours of the 11th, with the fine mentioned wch I have Laid with the Rest of the deeds, I am this day to pay Mr Errington the £100:- :- wch I was to pay Roger <Castle> wch he keepest for another yeare, and I am Confident still wants mony for my part I now wish I had not dealt wth him I never see such a man in my life, he is allwais awanting, but a faith I will now <fitt> Him, for till m[aste]r faire lie safe tyed and the bonds <dd> to you I know w[ha]t I will doe <verbut fut sequenti>

You know you took notice in your booke w[ha]t bonds I was to pay for him, pray allsoe take notice w[ha]t I have dischargd, and if any thing under his hand be requested send itt mee I am MB

I still want £3 of Huntington if upon Recepte you doe not wright once you have gott itt I doe protest Robinson shall once more give him <a vesell> Can flesh and blood Endure to be soe abused I hope you will Answer this letter MB

19 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Messrs Chas & James Banckes

Newcastle feb 19 1677/8

Srs

I have before mee yours of the 29th past, according to your desire shall send your you acct Currant by Wm Lecke Comander of the Constant Wm of this place, who will be ready to saile wthin two or three daies, and I hope wth you as Soone as this may please take notice that I have freighted and Recommended unto you sd vessell, by whome God willing you shall be written att Lardge but Cannot as yett give you any accot of her Loadeing onely 400 p[ie]ce[s] Leed for Mr Jno <Blackiston>, for freight of wch you are to Receave 100 <D> viz <12d S> p p[ie]ce and 100 p[ie]ce[s] more for another, for wch you are to Receive freight accordingly the Rest is upon my owne account wch I thinke will be about 110 Ch[alders] Coales and sixty p[ie]ce[s] Leed for wch you are to pay no freight, but Lett Mr Lecke have w[ha]t mony he pleases, upon accot thereof and dispose of my goods to my most advantidge Leaving itt wholly to your discretion, the m[aste]r is not bound to Returne to this place, but if In Case it soe fall out that he doe he is then bound to take in for me 40 or 60 or 80 ton of goods freight free soe pray lett be Shipt on him (if he Resolve to Come home) upon my accot 30 or 40 tonn of the following sorts of Sweeds Iron vizt 10 or 15 tonn of broad flatt from 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch broad, 10 or 15 tonn of small square of Inch and under, 5 tonn of thick square about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch and five tonn of fine narrow flatt, if this to be Effected of Right Sweeds Iron, lett it be observed, if not then pray Shipp me onely about the nett proceed of my goods wch I hope will finde ready vent, if not I will willingly be accomptable to you till you be in disburse In tarr the goodnesse of wch pray the paine and Care to be taken in haveing good and strong Caskes, and well hooped I leave all to your prudent manidgement, I allsoe desire 20 Casks of Right Brumzecker Mum, if to be gott gentlemen I know noe more needfull att present but may Expect every other post a letter from mee, soe if I alter any of these resolutions you shall have advice in dew time, otherwise proceed according to what is written and either you or any of your friends, may ship if they have occation 20 or 30 tonn of goods freight free, onely to tell the m[aste]r all is mine I am MB

I cannot heare of any such man as one Tho: Sevill was lately here, but I this day heare at Stockton there was lately a vessell driven in by contrary wind and the m[aste]r was disposing of some tarr and had Iron in his vessell but cannot heare <his name if I can>

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Willett

Mr Henry Willett

Newcastle feb: 23: 1677/8

Sr

I have yours of the 19th present wth the Bill to wch my termes was Refused I have this post writt for another w[he]n itt Comes to hand the same shall be sent you, I have this day agreed for the freight of the Leed Oare wch God willing will be Shipt upon monday next by sd vessell you shall allsoe have the Copper plates and p[er]haps a few p[ie]ce[s] of Leed of wch more p[er] next I am Glad to heare of the disposall of my Leed, the acct att your Leasure is desired by MB

Certainely you have gott mony for the first 100 p[ie]ce[s]

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Francis De Le Champ

Mr Fran: De Lee <Champ>

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 20th present but Cannot afford to give the price you mention for the Iron desired accidentally that post I heard of a parcell in your place such as I desire att a much Lower rate, and that from a good hand too, and his offer I have Embraced Sire that It seems you will not sell your Iron as Cheape as others a bill upon my friend In London att 10 d[ays] sight is my payment, I begg your pardon for the trouble I have given you and Remaines MB

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham Van Rincom

Mr Abraham Vanrancome

Ditto

Sr

If itt stand wth your convenience I desire to renew our former corespondence, offereing you of my readiness to serve you in this place upon all accations, & when either Leed, Coale, Grind stones or Butter, gives any profitt wth you upon the least notice of the prices from you may come to send you some Small Supplyes and I very much wonder that I never had a letter from you since I Came out of Holland

I am Credibly Informed that very often one may meet wth a very good penneworth of Right Sweeds Iron In your place pray make the best Enquiry you Can and advise mee p[er] first how Could buy tenn or twenty tonn of 3 Inch broad Flatt or there abouts rather above 3 then under and as much of Inch square rather under than above of Right Sweeds and good mettle and to bee gott for Seven Gilders or under your £100: - I Could Hazard to venture £200: or £300: pray Excuse the trouble and if you please afford your Answer as soone as you Conveniently Cann unto MB

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho: Verleen

Newcastle feb 23d 1677/8

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 22d present but Cannott afford to give any such price for Iron as you mention nor doe I understand w[ha]t you meane by the better sort 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ Gilder pray what sort of Iron is itt but when I thinke on you need not trouble yourselfe soe much for I Cannott afford to give that price for noe Sort of Iron if Right Sweeds Iron well Struck and good mettle of the dementions formerly mentioned where to be gott for seven Gilders itt would make mee venture a Little mony but more I am unwilling to give Coales 8s p[er] Ch[alder] Leed £10: 5: p[er] fodder butter 15s a firkin Grindstones £<1 13>s a <Cha> Rye 3s a Bush[ell] oats 16s p[er] Bush[ell] I am MB

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Robert Thorp

Cousin Robt Thorpp

Newcastle feb 23: 1677/8

I have now occation for my money soe pray upon receipt lett itt bee pd unto Edward Fleatham or his order who will take care to send itt mee in due time, Indeed, I did expect to have heard from you ere this, for your term dayes are expired over & over againe, and I never care for being disapoynted I am MB

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Mr Edwd: Fleatham

Ditto

Inclosed I returne thee thy Bill for £10: because itt will nott bee accepted, being dated Ap[r]ill, soe write itt once againe, dateing itt 13: feb And send itt mee for then I suppose itt will receive dew honnour pray dd the Inclosed and receive £ the 30: - therein mentioned and send itt mee as soone as you cann for I have a greate occation for moneyes I am MB

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle feb the 23th 1677/8

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 19th wth wch I am very well satisfied, soe pray lett w[ha]t is past, bee past, for I doe assure you I have noe desire to change my old freinds;

And I hope you have nott disposed of the Iron you intended mee att £13: 5s p[er] tonne if nott pray shipp mee as soone as you cann tenn Tonn if you have nott soe much, then pray Shipp mee w[ha]t you have for if itt bee a tonn or two over I doe nott vallew itt, lett me have the accompt thereof and shall send you a bill for all together, pray also buy me Mr Trippets 300 Bars of thicke squar[e] if you thinke itt bee good Mettle and as thick square as you formerly sent mee if nott lett itt alone I begg your pardon for w[ha]t is past and remaynes realy MB

23 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sir

Newcastle feb the 23 1677/8

I have att present to acquaint you the best I cann wth all the needfull att your Leed Mines In doing of wch shall bee breefer this time then formerly I used to bee by reason that when I demanded the Condition of the Severall Groves and how much Oare was a forehand att each, itt was answered mee that I should wth a letter att home, wch would give mee satisfaction for that p[ar]ticular and that noe allteration hadd happened since sd letter was written, but when I came home and made Inquirey for the letter itt seemes itt was conveyed unto you yesterday morening wch I hope is come safe to your hands

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towards wch pd John	£ 40 - -
paid att Mill as p[er] p[ar]ticulars	£158 10 ½
pd att Fallowfield as p[er] p[ar]ticulars	£112 - 1
	562 10 1 ½

for wch money you had smelted att Duxfield Mills 68 fodder of Leed and 140 B[ings] 3 horse of Oare brought thither from the follow[ing] groves

	Bings horse
from the heads	60 3
from Reed Groves	3
from Jeffreyes Grove	15
from Fallowfeild	62
	140 3

Leed from sd place to Bladen 50 p[ie]ce[s] and from the Cragg to Bladen 44 p[ie]ce[s] 93 sacks of wood brought in last Moneth att 8d 1245 sakes att 8½d and att Planky you

had smelted 18 foodd & 1 p[iece]s Leed and 72 Bing & 2 horse of Oare brought thither from the following Groves

	Bing horse
from the heads	47
from Reed Groves	5
from Coale Clough	5
from Wellhope	13 2
from Bayts hill	2
	72 2

311 Sacks of Esquire Whitfields Wood brought thither att 8d p[er] Sacke and 40 Sackes of some others att 7 ½ d but noe Leed stired from thence otherwise no Tickets come for I am certayne none is acco[un]ted for noe <chge> att the Mill but for want of Oare, but that I hope (As they doe likewise) will soone bee mended the weather now beginning to be good and wayes drye att fallowfeild they have pretty good getting wch I suppose the Inclosed from Mr Copwhite will confirme unto you As also advise you more fully then I am able to doe in all those afore mentioned & all other pticulars in your concernes And soe shall aquisse [acquiesce]

John Mowbray desired mee to signifie unto you that hee cannott gett Wood Croft lett, to any Man for 3 years, neither can have the vallew In Rent for itt, for noe Man hath beene to take itt, will bidd £80: - p[er] Ann for itt and besides none of them will take itt unless they cann have itt for 9 yeares that is from 3 to 3 till 9 they loose att every 3 and that fast, But Christopher Wall is willing to hold his farme a nother yeare accordingly as itt was vallewed in the purchase That is £16: p[er] Anno, And likewise James Foster will let his farme and would take £5 p[er] Ann more wch will make <his> Rent £20 p[er] Ann soe those 2 will forme £36: p[er] Ann, As for the remaynder the most of itt will bee Corne Land and Meaddow soe that you may either keepe Stocke of itt, or Winn the hay and Sell itt this yeare & there is an able man that Intends to take itt all next yeare, hee sayth hee hath gott all the Corne Land tilled and will sow itt wth corne in dew time, one thinge more is that they are Scarce of hay there for the goods, soe hee intends to remove 16 of them to Melkriddge to eate hay that hee cannott sell there and hee thinke they may Grasse [graze] there on the Common all summer and bee very well if my Lord Howard stay in this Nation, but it nott there may bee some danger.

2 Greate floods hath occationed some harme att the Weares att Wood hall butt p[ar]te of this dammage is made good and the remaynder will bee as fast as is possible, And likewise the places you ordered in Melkrigg haugh

They Leed Carriers are like to goe of from there bargaine, wch they made wth you att 7s 2d p[er] foodder & sayth they will have 8s soe your answer is desired as alsoe about a draught Horse for Wood Croft for itt seemes you will nott have the Stoned Horsse wrought wch did the the worke formerly soe desireing your acceptance of my

delay prayinge for your health and hapinesse and earnestly craveing your blessing I
remayne MB

26 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to William Leck

Mr Wm Leacke

Newcastle feb: 26: 1677/8

When please god you Come to Hamb[urg] you are desired to observe these following Instructions I Confesse you are not bound too Returne hither soe if you Can Light of a freight to Content I pray god send you a good vouadge [voyage], but In Case of a Returne home you know you are to bring mee Thirty tonn of goods, and if by Chance there be more, doe not deny the Shipping thereof I mean the takeing of itt In, you and I will have noe difference when please God wee meet.

As I have writt Messrs Banckes, I desire to have the nett proceed of my Concerne by you, reshipt mee in Plancke, Iron and Brumzicke mum, of all three part of any one wholly of the above mentioned Commodities as you finde them in Cheapnesse when you Arrive and <inghest> the Instructione hereunder written wch pray lett likewise be Imparted unto Messrs Banckes first Then if foure Inch plancke be to be gott for about five Dollers, or rather then faile six p[er] plancke and soe proportionally Three Inch and two and one half Inch, I Care not if the whole be shipt in that Commodity or as much thereof as Can be procured onelye observe I would not willingly have any Bracke, be sure as little as is possible for though the price thereof be accordingly yet tis not vendable in this place, besides there is plancke that Comes to Hamb[urg] by Land and some by water, the latter sort is for my use Secondly if Right Sweeds Iron bee to be gott about 20 or 21 <...> p[er] <Shpp> I Care not if the whole be shipt In that Commodity, of the Sorts to be under mentioned of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch broad flat of Inch or under small square of one $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch of thick square the rest fine narrow flatt the quantity of each I leave to your discretion being all one to mee onely as Little of the Last as is possible.

Thirdly if mum be to be gott for about 5 D<ollers> p[er] Caske qty about 40 Gallans I Care not if the whole be Shipt mee In that Commodity now I Can give you noe fuller Instructions but must Leave all to Mr Banckes then prudent manidgmt wch of the three Commodities you finde Cheapest, let mee have most of that and w[ha]t you finde dearest Let mee have Least of, I Cannot afford to give any more than is Limited, neither for the Iron nor plancke butt for the mum, though I question not but itt may be bought for five D<ollers> or under, yett if a parcell of good be mett wthall I would not have you shipp itt, if to be gott for six wch is the most I Can give, now if none of these goods bee to be procured as is above mentioned, In gods name take a freight, or Come home In your ballast, for I will rather Choose to sitt Idle as worke Idle desire Mr Banckes to buy mee and send mee p[er] first Convenience 2 or 3 Cocks and as many hens, wth the Largest <Coops> that he Can meet wthall I am MB

26 Feb 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Messrs Cha: & Jams Bankes

Newcastle feb: the 26: 1677/8

Srs

My last to you was of the 19th present wch I hereby partly contradict, for the Ma[ster] and I are come to a new agreem[en]t hee being wholly unwilling to take in any Tarr, this day or tomorrow hee will bee all Loaden, nothing is myne but all the Coales, onely I must have freight for w[ha]t other goods hee has In, both wch after good arrivall bee pleased to <Receive>, accordingly as you shall bee, God willing bee writt att large by the vessell In all wch business I doe nott att all question your Indeavours for my most advantage And if the Ma[ster] returne nott for this place bee pleased to dispose of my Coales as you thinke most convenient, leaveing itt wholly to your discession the nett proceed whereof may serve to discharge Mr John Strothers Bill wch hee is to draw upon you for £150 and the rest may bee remitted mee att your leasure, Butt if you have allread[y] payd Strothers Bill and reimbursed your selfe accordingly then you may as money comes In, remitt mee the whole nett proceed But if the Ma[ster] returne for this place, my finall resolution and positive Order is, to have the nett p[ro]ceed of my goods Shipt in him, In Planke, Iron, & Mum or in any one of these, when I cann gett a p<enne>y I have given the Ma[ster] a note of Instructiones, wch hee will lett you see, In case of his returne, wch I pray observe as nigh as you cann, Soe referring you to w[ha]t as shall be writt you by the vessell I remayne MB

I have att last found your Customer Thomas Sewell In this River who hath disposed of none of his Goods that I cann heare of, onely two or three last of Tarr wch hee tells mee was his owne, and tells mee likewise that hee is making all speed possible for your place & soe wee parted I am MB

5 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Ditto

Sr

I writt you the first present from Houghton and Stockton, from the first place I valewed £120: -: - upon you from the last place I remitted you £150: -: - and from Durham the 2d present I remitted you a small Bill for £10: -: - all wch letters I hope are Come safe to your hands, and now god be thanked I am Gott home where I mett with yours of the 23d and 28th past, In the former you say that att present there is noe Iron in marchands hands wherein you are very much misinformed, for I my selfe have letters from severall of them to the Contrary viz Mr Tho: Western, Mr Wm Benson, Mr Jno Parke Mr Jas Lyer, Mr Walter Kilner, butt tis soe deare that I must see to provide myselfe

otherwhere In your Letter I have the acco[un]t of my 300 p[iece]s Leed, next post shall advise you how I finde itt seeing the Leed oare and Copper is now upon Shipping, must run the Hazard of the markett. I could alwayes have Leed in your hands, if the price gave any Encourrdg[m]ent wch I[t] doth not all present I am MB

Lett mee desire your Lady to buy and you to send me p[er] first Convenience of Shipping a <sute> of plaine Linen white Crape as you pay Mr Sturd<ey> any money upon my acco[un]t advise mee that I may booke itt MB

5 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle March 5th 1677/8

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 23th past, am satisfyed wth the sort of Iron my brother Davison had from you, but I doe assure you I was Informed it was of the very sort of myne, and I am Certaine my Brother Davison himselfe did Expect itt soe to bee, wch was the Cause of my writing that letter of the 19th past, but pray noe more of itt, and lett all that is by past be Clearly forgott.

I Long to heare from you of the Shipping of that parcell of Iron In your hands you Intended mee, and likewise of the 100 bars thick square wch pray lett be Effected as Soone as is possisble, I[f] there being in your place that will sell mee 30 40 or 50 tonn of Sweeds Iron Reasonably, I would buy itt If any such bars be mett w[ith]all and will be pleased to Import unto mee the sorts and his Lowest price, I will give an Answer p[er] very first post God willing very possible that ere Long I have the happiness to kisse your hands, haveing a Little businesse att Yorke, and a days Journey to see a friend is not much valued by MB

5 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edwd Fletham

Ditto

I sent thee upon the 23th past the bill wch I Rec[eiv]ed from thee for £10: - : - acceptance being Refused, and I did Expect ere this to have Rec[eiv]ed another from thee, I desire to know the Reason why you have not send mee one likewise I desire to know whether you will give me itt in money or send mee a bill for itt, your Answer is desired by MB

5 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to John Mowbray

John Mowbrey

Ditto

I have the Last post Rec[eiv]ed a letter from my father; wherein is his <possitive> order, that In Case those that tooke the Carridge of the Leed will not p[er]forme their bargain that then none of them Lead any of itt for if he must give more itt shall bee to others, wch lett be observed I am MB

5 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Cuthbert Snow

Cuth Snow

Newcastle March 5 1677/8

I have both yours of the 23d and 26th present, but Cannott afford to give any such price for Iron as you mention soe need not trouble youselfe any further, however I Cannot but Returne you my hearty thanks for what you have done, if £13: 10s would doe itt, might Resolve to give itt but not a farthing more, and for which I thinke itt might be Embraced, if the marchand would but take into Consideration the quantity vizt 40 or 50 Tonn, and the payment ready money if these tearms Cannot be accepted of I am Resolved to provide my selfe otherwere as well as I Can, soe pray a Line p[er] first unto MB

5 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to John Hubbock

Mr Jno Hubbacke

Newcastle March the 5 1677/8

Sr

I sent you from Houghton upon Sunday last two letters wch I perceive Came too late the post being gone, I desire you that you would be pleased to take Care as to send them away this post for they are both letters on Concerne pray lett mee have a line from you that they are both sent away and you will oblidge MB

6 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Anthony Heron

Anthony Heron

Newcastle March 6 1677/8

I doe very much admire you are soe negligent in Collecting the moneys due to mee, and In particular these somes undermentioned, wch I sweare I will not Loose if possible to be procured, I therefore Command you to bee Carefull and delay mee noe Longer as you Tender the <request> and kindnesse of MB

<Levy> Mony not pd

Mr Mettham	Hen Jennison & Jno Stephenson	£ 2 - -
[do]	Robt Roddam & Robt <Wind et al>	£12 10 -
	Jno Emerson & Ed <Stannit>	£ 1 2 -

6 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edwd

Newcastle March the 6th 1677/8

Upon Receipt of yours of the 4th present I Immediately Repaired to Mr Leamon who doth assure mee that he hath used his utmost endeavours towards the Effecting of your order, but all his Labour to this howe[ve]r hath proved Ineffectuall, neither Can my Cousin Jno Blackett doe you any helpe att present, nor will either of them give mee any Encouridgment to tell you that Certainley one will be mett withall within <5 / 6 d[ays]> by Chance itt may soe fall out that one may bee procured in that time and itt may soe fall out, that itt may bee a month before any of us Can meet wth one wch is full an account as to that particular as I Can write you, soe may use your discretion as to your goeing to Yorke, or if you please to give us order to freight a humble Keele as soone as wee Cann, all our Endeavours shall not be awanting for the Effecting the same wth all Expedition possible and I durst assure you, noe opportunity shall be slipt, but as before tis not Certaine w[he]n one Can be mett wthall, itt may be soone, may be Long, but shall not doe any thing till wee heare from you, whether you Resolve for Yorke or not, I wish you much Joy of your Daughter, and heartily wish my master a good Recovery to whome amd to all your good family pray present my humble Service, and be pleased to accept of the same your selfe as from MB

8 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen Maister

Newcastle March 8 1677/8

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 2d present, as soone as I receive an account from you to w[ha]t value you have Shipt mee In Jno Potter, your mony shall be Remitted you In a good bill, or otherwise as you shall order mee Reger Koninsberg Riseling att present will not yield above 24 and must be very good if itt give that price, I am Confident I Could buy very good in Towne for 25 if not under I am MB

8 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Messrs Ch: and Ja: Bankes

Newcastle March 8 1677/8

Srs

This Comes to accompany m[aste]r Wm Leacke Comander of the Constant Wm of this place, In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you Eighty five Chalder of Coales Newcastle measure wch god sending well to arrive be pleased to receive and dispose thereof for my most advantidge there is alsoe in sd vessell <498> p[ie]ce[s] Leed 12 <st> p[er] p[ie]ce] for fr[e]ight of the same be you pleased to <receive> for mee of the <Receivers> thereof, you are to pay noe fr[e]ight but Lett the m[aste]r have w[ha]t money he pleases in p[aymen]t thereof and send mee his Receipts

I am with yours of the 22d past, Inclosed you have your acco[u]nt Currant, the ballance being £34: 18: 2 may order out of my hand as you thinke most advantageous

Capt Sewell is still in this harbour, who still tells mee he is makeing all speed possible for your place, I Can heare of noe goods he hath sold, onely about 2 Last of his owne tarr wch is all the acco[u]nt I Cann give you of him now Gentlemen if the vessell Returne for this place I desire to have shipt in him, w[ha]t Iron the net proceed of the Coales and the fr[e]ight of the Leed will buy, of the 2 sorts you mention in this your Letter before mee, vizt of 3 Inch broad, rather broader if to be procured and Inch squ[are] (but rather smaller squ[a]r[e] if to be procured) the price I Leave to your prudent manidgment hopes itt may be gott for 21 <.> If Coales doe not finde ready vent, will willingly allow you Consideration till they Reimburse you soe much for Iron and now againe if plancke and mum be to be gott, as In my Instructions wch the m[aste]r will Lett you see upon Demand, then pray Shipp mee in him two hundred pounds whorth of planckes and 30 casks mum provided you Can gett mee Insured £300 upon the goods In sd vessell, otherwise not, for then should I have too great a venture In the Shipp, the Cost and Chardges of the plancke and mum may freely value upon mee, your bill shall be honoured wch I hope is pl<easine> unto you and soe I remaine MB

9 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Messrs Ch: & Ja: Banckes

Ditto

Srs

My Last to you was of the 8th present p[er] Wm Lecke more I Cannot say then I have all ready said positively I desire if the vessell Returne for this place that the nett proceed of the Coales be Shipt mee (Lett price be as itt will must Leave itt to your prudent manidgment) In Iron of the two sorts mentioned and if plancke and mum be to be gott according to my Instructions (not above as much under as is possible) and that you wholly Load backe sd vessell upon my acco[un]t be sure Insure mee £300 or

£400 the m[aste]r upon Demand will shew you my Instructions, soe this being the needfull I remaine MB

Tho: Sewell I heare sailed yesterday morening for your port I wish him well to his desired place

9 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Ma: Lambe

Newcastle March 9 1677/8

Sr

Being In some hast[e] I onlye Enquire after yours and my mothers good health, I see If I never write you you will be sure never to write to mee, your promise when you were Last here makes mee Remember the old proverbe out of Sight out of minde you promised mee a grosse of bra<sse> pipes as yett I have seen noe p[er]formance I have got Robt Stansbys Rent I hope you have ere this gott Jno Stansbys and the rest all wth mee god be thanked are very well hoping the like wth you I remaine MB

9 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 5th present have given you Creditt for the Cost and Chardges of the 260 barrs Iron shipt me In Jno Potter your bill of £50:- :- att sight pay to Mr Robt <Lintoll> shall be Imediately pd w[he]n presented and draw the Remainder w[he]n you please att sight itt shall be punctually dischargd]ed noe need of Expressing any such thing In your Letter as : wch I hope you will accept for I would not otherwise noe feare of itt I hope soe Long as I Live and soe Remaines MB

9 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Ed[w]ard Fletham

Newcastle March the 9 1677/8

I have thine of the 6th present wth an Inclosed bill for £10: - : - In Lieu of that bill I Returned thee acceptance being Refused, In Respect of the wrong dating thereof this I question not, but will be pd upon sight, but am very sorry I Cannot Comply wth thy desire for furnishing Robt Swaine with sixty pounds upon thy account for my p[ar]t I was never soe putt too ill In all my life for mony, tis soe good a Commodity that bills are given att short sight with good Advance before they Receive there mony, soe noe

necessity In giving mony in 14 d[ays] before They receive a bill, In short I doe begg thy
Excuse and wth my kinde Respects to my Ant <Nitby> and all wth her I remaine MB

9 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Ditto

Sr

The aboves [see below] are Coppies of what I have writt you this day by Leo: Jeffreson
and Robt Grainge In whome I have Loaden of you see above and Consigned unto your
selfe 53 Caske Leed oare and twenty Copper plates wch after good Arrivall be pleased
to Receive, but not dispose thereof till further order for I am Resolved Rather to sitt idle
then worke Idle for the Copper itt is not much materiall doe wth itt w[ha]t you please
but Inclosed is an acco[u]nt of the Cost and Chardges of the Leed oare under wch
positively I will not sell itt and that without Chardge of Landing the same, the
overweight will doe much towards the Chardge of wch pray Consider and if neather
for your (nor your friends) purpose Lett mee know as soone as you Cann, I am very
unwiling to take any of my Commissions from you, but if you Cannot procure mee as
much as another for my goods you must Excuse mee your Answer p[er] first pray
afford unto MB

Inclosed is allsoe a bill for the £10:- wch you formerly Returnd mee acceptance being
denied for want of the Right dating thereof MB

If the bill be not pd upon sight pray Lett mee know thereof I have before mee yours of
the 5th present, and doe heartily thanke you for waiting upon my Lady Bagshaw I will
doe as much for you In this place w[he]n required

Sr, These Comes to accompany m[aste]r Leo: Jeffreson Commander of the successe of
Whitby, In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you 27 Casks Leed oare, wch
after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof for my most advantidge
paying the m[aste]r 3 <s/6d> p[er] Caske Leed oare I am for my master Mich: Blackett
JW

Sr, These Comes to accompany m[aste]r Robt Grainge Comander of the Ann of Whitby
In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you 26 Casks Leed oare and 20 Copper
plates <qty> 119 <lb> wch after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof
for my most advantidge paying the m[aste]r 3<s/6d> p[er] Caske Leed oare but
notheing for the plates I am for my m[aste]r Miche Blackett JW

12 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Ditto

Sr

Yesterday was presented mee your second bill for £50: wch I Immediately paid and draw freely the Remainder att sight upon MB

12 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Humphrey Willett

Ditto

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you the two following bills vizt

one for £150: - p[er] 30 d[ays] after date to Mr Jno Wood or order valew of Mr Rich: Tooth and one for £50: p[er] the 30th present to Mr Nath: Horneby or order valew of Mr Rich: Tooth both wch pray Lett be Complied withall, I thinke that mony for my Leed should Come In before they be dew, however I shall supply you otherwise In dew time, Inclosed is a small bill for £6:- :- wch keepe by you till Mr Nephew will pay itt, for p[er]haps he may not as yett have order about itt I am MB

12 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to William Nephew

Mr Wm Nephew

Newcastle March 12 1677/8

Sr

Wm Limbray wanting money and Repairing unto mee have furnishd him wth £6: -: - as p[er] his Inclosed Receipt, wch he promises to pay you upon Demand, said £6: - have valewd upon your Brother Mr Peter Nephew p[er] 6 d[ays] sight to Mr Hump: Willett or order I hope after perusall of the Inclosed, you will order your Brother to dischardge my bill

Yesterday Came Tho: Davies to mee who Loads att Sunderland and desired my Assistance in procureing him a passe, my utmost Endeavours was not awanting, but all to noe purpose for Severall Reasons, if att any time I Can doe you any Service In this place freely Commend MB

12 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Peter Nephew

Mr Peter Nephew

Newcastle March 12 77/8

Sr

I have furnished Wm Limbrey upon your Brother Mr Wm Nephew his account with £6: - : - wch some [sum] according to order have this day valewed upon you p[er] 6 d[ays] sight to Mr Hump: Willett or order I question not but your Brother will give you order To dischargd sd bill, to whome pray send the Inclosed and you will oblidge MB

16 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen Maister

Newcastle March 16 1677/8

Sir

I have yours of the 5th p[er] Jno Potter who god be thanked is well Arrived In this place and of the 8th and 13th past upon Monday I hope to gett the Iron In to seller then shall advise you how I like itt yett never questions but Itt will prove Right

Your bill of £50: - : - as I advised you In my last is paid and yesterday was presented mee your bill of £38: - : - wch was likewise paid upon sight and draw the Remainder w[he]n you please for Answer unto yours of the 8th I Can give noe such price for the sorts of Iron you mention neither doe you advise mee w[ha]t size the sq[are] is of yett if they will be willing to abate mee handsomely of theire Demands I mean to be gott for about £13: - : - and that theire sq[are] be <seiz>onable for this place I will be theire Customer Ready mony is a scarce Commodity In this place and will tempt one of us to doe much I Cannot tell how far itt will prevaile wth you I am MB

16 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Lambe

Newcastle March 16 1677/8

I have before mee yours of the 15th present wth a panyer [pannier] of pipes how they prove shall advise you after a tryall however In the mean time I heartily thanke you for them and will say they are very good ones for one ought nott to Looke a given horse in the mouth pray Come and see if Newcastle stand upon the River tyne for time alters things strangley Robt Stanesby did give mee Rich: Hobsons Rent wth his owne, I perceive you have Recd Mr Garths and 50 </d> of Jno Stansby when you see him pray Lett him know I doe not take itt well he should free use mee and if he doe not pay you the Remainder upon sight hea[r]of or soone after itt may be whorse for him the old proverb Still proves true nothing sooner Looses A tenant then forbearance of Rent pray give Boyes warning of his shopp and Lett Mr Booth have itt as soone as is possible

onely be sure (wch I expect from you) make him pay for itt as much as possible you
Cann wch I Leave wholly to your discretion and ordering I Cannot possible see you
this Easter for must god willing bee all Easter weeke att Houghton and thereabouts
haveing att that very time some 1000 Bushells of oats to Shipp of att Sunderland
however as soone as I Can may be Certaine I will Come to see if Darnton stand for the
same place itt formerly did

the <pike> Cost mee nothing pray take the trouble upon you as see the
proportionable Charge thereof done mee good by my partners wee are here god be
thanked In pretty good health, hoping the like wth you MB

19 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Ma: Lambe

Newcastle March 19 1677/8

Sir

I have had two bills one after another from Edward Fletham of Yarme, both of them
but for one tenn pounds, and neither of the two will be accepted, soe that I Cannot
brooke such dealing, neither doe I Intend to have any more to doe wth his bills etc

this day I have Returned him his bill and ordered him to pay the £10: -: - to you and
you to give him a dischargd for the same, but In Case you meete wth him before you
heare from him then pray demand of him sd somme and keepe itt in your hands till
further order, be very Strickt wth him for itt, and if an opportunity present Send to him
for itt I hope you are all well, God be thanked wee are, I am MB

19 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 14th I hope both my Leed Oare and Copp[er] Plat[e]s are wth
you ere this, pray w[ha]t doe you wth my Anchor Palmes you never writt mee one
word about them & for my Leed Oare I cannot affoord itt under £7: p[er] tonn dd here
<aboard> free all charges; [3-4 words deleted] there is ½ a hundred In every Tonn att
least overweight, as you will finde w[he]n you weigh itt; if nott for your purpose pray
advise mee

I wonder acceptance of the bill of £10: is denyed shall send you a nother for itt;
w[ha]t you have sent mee p[er] Jno Otway I am afayd is all wrong for w[ha]t was
desired was not for my selfe but for my wife if a mistake shall advise you when John
Otway arrives I am MB

Write mee noe more Esq <tis noe> longer my <wille>

19 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Ed: Fleatham

Newcastle March the 19th 1677/8

I send thee here Inclosed thy second bill to wch acceptanc[e] is refused as well as to thy former etc doe very much wonder why thou shouldest deale thus wth mee, who upon all accompts thou hast found civill to thee, and ready to serve thee on any occation; but this dealing In short I doe nott att all like soe pray thee upon sight hereof pay or order to bee payd to Mr Mathew Lamb in Darnton the tenn pounds dew upon this bill and his Receipt shall bee thy discharge for I will meddle noe more wth thy bills I am MB

19 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Richard Crossman

Ditto

Sir

You will doe mee a kindnesse If you will please to Informe mee att your leasure, whether Mr Jacques Hayes Resides still att Oastend or nott; I have a p[ar]cell of oats to send thither and would rather Imploy him then any other, pray excuse my boldnesse, and if thought Capable of Serving you In this place freely Command MB

19 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Jacques Hayes

Mr Jacques Hays

Newcastle March the 19th 1677/8

Sir

This comes purposely to Enquire after your wellfayre and now there being some liklyhood of a trad[e] betwixt this place and yours, I should be very glad that wee should make use one of another as occation offers; I have a good quantity of Oats In my hands; wch I heare is a good Commodity wth you, pray advise mee the price thereof and how your measure is to London or Winchester measure, if any probability of a little profitt, I cann upon the least notice furnish you wth good Supplyes your answer p[er] first I pray affoord unto MB

19 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle March 19 1677/8

Sir

My last to you was of the 9th present to which wholly refers you, since have Recd yours of the 5th present wch requireing Little Answer have the lesse to Inlardge upon for upon all occations I question not your utmost Endeavours for my most advantidge, and of Wm Lecke returne for this place I have allready advised you soe fully how I would have his Loadeing ordered that I Cannot Inlardge upon the particular, In short positively 30 tonn of Iron wch I hope may be procured for 22 if not under, the <rest> plancke and 20 Casks or 30 Caskes of mum if to be gott according to my Instructions, and that you Can gett mee Insured £300 or 400 otherwise not noe tarr will I have, nor Can you have the prividlige of Shipping 20 tonn of goods freight free, by Reason of our Comeing to a new agreem[en]t as formerly written

I hope the vessell may be wth you as soone as this, God send him well I am MB

23 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

ditto

Sir

This is Chiefly to advise you that I have this day valewed upon you the two following bills vizt

one for £100: p[er] 6 d[ays] after sight to Mr Alexander Laurie or order valew of himselfe.

one for £100: -: - p[er] 6 d[ays] after sight to Mr Wm Menzies or order valew of himselfe

both wch Lett be Complyd wthall, I have before mee yours of the 16th the Contents have observed, soe In Conformitye thereunto god willing next post I shall remitt you att Least £300:- but have not Leasure this morning to Seeke bills I am MB

23 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sir

Newcastle March 23 1677/8

Before I make bold to Intimate my Request unto you (wch I hope will not be denied) I must In the first p[l]ace give you the best acco[un]t I Could Learne of all occurrences att the last pay, and to begin wth the Condition of the Severall groves they are as followeth vizt Greengill better than itt was, as allsoe Coleclugh Welhope since last notice from RM to you is very much mended Bate hill not alltogether soe good as itt was, the Slitts is Indifferent good both In the North string Eastward, and the other veine Westward, pretty good getting att the Eastend of the Levell and great hopes of its Continuance Rookhope Indifferent good Westward, but little gettings Eastward they

are <....ping> to the Low bed att Coleclugh, where there is great hopes of its proving well not a bing of oare aforehand neither washed not unwashed att the places above mentioned, putt them alltogether soe that next month you may have a pretty good acco[un]t w[ha]t is wrought att each grove In that time wch God willing you may Expect from mee.

att the mill about 200 bing of oare aforehand and all is well there, onely this last weeke there hapned a fire att the West End of the West mill, but did noe harme att all, they now Intend to pull that Chimney wholly downe, and build itt againe wth <tile>

Fallowfield worke very good In severall places but the Levell there Continues very hard, yett they have gott under the Stones and now hopes itt prove better shortly

never man was soe much hated as <CC> is by one if itt were in his power to hang him, I would not be In his condition for all the world, and my takeing of his part makes the partie ten times worse, out of <....> of malice, he Declares that absolutely he will have Jno Allsopp both out of the house, and of the works he is a poore man, hath a great Chardge workes faithfully for his wages, payes his rent dewly, soe w[ha]t Can be Allegated against him I Cannot Imagine If such a thing happen I desire that I may have the liberty to sett him on againe, but because I never meddle neither wth putting of nor setting on men, I Rather desire the businesse may be left to CC (who I really thinke will doe you noe wrong) and he to dispose of him as he findes him Just, or Guilty, for my part I did not see itt plainely, more malice than any thing Else, I would not write a word In his behalfe but as good Reason is doe w[ha]t you please, I suppose either this post or shortly you will have a letter about this businesse

the whole pay comes to	£659 11 3
the heads pay £267:-:2 2/3 towards wch pd Rich Mowbray	£254 - -
Plankey pay £95:8:10 towards wch pd Jno Mowbray	£ 90 - -
Paid att mill as p[er] particulars	£193 19 4
pd att fallowfield as p[er] particulars	£121 11 11
	£659 11 3

for wch money you had smelted att planky mill 31 foddors 1 <p> Leed 204 p[ie]ce[s] Leed Carried from thence to Bladon and 144 bing of oare brought to sd place from the following groves vizt

	B[ing] h[orse]
from the heads	43 1
from Welhope	40 0
from Batehill	30 3
from Reedgroves	4 2
from Greengill	10 1
from Coleclugh	15 1
In all	144 bing

42 sackes of wood bought of Esq Whitfield att 8d p[er] sacke 145 of others att 7 ½d
349 of your owne

att Duxfield mill you had smelted Just 60 fodder Leed 235 p[iece]s Leed from the mill
to Bladon
86 p[iece]s from the Cragg to sd place and from the following groves brought in thither

B[ing] h[orse]
from fallowfield 151 -
from the heads 160 3
from Reedgroves 3 2
from Jeffray groves 16 -
from Lunehead 7 -
from Rookhope 11 -
349 1

att fallowfield about 300 bing above ground unwashed I heare Mrs Bowes is allready
weary of her tenants and wishes works In your hands againe, may please to Intimate
your minde to whome you thinke Convenient, now Sir my Request is Mr untton of
our Custom house being dead and Jno Eden takeing this nigh<t> post, to make w[ha]t
Interest he Can for sd Employment I doe Earnestly begg you will please to afford him
your assistance, I Cannot question but you will use your utmost Endeavours soe leaves
itt to you this being the needfull praying for your health and happiness and earnestly
Craveing your blessing I remaine MB

26 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Wellington

Mr Hen Wellington

Newcastle March 26 1677/8

Sir

Though unknown yett by the above letter of Recommendation makes bold to write you
these few Lines, desireing Placing a Little mony att your place upon acct above
mentioned, you will please to advise mee of itt Stand wth your Convenience to draw or
have itt Remitted from any of the three places above cited and wch may well be most
for my advantidge, I should bee glad wee were better acquainted, pray how Rules wth
you, Leed, Coales, Butter, oats or Grindstones and how your weights and measure
holds out wth ours, In doing of wch you will oblidge MB

30 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Rich: Crosseman

ditto

Sir

I heartily thanke you for yours of the 23d present and for Answer to the latter part of your letter may please take notice that Leed oare such as I formerly sent by your order to Mr Jacques Hayes be had £6:- p[er] tonn dd aboard free of all Chardges I have a parcell of very good Comeing to London Confirmed unto Mr Hump: Willett about 12 Tonn if for your purpose after a sight thereof, wch be pleased to take att your Leasure you shall have itt worth your mony and soe I remaine MB

30 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham Van Rincom

Mr Abra: van Rincom

Newcastle March 30 1678

Sir

I have before mee both yours of the 15th and 22d present but Cannot afford to give any such price for Iron as you mention, I heare itt may be bought much Cheaper, probably you Resort not to the fountaine head, onely Repairs to Retailers wch way is not for my purpose

here is att present an Imbargo upon all vessells, soe soone as the sume is taken of shall furnish you wth a little Leed for a tryall, and advise mee p[er] first w[ha]t sort of Grindstones are for your markt, and w[ha]t price if any Encouradgement shall want for supplyes from MB

30 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Mr Jn Eden

Ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 26th am glad you gott well to London, but very sorry you should be disappointed In goeing to visitt my fater before he Came out of Towne, however he tells mee he did recomend you more than onc[e] to the Comm[issione]rs and doth not question but you will Effect your businesse wth Mr <Isaacksons> Letter, and your Interest wth Mr <Barty>, provided you have mony to Carry on the worke of the day without wch (as you well know) nothing to be done, now you must not halt wth your mother and mee, but advise us every post of your proceedings, and really and plainely the very truth, and lett mee know by the by how your selfe Imagines to Raise mony for I am Confident itt will Cost you about £100: - and your mother swears she Can doe noe more for you than as itt Comes In, but be sure Complaine hard every letter and wee will see w[ha]t Can be done advise mee how all sorts of Iron rules, and if you Can gett mee a Chapman for my Anchor palms in Mr Willetts hands, or a hope for any other sort of Iron demand then they will be delivered you, and I hearby leave the ordering of them to your discretion

your wife and mother are very well, soe God be thanked are all friends here,
hoping this will finde you In the Same Condition I remaine MB

30 Mar 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle March 30 1677/8

Sir

Inclosed I have sent you two bills for foure hundred and forty pounds of wch w[he]n
dew pray procure the needfull I think now I will be nothing Indebted to you, w[he]n all
is Received and paid, onely for the time that you shall be in disburse for mee for wch
take w[ha]t you please, I think you will have In your hands wherewithall to Content
you, and w[he]n all is Received and paid or as soone as wth Convenience you Can be
pleased to send mee my account Currant wthin a post or two shall take Care to order
the Anchor palmes ou of your hands and w[he]n the Leed Oare is arrived, if not for
your purpose, can dispose of itt otherwise I am MB

4 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum Willett

Newcastle Aprill 4th 1678

The above [given below] is Coppy of w[ha]t I have written you p[er] Roger Kempe
from Sunderland who God sending well wth you, be pleased to dispatch wth all speed
possible, and lett not a Lawfull workeing day be neglected, I haveing but six allowed
mee for his unloadeing, and Loadeing againe at your place w[he]n necessary or
required, but besides his dispatch will be my owne advantidge, for one dayes neglect
may spoile all my corne, soe once againe before Cast mee not Into any demouradge
wch doth wholly depend upon your activenesse, I am Certaine I Can always dispatch
him here, In 3 or 4 d[ays] and I have freighted him for Severall voyadges both backe
and forth, but that time will have nothing backe, soe tell the Master from mee, after hee
is unloaden that he dispatch himselfe wth ballast (the Cost of wch I will pay him
w[he]n wee meet) and Come directly for Sunderland againe, where his Loadeing shall
be ready for him pray when unloaden advise how he makes out and for the Saile of
both oats and Leed I leave itt wholly to your discretion, onely as you are bid for the
oats or as you proceed I Expect to heare itt every post of wch I hope you will not faile
MB

If Mr Jno Eden Call for my Anchor palms pray lett then be <dd> him

Mr Hump Willett

Sunderland Aprill the 2: 1678

Sir

This Comes to accompany Mr Roger Kempe Com[m]ander of the Assistance Frigatt of Yarmouth In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you twenty foure p[ieces] Leed and Twenty Seven last sixty six Bushells of oats this measure wch after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof for my most advantidge payeing the master for freight forty five pounds and a Guny [Guinea] <Capation> I shall write you more att large p[er] first post In the mean time I remayne MB

6 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to William Lee

Mr Wm Lee

Newcastle Aprill 6 1678

Sr

Your bill of £<4>00: - drawn upon Ab: Jaggard is not yett paid although you know itt is past dew he is reputed backward in payeing soe that my desire is that you will please to wright to him that itt may be paid without further delay and you will oblidge MB

6 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Jacques Hayes

Mr Jacques Hayes

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the date hereof whereby perceives oats are in noe demand wth you wch hath frustrated my Expeditions soe have ordered mine for another port however you might have been beene pleased to advise mee w[ha]t Coales, Leed, Butter, Grindstones, In short of occurrences att your place w[ha]t the Commodities the Country affords wch pray doe p[er] first Convenience and how each Commodity holds out wth London, whether itt be In weight or measure, In doing whereof you will oblidge MB

6 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor

Newcastle Aprill the 6 1678

Sr

I have yours of the <8>th present whereby I understand that Leo: Jeffreyson would deliver unto you twenty four Casks Leed oare upon my acct I hope you were soe wise as to pay him noe freight I suppos[e] one Robt Grainge may <dd> you 26 Caskes more

with twenty Copper plates Sweeds mony, pray pay noe freight of neither, but w[ha]t you Receive be pleased to dispose for my most advantidge wch I wholly leave to your discretion, but <p I ouerne> doubts but the oare will yeild above 4<g ll p[er] to> for to my Certaine knowledge tis as good as ever Came from this place, and am unwilling to sell itt att that rate, however leaves itt wholly to you, to dispose thereof as you thinke Convenient, write mee as much as you will of occurrences in your letter, but send noe price Currants they being Chargeable w[he]n you are In Cash for mee be pleased to Remitt the nett proceed in rodd Iron. the keeping of accts (as I shall for ever have all my other Concerns) I really leave to your discretion and soe I remaine MB

6 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle Aprill 6 1678

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you the five following bills vizt

one for £40 p[er] 12 d[ays] after sight to Mr Ja: Eyton or order valew of Mr Ralph Ellstobb
one for £40 p[er] 12 d[ays] after sight to Mr James Cudworth or order valew of Mr Ralph Ellstobb

one for £40 p[er] 12 d[ays] after sight to Mr Tho: Dudson or order valew of ditto
one for £40 p[er] 12 d[ays] after sight to Mr Richard Ellbrough or order valew of ditto

one for £60 p[er] 12 d[ays] after sight to Mr Gawen Corbyn or order valew of ditto

all wch pray lett be Complied withall

W[he]n I thinke <least> of troubling you then the most trouble falls out however often that may be assured nothing shall be valewed upon you till acct. Currant be Sent after the Receipt of wch shall Imediately Remitt you the ballance wth Consideration to Content in the time that you shall be in disburse In the mean time may Come to Remitt you the needfull however doe not Rely upon itt I have advice that Leo: Jeffreyson hath d[elivere]d his Leed oare att Rotterdam I suppose Robt Gearing will <dd> his 26 Casks and the Copper plates to you, but be sure pay noe freight neither wthout further order for I Cannot tell wth w[ha]t authority Jeffreyson d[elivere]d his att Rotterdam and positively I agreed wth him for the Carridge of all to London soe am Resolved to make him pay for his default in the premises I am MB

7 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Mr Jno Eden

Newcastle Aprill the 7 1678

Sr

All Easter weeke I was In the Country takeing a little Recreation att my Returne doe meet wth Severall of yours, all wch I shall now Answer God willing In very few Lines, and in the first place I thinke you are pretty well provided with mony for the Chardge of your Journey, for your wife tells mee she hath sent you a bill for twenty pounds wch with the £10 you Carryed up In my opinion will goe very far, but if you thinke you will still want Lett mee know itt, and noe Endeavours shall be awanting In mee, for the procureing you the needfull, and now for mony for a place, I hope there will be noe need of any, for I heare there is noe likelihood for your procureing Burtons place, and for Forsters Certainly my Lord Obryon will take nothing for a deputy he must have, and my advice is to take the Last wch you gett for nothing than to buy the former, and that att soe deare a rate, you say itt will Cost you £100, faith where the mony will Be raised I Cannot Imagine, for your mother swears she Can doe nothing, have you writt to Sr Robt if not doe itt Imediately, and if you will have mee to goe over upon the least notice itt shall be done

You bid mee buy noe more oats but you never tell mee w[ha]t price they are, for I have Encoaradgeing letters if you Can sell my Ankor palms, Employ freely the mony to your use I will take itt againe as I Can gett itt you see w[ha]t a great desire I have to serve you, In any thing that may tend to your owne good, most of them not vendable here soe wth them w[ha]t you please and dispose of them as you thinke Convenient all friends are very well here God be thanked, my wife desires to be Remembred unto you soe wishing you all happinesse In your businesse I remaine MB

Nath: M^{assey} very sick little hop[e]s of his Recovery

9 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo Moorecroft

Ditto

I Can give Little Answer to yours of the 5th present pray discourse the businesse wth my Unckle Eden and w[ha]t you and he Resolves upon shall be to my full satisfaction

I have acquainted Cusin Romney wth the latter part of your Letters, pray Remember mee to all att Billingham and Norton w[he]n you see them I am MB

9 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Lamb

Newcastle Aprill the 9 1678

I have yours of the 6th takes notice you have received the £10: - of Edwd Fletham, wch lett ly [lie] buy you till further order, pray minde Jno Humisby lett him want noe <Craveing>, and tell him I will have noe Rents p[ai]d In this manner

I suppose you have heard of your sisters death I was <C...> by frankland to pay all Arrears and Chardges, and the very same day had 2 <subp[oenas]> served one me from CB and sister, I hope all wth you are well, God be thanked wee are here I am In hast[e] MB

12 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle Aprill the 12 1678

Sr

I yesterday Shipt aboard of James <Stot> a little box and Consigned the same unto you, wch pray lett be Called for and kept in your Custody untill my wife send for itt, who is a Comeing up wth my father Sr Wm and pray lett her have w[ha]t mony she Demands, the first visitt she makes will be to waite upon your Lady

You are very much to blame never to advise mee the price of oats, Leed, Coales and Grindstones and w[ha]t sort of the last are most vendable with you, wch pray doe for future once a weeke and if any appearence of a little profitt Can upon the least notice supply you wth any of them I am MB

13 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Mr Jno Eden

Ditto

I have before mee yours of the 9th and have seen all your Letters of that date by your hands upon Receipt of wch your Cosin Brabant and I Immediately Went to Little Benton, where after much toyle and great Hectoring have gott £50: - : - to be p[ai]d mee wthin six month, and this night are Come here and upon the first motion £50 more was Granted I then made my Endeavours for £10 more towards your Chardges wch wth much ado I have gott granted mee, but I am to disburse all the mony and w[he]n I will gett it againe I Cannot tell however Inclosed is a bill for £110: - : - wch will be punctually Complied withall, you all along have much Relyed upon my kindnesse, of wch more att meeting but I much wonder of your boldnesse, without Informeing att Lardge of every particular

I hope you have ere this disposed of my Anckor palms, wch would much be to my Content I wish Esquire <Bartie> C to whome present my humble service (Could procure mee a promise either of the Collectors place or Mr Brabands) you know tis good to speeke In time, and w[he]n I am In possession of either of them would gratifie him to Content more p[er] next, for now wee are all pretty merry soe remaines MB

13 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum Willett

West aukland Aprill the 13 1678

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £110 p[er] 40 d[ays] sight to Mr Jno Eden or order valew wth in my selfe wch pray Lett be Complied wthall this is upon a particular businesse, and to doe my friend Jno Eden a kindnesse, soe pray Lett itt be punctually Complied wthall, I will take Care to Reimburse you before the bill fall dew I am MB

16 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have both yours of the 9th and 11th before mee I am Glad to heare that both Robt Gra[i]nge[r] and Roger Kempe are arrived wth you, I am Confident the oats will give Content, being as good as any of this Country affords, and I Expect this day to heare from you w[ha]t may be Expected for them, if the Least profitt shall send you good supplyes

If the Leed oare and Copper will not sell, lett them Lye by you, they cut noe bread I question not but they will sell att last, I take notice w[ha]t you have shipt mee p[er] Geo: W<i>lle<y>, accordingly have given you Creditt 11s 6d but not yett Arrived I am MB

16 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham Van Rincom

Mr Abra: Vin rincom

Newcastle Aprill the 16 1678

Sr

I have Recei[ve]d yours of the 15th present, and doe heartily thank you for your advice about Iron, butt Cannot afford to give any such price and as for the Linnen you mention noe good to be done wth itt for by the act of parliament I understand that Linnen from Holland is as well prohibited as Linnen from France, for my p[ar]t I will not venture of any

pray be Continuing your advice of the price of Coales Leed and Grindstones, and w[ha]t sort of the last are most vendable wth you, and how Rodd Iron Rules In your place I am MB

19 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle Aprill the 19 1678

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 5th present, wherein you say that by your former of the 26th past you advised mee of Wm Lecks safe Arrivall wch Letter I sweare to this day is not Comd to my hand and I was not a Little vexed that all the Concerned had Advice of his Arrivall, but my selfe who is most of all Concerned, however I am Glad he is well, if he returne for this place I hope you have Loaded him of according to former directions, if not, I question not your Endeavours In the saile of my goods to my most advantidge, the disposall thereof I wholly Leave to your discretion and as monys Comes In, pray Lett itt Ly by you till further order from MB

19 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 13th Thereby takes notice of the progresse you had made In the saile of my oats, but that they were Refused after haveing Turned over a Last, by Reason of Comeing to another sort as you say not worth soe much as the Rest by 1s 6d p[er] quarter, I will Justifie they where the best oats In the Shipp, Indeed they were of another Colour a Little Reddish, but I thought the little quantity of the same amongst soe many, would never have been taken notice of, there being but tenn quarters, and I am Certaine as for the Remainder noe Exception Can be against them, and further, the very best oats are undermost soe rather then have broken of your bargain I would have had you to have abated him to his Content for that one Last Excepted against, however I hope you will still sell them to Content of MB

20 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: John Blackett, son of Christopher, Sir William's elder brother, married Mary Errington 'of Portgate' in 1672, hence the reference to 'brother Errington'. Mary's brothers were Edward, 'of Beukley' and Gilbert 'of Portgate'.]

Honoured Sr

Newcastle Aprill the 20 1678

Hereby you have the best acct I Could learne of occurrences all your Leed mynes and shall begin with the Condition of the Severall Groves which are as followeth vizt

Greengill Indifferent good In one of the Shafts and there is good Oare putt In att another Shaft

Little getting att Coleclugh but great hopes of its proveing good shortly In the Low bed, Welhope Indifferent good Bat[e]s hill poore the Slits pritty good In the North veine the West End att heads att present but poore, but the Levell Is Indifferent good both East and West, and Fallowfield never better, but the Levell Continues hard, where three yeards is a good weeks worke I p[ai]d Cosin Jno Blackett the £300: - : - and tooke In your bond for £500:- wch Immediately was dd to Bro: Wm the whole pay Came to £632: 7: 4d

The heads pay £251 16 11 3/4 p[ai]d Richd	£265 - -
Plancky pay £ 88 9 1 1/2 p[ai]d Jno	£ 70 - -
Paid att mill as p[er] p[ar]ticulars	£200 13 7 1/2
Paid att Fallowfield as p[er] p[ar]ticulars	£ 96 13 8 1/2
	£632 7 4

for wch mony you had smelted att plancky mill 28 fodder 15 p[ie]ce[s] Leed and 80 bing 3 horse of oare Carried to said place from the following groves vizt

	bing horse
from Greengill	6 1
from Bates hill	8 -
from Welhope	11 -
from Coleclugh	13 -
from Reedgroves	1 1
from the heads	41 1
	80 3

bought wood for sd place

351 sacks of Esquire Whitfield att 8d

200 more of Cha: Bates att sd place

84 more of your owne and 400 p[ie]ce[s] Leed Carried from thence to Bladon

Besides you had smelted att Duxfield mill 66 fodder 7 p[ie]ce[s] Leed and 338 bing of oare brought to said place from the following groves vizt

	B h
from the heads	123 2
from Redgroves	6 1
from Greengill	16 -
from Fallowfield	183 1
from Welhope	9 -
	338 0

bought wood for sd place
334 sacks of Esquire Churbool [sic; Thirlwall] att 8½d
110 more of Ch: Bates att sd price
80 more of Jno Mowbray att sd price
778 more of others at 8d

Leed from the Mill to Bladon 1285 p[iece]s
from Cooperhouse to Bladon 742 p[iece]s

The great Cry is for want of oare, nor is there any to speake of aforehand att any of the places above mentioned, I wish Itt Could be gott as fast as they Can worke

Inclosed is a letter from Cosin Jno Blackett (who is still Mr Copperthwaits great friend) I perceived you desired him to give you an acct of some Lands, wch was noe very acceptable, for he and his Brother Errington as he told mee himselfe have been above these six months about those very Lands, and now he dispiseth them as much as man Can doe, I told him I heard he had offered <15> years purchase, he answered me that he did, but twas onelye for the very best of that ground for to take all he would neither give 14 nor 13 you know w[ha]t he did wth the men you sent to see fallowfield then I told him I heard that £6500: was offered for itt, he Answered mee that was true too, but the party was to have three years time for paym[en]t I hope the Inclosed will give you satisfaction soe shall acquiesce

wee had a faire tryall amongst the Leed Carryers itt seems <Foster> promised you to make itt appeare that the <two> Lawsons was the Ringleaders all his witnesses was Examined, but noe such thing proved against them, but rather that he himselfe was most to blame w[he]n all would not doe then began to Hector, and said he had other witnesses, but he would not bring them before any before Sr Wm Came hence I thinke If you were quitt of him, you would have noe great Losse Jno Mowbray saith you will have noe want of Leed Carryers, for that others have offred him to Lead itt att sd price I have now done, pray be pleased to Cause the Inclosed to be Delivered, soe wth my dayly prayers for your health and happinesse and Earnestly Craveing your blessing I remaine MB

20 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen Maister

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 16th present your bill of £10: 2: 8 shall be punctually Complied w[it]hall <..> I Come Into your parts may be assured will give you the trouble of a visitt, but Cannott this till I heare from my frend att London, who is to meete mee att Yorke I am [MB]

20 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo Moore

Newcastle Aprill the 20 1678

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 16th present for Answer unto wch the present price of Corne is as followeth vizt

White wheate 3s 6d Reed wheate 3s Rye 2s 2d to 2s 4d oats 15d beans 20d white pease 2s 6d gray pease 18d Coales 9s p[er] Ch[alder] Leed £10 p[er] fodder, Grindstones 13s p[er] Chalder if Can be favourable unto you freely Comand MB

20 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Willett

Newca[stle] Aprill the 20 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 16th takes notice of the saile of my oats for 12s p[er] quarter, wch is a poore price they were better worth, and better oats Cannott be mett wthall those 10 quarters onely Excepted I have advice from other hands that oats goes Currantly up from 13 to 13½ as In goodnesse however I am Content

I have this day shipt In the Sheppardesse of this place Wm Hunter m[aste]r 100 p[iece]s Leed Consigned unto your selfe wch after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof for my most advantidge payeing the M[aste]r 9d per p[iece] freight hasten mee down a Certificate from the Custom house signifying the Receipt of the goods aboard the Little friggatt as well for the Leed as <oats ...ty> over bond may be gott Cleared I am MB

23 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Mr Jno Eden

Newcastle Aprill 23 1678

I have yours of the 18th takes notice of the Receipt of the bill for £110: which is well my hearty thanks to Esquire Bartie for all his kindnesses, you say he will stopp the saile of the Compt[rolle]rs place, till this Come to hand, wch is a very great kindnesse, I have this day writt my father about itt if to his Likeing, I make noe question but he will waite upon Esquire Bartie, and if an agreem[en]t noe disappointment shall be In the payment of the mony I am MB

Mr Ralph Williamson

Ditto

Inclosed is a letter for Mr Jno Eden, if not yett Comd away be pleased to deliver itt him, but if Comd away I desire you to send your man wth itt to Esquire Bartie, for his perusall In doing of wch I pray Lett there be noe delay Deare Sr I heartily begg your Excuse for the great trouble wch I hope your good nature will dispense withall and if att any time I Can serve you In this place, you may freely Lay your Comands upon MB

23 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sr

Newcastle Aprill 23 1678

I writt you the 20th present of occurrences of your Leed mynes wch I hope is Come safe to your hands, and this present onely to begg your advice In a businesse of great Concerne, wch If to your Likeing I do very well approve thereof, any thing for a little mony and nothing wthout ventureing the businesse Is In short, about the Compt[rolle]rs place In the Customhouse, the same hath been soe much in my minde that I never writt about itt, but itt seems Esquire Bartie is my very good friend, upon w[ha]t acct I know not who by the the mouth of Jno Eden hath writt mee two Letters, adviseing mee to itt, the former of wch I tooke noe notice of, but the latter I have this day Answered and as to the Concerne have wholly Referred him to you tis <given> to the Lord Obryon, valewed att £1200 I suppose £1000 may doe the businesse, Mr Braband and others say that though I give £1200 itt will be as Cheape as <fish>, the place really being above £300 nigh £1100 p[er] annum during life onelye, Jno Eden writes mee that twill not be disposed till hee Receive my letter, now Sr If you approve hereof and thinke the place fitt for mee and a<.....> the mony, and will please to Speake Esquire Bartee and that there bee any likelihood, I Can raise the mony In a very short time, I Leave itt wholly to you, soe wth my dayley prayers for your health and happinesse and Earnestly Craveing your blesseing I remaine MB

27 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen Maisters

Ditto

Sr

Your bill for £6: 6: 1d was this afternoone presented wch I Immedeately dischargd, as shall allsoe be the other for tenn pounds & dd monies by MB

27 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor

Newcastle Aprill 27th 1678

Sr

I have none of yours to answer soe the lesse to Inllardge upon, my Brother Daveson last post Received great news from you, I would have taken itt as a kindnesse if you had been pleased to have hinted the same unto mee, not one in towne but he, has that news, I hope tis not true, for if itt be I know who will be sufferers as for the saile of my Leed oare I Leave itt wholly to your discretion and as monys Comes In be pleased to remitt itt mee In fine small Rodd Iron

I will not say you are to blame, In not adviseing mee the price of Leed once in 10 or 14 d[ays] but I wish you would be pleased to doe itt, I have Constantly a parcell by me, and w[he]n ever any Encouradgem[en]t, Could supply you In a short time, and pray advise mee how that <drosse> proves my father send you, for if any profit to be gott by itt, I Can send you enough of itt att any time and soe I remaine MB

27 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Ditto

Sr

I have now Received yours of the 26th past 9th and 16th present all wch requireing little Answer have the lesse to Enlardge upon, I perceive Wm Lecke tooke on freight for London, and that you have shipt in him ten tonn of Iron, wch I freely take upon my acct and have this day ordered my friend to Receive itt soe att your Leasure send mee Invoyce thereof and itt shall be placed to your Creditt but I wish itt had been broad flatt

The bad bargaine for my Coales Cannott be helped noe remedy but patience

Pray p[er] first Convenience send mee a small Caske aboutt 20 Gallons of the best old Hocke that Can be procured for mony, and if Extraordinary you will very much oblide MB

27 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Matt Lambe

Newcastle Aprill 27 1678

In yours of the 18 you said that within a small time you would Come and smoke a pipe of tobacco wth mee, but this small time of yours is Long a Comeing, I should be very Glad of your Company my Unckle Bucke hath been wth mee all this weeke, but will stay noe longer as for C: <P> and his sister w[ha]t he doth thereon shall Content mee

my Humb[le] service to my mother, whome I hope this will finde well, God be thanked
my Unckle and I is merrily disposed I am in hast[e] MB

27 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 23d th[e]reby takes notice your Rye comes for this place,
wch I am very sorry of for I feare you will be a Looser by itt, however w[he]n please
god itt Arrives, shall Receive itt and dispose thereof as if itt were my owne, payeing the
freight as you mention these Collyers that Informed you itt would yeild 22s p[er]
quarter were much to blame, the very best will not doe itt, w[he]n once I have had a
sight of itt, shall then tell you w[ha]t itt will yeild, had you writ mee w[ha]t you mean
by reasonable price, itt might have saved you the Chardge of Lofting under 22s p[er]
quarter will not take wch if not to be procured, as I am Confident twill prove, and
Resolved to Loft itt and soe I remaine MB

27 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle Aprill 27 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 18 and 20th present am sorry for the bad markett for my oats,
noe remedy but patience, I have as many more that must Come to your markett, for
Can send them noe other where, your acct of the last have Examined, found right, and
booked accordingly, Wm Leckes arrived with you from Hamb[urg] who hath in for
mee 523 <bars> of square Iron wch pray Receive, and Lay by you in a Convenient place
till Roger Kempe Come up againe, that soe they may be shipt In him for this place, and
be sure in this businesse putt mee to as little Charges as possible Can be and if sd Lecke
Come for this place, they need not be removed he himselfe will bring them upon
receipt send your man about this businesse and upon sight of this letter sd Lecke will
dd you the Iron if occation be

I have more Leed Lying by mee, but you never give mee any Encouradgem[en]t nor
doe you advise mee w[ha]t sort of Grindstones are most vendable wth you, which pray
doe p[er] first Convenience I am MB

27 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham Van Rincom

Mr Abr van Rancom

Newcastle Aprill 27 1678

Sr

By reason of the present Imbargoe upon all vessells for overseas Cannot dispatch a vessell unto you, soe soone as the same is taken of may Rely of one I heare there is sevrall <merchant> broken in your place I wish you had advised mee theire names, pray w[he]n any thing of note happens, be pleased to Impart the same unto MB

30 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Roger Kemp

Roger Kemppe

Newcastle Aprill 30 1678

I am Glad you are arrived safe att Sunderland but why you should Come there I understand not pray looke over your Charter partie, but in short to accord differences Come wth all hast[e] to Shields shall Immedeatly put a little Leed aboard of you, and then shall Come againe to Sunderland where I shall dispatch you wth all speed possible this is the desire and order of MB

30 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 25th I heartily thanke you for your kindnesse To my wife, she writes mee, she hath had some mony of you, allwayes as you pay her any, write mee of itt, that soe I may booke itt in Conformity.

W[ha]t oates I send more shall be without Expectation I am MB

The Little box by Geo: Wallers I have Rec[eive]d MB

30 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor

Newcastle Aprill the 30 1678

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 28th present for Answer unto wch must write you in short and in plaine English, that for the freight p[ai]d Jeffreyson I doe not allow of if you have any order to show for the paym[en]t thereof I will very willingly allow of itt the busnesse is very <lame>, I will Refer itt to Jos Pannell and any other, very few would have done the like, w[ha]t Leed oare is unsold pray lett itt Lye till further order and shipp mee of noe Rod Iron, if not allready done tis my great desire wee should

Correspond together, but I perceive my small Comission is not worth your trouble
and soe I remaine MB

I wonder how you Calkulate the freight to Come to £6<4>: 9: - you writt for freight and
primidge I was to pay noe such thing as primidge, pray Looke the bill of Loadeing If I
Can doe you any service In procureing of your mony I will doe itt wth all my heart MB

30 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo Moorecroft

Newcastle Aprill the 30 1678

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 26th present upon Receipt of wch I Immedeately sent
forward the Inclosed to Mr Errington, and with an houre (I speake wthin Compasse)
An Answer was given to my Unckle Bucke (though written upon Sonday) wch I
question not but was dd you In dew time

I thought you had been a wiser man than to have desired my advice in a businesse,
wherein I am noe more Capable of given itt, than a blind man is In distinguishing of
Colours, I would have thought my first Letter would have satisfyed you, but seeing tis
somewhat darkesome I tell you once againe I referr all my Law businesses wholly to
my Unckle Eden and youselfe, and if you att any time for the future, In the Least
Concerne, shall ask my advice I will in plaine English Call you a foole, onely I desire to
have an accot of w[ha]t passes, and as you want mony lett mee know, itt shall bee
ordered you

Mayday draws nigh, pray Remember mee to Geo: Huntington, If he hath not the
mony ready, I doe assure him itt shall bee worse for him I doe Intend God willing to be
wth him about that time In Expectation to Receive the same, noe Longer forbearance I
sweare, if any neglect I have a man shall Come and give him a second visitt when I
thinke of itt I have something to say to you about C <P> his businesse but shall Referr
itt till meeting, soe wth my service to all friends att Billingham Norton and Stockton as
you see them wth the same to yourselfe I remaine MB

30 Apr 1678 Michael Blackett to Cuthbert Snow

Cuthbt Snow

Newcastle Aprill the 30 1678

I have yours of the 25th wch putt mee to the greatest astonishm[en]t that ever letter did
I wonder Mr Parke is noe wiser, for my p[ar]t I Can noe way stand to that bargain for
since you Came home the last time, w[he]n you told me my order was not to be
Effectted, I have sufficiently ordered for supplyes, and have this day some att London

from Hamb[urg] wch I never Expected, none in towne will take itt soe your friend must doe wth itt as well as he Can I am MB

3 May 1678 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Mr Jno Eden

Ditto

I have yours of the 27th and must tell you In plaine English: I am not a little vexed you goe about to farme that place, wch you yourselfe putt mee upon buyeing and to Carry on your design the better you tell my father and writes home the place will not be sold I am Credably Informed itt must and will be sold Except you farme itt att a higher rate than itt is worth soe doe w[ha]t you please you still put mee In hopes of selling my Anchor palms I am afraid itt will likewis[e] Come to nought att last but to try you for once if noe more Can be procured Lett them goe att £14: 10: - p[er] tonn I have this day writt my father againe about the businesse In hand if Esquire Bartie continue my friend be Certaine itt shall not be unrewarded to whome pray my humble service endeavouring as you Confesse yourselfe to farme that place I am about buying you requite my kindesses In a strange manner but shall not Enlardge upon that particular soe rests MB

3 May 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sr

Sunderland May the 3 1678

I have R[eceiv]ed yours of the 27th past the Contents have well observed and as to the businesse In hand I Leave itt wholly to you the valew of the place is according to the times sometimes £300: sometimes £400: and known sometimes £500: p[er] annum to be made of itt, my <Auther> Mr Braband desires itt may goe noe further for I finde neither he nor Mr Isaacson nor none of them has a mind to Lett any whatsoever know the Reall valew thereof I Can say noe more once againe, I Leave itt wholly to you if you thinke the place worth the moneys, I thinke I may as well have itt as <H I> you have great Reason to speake on his behalfe, for known very well to most In towne his father has a very great kindnesse for you: provided you make an agreem[en]t the mony shall be Ready upon a Little notice soe prayeing for your health & happiness & Eternall Craveing your blessing I remaine MB

7 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Willett

Sunderland May 7 1678

Sr

Bee pleased to accept w[ha]t bills my man Jno Wilkinson draws upon you this post soe remaines MB

7 May 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle May the 7th 1678

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day by my master his order valewed upon you the three following bills vizt

one for £36: - : - p[er] 12 d[ays] sight to Mr Wm <Legh> or order valew of Mr Ralph Ellstobb

one for £24: - : - p[er] 12 d[ays] sight to Mr Robt <Mourie> or order valew of Mr Ra: Ellstobb

one for £40: - : - p[er] 12 d[ays] sight to Mr Richd Ellbrough or order valew of Mr Ralph Ellstobb

All wch pray Lett be Complied withall I doe not question but my master will give you advice of them from Sunderland, soe remaines for my master Michel Blackett J W

10 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurb[ur]t Aylwin

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 24th present by the London merchant Henry Marlin Comander, who Arrived here on monday Last, w[he]n I had occation to be in the Country att a friends buryall he d[elivere]d the Letter to my man, and told him he would Come againe, but from that time has not seen his face, If In Case he doe Repaire unto mee, for my assistance in any thing according to your desire itt shall be afforded him, to the utmost of my Capacity, and whenever though[t] Capable of serveing you In this place pray freely Comand MB

10 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle May the 10 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 2d In the first place pray Cause the Inclosed to be faithfully d[elivere]d, if Comd away pray Returne sd Letter againe Roger Kempe not yett loaden

but will be this day I thinke by him I desire to have the 523 barrs of Iron you know of and all my Ankor palms if noe probubility of selling them I returne you Inclosed your Customhouse Certificate, pray gett mee the Commissioners order for the Restitution of your mony though Little, better than Lost I sent by Wm Lecke a rundlett of ale to my friend att Hamb[urg], itt seems he brought itt backe, pray doe you demand itt and accept thereof if good for ought am afrayd itt will be spoyled I am MB

10 May 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle May the 10th 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 4th present wch Came to my hands time enough to have sold your Corne wthout Lofting, had the Commodity been marchandable I must Confesse itt has been good Corne, but Lying soe Long aboard has made itt soe very hott, that none as yett will bid mee any mony for itt, the Corne is noe other way damnified soe Cannot Lay any thing to the master his Chardge, therefore am to pay him his freight this day, shall deduct the 5s you mention tis all Lofted and must be turned every day for one while noe means be assured shall be neglected for the making itt good Corne againe, and then shall advise you w[ha]t the marchands bidds mee for itt, In the mean time may Expect to heare from mee every other post, my utmost Endeavours shall not be awanting, for the promoteing of your Interest being Really MB

14 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham Van Rincom

Mr Abr: van Rincom

Newcastle May 14 1678

Sr

I have freighted and Consigned unto you Robt Wigginer master of the prosperous of Sunderland, In whom after good Arrivall you will finde 40 Ch[alders] Grindstones of 5: 6: 7: and 8 foots <91> p[iece]s Leed and about 37 or 40 Ch[alders] Coales, the Certaine quantity may Expect p[er] next, the disposall of wch I wholly Leave to your discretion but I hope all will finde a ready vent, that soe the nett proceed may be Employed towards the buying of the goods desired back, but however w[ha]t you want may freely draw upon mee, and your bills shall Receive dew honour: the goods desired back is 400 Bundall of small Rodd Iron be sure as small as you Can procure them, of wch if 600 Bundells twill be to my Content 20 baggs of Harlem tow of 16 and 17 <f> and 20 matts of 22 <f> tow, perhaps wch that quantity of bagg tow you will not be able to procure mee soe much matt tow, but pray gett as much as you Can, I give you time by notice, that soe you goe about to gett mee good and Cheape Stuff and have itt In readinesse that soe the vessell may be dispatched this for a tryall of you I question not

but you will study my most advantidge, and if I see you Can buy goods as good and Cheape as others, may Expect the future Employm[en]t of MB

14 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwin

Ditto

Sr

At Last Mr Martin Repaires unto mee, whome I thinke I have helped with a Loading of Coales wthout Exception the master wanted £4: - : - tis true I have noe order from you to furnish him wth any mony, but Considereing w[ha]t a prejudice the want of soe Little might doe the owners, knoweing you to be Concerned, and being very ready to serve you for could not Lett him want itt, though I Loose itt, wch I feare not att all his bill upon you is att sight wch I have this day send to my friend Mr Hump: Willett the dischargde of wch I question not and w[he]n I Can serve you freely Comand MB

14 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle May the 14 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 7th present, Inclosed is a small Bill for £4: - : - if Mr Aylwin will not pay itt, keepe the bill untill the man Arrive who is Comander of the London march[an]d and he will dischargde the same next post shall Lett you know how many oats aboard of Roger Kempe pray Cause the Inclosed to d[elivere]d, if Comd away be pleased to Returne it unto MB

14 May 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Ditto

Sr

I will doe assure you your Corne is better than twas, w[he]n itt first Came In I Intend to turne itt every day as Long as I thinke needfull, be assured I will doe for you as if itt were my owne, I Received 1701 Bus[hells] but am assured there will be a great Losse In measure w[he]n itt Comes to be measured out againe, our march<and> will not as yett bid mee any mony for itt, they will Come to mee att Last, as they doe, shall Lett you know w[ha]t they bid and soe I remaine MB

15 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham van Rincom

Mr Abr: van Rincom

Newcastle May 15 1678

Sr

This Comes to accompany master Edwd fox Comander of the prosperous of Sunderland In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you thirty Ch[alders] Coales Newcastle measure ninety one p[iece]s Leed and thirty two Ch[alders] Grindstones wch after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof for my most advantidge, as for any other businesse shall Refere to w[ha]t I have allready writ and shall write hereafter soe remaines MB

17 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle May the 17th 1678

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £100: - : - p[er] 20 d[ays] after date to Mr Jno Wood or order valew of Mr Richard Tooth wch pray Lett be Complied wthall more att Lardge p[er] next Interim remaining MB

18 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham van Rincom

Mr Abr: Van Rincom

Newcastle May the 18 1678

Sr

My last to you by post was of the 14 present and one by Robt Wiggner of the 15th present, who I hope is sailed, and maybe wth you as soone as <ly> he has aboard 91 p[iece]s Leed, 40 Ch[alders] Grindstones of the following sorts vizt 6 8 foots 30 6 foots and 30 7 foots and 20 5 foots and thirty two Ch[alders] Coales besides some <packs>, for wch you are to Receive freight 5s p[er] <packe> the disposall of my goods I Leave to your discretion Lett mee have the goods desired backe, write your Letters and bills of Landeing as from <Elleryngham>, Lett the master have w[ha]t mony he desires as I finde you <p...ke> and punctuall herein may Expect Employment accordingly from MB

yours of the 20 present Requires Little Answer onely Expects a good price for my Grindstones for they are of these sorts wch are most in demand wth you

18 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 17th present the Contents have observed Jefferson is arrived here, wee are to have a meeting about that difference, how tis Ended you shall know In dew time I Leave the disposall of my Leed oare to your discretion, and as monies Comes In may Lett itt Lye till further order, if you could <breake> itt for a parcell of <...> whalebone, about 1 ½ yard Long itt would be to my Content and I Leave itt wholly to you soe remaines MB

18 May 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sr

Newcastle May the 18 1678

I am att present to give you the best acct I Can of occurences att [struck out: 'the pay'] your Leed mynes, and shall begin wth the Condition of the severall Groves wch are as followeth vizt Greengill Indifferent good In both shafts, Coleclugh not soe good as itt was, Welhope pretty good, Batshill better than itt was, the Slits pritty good, Little hopes of your new tryall, the West End att heads not soe good as itt was, but the Levell is better than itt was both East and West and fallowfield Continues very good Reedgroves poore the whole pay Came to as followeth £640: 15: 11d

the heads pay	£273 13 0 11/12 pd Rich	£275 - -
plancky pay	£ 67 5 8 pd Jno the same	£ 67 5 8
pd att mill as p[er] p[ar]ticulars		£181 15 11 1/2
pd att fallowfield as p[er] p[ar]ticulars		£116 14 11
		640 15 11 1/2

for wch mony you had smelted att plancky mill 23 fodder 15 p[ie]ce[s] Leed and 66 Bing 3 horse of oare Carried to sd place from the following groves vizt

	bing horse
from the heads	40 2
from Reedgroves	1 -
from Dufton	3 3
from Bates hill	6 -
from Coleclugh	15 -
from Welhope	2 2
	66 3 h

wood for sd place is of Ch: Bates att 8d 81 sacks, of your owne 573 sacks

28 p[iece]s Leed Carryed from sd place to Bladon

<R...d> is you had smelted att Duxfield Mill 74 fodder 2 p[iece]s Leed and 359 bing 0 horse of oare Carryed to sd place from the following groves vizt

	bing horse
from the heads	111 3
from Reedgroves	7 3
from Rookehope	16 -
from Coleclugh	- 2
from Jeffray groves	16 -
from fallowfield	154 -
from Greengill	37 2
from Welhope	15 2
	359 0 h

Wood Bought for sd place is
of severall att 8d 546 sacks
of Ch: Bat[e]s att 8½ 50
of Jno Mowbray att 8 ½ 30
Leed from the mill to Bladon 599 p[iece]s
from Coleclugh to Bladon 353 p[iece]s

Rec[k]oned of wth the tenants of Duxfield, and founde they have Carryed to Cooper house <mill> my Rec[k]oning 1403 p[iece]s Leed, and have gott their martinmas Rents 1677 wch is all I know needfull, onely Robt Foster proves still an honest man, there is a great quantity of Leed Lyeing ready att his harth but Cannot gett him to sett on att present, he saith he will begin as soone as he Can, but now is about his Country Employ[m]en[t] they Report in town our wifes are Comeing home soe pray tell myne I doe not write her this post, now to Concludge prayeing for your health and happinesse and Earnestly Craveing your blessing I remaine MB

Cousin Jno Rumney desires to know if you be about takeing a Leed myne at Cappheaton for that he and others would share in itt but for never soe much if you have any thoughts that way

18 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 14th the contents have observed, I am Glad Wm Hunter is Arrived, the disposall of my Leed I Leave to your discretion, and am satisfied with the 65 Anchor palms delivered unto Mr Jno Eden

Inclosed is a small bill for £23: - of wch pray procure the needfull Roger Kempe has In 208 p[iece]s Leed and 1476 Bus[hells] oats but be sure you minde well to Receive every oat In the shipp, for I am Confident he has In a great many more pay him the former freight, and Reshipp mee In him all my Anchor palms and upon Receipt Wm Lecke must Resolve of his Intentions, for I will not have the Convenience missed, soe that Iron must be shipped Likewise In R[oger] K[empe] if sd Lecke Intend not for this place I am MB

I have taken notice of the [£]30 pd my wife and I heartily thanke you and your Lady for all your kindnesses to her MB

18 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Robert Eden

[Note: Recipient is unknown, but this letter clearly relates to the previous one, and suggests that Blackett was writing to Sir Robert Eden]

Honoured Sr

Ditto

for answer unto yours of the 16th present next great monday (alias great monday after Whitsontide[]), I Intend god willing to Come and kisse your hand att Darnton, and that as the day whereon you promised to pay mee the £50: - you knowe of, as Mr Braband Can witnesse, I Expect itt not sooner, but att the day I hope you will not faile mee my humble service to your Lady I am In hast[e] MB

18 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Margaret Eden

[Note: Recipient is unknown but Sir Robert Eden MP and his wife Margaret had a son John]

Madam

Newcastle may the 18 1678

You may [struck out: 'Remember'] be pleased to Remember you often told mee that if pleased God you Lived till Rent day, you would pay mee £50: - : - upon your son Jno his accot. I hope that accordingly you will order Sr Robt to pay the same unto mee, upon great monday, upon wch day I Intend God willing to kisse his hand att Darnton, soe wishing you long life and good health I remaine MB

21 May 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle May the 21 1678

Sr

These serves Chiefly to advise you that your Corne is in a pretty Good Condition, noe Exceptions att all Can be taken a[ga]inst itt, soe Intends God willing this day to goe to some of our merchants and see w[ha]t is the most they will bid mee for itt * and p[er] next post shall advise you soe remaines MB

(* is onely turned now twice a weeke and shortly once will serve the turne [])

25 May 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Ditto

Sr

According as I writ you in my Last p[er] yesterday post have been wth severall of oure merchants, who att present Can finde Little fault wth your Corne, but as our markett makes I thinke itt will not give above £7: 5s p[er] Last, if itt give that, I am offered £7: - and take all, tis Constantly turned twice a weeke shall be Continued for one weeke or two more and after that I thinke once a weeke will serve the time, pray Lett mee have your orders about itt wch shall be observed by him who is MB

25 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 21th present am Glad Roger Kempe is Arrived, pray dispose of my goods by him for my most advantidge, and if this Come time enough lett not mine Anchor palms be shipt In him but kept till further order, if any they might all have been sold before now, but am afraid that trade is out of your way, I have att Last Got my wife home I heartily thanke you and your Lady for all your kindnesses to her, but am vexed you should put yourselfe to soe much trouble I hope to live to make you a requitall In some measure

Let not my 523 barrs of Iron be shipt this boate, if Wm Lecke will not resolve for this place of whome Call for the Runlett of ale formerly advised you of I am MB

p[er] <y.....ne> take noe letters for mine but w[ha]t have the above marke

25 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Lamb

Ditto

Wee gott Well home, and are still God be thanked in very good health, hoping this will finde you all in the same Condition

when I was att Billingham last I sent Gaskin Eden an Errand to this place and had severall letters sent mee by him, but In Respect I Came soe suddenly away met not wth them, I question not but some of Billingham friends tooke Care to Convey the same to Darnton pray if wth you send mee them p[er] first Convenience of post pray Lett all the tenants be acquainted with my Intentions of being God willing with you upon Great monday, and that upon that day or the next I Expect all the Rents, itt may be Late of monday night before I Can reach Darnton soe that those whose occations require there goeing out of towne that night, may pay there Rents to you, be you pleased to Receive them and give a Receipt w[he]n demanded, and be very sharp wth Jno <Stamesby> you may tell him, if he provide mee not arrears and fire rents he must provide for himselfe against next yeare, if you be high wth him I am Confident he will procure all, though he borrow itt of twenty hands I am In hast[e] MB

25 May 1678 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Unckle Eden

ditto

When I sent Gaskin Eden to this place I had some Letters sent mee by him, wch might have been Conveyed unto mee before this pray Lett there be noe further delay, but be pleased to send mee them p[er] first Convenience of Post, I had rather really have given 20s than have wanted them soe Long I heare you are a little too sharp tongued pray talke noe more to noe Living Soule, of my haveing the Compt[roller] place of this towne and others adjacent, being not a thing to be talked of, for severall reasons best known to my selfe you may Lawfully say one Richd Handmarsh has got the deputation, and assure Jno Potts from mee, he shall be Civilly dealt wthall I hope this will finde you all merrily disposed I am MB

wee both desire to be Remembred to your good wife

25 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwin

Newcastle May the 25 1678

Sr

I have Rec[eive]d yours of the 18th present, and noted its Contents but may be Certaine shall never pay any Considereable some upon your account wthout your order, for the £11: - it appeareing to mee to be some carridge unto Mr Martin, if he had <accepted> itt, did venture to Lett him have the same, for my part I doe protest I had noe advantidge by him, but of serveing you, and I hope all will be to Content and if att any other time I may be serviceable unto you either for Coales, Grindstones of any sort, Butter, Leed, or broad Cloth I thinke I Can furnish you as Cheape as another, and you may freely Comand MB

28 May 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle May the 28 1678

Sr

Bee pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £100 p[er] 4 d[ays] after sight to Mr Robt Witwang or order valew of himselfe wch pray Lett be Complied wthall I am Certaine you will be in disburse for mee, but I hope twill not be Long, and satisfye your selfe for the Consideration I am MB

1 Jun 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle June the p[ri]mo 1678

Sr

My master hath Rec[eive]d all your Letters Likewise the acct of his oats, Anchor palms and 10 tun of Iron wch you tooke from aboard of Wm Lecke, all wch he hath Examined, found Right and booked accordingly Inclosed I have sent you a Certificate of the Restitution of the money wch I paid for the 24 p[iece]s Leed aboard of Roger Kempe wch is the needfull att present soe remaines for my master mich Blackett JW

8 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham van Rincom

Mr Abr: Van Rincom

Newcastle June the 8 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 7th present should be glad to heare of Robt Wiggins Arrivall wch now I Expect from you every post, w[ha]t bills you drawe upon mee towards his Loading make them payable In the house of Mr Hump. Willett In London, and I question not but you have provided mee good and Cheape goods haveing had time enough for the doeing thereof as great hopes of a Generall peace I should thinke a

parcell of fine narrow flatt Right Sweeds Iron, may be gott att your place pretty Reasonably, soe if ought under 6 <.> or to be procured for 6 <.> <p.> I Care not if you shipp mee 5 or 10 tonn In sd Wigginer I am MB

8 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Cuthbert Snow

Cuthbt Snow

Newcastle June the 8 1678

As In all probability a generall peace will be shortly Concluded, I fancy a parcell of Iron may be now bought pretty Reasonably, soe pray Lett mee know how your friend will now furnish mee wth 10: 20: 30: or 40 ton of Right fine Sweeds Iron 2/3 narrow flatt 1/6 inch square or under and the other 1/6 thicke square and this d[elivere]d aboard free of all Chardges, pray Lett mee know his Lowest rate as soone as wth Convenience you Can, and desire 8 d[ays] for an Answer from MB

Consider ready mony if I accept of his motion 2/3 of his mony shall Immediately be Remitted and the Remainder w[he]n I Receive his acct MB

8 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle June the 8 1678

Sr

For want of occation have not writ you this good while, this serveing Chiefly to Lett you know, that severall of our merchants In town, as allsoe one or two of our Anchor Smiths, does tell mee they are offered w[ha]t Right Organs Iron they please att £13: 10s att your place to be d[elivere]d upon our key, probable they Report soe, to make the world believe they Can buy Iron Cheaper than another, but true itt is w[ha]t I wright, I desire you will please to advise mee the Cheapest, you will Lett mee have, or Can procure mee 10: 20: or 30 tonn of Right Sweeds Iron some narrow, some broad flatt, and noe other sort In doing whereof you will oblidge MB

8 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Ditto

Sr

I have severall of yours all wch Require Little Answering, but my hearty thanks for your Care In dischardgeing all bills I passe upon you pray advise me the price of all sorts of Graine if any Encouridgment Can furnish you wth any sort, as great hopes of a

Generall peace Forraign goods will begin to decline in price, be pleased to Enquire how you Can buy me d[elivere]d aboard free of all Chardges 10: 20: or 30 tonn of Right Sweeds Iron some narrow, some broad flatt, and Lett mee know the very Lowest rate I am MB

8 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 30th past doe take notice you are not willing to Lett your Corne goe att £7: 5: - p[er] Last, which is as much as our present markt will afford, assure your selfe good Care shall be taken for its preservation, it is in very good Condition, and for future shall be but turned once a weeke, as our markt Rises or falls shall Lett you know and soe I remaine MB

11 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle June the 11 1678

Sr

I have freighted Roger Kempe master of the assistance Frigatt of Yarmouth, who will be ready to saile wthin three or 4 d[ays] by my next shall have an acct of the goods Loaden in him w[ha]t ever they be w[he]n please god he Arrives be pleased to dispose of att price Curr[en]t and Lett the vessell be dispatched backe wth all speed possible wth her Loading of Iron of the following sorts
viz

five tonn of Inch square and under

five tonn of 2 to 2½ Inch broad flat

five tonn of 1½ to 1¾ Inch square

and the Remainder of fine narrow flatt, I Leave both the disposing of my goods, and the buying of the goods desired wholly to your discretion not doubting but you will act In the whole to Study my most advantidge w[ha]t mony you want may draw upon Mr Ch: Banckes <man....> In Ham[burg] who has order to accept your bills to the valew of £600: wch will be much more than you will want pray once againe dispatch the vessell for I have her by the month, and If Iron enough not to be procured may Load her up wth tarr and pitch, the buying of wch allsoe I Leave to your discretion, pray see the vessell have her full Loading, you may please take notice I have noe minde to Leave of old friends hoping now you will make mee amends for the Last boat, by the Shipp you shall God willing be writt att Large in the mean while remaines MB

11 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch Bancks

Newcastle June 11 1678

Sr

Pray dispatch Inclosed to Mr Jno Strother, and writ him wthall that you will accept his bills upon my acct to the valew of £600 <stg> wch I desire you will please doe, and Reimburse your selfe upon mee p<.> In the house of Mr Hump: Willett London, pray Sr can either Leed Coales Butter or Cloath give a good price wth you be pleased be pleased to give notice of itt unto MB

14 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle June the 14 1678

Sr

My Last to you was of ther 11th present to wch Referrs you and this is to Confirme the same, pray dispatch the Inclosed unto Mr Jno Strother and you will oblidge MB

14 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle June the 14 1678

Sr

My Last to you was of the 11th present to wch Referrs you this being Cheifly to Confirme the same and to desire your Care in procureing for mee fine Iron, and good mettle, and if forced to Load either tarr or pitch, pray Lett there be good Strong Casks, I need say noe more hoping in all the Concerne you will studdy my most advantidge wch I wholly Leave to your discretion and soe remaines MB

15 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sr

Newcastle June the 15 1678

I have att present to give you the best acct I Can of occurrences att your Leed mines, and shall begin wth the Condition of the severall Groves which are as followeth vizt

Greengill Indifferent good, Coleclugh Continues as itt was In the Low <sole> and great hopes of its rather proveing better than worse wch a Little time will discover, Welhope

Indifferent good Bates Hill att present poore, the Slits Indifferent good the sumpe In the North veine is very good, as allsoe the Sump in the Sum veine, neither East End att heads nor West End att Levell all together soe good as they were but the Levell Eastward is much better than itt was and the West End att heads is very good, Reed groves att the Constant Rate vizt very poore

The whole pay Came to £751: 4: 67/8 as followeth viz

the heads pay £286 7 3 1/2 pd Richd	£280 - -
planky pay £ 88 13 4 1/2 pd Jno	£ 60 - -
paid att mill as p[er] p[ar]ticulars	£294 16 11 3/8
paid att fallowfield as p[er] p[ar]ticulars	£116 7 7 1/2
	751 4 6 7/8

for wch mony you had smelted att plancky mill 25 fodder 1 p[iece] Leed and 115 b[ing] 0 h[orse] of oare brought to sd place from the following groves vizt

	b h
from the heads	46 -
from Greengill	37 2
from Welhope	11 1
from Coleclugh	20 1
	115 -

Wood bought for the use of sd place is of Esq Whitfield 486 sacks att 8d and there is 596 p[iece]s Leed Carryed from there to Bladon

besides you had smelted att Duxfield mill 78 fodder 8 p[iece]s Leed and 380 b[ing] 1 h[orse] of oare brought from sd place to the following groves vizt

	b h
from the heads	140 3
from Reedgroves	7 1
from Rookehope	8 -
from Fallowfield	188 1
from Greengill	10 1
from Welhope	6 -
from Bateshill	2 3
from Lunehead	9 -
from Jeffreygroves	10 -
	382 1

Wood bought for the use of sd place is

of Esquire Churwell 277 sacks att 8 1/2 d

of Ch: Bates 70 - att 8 1/2

of others 640 - att 8d

Leed from that mill to Bladon 1197 p[iece]s from Cooperhouse to Bladon 628 p[iece]s

All very well att fallowfield and Cousin Jno still Continues great friends with C: Copthwaite, I thinke they have not spoke one the other these 3 months when I Reckoned of wth Duxfield tenants I pd them noe more than w[ha]t was there dew, and the Reason why you pay Esquire Whitfield Esquire Churwell, Ch: Bates and Jno Mowbray ½ sack more for there Wood than other is because you doe them much more that dammdige In your Carridge thorow there grounds, but for Jno Mowbray he will trouble you wth noe more, for had 100: or 200 sacks wch wth much adoe he gott out of his owne ground, and now all delivered

my wife desires to have her dewty presented unto you and her humble service unto my Lady, and I Cannot omitt but wth her, to give unto you both, our hearty thanks for all your kindnesses unto her

I have noe more to Enlardge, soe wth my dewty unto you, humble service to my Lady, prayeing for your health and happinesse and earnestly craveing you blessing I remaine MB

21 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle June 21: 1678

Sr

Though I doe not write you soe often as I promised yett you may assure your selfe that your Corne is taken Care of, and that itt is in a very good Condition our marchands Can take noe Exceptions against itt, but as yett they will not give above £7: 10s p[er] Last, wch is our present markett price I am MB

21 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen Maister

Newcastle June the 21: 1678

Sr

My Last to you was of the 8th present wherein I did desire you would be pleased to advise mee the price of Iron of wch as yett I never gott An Answer I have occation att present for 10: 20: or 30 tonn of Right Sweeds Iron some narrow fine broad flatt and noe other sorts, soe desires that you would be pleased to advise mee p[er] very first your Lowest price as severall of our merchants and Anchor Smiths In towne doe tell mee they are offered w[ha]t Right Organs Iron they please att £13: 10s p[er] tonn att

your place to be d[elivere]d upon our key, I hope that you Can afford or procure Iron as Cheape as another soe remains MB

21 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to John Strother

[Note: date not given but in sequence between those of 15th and 21st June. Given here as 21st as on same topic as the subsequent letter to Maister]

Writt Mr Jno Strother by Roger Kempe and desired him to procure mee 2: 3 or 4 tonn of palm> palm plat[e]s or as many as he Can Well Struck from 54 to 56 Inch Long and from 10 to 11 Inch broad

22 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle June the 22d 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 18th present wherein takes notice that there is a parcell of Iron wth you from 20 to 30 tonn of Right Organs marked X price about £13: 6 p[er] tonn, Considereing the quantity and the payment ready mony, I doe fancy something may be gott abated, wch I wholly Leave to your discretion, not doubting in the Least your Endeavours for my most advantidge, soe desires you upon Receipt hereof to procure, and Shipp mee first Convenience all the sd Iron and pray after receipt Lett noe time be Lost for feare of being Curcumvented, for I accidentally heard a Little discourse that past betwixt two or three of our merchants yesterday, need lesse to repeate, but you may Imagine the Contents, soe once againe must Intreat your Care, I Leaveing all wholly to your prudent manidgment for mony, either Chardge upon mee, or advise mee to whome In London I shall Remitt itt and your order shall be observed by him that really is MB

28 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 16 present p[er] Mr Radstone, understands Leo: Jeffreyson is wth you, wth whome I hope you have soe ordered the businesse, as either your mony Restored or he to take Care to gett the Leed oare to London Consigned unto Mr Hump: Willett who will pay him his freight according to agreem[en]t for my p[ar]t Could never Cast my Eyes upon him, after the first time I spoke to him about itt

I thanke you for your advice of the price of Rod Iron and <H/Stuntiall> Iron, if the Leed oare would sell I would not Care if you shipt mee the nett proceed in <Stuntiall> Iron I am MB

28 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham van Rincom

Mr Abr: Van Rincom

Ditto

Sr

I have Rec[eive]d all your Letters and accts p[er] Robt Wigginer wch have Examined found Right and booked accordingly, for the ballance of acct you may freely draw itt upon mee, payable In London as formerly advised In the house of Mr Hump Willett, where your bill shall Receive dew honour, but I must needs tell you your friend hath not dealt handsomely wth you about the <load> for noe sort of itt but better Comes att same price, soe that I shall be a great Looser, besides I understand not why you allow 3 p[er] % for <rys> paym[en]t for the Leed, your Custome is but 1 p[er] % and noe more I even allowed before of a mistake att your Leasure pray advise MB

28 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle June the 28 1678

Sr

I hope to heare from you this day of the buying of the Iron desired and if news Come likewise of the shipping thereof, itt would not be unwellcome, as I hope none hath Comd betwixt you and the Commodity, soe now I desire noe opportunity may be slipt for the sending itt unto mee, Consigned as formerly advised unto Mr Robt Witwang march[an]t In this place, whome pray write both by post and Shipping as if itt were upon his acct, for your Reimbursem[en]ts be pleased to order itt as you would have itt from MB

29 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle June the 29 1678

Sr

I am afraid some hath Comd betwixt you and the Iron for since I gave you order for the buying thereof, I have not heard one word from you, if its bargaine goe on, my man Jno Wilkinson will punctually dischargd all your bills for God willing I Intend for London upon monday next where if you desire any moneys <to be> paid, make your bills p[er]

In the house of Mr Hump Willett, and they shall be Complied withall I have some thoughts of giving you a visitt either as I goe or Returne, but Cannot yett tell wheather I am MB

29 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Lambe

Ditto

I Intend God willing to be wth you upon monday night next towards a Journey for London and I would be very glad to have one Glasse of Reconciliation <Aymer> with all friends att Billingham before wee part, soe pray send Wm Browne or some other away w[ith] the Inclosed Immediately after Receipt I shall not Inlardge till meeting soe remaines MB

29 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Unckle Eden and Unckle Buck

Ditto

I intend God willing to sett forward for London upon monday next by Coach, and to Lodge att Darnton that night, w[h]ere I would be very Glad to see you to have one Glasse of <Stingo> before wee part, if my Unckle Bucke will goe along with mee he Cannot mett with a Cheaper Convenience I shall not Inlardge till meeting, hoping to meet you all, or att least some of you att Darnton upon monday night I remaine MB

29 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle June the 29 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 25th present wch I Inclosed Returne you accepted and will take Care to supply you against they fall dew, I shall not Inlardge <till> meeting Intending God willing to sett forward for London upon monday next the primo present, and to be wth you that day seven nights In the meane while remaines MB

29 Jun 1678 Michael Blackett to Abraham van Rincom

Mr Abra: van Rincom

ditto

Sr

I have yours of the p[ri]mo July whereby takes notice of your draughts upon mee for £205: - : - wch I have this day accepted accordingly have made you Dr <f>2227: 19: and may be assured your bills will finde dew honour w[he]n dew

I thinke my Rodd Iron was somewhat deare for Could have had w[ha]t quantity I would att Rotterdam for <f> 5 3/4 and under Considaring the quantity bought, w[he]n your marktett mends a little shall supply you with Leed, but Cannot afford to Lett itt goe att your present marktett I am MB

14 Jul 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Newcastle July the 14 1678

Writt this day Mr Willett and sent him a bill for 60 <.> JW p[er] MB

July 19

Writ Mr Willett this day and send him a bill for £100 for my master Mich Blackett JW

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett

Ditto

Writt this day Capteyn Jno Sydenham MB

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett to John Milford

Mr Jno Milford

Newcastle July 27 1678

Sr

At your Leasure be pleased to lett mee know your Lowest price of your fine narrow and broad flatt if Reasonable, that is soe that I Can make any profit by itt, will be your Customer for 20: 30 or 40 tonn, soe pray lett mee know your very Lowest Rate In doeing whereof you will oblige MB

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Ditto

Sr

When you are minded to take £13: p[er] tonn for your Iron, be pleased to Lett mee know thereof, I am satisfyed itt will not yield more att present, and att any time I thinke I Can afford to give as much for itt as another, all our East Country Shippes

Arrived Iron Retaild soe Cheape as Cannot afford to give above £13: for yours but use your discretion I am MB

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 19th for Answer twas never my order to have any Oare delivered att Rotterdam, but to thinke of selling itt att <45 sts> is Intollerable, I hope this will Come in time to prevent itt, if not noe Remedy but patience must Rest Contented but Cannot afford itt under <f>3: - my desire is to have itt att London where freight shall be paid according to Agreem[en]t, otherwise Can allow of none and soe remaines MB

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Newcastle July 27 1678

Sr

God be thanked I gott well home last night, next weeke is our [As]sizes, In wch time noe great businesse is done, but after that I thinke itt shall not be long, ere I lodge some monies in your <funds>, I hope this will finde both you and your Lady in good health, heartily thankeing you for all your kindnesses I remaine MB

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sr

God be thanked I gott well home last night I hope you tooke Care to send mee my box by sea p[er] first Convenience, for if itt Arrive not soone I am undone, I finde my man hath Remitted you £100: - : - wch bill I hope Came well to your hands, Pray take Care of all Mr Maisters bills, and besides the £250: I told you of vizt one bill for £100: and another for £150 there is a third for £218: 19: p[er] 20 d[ays] to Richd Kent Esquire or order valew of Robt Mason wch are all you are to take notice of, till further advice from MB

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Mr Mich: Chipsham

Newcastle July 27 1678

Sr

Att my Returne from London amongst other letters have before mee yours of the 27th past, for Answer I doe still persist in my Inncurirey [Enquiry] as to w[ha]t you lay to my Chardge I know of noe mis carried or Committed by mee in the selling of your prunes, nor any mistake In Carridge, and weighing each <.. pC> tis enough that I say tis dew and paid, wch will make good w[he]n you please, am Glad you are att Last satisfyed, according to your order shall pay unto Mr Robt Jackson of Stockton w[ha]t is dew unto you, w[he]n you send him downe the Generall Relief formerly sent you witnessed by Mr Hum: Willett who is every day to be found upon the Exch[ange] Walke, and Mr Henry Nelthorpe Goldsmith att the Rose in Lombard Street and soe I remaine MB

27 Jul 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen Maister

Newcastle July 27 1678

Sr

The sudden sad news of a brothers death hath hindred mee from waiting upon you as I Came home and I question not but you your selfe will have mee Excused, I Rec[ieve]d att London yours of the 8th and 9th and have Last post Returned mee yours of the 16th am Content with w[ha]t you have done about the Iron desired, and have left orders wth Mr Willett to accept and dischargd all your bills, wch you need not feare but will be punctually Complied withall

The Iron I have Received, wch Indeed I thinke is mettle good enough, am satisfyed with itt but yett tis not fine att all to the Eye, however if any more be to be procured of same sorts att sd price, buy mee I pray you 30 or 40 tonn more, if not soe much in towne buy all you Can meet withall, hereby you have as lardge a Commission as I Can give you, soe I Leave itt wholly to your discretion, not doubting but you will Continue your Study for my most advantidge but if right Organs, good mettle, and faire to the Eye be met withall is <Chimi.> and not Cracked Edged, pray Lett not five Shilings in a tonn make any difference, Consigning the same unto MB

30 Jul 1678 John Wilkinson

Newcastle July 30: 1678

Writt Mr Willett and sent him backe Inclosed a bill from Mr Hen: Maister for £218: 19: - wch my master hath accepted JW for MB

3 Aug 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle Augt 3d 1678

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that my master this day to pleasure a friend hath valewed a bill upon you for £16: p[er] 6 d[ays] after sight to Mr Surtis Swinburne or order valew of madam Ann Swinburne wch pray Lett be Complied wthall This being the needfull Concludes JW p[er] MB

13 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Ditto

Sr

I have Received yours of the 3d your order therein shall be observed w[he]n please God the two vessells Arrives, and att any time I will be ready to furnish your masters with mony and to give them by best assistance in there Concerne, for one <p%> I thinke shall deserve itt, for sometimes will save you more than my Commission, but if you thinke itt too much will willingly Leave it to your discretion, tis not the profitt I valew soe much, as the honour of serveing you and I am Resolved never to give you an occation to Employ any other In this place being Really MB

13 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo Moore

Newcastle Augt 13: 1678

Sr

Though I have not writt you this Long time yett is very mindefull of your Corne, for itt is now att present in very good Condition, but our merchants never Comes to aske the price of itt, if you please to sett a price upon itt I will see w[ha]t Can be done, and if more Can be procured you may assure yourselfe of my utmost Endeavours for your Advantidge soe remains MB

13 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Ditto

Sr

Pray be pleased to send forward the Inclosed with all speed possible, and accept Mr Jno Strothers bills to the valew of £800: besides the £600 wch I allready ordered you to accept and as you are in disburse may freely valew upon MB

13 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle Augt 13 1678

Sr

I Writt you yesterday att Lardge p[er] Wm Hymers Comander of the Loveing friendship of this place whome w[he]n please God he Arrives Lett be despatched with all speed possible, and for my <X> of his Loadeing backe the goods desired are vizt

of Inch square and under if possible five tonn

of 2 to 2 ½ to 3 Inch broad flat five tonn

of 1 ½ to 1 ¾ Inch square five tonn

of pan plates of the size formerly advised of five tonn the Remainder of fine narrow flatt about sixty tonn

In all Eighty tonn wch will be about the <X> of his Loadeing, w[ha]t mony you want pray draw upon Mr Ch: Banckes march[an]t In Hamb[urg] who has order to accept all your bills, if not Iron to be gott, may Load tarr, soe of Iron and tarr Lett mee have about 40 Last I question not your Endeavours for my most advantidge soe remaines MB

16 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Ditto

Sr

I have allready writt you the needfull, this Chiefly for Covert for the Inclosed bill for £60: wch I have accidentally mett wthall I am MB

16 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Ditto

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

I now begin to be mindfull of you, Inclosed is bills for £120: shall remitt you more as I Can meet wth bills without advance, pray Lett your man goe and present my services to Mr Ralph <Harup>, and from mee to put him in minde of his promisse, wch

was to furnish you wth £200 or £300: upon my acct and to draw itt upon mee againe wch I desire he will please to doe

there is two forreigne bills the one for £100: the other for £105 from Amsterdam p[ri]mo July drawne by Abra: van Rincom p[er] In the house of Mr Hump Willett, and because I Cannot Remitt him the money without great Losse, I doe desire you will please to take Care of the same upon the acct of MB

16 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle Augt 16 1678

Sr

at my Returne out of the West where I have been for some time have met wth severall of yours the Contents have observed, and Inclosed is a bill for £100:, for the two forreigne bills for £205: w[he]n dew, pray desire the party to Repaire unto Mr Henry Nelthorpe for paym[en]t thereof whome I have this day desired to dischargd for I Cannot for my Life Remitt you the mony soe soone without great Losse I am MB

17 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo: Moorecroft

Newcastle Augt 17: 78

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day been wth Geo: Huntington and am satisfyed, soe pray deliver all the papers Relating to him and for Chardges att meeting shall satisfye you soe remaines MB

Lett mee know p[er] first w[he]n my unckle and Sr Robt Intends to meet

17 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 14th present the Contents have observed and though I Cannot but thanke you for your Readinesse to serve me, yet I am vexed that att this Juncture of time, itt should prove soe much to my prejudice, for not heareing from you in many posts, and soe Relying upon noe supply from you, itt soe fell out, that some few houres before the Receipt of your Letter, I had bought here sixty tonns, Insoemuch that I am very well supplied, and soe shall desire an Excuse of the bargaine, if itt Can be

Effected without any notice taken of itt, or att Least the quantity Lessened as much as possible soe this businesse I Leave to your prudent manedgm[en]t not doubting your Endeavours to my desires if a possible bargaine in Gods name goe on wth itt, and w[he]n I know your disbursem[en]ts shall advise you how to be Reimbursd and soe I remaine MB

17 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Ditto

Sr

may please take notice I have this day valewed upon you £400: p[er] p[ri]mo 8ber next unto Mr Nicho: Harding or order valew of himselfe, wch pray Lett be Honoured, and God willing I will take Care to supply you, before the bill fall dew, I was this night promised bills for £200: - : - but the party meeting wth some friends, Cannot be att Leasure, you may Expect them p[er] next I am MB

20 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwin

Ditto

Sr

I have furnished Mich: Lane wth £8: 10: – according to the Inclosed Copy of his Rec[eip]t wch have this day valewed upon you p[er] att sight to Mr Hen: Nelthorp or order Compliance to my bill is Left to you w[he]n your other <m[aste]r> Comes shall furnish him wth w[ha]t he desires, and place provision <d..re> for both together, w[he]n I know w[ha]t you are pleased to allow mee, and whatever you doe shall Content MB

20 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Ditto

Sr

I have this morneing sent you bills for £185 and since sealeing my Letters have mett wth the Inclosed small bill for £8: 10: of wch pray procure the needfull upon the acct of MB

20 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to David Hoare

Mr Da: <Hoare>

Ditto

Sr

I have bought of Mr Hayford some goods according to the Inclosed noate wch are to be p[ai]d to you, I therefore desire you will please to give them a view w[he]n they Come In, and if the <sorts> be Right, be pleasd to shipp mee them as Cheape as you Can, and if I Can doe you any service in this towne be pleasd to Comand MB

20 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Ditto

Sr

Some merchants In towne doth (att Last) Come and aske mee the price of your Corne, to wch I Can give them noe Answer, pray if you thinke Convenient be pleased to sett a price upon itt and soe I remaine MB

20 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Newcastle Augt 20th 1678

Sr

Inclosed Is two bills for £185: of wch pray procure the needfull I shall Remitt you more as soone as is possible In the mean while remains MB

20 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maisters

Newcastle Augt 20: 78

Sr

I writt you Last post att Lardge I Long to heare w[ha]t you have Concluded upon wch pray advise mee p[er] very first that soe I may order my businesse accordingly, I question not your Endeavours to Effect my desire, wch if Can be procured without any notice taken of itt either to your disadvantidge or mine, will doe very well, otherwise Lett the businesse goe on, but I desire the quantity may be Lessened as much as is possible and soe I remaine MB

24 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to George Spilman

Mr Geo: Spilman

Newcastle Augt 24 1678

Sr

I have not writt you this Long time for want of occation, this being Chiefly to desire you that you would be pleased to Consult with messeyeurs Ferryers, and other marchands that trades for Marselles and know of them w[ha]t they desire a tonn for Leed and Leed Oare for sd place, if Reasonable God willing I will provide them att your port forty or fifty tonn against the season, soe Craves your Answer p[er] first, and be pleased take notice of the following p[ar]ticulars first if the master will Come to this port and take in his goods, I will Allow him over and above 58 68 78 88 or rather then faile 108 a tonn, wch I Leave to your prudent manidgm[en]t not doubting but you will use your utmost Endeavours for my most advantidge

Secondly if a Warr happen wth france of wch wee are a little fearefull, I desire (as I suppose other marchands will do []) to have the goods delivered att Ligon<o> [probably 'Leghorn' ie. Livorno] and there the m[aste]r to be dischargd and soe bills of Loadeing to be taken accordingly, unto wch I Crave your Answer p[er] first and soe I remaine MB

26 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Walter Ettrick

Mr Ettricke

Newcastle Augt 26 1678

Sr

Jno Gildroy of your place is oweing mee	£15: 9: -
Richd Bru<.> - - -	£21:18:5

both been oweing Long I like neither of them Pray Sr be pleased to helpe mee to procure my dew of them your many kindnesses to mee has Contracted this trouble more upon you, and I hope your good nature will dispence wth my boldnesse, soe pray speake to them if you thinke Convenient, and Advise mee your thoughts of them I am thinkeing of takeing out writts for them but shall forbear till I heare from you my service to your Lady I am MB

27 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr George Moore

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 22d for Answer I have been with severall of our march[an]ds, but none will bid mee above £7: 10: for your Corne, because I stand att £10: - : - I thinke they would be willing to give £7: 15: - but I am not Certaine of itt

Corne Retaild as followeth
Rye 2s 2d to 2: 3d p[er] Bush[el]
wheate 7s to 8s p[er] B<owle>
malt 2s to 2: 2d p[er] Bush[el]
beanes 18d to 22d p[er] Bus[hel]
oates 12d to 15d
white pease 2s 6d to 2: 10d p[er] Bush[el] I have not further to Inlardge but to assure
you that I am MB

27 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Randal Richardson

Mr R<an [dall?]> Richardson

Newcastle Augt 27 1678

Sr

I heare you dispose of a great quantity of Leed Oare and gives good
Encouridgm[en]t to some merchants In this place pray be pleased to advise mee w[ha]t
you Can sell itt for, I have a quantity in London wch I Cannot gett sold, if I like your
price I will order itt to be d[elivere]d unto you, and if any profitt to be gott thereby

I thinke I Can send you as good supplies as some others, your Answer att your
Leasure pray afford unto MB

27 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: The book referred to is almost certainly 'The Compleate Compting House' by
John Vernon, published in 1678.]

Mr Humphrey Willett

Ditto

Sr

Pray doe w[ha]t you doe wth my Leed Oare I perceive other marchands Can sell the
same sort for £7: a tonn and some above, pray if you Can not meet wth Chapman Lett
mee know, that an end may be made Rather than faile Lett itt goe att £7

there is a new booke Entitled the Compleat working house by Jno Vernon, pray buy
itt for mee and Lett itt be shipt p[er] first Convenience I am MB

27 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Ditto

My Last to you was of the 13th present to wch Refers you, since none from you will
occation brevity, I perceive by Mr Banckes you have valewed upon him Rd 1000: and
Rd 116 2/3 I have often desired itt and I hereby desire itt againe that whenever you
draw, pray allwaies Lett mee have a Line or two under Covert of your Letter of advice
to Mr Banckes, signyfyeing to mee att w[ha]t Exch[ange] and how many RD your
draught makes wch for future I shall Expect from you soe remaines MB

27 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle Augt 27 1678

Sr

My Last to you was of the 13th present to wch Refers you, since have yours of the
19 past, and 9 present in the former have the acct of saile of my Coales wch I shall
Examine and advise you in dew time how I finde itt

as to the mistake about the Rd [Rixdollar, ie. Reichsthaler] 1200: I put the £300
Remitted me to ballance it, w[ha]t you are pleased to Allow mee for the Want of my
mony, and Advance In Exch[ange] I shall be Content with if nothing for a much greater
matter shall not make any difference betwixt you and me

pray send forward the Inclosed, I perceive by your Last that Mr Strother hath
valewed upon you Rd 1000 and Rd 116 2/3 and that in a post or two you will
Reimburse your selfe upon mee wch you may freely doe, pray allwaies advise how
many <fl> your draughts makes I am MB

27 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maisters

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 20th wth Invoyce and bill of Ladeing for 2000 <Ends> of Iron
I am sorry my Letters Came not In time to hinder the sending me any, but now noe
Remedy but patience

I pray Lett mee have noe more, and Indeed to tell you the truth I have noe mony
att London to pay you for this parcell, I am promised a bill next post for £200: wch God
willing shall be sent you, and the Rest Remitted as fast as possible but Indeed good
bills are scarce without 1½ p<%> advance wch by our trade wee Cannot afford to give
In the mean time if you Can draw upon mee doe itt freely, your bills shall be honoured,
and this I hope will satisfye you, I Expect noe more Iron from you and soe I remaine
MB

I allwaies desired fine Iron about sixty <..> a tonn and this parcell though good mettle
yet for its thicknesse not vendable in this place

27 Aug 1678 Michael Blackett to George Spilman

Mr Geo: Spilman

Newcastle Augt 27 1678

Sr

My Last to you was of the 24th present to wch Referrs you, this being Chiefly for feare of miscarriage, Sr att your Leasure I desire you would please to give an Answer unto w[ha]t is above written, and if I Can att any time serve you here, freely Comand MB

3 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maisters

Newcastle 7b 3d 1678

Sr

You may now freely Chardge upon Mr Hen Nelthorpe Goldsmith att the Rose in Lombard Street two hundred pounds and I hope wthin a post or two to advise you to Chardge two hundred more, In the mean while pray Chardge upon mee w[ha]t you please I desire noe more Iron soe remains MB

3 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 7ber 3d 1678

Sr

I desire you will please to Enquire of some of your merchants that trades for Legorne, and know of them w[ha]t they would desire freight for 20 Last of wheate and beanes how much for each and if they will make a bulks head for itt, and be reasonable I will have itt ready for them att your place, against w[ha]t time they shall desire your Answer pray despatch unto MB

3 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to George Spilman

Mr Geo Spilman

Ditto

Sr

I formerly writt you two letters, desireing you would please to advise mee w[ha]t g[oo]ds merchants that trades for Mercielles would demand for freight of 50 or 60 tonn of Leed and Leed Oare, and if Reasonable would make itt ready for them

I now desire you will please to Enquire of your merchants that trades for Legorne w[ha]t they will demand freight for 20 Last of wheat and beanes how much for each and if they will make a bulks head for itt, and be Reasonable, I will provide that likewise your Answer pray dispatch unto MB

3 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Newcastle 7ber 3d 1678

Sr

Inclosed is foure bills vizt

one for £100 upon Mr Peter Barr £100: - : -
one upon Farley H<arri>son for £ 60: - : -
one upon Leo: Robinson for £ 50: - : -
one upon Tho: Summers for £ 30: - : -
£240: -: -

and I pray prevaile wth Mr Harup to Lett you have some mony wthout advance but I will give him a Runlett of good Newcastle Ale

Sr pray accept Mr Hen Maisters of Hull his bill or bills to the valew of £200: - : - this being the need full I remaine MB

6 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Pierre Porrie

Mr Pierre P<orrie>

Newcastle 7ber 6 1678

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 30th past and if att any time I Can serve you in this place, none shall be more ambitious of (nor more Ready to observe) your Comands and in Answer to your sd letter Leed is now £10:- : - p[er] fodder of 21 cwt each hundred qty 112ll, and if I had your Generall order to send as I found occation, I doubt not but I Could procure you the quantity of Leed you desire at Rouen and Newhaven, for wee have Generally once in 14 daies one shipp or other goeing for one of these two places

for kursies and draperies (wch wee Call dousins) you may have att any time upon a little notice, price of both as in goodnesse the former from 28s to 40s and as to the latter that sort wch wee Generally shipp for oversee is from 2s: 8d to 3s 6d p[er] yard I hope this will give you satisfaction soe remaines MB

7 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Newcastle 7ber 7th 1678

Sr

Inclosed is a bill for £100: of wch w[he]n dew pray procure the needfull, and shall Remitt you more as soone as possible I am MB

Pray Prevaile if possible wth Mr Harup to Lett you have £200: or £300 I will doe as much for him another time

7 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo: Moorcraft

Ditto

Sr

I am Credibly Informed my Gentleman you know of hath placed him selfe in the kings bench soe pray take my Unckle Edens advice and delay noe time in any thing that may tend to my security, and be pleased to advise mee as you proceed, I Long to heare w[he]n you meet about the businesse Concerneing the Auckland men and mee, delays I never <lovd> In my Life any businesse whatsoever, I Referr all wholly to you soe remaines MB

10 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maisters

Newcastle 7ber 10 1678

Sr

You may att pleasure Chardge £100: upon Mr Henry Nelthorpe, I desire if possible you will please to deal mee the kindnesse as to draw the Remainder upon mee unto which I shall Expect your Answer, and if you Cannot with Convenience, Lett itt Cost mee w[ha]t itt will I will God willing send you bills for the whole for I am ashamed this businesse should soe unluckily fall out for MB

10 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Ditto

Sr

Pray be pleased to accept Mr Hen Maisters of Hull his bill for £100 more, I Expected some Stockton bills this morneing but they are not yett Comd, and I Cannot stay to send you them this post haveing occation to goe out in towne I am MB

17 Sep 1678 John Wilkinson to Henry Maister

Newcastle 7ber 17th 1678

Writt Mr Hen Maisters of Hull and advised him that have dischargd his bill for £20:
and his bill for £70: - for my master MB JW

20 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to William Thompson

Mr Wm Thompson

Newcastle 7ber 20 1678

I have yours of the 9th past, and according to your desire have writt Mr Smith that his
daughter is well, and as soone as I Can Light of a small vessell shall send you a parcell
of Butter Leed Coales for a tryall I am MB

20 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Ditto

Sr

I have Recd yours of the 23d past takes notice your have drawne upon mee £300: p[er]
2/us[uances] to Mr Jno Banckes or order Exc<hange> 33s 10<d> wch have accepted and
need not feare but itt will bee punctually Complied withall, as allsoe w[ha]t more bills
you shall att any time Chardge upon mee, but pray for future advise mee allwaies how
many <.fl> each bill is and you will oblidge MB

20 Sep 1678 John Wilkinson to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maisters

Ditto

Sr

I have nothing at all to write you but onely to advise you that I have a small bill
presented unto me for £10: - : - of wch my master hath noe advice, howsomever itt
being such a small some will pay itt but for the future my master desires that w[he]n
you draw any bills upon him you will be pleased to give him advice thereof soe
remaines JW p[er] MB

20 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 7ber 20 1678

Sr

I have yours of the 7th present, and thanks you for w[ha]t you have done, but noe necessity of giving 12 Dollars p[er] tonn, w[he]n as Mr James Gould and others Can gett mee for 9 to 10 att most, and soe men have advised some in this towne, I wish you Could gett mee a letter of Recommendation to a good honest substantiall marchant In Legorn for I have a minde to trade that way, and pray doe itt as soone as you Can and send itt mee there is a bill upon mee for £300: drawne by Ch: Banckes of Hamb[urg] the 23d past p[er] to Mr Jno Banckes of whome pray know In w[ha]t house tis payable, that soe If in yours I may provide mony for itt

The letter of Recommendation desired pray Lett itt be from an honest able march[an]t as well as to one I am MB

20 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Peter Barr

Mr Peter Barr

Ditto

Sr

I heare that wheate is a good Commodity with you if you have occation of any I Can procure you tenn or twenty thousand Bus[hels] as good as England can afford for 4s

if you trade to Ligorne I desire you will please to send mee a letter of Recommendation to your friend, for I know you trade with none but honest and able march[an]ds, if not, if you will please to procure me one you will very much oblige mee, and wherein I Can Serve you In this place, upon all occations you may freely Lay your Commands upon MB

20 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Tempest Rayne

Mr Tempest Rayne

Newcastle 7ber 20 1678

Sr

I <love> to Employ our owne Countrymen, I have a small vessell wch I Intend you with Coales and other goods, shall write you att Lardge p[er] the Shipp, w[ha]t you Receive pray Lett be disposed of att price Curr[en]t for w[ha]t they will yeild, and the nett proceed Reship mee wth nutmegg, and mace, your way is to buy mee 3 or 4 small baggs, or matts of tow, such as will vend in this place, and putt the goods desired in the midst, and before take great Care that afterwards the baggs or matts be soe well sewd

up that they doe not burst, pray minde this businesse and advise mee once in 14 d[ays]
how goods Rules with you I am MB

20 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to John Ferryer

Messrs Ferryers

Ditto

Gentlemen

I am Informed you trade much to Marselles, I have writt severall letters to Mr Geo: Spilman to know of you w[ha]t you would take for freight of 50 or 60 tonn of Leed and Leed oare for said place, and if Reasonable I would provide itt for you against w[ha]t time you please to sett downe, but to this day noe Answer, wch makes mee fearefull my friend is dead, I desire you will please to afford mee your Answer, some will take in noe goods, unlesse Consigned to there friend, pray lett that be noe objection I will as soon Imploy him as another, for I suppose such great dealers as you are must have of necessity an honest and able Correspondent, wch is w[ha]t is very much desired by MB

23 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Tempest Rayne

Mr Tempest Rayne

Newcastle 7ber 23 1678

Sr

This Comes to accompany Mr Roger Kempe Comander of the assistance frigatt of Yarmouth, In whome I have Loaden and Consyned unto you 16 Ch[alders] Coales, newcastle measure and 6 Ch[alders] Grindstones wch after good Arrivall bee pleasd to Receive and dispose thereof att price Curr[en]t for w[ha]t they will yield and the Nett proceed Reshipp mee in Nutmegg and mace, but rather all nutmeggs, I writt you yesterday p[er] post to put them in two or three tow baggs, but since have Reflected otherwise, hee d[eliver]d them onely to the master, and he will take Care of them, the master will demand of you £100 wch Lett him have, and draw that upon mee, and if you Can Light of a parcell of good nutmeggs, and Cheape, I doe not valew If you Imploy £200: more than the proceed of the goods and draw the whole £300 together I Cannot Inlardge soe remains MB

23 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Robert Chilton

[Note: Identification is unclear, but 'Uncle' is likely to mean that Chilton was a relative of Michael's wife in the Barnes family, who were from the Darlington area. Robert Chilton snr and jnr were freeholders in Dalton Piercy, near Hartlepool in 1684, with a 'George Barnes' mentioned in the same listing: Robert Surtees, 'Parish of Hart', in The

History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham: Volume 3, Stockton and Darlington Wards (London, 1823)]

<Unckle> Chilton

Newcastle 7ber 23 1678

I must now of necessity have 400 Bus[hells] of new wheate to be ready within 14 d[ays] soe pray procure mee the same of your neighbours, everyone may helpe you with a litle and Ch: Lazonby did offer mee a great quantity, but gave him noe Encouridgm[en]t, you may now desire him to meet you, if you have occation I hereby send <I...> the best Gray <thread> In England be sure Lett the wheate be dry I am MB

27 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen: Maister

Newcastle 7ber the 27 1678

Sr

I have dischargd all your bills, and one bill this morneing for £30: p[er] to Mr Geo: <Empringham> or order of wch I had noe advice, but knoweing itt to be your <hand> did not in the least scruple the paym[en]t of itt, howsomever for the future desires as I have allready done that w[he]n you draw any bills upon mee you will be pleased to give mee advice I desire you to draw the Remainder upon mee as soone as you Can, soe this being the needfull att present remaines MB

28 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Newcastle 7ber 28 1678

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 21th present for Answer your Iron will not now <give> £13 - 5 - if you please to give Mr Romney order to sell itt, I will give him as much for itt as any other In Newcastle soe remaines MB

28 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt: Aylsom

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 24th have taken Care of your Returne for Mr Mich: Lanes Loadeing of Coales, Leed £10: per fodder Coales 9 to 10s p[er] Ch[alder] wheate <4>s p[er] Bush[ell] I am MB

28 Sep 1678 Michael Blackett to David Hoare

Mr <Dav: Hoare>

Ditto

Sr

I wonder I heare nothing from my Iron Customer pray as soone as you Receive the <sorts> dispatch them unto mee there is a place within 30 miles of you, Called the H[ou]ses of Oxborne alias little Holland, from whence Comes very good flax to this place, pray advise if you Can helpe mee of some of it, and att w[ha]t price d[elivere]d free aboard I am MB

5 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber 5 1678

Sr

I have yours of the p[ri]mo present the Contents have well observed, I desire you would please to lett your man speake once more to Mr Harupp, who I perceive will doe nothing without advance, I will Referr itt wholly to you to agree with him as Cheape as you Can for £500: or £600: and his bills att sight shall be punctually paid I hope <1> p% will doe, for noe good bills to be gott here under 2 and 2 ½ <o> If I had thought that the liberty I tooke would not have stood with your Convenience, should never have presumed soe farr upon your Answer Lett itt Cost mee w[ha]t itt will God willing shall Remitt you the needfull and soe I remaine MB

I am Informed your business make advantidge In giveing bills pray studdy my most advantidge and you will oblige MB

5 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Ditto

Sr

At my Returne out of the Country doe meet with yours of the 29th past whereby perceive the bill of £300: is p[er] In your house soe next post God willing shall Remitt you the needfull, haveing not time to seeke them this night In the mean while remaines MB

5 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to James Chapman

Ditto

Writt this day J^{am}: Chapman of Stockton MB

8 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett

Newcastle 8ber the 8: 1678

Sr

Inclosed is 2 bills for £160 <u>p% is all that possible I could procure this post, soe of wch w[he]n dew pray procure the needfull, and the next post God willing may Expect bills for the Remainder, you may negotiate w[ha]t bills I send you, that soe they may serve for the paym[en]t of the bill from Hamb[urg], and w[ha]t you allow shall be allowed againe by MB

11 Oct 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 8ber 11: 78

Sr

Inclosed is a bill for £100: wch by my masters order hath sent you and desires you w[he]n dew to procure the needfull I am for my master Michael Blackett JW

12 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Thompson

Mr Edwd Thompson

Newcastle 8ber the 12 1678

Sr

Though I would rather have given some money then have sturd from home att this juncture of time, haveing to Ride about the Country In order to the getting Shipt a quantity of Corne for the <Straight> yett being very ready to serve you I did (with noe small trouble) soe order my businesse that upon Thursday last about three in the afternoone I was ready to take post att Duham, and had bespoke two horses to have been with you God willing that night, but meeting there with <your> Expresse Returned againe to my businesse, I thinke I had those papers along with mee that would have given you satisfaction In all wch could have been Required of MB

12 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to John Basire

Mr Jno Bas<ire>

Newcastle 8ber the 12: 1678

Sr

I have Rec[ieve]d all your notes but Could not give you a satisfactory Answer till this night by Reason of my fathers absence for Could not gett a perusall of his books till this day and I finde he Returned you just as you say £403-7-10 the Last yeare and noe more, wch is the needfull att present from MB

12 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 3d present for Answer, I thinke itt of necessity to have one <take> your Iron weighed buy itt who will, for none here will take itt according to your weight, if you please to give your order to any one, I will treat wth them otherwise if you will stand to the Report of the <K>ings weigh house and give 3 m[onths] time for paym[en]t I Can procure you £13 p[er] tonn, and shall aske noe Commission for may be concerned myselfe, use your discretion I am MB

12 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Robert Ferryer

Mr Robt and Richd Ferryer

Ditto

Srs

I have before mee yours of the 25th past, am Glad Mr Spilman is in good health, but wonder he would vouchsafe mee noe Answer to none of my letters shall trouble him noe more

you say very rarely above one ship goes for Marselles from your port in the yeare, I suppose you mean of your owne, for I am Informed otherwise, however that is all one I have sent to Mr Giles Wakeman 400 p[iece]s small Leed to be shipt as above, if not to be done can send itt otherwere, I know the Custome is 20s p[er] fodder for over wch have p[ai]d here, I should be glad he and you might agree, but am unwilling to send any p<..>l thereof for Genoa Lego[rne] or <...> if can serve you in this place freely Comand MB

Leed £10 p[er] fodder of 21 cwt each qty 112 lb

Wheat 4s p[er] Bus[hel] Winchester measure

Coals 8s to 10s <..> p[er] Ch[alder] Grindstones <.> 3s p[er] Ch[alder]

14 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Giles Wakeman

Mr Giles Wakeman

Ditto

Sr

Upon the Recommendation of my good friend Mr Thomas Smith I have shipt and Consigned unto you p[er] the Rose of yarm[ou]th Tho Oliver Comander 400 p[iece]s small Leed, wch after good Arrivall be pleased to gett mee them sent with as little Chardge as is possible unto Marselles, and w[he]n Reshipt (wch I hope may be gott done without ever Landing) pray allsoe fill up the Inclosed letter of advice [see below] and Lett be sent along with the Leed, if the whole Cannot be got shipt or if you ship them on 2 or 3 vessells pray give Mr Launce notice of itt accordingly, but if all shipt in one vessell, you need noe more but to fill up the Inclosed I have p[ai]d Custome here for Chardges with you, and freight to Marselles, I Referr all to your prudent manidgm[en]t not doubting any but you will studdy my most advantidge

You are to pay Mr Oliver for his freight in your place £11-15- wch with w[ha]t more you shall be out of purse upon my acct with s[ai]d Commission may take up of any of s[ai]d <.....> and draw upon mee att sight, your bill shall be duly honoured by MB

Mr Jno Launce

Newcastle 8ber 14: 1678

Sr

This Comes to accompany Capt _____ Comander of the _____ of Yarmouth In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you 400 p[iece]s small Leed wch after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof for my most advantidge payeing the Capt for freight of the same according to the bill of Loadeing I am MB

15 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Giles Wakeman

Mr Giles Wakeman

Newcastle 8ber the 15 1678

Sr

My last to you was of the 14th past p[er] Mr Tho: Oliver to wch I Cannot Enlarge onely once againe desires your Endeavours for my most advantidge, In Reshiping of my Leed and agreeing for freight of the same to Merselles, I beg a line from you now, and then as you proceed, and an acct how you fill up the Blanckes in Mr Launce his letter wch I have sent you p[er] Mr Oliver, In doing whereof you will oblige

15 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno Launce

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee the honour of yours of the 4th present, and doe heartily thanke you for s[ai]d readinesse to serve mee, I have but lately begun to trade for the streights, hereafter (god willing) if any Encouridgm[en]t, shall be more deeply Concerned soe pray lett mee heare from you once in 14 d[ays] of occurrences with you, and w[he]n any goods this Country affords will turne to acct with you and that there be an opportunity, I shall Endeavour to supply you, and I must without flattery Commend you for the lardge acct you give mee In the most materiall point viz how your weights and measures agreees with ours, wch is very much to my satisfaction – I have sent to Yarmouth 400 p[iece]s small Leed to be Consigned unto you p[er] the Herring fleet, by whome I Cannot advise you, my letter of advice will for have desired Mr Giles Wakeman to fill itt up and to send itt along with the Leed, w[he]n please God itt Arrives be pleased to Receive, and dispose Thereof for my most advantidge, for seeing you mention not how your Exch[ange] goes, I Cannot tell whether most advantageous to have Remitted from London or Paris, In wch pray give mee satisfaction in your next and advise mee if ever you send any goods for England from your place w[ha]t sort and w[ha]t price, for If Could make any thing in Returnes home would doe Extraordinary well

I wonder Lead should not give twice the price of Leed Oare being twice as deare In this place, but am Glad small p[iece]s are more in Request than great piggs are have sent our Corne to Livorne being a better market than yours, Iron and <deales> almost as deare here as with you, pray advise if Grindstones would sell with you, for Can supply you with any sorts, and as Cheape as any in England I cannot Enlardge soe remains MB

Newcastle 8ber 18 1678 Sr the above is Copy of my last to wch Referrs you hereby I <second> the same but have not to Enlardge till I heare from you, this part of the Country affords the following goods viz all sorts of Corne, Leed, Leed Oare, Coales, Butter, Grindstones, Stockings, dousyns Kersies of all sorts be pleased to advise wch of them in demand with you and there price and you will oblidge MB

15 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen Nelthorpe

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 12th present shall take care of your Inclosed bill, and be assured w[ha]t bills you draw upon mee shall be punctually dischargd by MB

19 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 8ber the 19 1678

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £180: p[er] 12 d[ays] after sight to the Honourable Ralph Widdrington Esqr or order valew of Tho: Riddell Esqr wch pray lett be Complied withall and the next post you may Expect bills for as much if not more from MB

22 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber the 22d 1678

Sr

I have pd your bill for £150 and have Rec[eive]d your bill of £12-12-0 w[ha]t more you shall draw upon mee shall be punctually Complied withall by MB

22 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Ditto

Sr

I have yours of the 17th present, and yesterday wee had a meeting about the Contents our finall Result was that in the first place wee will not meddle with your weights nor will wee pay any money In hand but may Rely upon itt att the day as I formerly mentioned, nor will wee have any thing to doe with w[ha]t Chardges has been given upon itt, hereby you may know my meaneings, use your discretion I am MB

22 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Ditto

Sr

I have before mee both yours of the 10: past and p[ri]mo present I know noe Reason of altering any Entry In the mistake about the RD 1200: tis very strange if any man must have my mony 9 m[onths] and afterwards pay mee wth lesse than my owne there is more Reason to allow mee both Interest and the advance of the Exch[ange] if you be

not satisfied, take you one In this place or with you I will take another, and they shall determine the businesse, by the letter you advise mee of £100: Chardged upon mee, wch I have accepted and shall be dewly paid, w[he]n you write Mr Strother pray tell him that I have given you order (though I doe itt not) not to accept his bills, but w[he]n he Incloses a line under your Covert, unto me, mentioning att w[ha]t Exch[ange] he drawes, soe must leave this Entry In blancke till I heare from him I am MB

22 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Ferdinando Huddleston

Mr Ferdinando Huddleston

Newcastle 8ber the 22d 1678

Sr

Pray take notice that the Land you farme of Mr Marke Errington called Hay Close bancke, and the West End of P^{od} Banke is by Mr Errington and his wife Conveyed unto mee, and therefore I expect the Rent Thereof from you, for wch I will s^{erve} you and dischargd you from paym^{en}t of itt by any other, soe hoping you will Comply wth the Contents hereof I am MB

22 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo: Moorcroft

Ditto

Sr

Inclosed is a letter for Mr Huddleston, I Intend God willing for <C/Eland> Hall today or tomorrow where shall doe the needfull I am in hast[e] MB

22 Oct 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Ditto

Sr

Inclosed is a bill for £100: of wch w[he]n dew pray procure the needfull, and the next post may Expect bills for the Remainder I am for my master Michael Blackett JW

25 Oct 1678 John Wilkinson to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle 8ber the 25 78

Sr

My master ordered mee to advise you that though he doth not write you very often, yet he takes as good Care of your Corne as if itt were his owne but our march[an]ts In towne will not bid above £6:-:- p[er] Last for itt this being the needfull I am for my master Michael Blackett JW

26 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 8ber the 26 1678

Sr

Pray p[er] first Convenience send mee an order from the Commissioners to our Collector for the Restitution of the Custome of 24 p[iece]s Leed sent you by Roger Kempe for wch oversea duty was paid here as allsoe a Certificate for the 200 p[iece]s Leed sent you by <Hakett Hobman> for wch I am put Into Chancery, but your diligence in the Concerne may be a means to mitigate both trouble and Cost having by Interest deferred Execution for One Eight d<ays> I have this day past upon you £82: p[er] 10 d[ays] sight to Mr Wm Warne or order valew of Mr Jno Lawson wch pray lett be Complied withall, I Expected some Stockton bills this night, but they Come not p[er] next you may Expect (and I dare assure you of them) to Reimburse you for the paym[en]t of this bill as allsoe for the Remainder of the Last bill I am MB

Tis a wonder you never write mee of this plot designed whereas all the other merchants have itt In this place

29 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber the 29 1678

Sr

To pleasure our parson of the parish would I Could <not> in Civility deny have this day past upon you £25 p[er] 10 d[ays] sight to Mr Wm Edwds or order valew of Mr Jno <march> wch pray Lett be Complied withall you writt mee formerly you would draw £200: or £250 upon mee, I hope this days post will give mee advice of itt lett this bill Come w[he]n itt will itt shall be p[ai]d by MB

29 Oct 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sr

Newcastle 8ber the 29: 78

I must beg your Excuse for not going to the pay this month for another small vessell is Arrived att Sunderland wch I am to Loade with wheate, where I goe to morrow morneing for dispatching of her away

I thinke she will take in all I have bought, as soone as ever I gett the Invoyce send away (wch I hope to doe against Saturdays post) shall pay my Bro: Wm for the Leed I never saw Capt <Ligdenham> since you went from home, but Alderman Brabant will procure the Rent, and had you leaveing noe more to Inlardge upon I heartily pray for your health and happinesse, and earnestly Craveing your blessing Remaines MB

1 Nov 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle 9ber primo 1678

Sr

In my master his absence have mett with the Inclosed for £100: soe of wch w[he]n dew pray procure the needfull, and w[he]n my master Comes home wch I thinke will be within a post or two, then you may Expect more, In the Interim Remaines for my master MB JW

5 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 9ber the 5 78

Sr

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £55: p[er] 11 d[ays] sight to Mr Saml Symons or order valew of Edwd Riddle Esqr wch pray lett be Complied withal. Likewise Inclosed is a small French bill for £20:17: 3 next post shall not faile God willing to Remitt you the [struck out: 'needfull'] Remainder

I <Still want> the acct of my Leed Oare, wch pray send att your Convenience as allsoe you know w[ha]t about the 24 p[ie]ce[s] Leed I am [MB]

8 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle 9ber the 8: 78

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 29th past, and shall observe your order about the Corne the price of Graine as Retailed vizt Rye 2s wheat 4s 6d oates about 12d malt 22d bly and barley 20d pease and beans 20d Leed £10 - - p[er] fodder of 21 cwt each hundred qty 112 ll Coales 8s to 9s p[er] Ch[alder] butter 14s to 15s p[er] firkin

if you have occation for any wheate, I Could Supply you with as good and as Cheape, as any in these parts, I have of late had pretty good Commissions for that Commodity, and have shipt a good quantity, I pd not 1<.>s for any I had, wee grow as good wheate as is in England, if I Can serve you or your freinds freely Comand MB

8 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Gould

Ditto

Sr

Upon the Recommendation of my freind and neighbour Mr Tho: Smith, have made bold to Consiyne unto you p[er] the prosperous of Sunderland Robt Wigginer m[aster] 20½ Last of wheate wch is on ½ betwixt sd Smith and mee, I suppose my partner hath given you the needfull order about his ½ my desire is itt goe altogether Consiyned unto Mr Jam: Gould merch[an]t In Liguorne, you are to pay noe freight but w[ha]t other Chardges you are att with your Commission w[he]n I know how much itt amounts to shall order you your mony

Leed £10: p[er] fodder of 21 cwt each hundred qty 112 ll Coales 8s to 9s p[er] Ch[alder] wheate 10s p[er] Last of the very best If I Can serve you in these parts, none shall be more ambitious of (nor more ready with all faithfulnessse to observe) your Commands than MB

9 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sr

Newcastle 9ber 9 78

Your Last to my Bro: Wm brought the good news of Hen: <Lucas> being alive, pray sr be pleased to order him w[ha]t mony he demands Mr <Hacon> Mr Timo Robson my Bro Davison, Cosin Kirkehouse, and my selfe will be accomptable to you for the same

I have pd Bro Wm upon acct £250: all my wheate not yet shipt, w[he]n done shall pay him the Remainder [of] my ballance for the Leed

God be thanked all freinds are well here onely Peter Bell was buried this night soe with my dewty to your selfe, love to all other freinds prayeing for your health and happinesse and earnestly Craveing your blessing Remaines MB

12 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: Cousin Edward was presumably the son of Michael's deceased uncle Edward]

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle 9ber 12 78

Sr

I have yours of the 25th present doe not[e] its Contents but tis wonderfull you write mee that Robt Bloome will not accept the bill of £100: whereas I saw his letter to Cosin Edwd Blackett that he had accepted the same and would pay itt when dew, you need not feare paym[ene]t Thereof but if Refused Returne itt Immediately, and I will take care to supply you otherwise

Inclosed is a bill for £60: of wch procure the needfull and pray take notice I have this day valewed upon you a bill for £15-10 p[er] 6 d[ays] sight to Mr Saml Symons or order valew of Tho: Riddle Esqr wch lett be Complied withall I am Mb

pray Lett mee know w[ha]t this Saml Symons is

15 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould

Newcastle 9ber the 15: 78

Sr

My freind and neighbour Mr Tho: Smith and myselfe have sent unto Mr Ja: Gould of London 20½ Last of < brave > old wheate to be Conveyed unto your place Consigned unto your selfe w[he]n please God itt Arrives be pleased to receive itt and dispose thereof for my most advantidge as soone as wee Can shall advise you in w[ha]t ship tis shipt and w[ha]t freight you must pay, In your first be pleased to give mee a line or two of occurences wth you w[ha]t goods you Commonly send for England, and w[ha]t goods most desireable wth you if any advantidge be to be had either by Leed Grindstones stockins kersies or any sort of Cloth, I thinke I could furnish you wth as good and as Cheape as any other I am MB

15 Nov 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sr

My master being not att Leasure ordered mee to write you and desire that you will be pleased to in your next to advise him w[ha]t sort of Grindstones is most vendable with you and how many you thinke you Could vent this being the needfull remainses p[er] MB JW

19 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle 9ber 19 78

Sr

I have Rec[eive]d yours of the primo present doe note your draught upon mee for £200:-:- wch have accepted and you need not feare but your paym[en]t will follow, as allsoe w[ha]t other bills you shall att any time draw upon mee, I have allready writt you att lardge about the mistake of Rd 1200 and to wch Can say noe more, the two sums Came to hand and I heartily thanke you for them I am MB

19 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to Giles Wakeman

Mr Giles Wakeman

Newcastle 9ber 19 - 78

S[i]r

I heare from other hands that my Led is abroad but not one word from yourselfe wch I doe not a little wonder att especially having my written so often to Mr Thos. Smith about wch Concern my positive order is to get it ship't for Marseilles if possible, lett the terms be as they will I heare there is some <sauser> in the case wch I must leave to your prudent manadgement but I doe sweare there is not a tonn more than what is entered if Cannot be shipt for Marsellies Lett itt liye by you till further order I am M B

19 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Humpr; Willett

ditto

Sir

There is a Hamb[urg] bill dated the pmo [1st] 8ber drawne by Ch. Banckes for £<100:> per 2/u [months usance] to Wm. <Crammer> or order, and yesterday I accepted a bill for £200: drawne by Mr Banckes Esquire 9ber per 2/u [months usance] to Mr John Bankes or order with wch pray take care to dischargd Inclosed is a bill for £200 and I will take care to remitt you the needful before the last bill fall due pray procure me a letter of Recommendation to an honest man in Oostend and send me it per first MB

19 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

ditto

I have received yours of the 26th past In due time for Answer you may please to dispose of that Iron as you think Convenient for I cannot now expect to give any such price for it nor have I any occation for that Anchor palms Iron M B

21 Nov 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Humpr: Willett

Newcastle 9ber the 21 - 78

Sir

I have this day post upon you a bill for £69: per: 14d[ays] sight to Mr Richd. Chiswell or order value of Mr Richd <Andell> wch pray lett be Complied withal I am MB

23 Nov 1678 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Humpr: Willett

NewC 9ber 23 - 78

Sir

my [master] ordered me to advise you that he hath this day valued upon you a bill for £7.5.8 per 4 d sight to Mr Michels request or order value of Jno. Sherman I am for MB
JW

3 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Charles Bankes

Newcastle xber 3rd 78

Sir

I have before me yours of the 8th and 12th past for Answer to the former may please to accept all bill that Mr Strother shall draw upon you upon my accot. for I am satsfied with his honesty and that he will draw noe more that is needful, and as you Reimburse yourselfe upon me, all your bills shall be duly complied withal - for answer to your last letter may note that I have accepted your two draughts upon me, one £150 to lai knightly and £123 -8-1 to Wm Wentworth compliance to both wch. you need not feare will doe - pray let us have noe more words about that <cabling> business, as I said before tenn times a greater matter shall make noe difference on my side and that you may see I will not be unreasonable I shall defer itt wholly to your owne selfe therefore desire you will please to send me per first Convenience a small rundlett of old Hock for any surplus, as much as you think is reasonable and very willing to give me otherwise would rather have none, for doe assure you wheather any or none shall be to the satisfaction of

MB

3 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Newcastle xber 3rd 78

Sir

I have before me yours of the 15th past (addressing that Recd. of mine of the 15th and 18th 8ber) and I heartily thank you for your readiness, to use your utmost endeavours for the promoting of my interest, in what concerns soever, I shall att any time consign unto you one thing more I must desire of you viz: that you will please never to miss an opportunity of adressing me whensoever any Commodity is much desired or much wanting with you Especially such as this kingdom affords -

I have advice from Yarmouth that my 400 pcs Small Leed are shipt for your place, per next. Shall know in what ship and what freight you are to pay and for future will endeavour to have constantly supplies in your hands that you may be ready to Embrace any good market when it offers, but our mariners are here very fearfull none will venture without convoy, God send once peace with Algier - I take notice how your Exch[ange] goes, but time enough yet to order my mony when God sends any. per next shall give you an acct. of your sample of Read Cloth, as likewise it more needful In the mean time remaine

MB

7 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen. Nelthorpe

Newcastle xber 7 - 78

Sir

I can assure you bills are very scarce, however with much adoe have procured the Inclosed for £100: upon Mr Saml. Wetwang per 20 d[ays] sight to my order Endorsed to your selfe, as I can meet with good bills, shall remitt you more In the mean time I hope you will Excuse me and soe I remaine MB

MB

7 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle xber the 7th 1678

Sir

I have inclosed sent you a bill wch I have upon you for <F 26d s> att 54 d[ay]s <flz> per W £58-11-8d the wch I question not your Compliance when due, In the mean time meeting with good <Advance> have this day valued upon you £50 per 6 d[ays] sight to the the Honorable Ralph Widdrington Esquire or order value of Mr Wm. Cole, to wch I intrust your Compliance, and what interest you think Convenient till you be Reimbursed shall willingly abate itt you, but if itt stand not with your Convenience, may upon Rect. call upon my father Sir Wm. Blackett for £50: to Answer my bill wch I think will not be denied, I have this Last summer shipt great quantities of wheat, for the Streights and other places upon Commission, but have yet a little return in my owne hands, wch I intend for your place and will make bold to Consyne itt unto your selfe, wch if you can convey unto Lyvorne consigned unto your friend, shall be much to my satisfaction, if not shall desire you to make sale thereof to my advantage of wch concern more per next, Interim kissing your hands,
I remaine MB

7 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Mr Thomas Frinley

Newcas. xber the 7th 1678

Inclosed is a letter for Edward Fletham of Yarme wch. I must of necessitie have sent forward before Monday next, soe upon Rec[eip]t desire, that if none be goeing there from this place you will be pleased to send one <apurpose> with itt for this letter I mustt have att yarme upon sending might here faile not. MB

Mr Edwd. Fletham and Comp[an]y

ditto

You may remember that I promised you to meete you att Stockton upon Monday next, but today commanded by Mr <Alcior> to waite upon him both Monday and Tuesday cannot possible doe itt, soe desire you to make noe more of itt but to breake of your designe of coming there, so hoping that you will excuse me coming that I am constrained to break my promise MB

7 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honorable Sir

Ditto

I have this night sent to Mr Peter Bar a bill upon himselfe drawne from Paris by A. <Peletyen> the 7th present per 2/us[ances] to Mr Thos. Smith or order Endorsed to my use, and meeting with good advance have made bold to draw upon Mr Bar £50: per 8/d[ays] sight to the Honorable Ra: Widdrington Esquire or order value of Mr Wm

Cole, but having noe mony att London att present have desired Mr Bar that if in case itt stand not with his convenience to disburse soe much mony for me, allowing him interest (wch I can very well afford) till he be reimbursed that I have told him to call upon you for £50: wch if he doe, I desire you will please to pay itt, and I shall repay itt againe to my Bro[ther]: Wm. with at even advance you will please to demand I intend god willing for the pay upon Weddensday next, att my return I shall not faile to give you the best accot I can learne of occurrences there, (I heare already that Cosen Jno. (Honest man) hath ploued up the West pasture at fallowfield, and intends to plow the little Close below the Garden God knows his intentions, what I write coming from his own mouth, why saies further that he will make that farme £20 per <Annud> worse for the next farmer, that I declare I speake not out of malice, for have sufficient vouchers haveing no more to Inlardge upon praying for your health and happinesse, and honestly craving your blessing I remaine MB

10 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Newcastle xber the 10: 1678

Sir

My last to you was of the 3rd present to wch I referr you, since none from you Ive the like to enlardge upon this serving only for <Covert> to the inclosed, bill for loading, In my oppinion the freight is pretty reasonable, she is a brave freight of 12 tons, when please God she arrives be pleased to receive my Leed, and dispose thereon for my most advantage paying Capt. <Carter's> freight according to bill of loading, pray advise me the next, if either Dales, pitch, tarr, Iron or Beeswax be a commodity with you as likewise the price of <rassens>

pray advise me what you call that sample you sent me and how broad tis, for none here tell me what it must be, to be afforded all the <Rute> you mention I would gladly know what goods you generally send for that kingdom and there prices for would willingly have returnes for my concerns as please God monies come in, provided any profit to be gott by them, so wishing you Merry Christmas I conclude, assuring you I am

MB

10 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

ditto

Sir

inclosed is a bill for £106-10sd upon <Bro Martane. devile> take those plotters for have
spoyled all trade I am promised another bill for £100 against next post if I get it it
shall be sent you by MB

Inclosed you have that other bill for £100: upon <Mortine> for have prevailed for have
prevailed (sic) with my friend to lett me have it this post MB

10 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Daniel Hayford

Mr Dan: Hayford

Newcastle xber the 10th 1678

Inclosed is a bill for £43-10s wch. I owe you for the severall sorts of <iron> you sent me,
but I could not possible procure a bill att shorter sight. I hope itt will please you and
soe I remaine in haste MB

10 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

ditto

Inclosed is a bill for £50 per 28 d[ays] upon <Edw.> Martaine, of wch pray procure the
needful shall remitt you more as soone as Can meet with good bills, but tis very hard
to take bills att such sight, and pray advance besides I am MB

14 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honorable Sir

Newcas. xber the 14th - 78

According to my accustomed method I shall att present give you the best acct. I could
learne of occurrences att the Leed mines, and shall begin with the Condition of of the
severall groves viz:

Greengill Indifferent good, yet the place that <I had> formerly writ you was very good,
is not alltoger: then soe good as itt was, Coleclugh begins to mend again, Welhope
poore, they have gott the sump finished att Bales hill and is getting very good oare, the
<slits> very good as allsoe the North <sump>, but the South <sump> is not soe good as
itt was, the new sump hath the best oare in all the field, the East End forhead is
Indifferent good, noe sample of a vein to be seene att Reed groves, Rookehope poore

the whole pay Come to £1083:19:10d as follows viz:

To head pay	£481-17-2 1/2 paid Richd	£ 500- -
plancky pay	£107-1-11 1/2 paid Jno	£ 27- 1-11 1/2
paid att mill as per particulars		£ 382- 1- 1 1/2
paid att fallowfield		£ 174-16- 9
		£1083-19-10d

for wch mony you had smelted att planky mill 24 fodder 4 p[iece]s Leed, and 103 bing
2 horse of oare brought to said place from the following groves viz

bing: horse
from the heads 73 2
from Greengill 9 2
from Welhope 14
from Coleclugh 5
from Dufton 1 2 bing: horse
103 : 2

Wood bought for the use of said place is
180 sacks of Richd. Whitfield att 7½ d
60 of your owne from Silewray
300 more of your owne from Woanes Woods

and there is 200 p[iece]s Leed Carryed from thence to Bladon Besides you had smelted
at Duxfield mill 118 fodder Leed and 423 bing & horse of oare brought to said place
from the following groves viz

bing h
from the heads 179 2
from Rookhope 5
from Jeffrey groves 16
from Lunehead 20
from fallowfield 169 3
from Greengill 30 3
from Welhope 2 1 bing: horse
423 : 1

Wood bought for the use of said place is
1100 sacks of Esqr. <Chirwell> att 8 ½d
1468 sacks of others att 8d
291 of yr owne from Healy
10 more of your owne from Whornley

838 p[iece]s Leed from said mill to Bladon
687 p[iece]s Leed from Cooperhouse to Bladon

I heare nothing amiss at the mills but <accot.> of oare, fallowfeild works in a pretty good Condition, they have good oare in Buxton shaft, and in the Water Low shaft allsoe, but for the lowest drift in the oare It is very hard as it hath been long, wch. is alsoe to the rest they have board under Levell, att the low Levell, near upon six fathoms, and have made a tryale to <hurrye> to the soft shever wch. is seven yards under levell but could not, it being so sore watred, soe have begun to drive att the <parting> three yards under Levell for noe <plan Else> can be driven att, they find the water lyne away in the old sump above long Edge Dike three yeards itt hath cleared the <sump> and they think itt may be the boaring att the Low Levell.

I can Remember of nothing more, soe hoping that will find you well yett to Naworth praying for your health and happinesse and earnestly craveing yr blessing I remaine MB

14 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edwd Fletham

ditto

I have Recd. thine of the 10th present. I hope there is noe feare of poorre Com, and that there has gott him well <home>, I need not tell that wee made a bargaine, but one thing I will tell thee, that it will be for thy advantadge, to be helping me now and then with some mony by wch means I shall procure the Cheapest wheat, wch I leave to thy discretion, and please God the bargaine shall goe on one my side, but people are often Calling for mony I am already above £400: out of purse and I have not <a mind> I give thee this advice wch I am Certain will tend to thy advantadge but as before use thy discretion, and what thee does shall Content mee my love to poore Com I am MB

14 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Edward Ring

Mr Edwd. Ring

ditto

I perceive that Geo. Moorecroft will be att your house upon Monday next, Inclosed is a letter for him wch pray keepe by you till he comes and del[iver] unto him, In doing whereof you will oblidge MB

Mr George Moorecroft

Newcs xber the 14th - 78

Sir I have Recd yours of the 11th present, God willing shall be att home upon Tuesday night to wait upon you, and will have the Inclosed you sent me till you Come over, for

Cannot doe the business sooner, when wee meet shall discourse the business att Lardge
Interim Remaine In hast
MB

14 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen. Nelthorpe ditto

Sir

Inclosed is a bill for £60: upon Mr Peter Walker and though it be att 29 d[ays] sight, yet I am promised it will be paid att 3 or 4 daies sight, I perceive some discourse has happened betwixt my father and you wch I never expected from you, upon Rect. lett me know what more mony is due unto you, and itt shall immediately be remitted you upon sight by MB

14 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to John Bolitho

Mr Jno. Bolitho and Comp[any] ditto

Sir I have yours of 7th present and Inclosed you have returned your bill accepted upon wch, shall take care to provide, and that in your owne hands against the bill fall due I am MB

14 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould ditto

Sir

I have received yours of the 7th present with your acct. of Chardges disbursed upon Mr Thos. Smith and my acct. wch. having Examined and found Right, have placed the same in Conformity with you, and hereby desire to know whether you please to have the mony paid to any found here, or have a bill sent for it upon you Assure your order shall be observed, by him that is very well satisfied with what you have done and remains MB

20 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar Newcastle xber the 20th 1678

Sir

I have before me yours of the 12th, doe give you thanks for your readiness to comply with my bill for £50: wch. with what you mention for advancing the same, have noted In Conformity with you

I have a small vesell lately Comed from Stockholm with iron and our markett being Closed have Resolved to try yours (wch. I heare is Indifferent) and Consigne her unto your selfe, below is Coppy of it I this day writt by him, who I think will saile next tide, when please God he arrives be pleased to Receave said Iron and dispose thereof for my most advantedge, wch. I wholly leave to your discretion, there is of itt 1705 Ends all narrow flat Excepting about 100 Ends Round <square> you are to pay noe freight wch. is the needful att present for

MB

Mr Peter Bar

ditto

Sir

This comes to accompany Geo. Dawson [master] of the assistance freight of Yarmouth In whome there is 1705 Ends of Iron, lately Comd from Stockholme with wch. have resolved to try your market and have made bold to Consigne the same unto your selfe, when please God itt arrives be pleased to Receive said Iron and dispose thereof for my most advantedge, wch I wholly leave to your discretion, you are to pay noe freight but if the [master] want £5 or £10 may please to tell him have itt upon the acct. of MB

20 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould & Company

ditto

Sir

My last to you was of the 15th past to wch I referr you Mr James Gould of London hath att last got our wheat ship't for your place In a brave vessel of 36 gunnes Inclosed is a bill of loading, Mr Smith presents his service to you, who will omit writing you this post but In a word, when please God the vessel arrives, we leave the disposal of said Corne wholly to your discretion not doubting of your utmost Endeavour for our most advantedge, wch. is all can be said and soe I remaine MB

24 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Charles Banckes

ditto

Sir

I have yours of 6th present doe take notice of your draught upon me for £275: wch. shall be Complied withal, but after Receipt noe more of Mr Jno. Strothers bills, tis a wonder to mee that I never heare from him, and hereafter I will take such care that he shall alwaies write me a line or two under this <covert> advising me the needful, otherwise you shall not comply with them, to this day have not advice of one farthing drawn upon you, though indeed I have given him order to disburse some mony for me, and I feare not that he has Chardged more than his needful, but you know tis very Requisite, I should be acquainted with his proceedings, soe as before accept noe more of his bills till further order

I am MB

24 Dec 1678 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump. Willett

ditto

Sir

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valued upon you a bill for £200: per 30 d[ays] sight to Wm. Hooker Esqr. or order value of Mr <Dinco Uzacke> wch pray lett be complied withal. I have also accepted a Hamb[urg] bill for £150: drawne by Ch: Bankes the 29 past for 2/u[sance] to John Gomes <Bravo> and Comp[an]y or order, wch. please to <minde> after the thirty days, you need not feare bills a hereby to be disbursed

I am MB

7 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

[Note: Mark Errington apparently died in 1672: W.W.Tomlinson, Denton Hall and its associations, (1894), p.139]

Mr Geo. Moorecroft

NewC January the 7. 1678

Sir

I am confident you have long since heard of Marke Erringtons death, and soe not a little wonder you should not give me a hint thereof, but you know what I formerly laid to your Chardge, pray now mind my business, for some tells me I am not very Right and that I should have taken possession before he dyed, about wch business write me your minde per first post.

by my further order I tooke Councill about what you did last, and was told tis not Right, for you have made her ten[an]t In taile, and in Case of Survivorship, <though> I had twenty Children, she may break itt and give itt to whome she please, If I knew

when you would lie at Durham, would meet you and discourse all things fully,
otherwise must come over to you I remaine
MB

7 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to John Bolitho

Mr Jno Bolitho and Compy ditto

Inclosed is a bill for £110: wch will be duly paid there is a little more remaineing, wch
God willing shall be remitted you next post, and must Intreat you not to take notice <of
the long> Time, for wch shall stand to your Courtesies for if itt lay on my selfe cannot,
without great advance, att present procure bills at shorter sight I am MB

7 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump. Willett ditto

Sir

Inclosed is a Small bill for £20: I am promised against next post for £300: more - all
wch you may Expect, I heare you scruple to accept my bills wch you need not doe if for
if Cannot remitt you (as you may not feare this time) Could the very last day order you
your mony for a bill, I intend to leave of this trade, for att the yeares end, yet, nothing
by itt, within 14/d[ays] I receive after I have remitted you some mony, shall desire you
to dispatch me my acct curr[en]t I am MB

11 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump. Willett NewC Janu: the 11 78/9

Sir

Inclosed is a bill for £190 of wch when due pray procure the needful that will satisfy
the Hamb[urg] bill, and more and what more you want towards the Satisfying the
other bill wch will not fall due the good while shall God willing Remitt you in time I
am MB

18 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar Newcastle January the 18 78/9

Sir

To pleasure a good customer of mine have this day valued upon you a bill for £9 per 3 d[ays] sight to Mr Wm. Whitwood or order valued per Mr Willett wch pray lett be Complied withal - I must confess the remainder of the French bill is not so much, yet I hope you will comply with the desire of MB

18 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump. Willett

ditto

Sir

Inclosed is a bill for £30: wch is all I could procure this post next post I expect Stockton bills for some mony all I get you shall have and soe I remaine MB

If the bills for £206-10/d be not duly paid you will doe me a kindness by Returning them I will immediately Remitt you their value

21 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Barr

NewC January the 21 78/9

Sir

I desire you sir all kindness soe to dispose of my Iron as to comply with a bill of £250: wch I have this day valued upon per 20 d[ays] sight to Mr Hen: Nelthorpe or order, lett itt goe att any Rate but if already disposed of and time given, I Intreate you will please to procure the discount thereof, wch I wholly leave to your discretion, and in Effecting that my desire you will very much oblige MB

Noe news of any vessel as yet I wish she may be well

21 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Newcastle January the 21 78/9

Sir

Inclosed is a bill for £250: wch I think will be well paid, after Rect. dismissee me my accot Currnt. take notice you give me Credit only £147-10: for the bill att £150 wch you drew upon me wch lett me [sic] Rectified I am MB

21 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

ditto

Sir

Inclosed is a good bill for £150: and for the bill of £60 you returned me In your last, next post you shall have one for it, I hope noe scruple will be made for the payment of my bills and soe I remaine MB

21 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Ja Burkin and Compy.

ditto

Sirs

I have not been unmindfull of you though for myselfe I could not sooner procure a bill and that only for £150: next post you shall have the remainder, I hope you will not thinke <much> with <mee> for a little time, I must confess <up> against the nature of bills of Exch.but you need not feare MB

21 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould & Compy

ditto

Gentn

Though twas formerly writt you both by Mr Thos Smith and my selfe that the 20½ Last wheat consigned unto you was for our accot In <this> you may please now take notice that tis ¾ for my accot and ¼ for his accot and I question not but you will have advice from him this post or next accordingly, In your next be pleased to give me the greatest Insight you can into your Trade, for am very desirous of dealing that way& cannot enlARGE till I heare from you soe remaine MB

24 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to John Banks

Mr John Banckes

Newcastle Jan: 24th 1678/9

Sir

I perceive by my father, that 2 of your Brothers Bills upon mee for 273.6.1 being protested, you have for honour of your said Bro. dischargd the same, wch has not a little troubled me, the reale reason of this neglect was, that the March[an]d who presented mee them did tell me that the mony would be demanded here, wch I made

provision for accordingly and In same nature I am very fearfull Mr James Burkin will protest another bill for £275. Though formerly and the past I have remitted him the whole what is past is not to be Rimydied, I desire you will please to take noe further notice of itt, and if ever I be blamed againe for another of such a nature I will forfeit my head - Inclosed is a bill for what you have paid. and lett me know the Chardges, and what you desire for the favour you have done me, and itt shall be immediately be ordered you by MB

24 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy ditto

Sirs

Inclosed is a bill for £275 wch will dischardge the Forreign bill you have upon mee for £275: you may have protested by reason of my two long visiting my friends, but I hope you have here a greater Cure of my Credit, I would not for £20: itt should be soe, but if itt be, seeing you are now satisfied I intreat you to make the best of itt you can, and lessen the discredit as much as is possible of MB

28 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to John Theobald

Mr John Theobald Newcastle January the 28: 1678/9

I have received yours of the 25th and have acquainted Sir Wm. with the whole business, and all yesterday afternoon wee were discoursing the business with Mr Ile and Mr Wall, in the conclusion my fathers positive Resolution is to give sixteen years purchase at £75: per Annum without disbursing any more mony upon a mortgage, provided declarations be made for the Lords Rent, and the Whitsuntide Rent is paid aforehand, otherwise fifteen yeares purchase and one halfe and to disburse foure hundred pounds more upon the other security provided that the interest of £600: be allowed mee for 6 m[onths] in respect that is the custome of all purchases to pay but halfe ready mony and the other halfe Six months after, soe he having itt all in hand itt is thought very convenient to have Consideration for the same allowed -

If this be accepted of by Mr Robt. Ile faile not to return me an Answer per next post, for I must steare another course as well as you say you must, and if resolved upon lett mee know whether Monday or Tuesday next you will have mee to Come over to Conclude all and itt shall be observed by

MB

28 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Edward Fletham

Edward Fletham

Ditto

I have before me thine of the 24th present the Contents have observed, but I doe
<declare> if thou will not be Quite [quiet?] itt it will be worse for thee, for as I live I am
not able to pay any more mony, now if thou would consider thy own advantidge, I am
very Certaine thou would comply with my Reasonable desire thou knows what <are
the> Corne Lawes, and yet for all that I can doe the kindnesse and am willing, yet thou
will not assist mee, in short if thee will not immediately furnish me with more mony,
we must have a tryall at Law, soe consider of itt, but if thou will be Civill, order thy
ship according to Contract and all shall be ready for the, thy Speedy Answer is
Expected by MB

28 Jan 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Ditto

Sir

Mr Allan Nicholson will today order you to place £50: to my Credit, after wch is done
dispatch me my accot Curr[en]t I am MB

2 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to John Theobald

Mr Theobalds

NewC feb: <2nd> 1678/9

I have received yours the Contents have observed but as for the difference betwixt Mr
Ile and me I doe very much wonder you should soe much mistake your selfe, In short
the difference is more than you mention, wch I shall make appeare att meeting, but I
Imagine you think that if you get mee over to Darnton, you may prevaile very much
upon my good nature In Answer to wch the business is not my owne, and I have
already acquainted you with my fathers positive Resolution, wch att present as I
perceive is not accepted of, and for my p[ar]t to come over to Darnton upon an
uncertainty, I am much unwilling to doe, soe need not expect mee att the time
appointed, your Letter does but defer business my Termes are £75: per Annum 16
yeares purchase without Lending any more mony, or 15½yeares and Lend the sum
mentioned upon the Rest of theire Estate provided he allow me all defalcationes, I am
ready to observe your motion, you say he is bidden as much as you mentione by
another Lett him take itt for god's name, do not force me in that nature, <Land> enough
to be gott for mony, <lee> pr next I desire your positive Resolution, lett me not be
bound any Longer in that soe I may be blamed hereafter, soe write mee In plaine
English wheather you will or noe accept of the tearmes of MB

8 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Barr

Newcastle feb: 8: 78/79

Sir

I have yours of the 4th present how wee were served with our Iron I cannot tell, but I am Confident we had as good as others, and soe Long as I live will never concern myselfe with needy people, they are for putting it of for ready mony, wch pray doe upon Rect. upon the best Tearmes you Can and soe I remaine MB

11 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould

NewC feb: 11: 78/9

Sir

Mr Thos. Smith did not a little astonish me when he told mee that you had written him, you had never heard from mee since you sent me an accot, of your disbursements I will assure you that the next post after Rect. thereof I did desire to know of you wheather you would please to have your mony paid to any in Newcastle or remitted and that next post I writ that <S. Jn Cu.> in case you would have it paid in London you might Call upon Hump. Willett for the same, and a while after I did desire you to forward mee a letter for Livorne by Reason that our post ma[ster] would not take it under double postedge, tho nothing in it but a bill of Loading, I desire to know if sd Letters never came to your hands, Especially that for Livorne, Inclosed is a bill to Reimburse you, I am sorry you have been soe long without your money

I am MB

if you demand your bill at sight it will be pd you

12 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to George Galbraith

Mr Geo. Galbraith

NewC feb: 12: 78/9

Sir

I have occation to ship some parcels of French Wine from my place to severall ports in this Kingdom, and by Recommendation of Cousin Wm. Blackett, hereby make bold to desire that favour of you that when any such order shall come to your hands, you will please to act for my most advantadge, In buying as cheape as you can and procuring the best that hands can be Layd on, and when out of purse you may

reimburse yourselfe, either upon mee att sight, otherwise shall remitt itt to whome you shall appointe att London or provided you can get mee the usuall Course of Exch: betwixt your place and London, you may att pleasure Reimburse yourselfe upon Mr Jno. Bolitho and Jno. Wilson Goldsmiths -

I heare Wine is very cheape with you, may be had for about £18: or 20: per tonn, I desire you upon Rect. to advise mee the price In doing whereof you will oblige

MB

12 Feb 1679 William Blackett to L Sawyer

[Note: This William Blackett was son of Christopher, elder brother of the first Sir William, and from whom there is much correspondence elsewhere in 'Dukesfield Documents', mostly in the Standsfield papers]

Lo: Sawyer

Newcs feb: 12: 78/9

Sir

the above written you will see what my Cousin Michael Blackett desires, is upon Rect. of this, pray, advise him the price that you can have good Wines for, and what freight he must Expect to give per tunne from Leith to this place Stockton or Hull, I know you may get the Custome Returned since you Export the wines soe Consequently the price will be reasonable, pray act for him as iff itt were for your selfe or me and you will oblige

WB

13 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to George Galbraith

Mr Geo. Galbraith

NewC feb: 13: 78/9

Sir

This comes to accompany Wm Raine by whom I desire you to send me two tonne of the very best French Wine your City will afford, either white or Claret, wch I leave to your discretion, said Rayne is to buy some Oysters for me, I Intreat you will assist him, for buying of wch al mony he wants be pleased to furnish him withal, and Reimburse yourselfe according to advice per post I question not but what you will study my most advantidge and if we thought capable of Serving you In this place freely Comand on all occasions

MB

The Wine must be putt into ten Gallon Rundletts most convenient for lading -

Mr Geo. Galbraith

NewC feb: 14: 78/9

Sir

the above is a copy of what I yesterday writt you per Wm. Raine who I hope may be with you as soone as this pray present him your assistance and advice upon all occations, and take care that the Wine be of the very best , and put into ten gallon Rundletts, if you and Wm. Raine doe think that two tonn cannot conveniently be had under the Oysters then ship only 1½ tonn or one tonn wch I wholly leave to your discretion but would willingly have two tonn, <as> you are in disburse my former of the 12: will advise you how to Reimburse yourself

I am MB

14 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to Mackeith

Mr Mackeith

NewC feb: 14: 78/9

Sir

I have occation to ship some parcels of Wine from your place to severall ports of the Kingdom doe desire you will per first advise me there prices I am informed tis very reasonable about £18: per tonn, and that for the very best, att your Leasure a line or two is much desired by MB

14 Feb 1679 John Wilkinson to John Bolitho

Mr Jno Bolitho and Comp[an]y

ditto

Sirs By my ma[ster] his order have Inclosed sent you a small bill of wch when dew pray procure the needful I am JW

18 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to Tempest Raine

[Note: The Assistance was a ship captained by George Dawson (see also 20 Dec 1678)]

Mr Tempest Raine

NewC feb: 18: 78/9

Sir

by the assistance of this place Geo. Dawson ma. you will receive some Coales and Grindstones upon my accot. the quantity of each shall know per next, when pray God she arrives be pleased to Receive said goods, and dispose therof for my most

advantidge dispatching the vessel backe again with all speed possible with 200 Bundells rod iron, and <100s> worth of mace and Nutmegs, In buying of which pray act for me to the best of your Judgement, for I leave itt wholly to your discretion, not doubting but you can buy as cheape and as good as another though I was informed when you sent me the last parcel that others bought for them att cheaper Lett the rod iron be of the smallest sort Excepting 20 or 30 Bund[les] off the Roundest sort for the other goods desired lett them be as good and as cheape as you can procure them, and if by Chance you meet with a reasonable bargaine, I <value> not if you exceed my order £40: or £50 wch I leave to your discretion what mony you want draw upon me p. in the house of Mr Jno. Bolitho and Comp[an]y Goldsmiths London, Be sure you lett me have my goods as cheape as others I am MB

21 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould and Comp[an]y

Newcastle feb 21st 1678/9

My last to you was of the 20th past, unto wch please be referred Since have received yours of the 16th past, the Contents have observed and am sorry wheat doth decline in price with you, noe Remedy but patience, we must be content with your Markett now fulle as twill, the vessel lost the first Convoy, soe She but lately sailed from this Towne viz the 4 or 5 present, when please God she arrives be pleased to Receive said goods, the disposal of whereof we wholly leave to your prudent manadgement. Mr Thos Smith Informs me that he has confirmed unto you the contents of my last viz. that $\frac{3}{4}$ therof is upon my accot. and $\frac{1}{4}$ upon his accot. wch pray note accordingly, when monies come in be pleased to remitt it me, if you receive noe contradictory order for none of your goods are vendable in this place, att least soe little a quantity as tis not worth the while, coffee the only thing, and five or six hundred weight would serve all our ports two yeares, the price is noted 20 pcs of 8/8 I care not much if you send mee per first convenience the above mentioned quantity consigned unto Mr James Gould of London, the buying and the agreeing for the freight I leave to your discretion this being the needful att present I remaine MB

21 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

ditto

Sir

my last to you was of the xber 10th unto wch please be referred, since have received yours of the 14th and 24th, wch the contents have duly observed, and returne you hearty thanks for your readiness to advise mee when soever any English Commodities may be awanting in your Country, if poore <leuke> hold up in price I will endeavour to

send you a supply against the time you mention, viz. to be with you towards the latter end of 7ber next, your last advises the Rect. of mine with bill of loading for my 400 ps Leed aboard Capt. Curtis I now hope shortly to have advice of his Arrivall, wch would be very acceptable news, after please God she arrives and that you have sold my Leed, and mony comes in, be pleased to remitt it mee if noe Contradictory order come in time for noe good to be done by returne, and ase all French Commodities are prohibited, I can resolve of noe other way, but if the act be <dxsavalled> as we hope it will shall order my mony otherwise, the red sordge [serge? ie. cloth] you mention is not to be gott In these parts -

Hereafter shall not much trouble Mr Ferryers will rather chuse to make use of your friend who will be the willinger to serve me In respect that the goods are to be sent to you, and I will endeavour to have you allwaies supplyes of Leed, when anything passes betwixt Sir Jno. N. and the Algerians, be please to advise mee and you will oblige

MB

22 Feb 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

NewC feb: 22 - 78/9

Sir

Though I write you but seldom yet am not unmindfull of your Corne but our merch[an]ts will not give any price considerable for itt, soe desire to know what you please to doe with itt and soe I remaine MB

1 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle March primo 1678/9

Sir

To accommodate a friend have this day presumed to value upon you £46-10s per 19 days after sight to Mr Rich. Rundall or order value of his selfe, wch upon presentm[en]t, you may give for Answer that you will pay itt, provided you be reimbursed in time, and <....> otherwise is desired by MB

7 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle March the 7 78/9

Sir

I have received yours of the primo present, the Contents have observed, and shall satisfye Mr Nicholson for the £50:== the bill of £46.10:= formerly drawne upon you shall meet with <remisses> before itt fall due, towards wch inclosed is one for £31: and am promised this morning the remainder, wch if come to hand before sealing shall have Inclosed att furthest per tomorrow post.

I am MB

7 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to John Wilson

[Note: undated but found in volume between others of 7th March]

Mr Jno Wilson and Company

Sirs

I have before me yours of the 22nd past wherein take notice that the bill formerly remitted you upon Mr Wetwang is not yett paid, att wch I due greatly wonder, being that Mr Wetwang doth here assure me that tis paid, but be pleased to send itt mee and I shall remitt you another as soone as received, soe this being the needful att present remaine MB

7 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to Miles Stapleton

[Note: The Catholic Yorkshireman Sir Miles Stapleton was brother of Anne Stapleton, who married Mark Errington of Ponteland (d.1672), and would therefore appear to be the recipient of this letter: Papers of the Stapleton (Incorporating Errington and Tempest) Family, Lords Beaumont of Carlton Towers, Hull University, Brynmor Jones Library. The son, Nicholas was born c.1660.]

Honourable Sir

Newcastle March 7 78/9

Your Bro: in Law Mr Marke Errington sold me two farmes lying at Eland Hall, and ordered the tenants thereof to pay mee the Rents wch they undertook to doe, but since his death they Refuse itt, by directions (as I am informed) from you, on the behalfe of your Nephew Mr Erringtons sonne, <Sir Eithen Dorney> friend hath the Counterpart of the Settlement made on Mr Erringtons marridge with your sister and advice hath been taken there upon, by wch as I am given to understand Mr Errington was ten[an]t In taile, and might (not withstanding that deed) by deed and fine have sold the whole estate from his Sonn, and I am afraid I have a good Estate of what is granted to mee, yet to avoid the trouble and Expence of lawsuits both to your nephew and mee, I will give him or any other on his behalf a meeting att Yorke Assizes any of the four first daies, and will there produce my writings to two able Councills one to be elected by

him and another by mee, who I hope will easily decide the title betwixt him and mee,
soe requesting a line in Answer I remaine MB

7 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Ja: Gould and Company

ditto

Sir

my last to you was of the 21 th past unto wch please to be referred since have Recd
yours of the 18th present wch requiring little answer have the leasure to enlardge
upon, this serving chiefly to confirme my former, wch I desire may be effected in every
particular, the manidgment of wch business you have of mine, I shall allwaies leave it
wholly to your discretion being assured of your Constant Care for your friends most
advantidge amongst whom pray lett me be included Mr Thos Smith and I are
providing some goods for you against next year, pray once a month advise mee of
occurrences with you, especially the price of Graines, Leed & Leed oare of wch we have
god be thanked as good store as any place in England, I hope your next will bring mee
the good news of Capt. Raines Arrivall, wch would be very acceptable unto MB

7 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Newcastle March the 7th 78/9

Sir

My last to you was of the 21 th past wch please be referred Since have recd. your
acceptable one wch brings me the good news of my 400 pcs Leed being well Arrived
for wch God be thanked I doe hereby confirme my Last wch pray lett be effected in
every particular, my business I intrust you withall I wholly leave to your discretion
being assured of your great and constant care, of your friends most advantidge upon
all occations amongst whome pray Lett me be Included, and I desire you would be
pleased to write a line in my behalf to your friends att Yarmouth and London, that they
would please advise me Constantly of every convenience of sending goods unto you,
and to desire there care in agreeing for the freight for my most advantedge in doing
whereof you will oblige MB

11 Mar 1679 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

ditto

Sir

By my ma[sters] order have Inclosed sent you a bill for £15:10s and hope that you will not scruple to pay my next bill of £46:10s . I am for my master Michael Blackett JW

18 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump Willett

Newcastle March 18: 78/9

Sir

Inclosed is a bill for £31: wch will reimburse you for the bill Returned in your last soe I hope you will comply with my bill of £46:10s I am MB

18 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honourable Sir

ditto

Sir

I perceive that my Bro: Wm <Two> posts agoe did advise you of my agreeing with Mr <Bullmer Ile>, wch I then neither doubt nor dare yett <affirme>, for though Articles are drawne and £400: deposited on both sides, yet I finde that some are intending a difference betwixt us viz Mr C Ellison who would gladly have the estate but I think twill be in vaine we were to have met att Durham yesterday but all parties being then not att Leisure, tis put off till this day sevensights as soon as we meet you shall God willing be acquainted with our <Results>, in the mean while praying for your health and happiness and earnestly craveing your blessing I remaine MB

18 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to George Galbraith

Mr George Galbraith

ditto

Sir

I have received yours of the 15: with the acceptable news of Wm Raines safe Arrivall I hope ere this comes to hand he will be dispatched, and in every p[ar]ticular to my most advantidge, wch I wholly leave to your discretion, not doubting of your willingness to assist the ma[ster] soe remaine MB

18 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to Tempest Raine

Mr Tempest Raine

ditto

Sir

I have yours by my frigatt who you may expect againe very shortly I am sorry you could procure neither Cynimond not mace, I hope the <Corel> you will, pray after Arrivall lett her be dispatched, with £100: or £150: worth of Spices as you can meet with them in goodnesse and Cheapnesse wch I wholly leave to your discretion and att any time when you can procure a good penniworth, buy me £100: worth and reimburse yourselfe upon me, you may likewise procure me al marchands <goods> you can, and send me by him <sum> white pollishist marble flagges well varied, seventy <Tuches Sq> which be sure lett be the very best that mony can by I have sent you a Rundlett of ale for a token. I am MB

19 Mar 1679 John Wilkinson to William de Werth

Mr Wm. <de Wirth>

Newcastle March 11 78/9

Sir

my ma[ster] having the honor of yours of the 4th present, and the Contents having well observed ordered mee to write you that when please God <Skipper Clues Voss> Arrives you may be assured that he will furnish him with thirty fourty or fifty pounds or what mony <Soever> he desires, likewise will value upon you the needful soe having noe more to Enlard[g]e upon Remaine for my <master> MB JW

21 Mar 1679 John Wilkinson to John Bolitho

Mr John Bolitho and Company

Newcastle March the 21: 1678/9

Sirs

Inclosed is a bill for £60: of which when due pray procure the needful
I am for MB JW

27 Mar 1679 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle March the 27: 1679

Sir

This comes to accompany ma[ster] Chris Blackett by whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you 8 Ch: Coales 10 Last of malt, wch after good Arrivall, be pleased to receive and dispose thereof att price Cur[ren]t for my most advantage and Reloade her back with all speed possible with the following Commodities Viz.

1 or 2 Last of old pitch well barrelled

1 or 2 Last of old tarr well barrelled and hooped

3 or 4 tonn of Inch <sof.> or under

3 or 4 tonn of 3½ to 4 inch <sof.> and the Remainder of the finest, narrowest, thinnest and best mettle narrow flatt that can be procured, in the wch parcel doe begg your Extraordinary care, because it will tend very much to my advantage, and for the future if Right may get you more credit than you are aware of, you are to pay <C> ma[ster] noe freight but lett him have what monies he pleases.

what you are oweing me with then will proceed of her loading will goe far towards her Loading backe againe, and what you want may draw upon Mr Ch: Banckes <mercht> in Hamb[urg], but I desire you draw noe more than you have occation for.

Lett not the vessel come Empty home, for if any of the goods desired cannot be gott, Load soe much more of the other sorts, but once againe I begg yd great care In the Iron above mentioned, as allsoe to dispatch the vessel with all speed possible and I remaine

MB

5 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle Aprl the 5: 1679

Sir

I have yours of the primo present none of our merchts will bid me money for your Rye, saying that they believe I have noe minde to sell being soe unreasonable in my demand viz. £10: per Last. I know it will give me such price but doe with it what you please I can assure you tis kept in good condition for the <Government> I can buy a Single <Rus:>: for <2/8 or 21s> itt will not give much above £6 per Last <soe> use your discretion <when> Tho: Grassingham <arrives> he shall be furnished with all he desires, either in mony or Coales and I am certaine I can use hime as well for Coales, as any man In the place the needfull according to order shall value upon you soe remaine

MB

5 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honourable Sir

ditto

I have now gott papers all signed, from Mr Wall, and Mr Robt. and Bulmer Ile but the defalcations for the Lords Rent not yet fully agreed upon, none of us knowing certainly w[ha]t it is however I have in my hands, as much as will serve me the whole business will come to about £1600: wch I have Received of my Bro: Wm. and given Receipt for

the Same be praying for your health and happiness and earnestly Craving you blessing
I remaine MB

5 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar ditto

Sir

Yours of the 22nd past Came to hand last post, where itt has laine soe long I cannot
imagine the acct. of the Iron have Examined found Right and booked accordingly,
when all mony is Received be pleased to send me my acct. Current. I am dayly put
upon to draw the bills to Remainder of the mony, if with your Convenience to discount
itt, Content yr selfe that I may be quitt of one, that I never Intend to deale withall
again, otherwise I must lend him soe much mony, that being the needful I remaine
MB

8 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to John Westgarth

Mr Jno. Westgarth Newcastle April the 8: 1679

Yours of the 3rd present came to my hand yesterday by the Contents whereof I doe
acknowledge myselfe to be very much oblidge unto you and if att any time itt Lye in
my power to make you a Requittall you may be assured of my truest Endeavours Esqr
Bowes was not misinformed when he heard that I had a fancy to take Lunehead, for itt
has been my Intention these many yeares, it seems I am frustrated of my Expectation
yet I am glad tis fallen in so worthy a gentlemans hands as Mr Wharton with whome
tis my great ambition to be a partner if itt stand with his convenience but I wonder you
should not signify unto mee the Covenants made with Esqr Bowes and allsoe the name
of all the partners to know wch I have Sent this bearer my man apurpose wch if
approved of shall take 2/5 and more if to be spared for myselfe and Bro: I desire your
Answer per bearer, and if agreed upon I will meet you wherever you have appointed
to sign the Lease and soe I remaine
MB

8 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to John Westgarth

Mr Jno. Westgarth ditto

you may Lett Mr Wharton see my letter if you please for tis really my thoughts and
intention, but if he has not fully agreed with Esqr. Bowes lett me know per bearer and

as you have any kindnesse either for my father or mee, burne it after perusal, for if not I do not question but to Come in betwixt him and itt, your Answer per bearer will give mee Satisfaction one way or other and soe I remaine

15 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Jam: Jos: & Robt Jackson

Newcastle Aprl the 15: 79

Sirs

I have received yours of 10th past and doe Returne you my hearty thanks for your readinesse to serve me, for wch doe acknowledge myself much oblidge unto you, but am Sorry your Letter came noe sooner for had before procured another, If I can att any time serve you in this place, upon all occations freely Command MB

15 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwin:

Newcastle Aprl the 15: 1679

Sir

Noe news as yet of the two vessels, nor have I at present much to Enlardge you, only my good friend Mr Jno. Launce of Marseilles doe advise mee that you are one of his well wishers soe that I hereby desire you to know, if it stand with your Convenience to doe mee the favour, as to accept of the trouble and small Commission of shipping my goods for sd place, if you please to doe me that kindness I shall hereafter order my business soe as always to have some in your hands, I question not but you can get goods shipt, as soone, and for as Cheape freight as another soe doe wholly leave itt to yr discretion, I pay generally for my Leed <¼> of a piece of Eight from armouth and for my Leed Oare sometimes one half, Sometimes ¾ Sometimes <1> d ps of Eight per Caske betwixt 4 and 5 cet. I am informed of two vessels now taking on of 300 Tonn and 24 Gunns each who will saile within a month att the furthest, I am sorry I had noe sooner notice, however shall dispatch goods unto you as fast as I Can, if Come time enough tis well if not may keepe them till another opportunity your Answer is desired per first by
MB

18 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to John Bolitho

Jno Bolitho & Compy

Newcastle Aprl the 18: 1679

Sirs

Inclosed is a bill for £20: of wch when due pray procure the needful.

Since the writing of the above have mett with another bill for £30: wch Inclosed I have sent you, and desire when dew you will be pleased to procure the needful.

Soe much I find myselfe indebted unto you, being the Remainder of the Returned bill, and when Received lett mee know, what you expect for advance mony, wch shall willingly be done you good, by him that really is MB

18 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle Aprl the 18: 1679

Sir

Be pleased to take notice that I have this day valued upon you a bill for £60: per 28 d[ays] sight to Mr <Joseph> Edmunds or order value of Mr Wm Bayles wch pray lett be Complied withal with what I have drawne I have gotten cleare of my partner soe shall trouble you noe more till all monies be had wch when you have Effected may please to Send me my acct curr[en]t I doing wch you will oblige MB

18 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam. Burkin and Compy

NewC Aprl 25: 79

I have before me yours of the 19 th present the Contents I have observed and have had some discourse with Alderman Brabant who I finde ready and willing to Comply with his proposition formerly mentioned unto you wch if itt were my Case I would accept of without any more to doe, you mention a probability of his gaining of a Colyery, but if you Rely upon that may perhaps goe without, to trouble him att present is his undoing and will prove to your Losse, if you please to Impart unto mee your tearmes (wch pray lett be as moderate as is possible, under wch I shall not goe, and you willing to Referr the whole to mee, I will act for you, as if itt were my owne Concerne, <pu.l/t> in hand and his own bond (if noe letter can be gott) will doe well, that is my opinion wch pray keep secret, but use your discretion and Soe I remaine as really I am MB

22 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to John Bolitho

Mr Jno Bolitho

Newcastle Aprl the 22d 79

Sir Inclosed I returne you the bill for £80: accepted, and shall take care to Reimburse you against it <full'd> as I am MB

28 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to Edward Thompson

Mr Edwd Thompson

Newcastle Aprl the 28: 1679

I have loaded of a small vessel with Coales for my Bro: Blacketts use who is to Come up as far as <Selbey> that comes by the m[aste]r that has <them> In, I had orders to Consigne them unto you, <pricing> upon Receipt hereof, Lett a Lighter or two be dispatched unto her, and the vessel unloaded as soone as possible I thinke you may get one lardge Lighter will take her whole Loadeing, having <in> but 18 Ch: I suppose Bro: Blackett has writ you about this businesse, pray once againe lett the vessel be dispatched, for it is to have 10s per diem demurrage and is but to Lye 3 d[ays] If the m[aste]r want 20s or 30s I desire he may have itt and soe I remaine MB

Mr Edwd Thompson

NewC Aprl 29: 1679

Sir the above is copy of what I yesterday writt you by Paid Bond, pray Sir lett mee desire you to dispatch In doing whereof you will very much oblige MB

29 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to John Bolitho

Mr Jno Bolitho

ditto

Sir

I have accepted another bill of £90: drawn by Tempest Raine from Rotterdam the 28th present per att one and halfe usance to Mr Isaack Elsavier or order, I shall take care to order you the needful, pray att any spare hour, lett your man stepp downe to Billingsgate and enquire for Francis Dawson, and Solomon Crosby, they both sailed yesterday morning am Confident are with you before this, and lett the two Inclosed notes be delivered them they promised mee above £60: each but know of them what they think they will be able to furnish you withal In doing of wch you will oblige MB

29 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: It is unclear to which brother this letter was addressed but since in other correspondence with brother Edward he was always referred to by name it is assumed here that the recipient was younger brother William, later the second Sir William.]

Bro: Blackett

Newcastle April the 29. 1679

I have sent you my frigatt with her full loading of Coales and have Consigned them to Mr Edwd. Thompson, sailed this morning, and I hope may be with you very shortly, but am advised by noe measure to venture her above Selbey where she shall come if possible. I hope you have taken such care as she may be dispatched and the two Lighters may be Ready wch I leave to your serious Consideration assuring you I have other business for him, if the master want 30s or 40s I have desired Mr Thompson (to whom I have writt at Lardge) to Lett him have it, wch I hope will be Complied withal noe boate Could be sent by her.

when you spoke to me about my <Cantoare>, I did really think you were not in earnest, for in short I cannot be without but if you please I will write to <Dunvziate> for one for you my Service to all with you, I am MB

29 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar ditto

Sir

Be pleased to procure the needful of the Inclosed small bill my wife is owing to Mr Edmond Peele Taylor some mony but know not how much, thinkes about 4 . 5 . or £6. I have this post desired him to call upon you for itt, pray when he calls for Lett him have and you will oblige MB

29 Apr 1679 Michael Blackett to Francis Davison

Francis Davison ditto

I expect that according to your promise you will pay upon sight of the note what mony you have to spare, you know since it was Concerned I never had any, soe now Expect you will not faile MB

2 May 1679 Michael Blackett to Edward Thompson

Mr Edwd Thompson NewC May 2d 1679

Sir

I writt you att Lardge Last post concerning the vessel which I sent Loaden with coales for my Bro: Blacketts use, Soe only now desire that you will be pleased to Send me a Certificate by the vessel I am MB

3 May 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle May the 3d 1679

Sir

I have paid according to your order unto Mr Tho: Grassingham £50: and have this post put upon you the same value per 8 days sight to Mr Richd Randell or order value of himsele to wch I desire punctuall Compliance and Soe I remaine MB

6 May 1679 Michael Blackett to Giles Wakeman

Mr Giles Wakeman

NewC May the 6: 1679

Sir

you may remember that when you shipt of my Leed and Leed Oare there was £4 placed to acct for a <seasure> I desire that kindnesse of you that you would be pleased to lett me have the honour of knowing his name for my mony, and if he will not restore itt againe itt shall be deare money to him that Leed is Constantly soe <intred> if a Seazure dew noe question but our officer would have <Leed/had> about with itt but they know the Contrary, and I am certaine too that not a ¼ of a fodder wanted entering, and Certainly the <marchands> must not be soe nigh <looked> too, but I suppose he has been cunning, and pickt out 8 of the greatest pcs and soe have Calculated weight of all the Rest, It had been wiser had he weighed all, and better it was short entered, I pray Excuse this trouble and att your Leasure if you please to afford me an Answer unto this you will very much oblige MB

10 May 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt: Aylwin

NewC May the 10: 1679

Sir

I desire by first convenience you would please to advise me what you thinke the first Convoy for the Straights will saile from the Downes, and if itt were possible to procure a vessel of 150 or 200 tonn to Come here to load, and soe along with said Convoy and upon what tearmes, the business you know will will [sic] Require all the dispatch Imaginable, and In affording your Answer per first you will very much oblidge MB

10 May 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle May the 10: 1679

Sir

I have already advised you the furnishing of ma[ster] Grassingham with £50: and have valued upon you the Same, for my provision and other chardges, I shall att another time discount itt, this is Chiefly to lett you know that discoursing with some merchants this afternoon they offered me £8: per last for your Rye, tis probable I may get somew[ha]t more if itt were my owne itt should goe but use your discretion M Grassingham will informe you himselfe that he was unwilling to take any of itt in having noe orders from you In soe doeing I urged him as much as I could, but could not prevaile, I question not but he will Satisfye you more att Lardge himselfe and soe I remaine MB

13 May 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle May the 13: 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 8th present doe wonder att your mistake in my Letter you mention, but I am noe pope, wch I hope will Serve for an excuse.

I have already advised you how that I could not prevaile with Tho: Gresingham to take in any Rye, he can advise you as much himselfe, I perceive you have hired a vessel to take yours away when Arrives shall be dispatched for will assure you not one Bush[el] sold, I advised you how that I was offered £8: per Last, in 3 m[onths] and that perhaps I might draw him a little higher, but use your discretion Corne att present Retayled as followeth wheat 5 ½ s to 6 s the Bush Rye 2/s 4d malt 2/s <wt> pease 2s 8d Beanes 20d - I never questioned you Compliance to my bill of £50:

I am MB

19 May 1679 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Hon. Sir

Ditto

I have two Rotterdam bills drawne upon me, the one for £80: the other for £90: both by Tempest Raine p In the house of Mr Jno Bolitho, I have ordered severall masters to pay him mony wch if had been Effectted, as was promised, would have amounted to more, itt seems they have faild me, I have ordered him to Call upon you for wt he wants, I desire you would please to pay itt unto him, they both fall dew about primo June what you pay I shall immediately Repay Bro: William with what advance you please, or will order Some m[aster]s to Repay you againe, wch I hope to Effect within few dais, Soe

with my duty unto you, praying for good health and happiness and earnestly craving
yr Blessing I remaine

MB

20 May 1679 Michael Blackett to John Wilson

Mr Jno Wilson and Compy

Newcastle May 20: 1679

Sir

I have received yours of the 13 present doe very much wonder Francis Dawson would
furnish you with noe money upon my acct. doe hope Solomon Crosby will, however
what you want I have desired my father Sir Wm Blackett to furnish you withall I
have ordered Capt. Mandarake to pay unto you what mony he can spare if he pays any
before you Receive mony of my father, itt would doe well Soe pray lett Enquiry be
made of him at Billingsgate, and <..te.> hime to effect what I desire of him wch I am
sensable if he will doe upon sight of this Lettr

I am MB

20 May 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbert Alywin

ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 15th present upon second thoughts would Rather Choose to
Send my goods unto you with a desire to get them Sent forward upon as Reasonable
termes as you can <lerne> of wch may expect shortly.

You never mention your thoughts of the first Convoy goeing from the Downes, wch
pray doe in yr next and you'le oblidge

MB

20 May 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo: Moorecroft

Newcastle May the 20: 1679

Sir

I very much wonder of your keeping me soe in Ignorance never to mention one little of
yr Intentions, I desired your Cousin, to desire you to write me about Some businesse,
but to this day not a word in Answer, Sir <miles> was here who will Compound upon
noe other tearmes then <laseing> the Land in Yorkshire for £600: Huddleston is Laid in
Goale, soe noe mony to be gott of him for the Rent by post, pray write his Bro: of itt the

tenants of Eland Hall turnes all tenants to him, and yet all this while we due nothing,
att Least not that I know of, I desire you not to be soe sparing of yr pen and <I ke Cale>
not <say penies> and write me once in 14 how things goes on In doing whereof you
will oblidge MB

23 May 1679 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Robt, Jackson

Newcastle May the 23: 79

Sir

I have yours of the 16 the mony you mention is still in my hands Butter, Leed and all
Sorts of graine as with you, my thoughts are all will be cheaper, corne fell last markett
day Exceedingly Equally wheate, was before sold for 13s and 14s a bu[shel] and now
can have for 10/s and 10/s 6d the best, pray my service to ma[ster] Moorecroft if alive I
am MB

24 May 1679 Michael Blackett to James Rankin

Mr Jam: Rankins and Compy

NewC May the 24: 79

Sir

I have received yours of the 20: with all the other Inclosed papers Relating to Alderman
Brabants business, who I am to waite upon some time next weeke, of my proceedings
you may Expect to be duly advised, with my utmost Endeavours for the advancement
of yr Interest, and seeing you have Resolved to accept of his proposition, I shall allow
of noe other tearmes, but if can bring him to better I hope you will not blame me the
£100: in hand is well, but the Security you mention for the Remainder in my opinion is
none of the least, my advice is rather to have ready mony with an abatm[en]t if could
be procured, but use yr discretion yr order in every particular shall be observed and
soe I remaine MB

24 May 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle May the 24: 79

Sir

I have yours of the 20: and have still yours Come in a good condition to the disposal of
wch when your order comes itt shall be observed in every p[ar]ticular by him who
really is MB

6 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle June the 6 1679

Sir

I had a little mistake in two of your last yeares bills, the Reallity of it I advised your Bro: but shall rely on noe mans word hereafter, I silently past by your mistake about the £300: a further Correspondence is my desire, wch if you please to accept of may send forward of the Inclosed, wch advice that you will accept his bills to the value of £200: or if itt be £300: otherwise your answer to the contrary, that Soe I may take some other course, to have his bills complied withal, I suppose he will always now give me a line under your Covert as he draws upon you, I having desired him soe to doe, and as you are in disburse may freely Reimburse upon yourself upon me, and Care shall be taken that the bills be punctually Complied withal by him that is MB

6 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam Burkin and Compy

ditto

Sirs

Though I have been Silent this long time yet am not unmindfull of your business but the unlucky <incusuring> of the <keeles> have kept Alderman Brabant soe busie that he could never be att Leasure for as to discourse about itt but yesterday he and I appointed to meet either this day or to morrow of what passes betwixt us you shall be duly advised by him that really is MB

6 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbert Aylwin

Newcastle June the 6 1679

Sir

there will be this day shipt aboard the England Capt Lawrence Commander 12 or more tonn of Leed oare (shall dispatch you more as fast as comes in) wch after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and send all forward as you meet with opportunities to marseilles consigning then unto Mr Jno Launce marchand in said place, the tearmes I must refer to your discretion the Casks are about the bigness of powder Barrells, betwixt 4 and 5 Cwt the freight is generally In times of peace half a ps of Eight per Cask and in times of war Sometimes $\frac{3}{4}$ of one Sometimes one, freight to London you are to pay after 2/s 6d per Cask, when Reshipt and that I have an Acct. of the disbursements shall Immediately be Reimbursed by him that is MB

Bills of Loading might be taken in Mr Thos. Smiths name of this place marchd and my owne being equally concerned, and write to Mr Thos. Smith of the proceeding as well as to mySelf.

7 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Ralph Harrup

Mr Ralph Harrup

Newcastle June the 7 1679

Sir

I question not but Solomon Crosby and Francis Dawson will leave some money in your hands upon my acct. w[he]n Effected I question not your advice of the same that soe I may freely draw upon you the values you promised when I was with you, that you would draw Some bills upon me, you shall be very welcome, your bills shall be honoured and you will oblige MB

7 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin

Ditto

Sir

To this day have not had any discourse with Alderman Brabant about the business his time being wholly taken up with the new Creation of measuring Rules Some of these Holydaies God willing we shall meet, of my proceedings you shall dewly be advised by him who really is MB

10 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Joseph Dalwin

Josp & Leond <Dulinier>

Newcastle June the 10: 1679

Gentlemen

I have before me yours of the 5th present the Contents have observed for Answer may please take notice that tis my opinion vessels may be gott for Rouen att about 28/s or 30/s per Ch: or 35/s att most

Though have sought after none but am very well Satisfyed of itt for Havre de grace for betwixt 20/s and 25/s you paying the 50 sol per tonn and all other Chardges, freight enough to be had and very Cheape, but pray minde I am unwilling to owne strangers goods tis not my Custom, Except I have allowance for the same for Loading her, and Entering her in my name and takeing likewise bills of Loading in my name, I demand 3 per Ct wch I think is reasonable, I am Certain I shall save him no small matter, till the objections be cleared shall begg yd Excuse, yr Answer att yr Leasure is desired by MB

with much Entreaty from the owners, I am prevailed withal to doe, as is above mentioned

14 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwyn

ditto

Sir

I question not but but [sic] before this you have my Leed Oare in gd Custody, and though I have desired to send the Same to marseills wch I wish with all my heart could be done though you pay much greater freight than mentioned, and my request is you misse noe opportunity, though the freight be a little unreasonable wch I wholly refer to yr prudent manadgement, yet if noe p[re]sent opportunity for s[ai]d place, nor noe likelihood in a short time be pleased to Send the same by the first opportunity and Convey to Livorne Consygned unto Mr Gilbert Sarle marchd. In s[ai]d place, question not but you will gett itt upon reasonable tearmes for s[ai]d place, wch I wholly Referr to you and Soe I remaine MB

take the advantadge for either place and advise Mr Smith and me of yr proceedings

14 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Giles Wakeman

Mr Giles Wakeman

Newcastle June the 14th : 1679

Sir

the above is Copy of a former to wch I Expected Answer long ere this, you may if you please att yr Leasure afford itt if not willing may signifie the Contrary, for have other friends in yarm[ou]th to see me righted I am Informed tis <not> <yr> Bro: Soe may the better doe itt, but one <Bell> a very honest man, if none can deale with him in yr towne, and that it can certainly prove tis he, (wch I hope to doe by your means) I will see what I can doe, your Answer will be very Satisfactory unto MB

14 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Comp

Ditto

Sir

I last post advised you what discourse past betwixt Alderman Brabant and me In Reference to yr Concernes wch I leave to yr seriouse Consideration but still my opinion

is that £250: £300: £350: or £400: if to be procured with undeniable security p m 12/m with Interest would due better than the other Security for Severall reasons wch I am unwilling to due soe much as mention, and wch is the Generall opinion of most in towne, but use yr discretion, and give me yr orders and they shall be observed by him that really is MB

19 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother ditto

Sir

My last to you was of the 27 past by the assistance Chris: Blackett M[aste]r wch I begg lett be observed as nigh as is possible what mony you want may draw upon Mr Ch: Banckes marchd. in Hamb[urg], who has order to accept your bills to the value of £200: or £300: wch I am certaine will be more that you will have occation for, and as you draw upon him, lett me allwaies have a word of advice under his Covert what Some and att what Exch: In doing wch you will oblidge MB

19 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore Newcastle June the 10: 1679

Sir

I have before me yours of the 5th have discoursed with most of our marchands but cannot possibly procure more for your Rye, than £8: per Last to take all and pay within 3 m[onth] more than that I could not prevaile to have any pd in hand and none but two would offer me soe much, to whome I sold itt conditionally if you approve thereof, Soe use your discretion, I will assure you tis well looked after and Constantly turned once a weake our marketts dayly falls wheate 4/s to 4/s 6d per Bush the best, Rye 2/s 2d to 2/s 6d malt 2/s oates 12d I am MB

20 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwyn Newcastle June the 20: 79

Sir

I have received your letter by which I understand Mr Lorrence is safely Arrived with 50 casks of Leed Oare I shall have 40 or 50 Casks more to Shipp about this day Sennett Soe desire to have yr Answer if they may be in time enough with you to have

Convenience for Shipping for Marsalles or otherwise for Livorne upon the fleet that is agoeing I formerly wait you to Consigne them unto Mr Gilbt Serle who is in Compy with Mr Jno. Jollife and to whome I shall give the needful orders about the disposal thereof yr Answer per first pray afford unto MB

21 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle June the 21: 79

Sir

this comes to accompany Mr Leond. Jeffreyson in whome I have loaden and Consygned unto you 89 Ch: Coales which after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof for my most advantadge

you are to pay the master noe freight but lett him have what monies he pleases what you shall due with the Nett proceed you shall have advice per post from him who is MB

pray lett him be unloaden in Eight lawfull working daies

Mr Ch: Banckes

Ditto

Sir

this coms to accompany Mr Jno: Wilkinson In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you 74 Ch: Coales which after good arrival be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof, for my most advantage

you are to pay the master noe freight but lett him have what monies he pleases what you shall due with the nett proceed shall have advice per post from him who is MB

Mr Ch: Banckes

Ditto

Sir

this coms to accompany Mr Jacob Wilkinson In whome I have Loaden and Consigned unto you forty Eight Ch: Coales which after good Arrival be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof, for my most advantage

you are to pay the master noe freight but lett him have what monies he pleases what you shall due with the Nett proceed you shall have advice per post from him who is MB

pray let him be unloaden in Eight lawfull working daies

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle June the 28: 1679

Sir

the aboves are Coppyes of what I lately writt you by the Persons above mentioned wch goods after Arrivall be pleased to Receive, and dispose thereof for my most advantadge the Nett proceed may keepe in your hands towards the dischargd of what bills m[aste]r J:S[trother] of Stockholme shall drawe upon you upon my acct. besides what is above mentioned there is aboard of Jno. Wilkinson 150 pcs Leed Consigned unto Mr <Blackstone> for wch you are to receive freight 12 <flE> pr ps more att lardge per next I am MB

21 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy

Newcastle June the: 21 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 17th upon Receipt of which I immediately repaired unto Alderman Brabant with whome had another large discourse concerning your business who I find ready and willing to doe any thing in the world rather than that you should take such a course as you mention wch would wholly be the <destruction> of him and his family and you in worse condition than ever as to the procuring of your debt, he is ready and willing to Comply withal that you now write, and to pay you Interest for the future and for the Interest by past he hopes you will not stand with him for itt, itt will doe him a great deale of good and you I hope noe harme I am satisfied his ability att present Cannot very well dispence with itt - for the £100: wch he is to pay me sometime next tearme I must be forced to take his owne bond for itt, and I wish with all my heart I may have noe further trouble In Receiving of itt wch I very much feare, my request is (as thinking itt a good deed) you will Spare him Interest by past wch is all the objection att present, but use your discretion, and your further direction is desired by him who really is MB

28 Jun 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy

Newcastle June 28: 79

Sir

I have Recd. yours of the 2<1>th present the Contents have been Seriously taken into Consideration, and I am Sorry that heretofore you Could not understand my meaning as to Alderman Brabants Concerns wch really was to take soe much in hand (as could

be procured) with undeniable security payable in 12/m without any further adoe, but perceiving by your letter (as is my opinion that you have noe order to <Compound>, or take losses made me this afternoon the harder upon said Gentleman who after a long discourse, gave me for Answer that he is willing to pay £100: accordingly as you know and secure the Remainder in [struck out: three] 6/m out of the Colliery as was before mentioned unto you, to pay Interest from the time to Come, but very unwilling to pay for any that is by past wch is left to yr Serious Consideration your debt is about £500: - £350: with good Security per <m> 12/m In all peoples opinion would be better Security than the other and if my Case would take £300: but use your discretion and your order shall faithfully be observed by him who really is MB

1 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Mr Tho: Finley

Newcastle July the primo 1679

I sent you a letter of Attorney from Durham Soe desire to know whether you have Received it yea or nae, I desired you upon Receipt thereof to lett me know but as yet have not hear one word I am MB

1 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Charles Banckes

Newcastle July the primo 1679

Sir

My last to you was of the 28: past to wch refer you Since none from you be the Lesse to Enlardge upon this being chiefly to Confirme the Same The nett proceed of which goods I am Satisfyed will dischardge all Mr Strothers bills however provided he Constantly advise me In a line under your Covert, of his proceedings, my Request is you lett none of his bills be returned to the value of £100: over and above, which I am Certaine (with what he hath in his hands) will be much more than he will have occation for upon my acct, Soe much may please to Signifye unto him, I hope before this Come to hand you will have all the goods in Custody, I question not your utmost Endeavours for my most advantidge In the Saile thereof soe remaine MB

1 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Ditto

Sir

I have before me yours of the 26th past, In Answer to which be pleased to take notice I have contracted with our merchants for your Rye, but with much adoe in regard your Answer Came not sooner, it is to be delivered upon monday next and immediately after delivery shall Send you your acct. In the Interim remaine MB

1 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Gould

Ditto

Sir

The first bill you sent to Amsterdam to be accepted after Rect backe I desire you will be pleased to deliver itt to Mr Peter Bar, and in doing whereof you will oblige MB

1 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to Ralph Harrup

Mr Ra: Harup

Ditto

What monies you have Reced of Francis Dawson and Solomon Crosby over and above the £60: I formerly drew upon you, desire that you will be pleased to pay unto Mr Peter Bar to whome I have given order to Receive itt I am MB

1 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

NewC July the primo 1679

Sir

Inclosed is five bills, I desire that you would be pleased to procure the needful thereof, one already is accepted, the Second for <p> 500: may please to lett your man show to Mr Jam: Gould who Sent the first to Amsterdam for acceptance and who by this post I have desired to dd the Same unto you Mr Ra: Harrup of Wappin has Recd mony of masters upon my acct. but cannot have an acct. from him how much though have desired itt I have already Sometime since drawne upon him £60: pray lett your man demand of him what he has Recd. over and above, I have ordered him to pay itt unto you I have this day valued upon you £52:== per 22 d[ays] sight unto Mr Benjamin <Dawson> or order value of him, I Suppose Mr Harup will furnish you with as much upon demand however pray lett my bill be complied withall In doing whereof you will oblige MB

I hope you have had all the mony for the Iron

2 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle the July 26 1679

Sir

I have at last Concluded with my Customers but in short was forced to abate them 2 ½
<s/d> per last, which I hope will be to Content, I shall begin to deliver upon Monday
next God willing you shall have advice of my proceedings, and as soone as is possible
that and thereof, shall be dispatched unto you by him that is MB

11 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwyn

Newcastle July the 11: 1679

Sir

I have att present in readiness to send you by the first opportunity of Shipping which I
hope will be the <wake> 100 or 110 Caskes of Leed Oar Soe desire in the Interim that
you will be pleased to agree for the freight for either Marseilles or Livorne as formerly
advised your Care of procureing the freight as reasonable as you Can I doe not
question being allwaies assured of your utmost Endeavours in Effecting for my most
advantage Soe remaine MB

14 Jul 1679 John Wilkinson to Charles Banks

Mr Charles Banckes

Newcastle July the 14th 1679

Sir

My ma[ste]r this day goeing out in town ordered me to write you that Mr Nich:
<Bilton> Comander of the Endeavour of Newcastle Comeing for your place, and he
being an owner of his vessel hath prevailed with him to pay unto you what monies he
can spare, Soe my ma[ste]r desires that you will be pleased to Receive itt and keepe itt
in your hands for the use formerly advised, if the M[aste]r want a freight either for
London this place or any other where if you could procure him a good one my ma[ste]r
would think himselfe very much oblige unto you, Soe this being the needful att present
remaines for my ma[ste]r Michaell Blackett JW

22 Jul 1679 John Wilkinson to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle July the 22 1679

Sir

I perceiving that Edwd. Milburne ma[ster] of the <Richd and Edward> of Newcastle is loaden att Hamb[urg] and will be att your place very shortly have Inclosed sent you a Copy of his Security out of $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{32}$ d part of his vessel likewise a Copy of his bond, and desire that you will be pleased to take care to procure the monies and in doing whereof you will very much oblige for my ma[ste]r MB
JW

If you thinke the originalls needful they shall be sent you

22 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle July 22nd 1679

Sir

I have been from home for the past 3 w[EEKS] by post att my Returne doe meet with both yours Immediately after perusal I Repaired to my Customer who by noe means would stand to the bargaine Seeing your Answer came not in time they now stand upon 5/s per Last abated, I think 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s will doe itt I am Resolved to Conclude this afternoon and I hope to your Content next post you shall be advised of what hath past, Interim remaines MB

22 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Charles Banckes

Newcastle D[itt]o

Sir

I have yours of the 8th present with the good news of Jno. and Jacob Wilkinsons good Arrivall and the Saile of there Coales att 24 (ft) I hope your next will advise me of Leon[ar]d Jefferyson Arrivall and one Nich: <Bilton> (after whome pray Enquire) has order to pay you what mony he can spare pray lett Enquiry be made after one Ed[wa]rd Milburne and advise me if possibly you Can where he intended for, I hope now you will have much more in your hands than Mr Strother will have occation for pray faile not to send me 30 or 40 Casks of the first <mum> that can be procured I am in hast per next shall Enlardge MB

22 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Ditto

Sir

Have yours of the 8th. Indeed you have slipped your markett I can now buy for £12: here in towne but has noe occation soe remaine MB

22 Jul 1679 John Wilkinson to Nicholas Bilton

Mr Nich: Bilton

Newcastle July the 22: 1679

My ma[ste]r ordered me to write to you to pay what mony you Can possibly spare unto Mr Ch: Banckes and <for> the grindstones the price is Generally about 5 <Dollers>, but if you take lesse he will be Content, Soe leaving all wholly to you (the post just goeing away) Remaines for my ma[ste]r MB JW

26 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwyn

Ditto

Sir

I long to heare of the Shipping of our Leed Oare, but wonders att the great freight more by much than ever used to be given we have sent up 120 Casks more to Mr Jam: Gould for which we doubt not but he will agree for more reasonable tearms as he had used to doe formerly - however we thank you for what you have done not questioning your utmost Endeavours for our advantadge Soe remaine MB

26 Jul 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Comp

Newcastle the July 26nd 1679

Sir

I have received yours of the 24th have fully adjusted your business with Alderman Brabant, and given Counsill order to draw the Security in the best manner that can be on his Colliery I am sorry you should harbour such bad thoughts of me as to thinke me any way unwilling to Serve you I will assure you as heretofore, soe for the future when ever you please to lay your Commands upon me, you may Rely of my utmost Endeavours for the promoting of your Interest and why a <Allen [alienation?]> was not made before this, was really that I waited for your Answer about the Interest by post, which I would not abate him without your order, and you say you have allready condescended to itt, but I Sweare that letter never Came to my hand, Gentlemen upon all occations when thought Capable freely Lay their Commands upon me none shall be

more ready and faithfull to you, than him that really is without any <Complaint>
MB

1 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

NewC Aug the primo 1679

Sir

According to my promise thought fitt to give you an acct. of my proceeding in the delivery of your Corne, wch is 12 Last I have delivered allready, and did Expect to have delivered the Remainder ere this, but that our faire Coming on putt a <let> to itt, Soe believe I shall dd [deliver] noe more till the faire be done wch will be 7 or 8 d[ays] and then shall dispatch itt and give you an acct. In the Interim Remaines MB

1 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Gilbert Serle

Messieurs Gilbert Serle & John Jolliffe

Newcastle Aug the primo 1679

Gentlemen

Though unknown yet by the Recommendation of my good friend Mr Tho. Smith have made bold to Consigne unto you 30 Caskes of Leed Oare by the African of London Capt. Daniel Gates Commander for the <acct> Inclosed you have bill of Lading after good Arrivall be pleased to Receive and dispose thereof att price Curr[en]t if you think Convenient or otherwise I meane to sell itt awhile, if you think itt will turne more to our advantadge, wch we wholly Leave to your discretion being for acct. in ½ betwixt said Mr Smith and my Selfe, and as monies Comes In be pleased to Remitt itt us In good London bills, In your next pray lett mee know what goods are most in demand with you that this Country affords, for all sorts of Graine, Coales, Leed, Leed Oare and Grindstones, I can supply you as soone as any, wheat gave a good price last year pray your thoughts about sd graine this year, I have not to Enlardge att present but to desire that kindnesse of you as to lett me know once in 14 d[ays] of occurrences which you in doing whereof you will very much oblidge MB

as to the weight of each Cask Gentlemen I refer you to my friends letter

1 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Newcastle Aug the pr[im]o 79

I have yours of the 26th past the Contents which have well observed In Answer to which be pleased to take notice that I doe heartily begg your Excuse for have not occation for your Iron Soe remaine etc MB

1 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno Launce

ditto

Sir

I had long agoe advised the Saile and delivery of my Leed but have not heard from you these 2 m[onths] att which I doe not a little wonder, for might have expected Some mony remitted ere this att least a word or two of the proceedings, or occurrences with you, which I soe carefully desired you to doe once in 14 d[ays] and I doe hereby desire itt once againe - I doe not question your utmost Endeavours for my most advantadge I doe really believe you did for the best but Consider what loss I Sustained for the keepeing of my Leed, whereas I could have had the price upon arrival, Indeed I am allwaies for letting goods goe att price Currnt but I shall acquiesce and allwaies Submitt to your discretion, to which I wholly defer all my Concerns, that I shall att any time In trust you with all, and `more I Cannot say

Inclosed is bill of Loading for 20 Caskes of Leed Oare by the Referee of London Capt Richard Boucher Com'nder for account in ½ betwixt Mr Tho. Smith and myselve after arrival receive, and dispose thereafter for our most advantidge, which wee leave to your prudent manadgement the weight of each Caske Mr Smith will advise you in his letter we have 120 Caskes more at London for yr place and Livorne, as opportunity falls out, how many Comes to you, shall have advice In time, I intend you a good quantity of Leed by the Herring Fleet, I have pitched upon Mr Hurbt Aylwin att London, and Edmund Thackster att Yarmouth for the Conveyancing of my goods unto you, if you think them fit persons tis well, if not pray advise me, for if they send of the same goods I am not for them I must have persons that trade not in the same Commodities and such pray recommend me too in doing whereof you will oblige MB

1 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

ditto

I have yours of the 26th past, Inclosed you have my letter of Attorney as allsoe a letter from Edwd Milburne I cannot tell how he Can stand by itt to proceed as he does, you may See he is Arrived att another port, I hope he will play the foole noe more, but Come directly to London, you say In Case he pay the mony that originally will be requisite, wch I question not att all, I am sure if he doe not twill be <their/your> fault,

soe as soone as he Arrives they shall be sent you I cannot as yet send you the bills for must dispose of some of them I am MB

1 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Gould and Compy

Newcastle Aug the pr[im]o 1679

Sir

I have Received all your letters, the acct. of our <wheate> and the needful <receiptes>, all wch I have found right and Covered accordingly, pray in your next afford me your thoughts about wheat for the next year, as also of all other occurrences with you.

We have 120 Casks of Leed Oare in your friends hands att London In readiness to Embrace the first opportunity for your place, and Marseilles, I am Satisfyed you will get them all of wch more in dew time, I did desire you Some time ago, to find me a little quantity of Coffee Berrys to wch I never had one word in Answer shall Enlardge in my next In the meane while remaine

MB

1 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Gould

ditto

Sir

I hope your 120 Casks of Leed Oare is well Arrived, advice of there being reshipt for either place would be very acceptable news, for the Effecting of wch I question not your utmost Endeavours, but am fearefull the African and Referee, I meane the Commanders of them will not be prevailed withal, for Mr Hurbt. Aylwin writes me had much adoe to get Shipt a small parcel wch he had of mine, and was forced to ship part In one, and part in another, but I put great confidence In your Interest wch I know to be very great, If thought capable to serve you in this place, none shall be more ambitious of, nor more ready to obey your Commands than he that really is MB

6 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Batista de la Haye

[Note: bottomry is a system of merchant insurance in which a ship is used as security against a risky loan to finance a voyage. The lender lost their money if the ship sank]

Mr B de la Haye

Newcastle Aug 6th 1679

Sir

I perceive by a letter to my Bro: that you had freighted with Nichs <Resmunt>, and desired his Assistance In procuring of a Loading of Coales, but he refusing to meddle with <him>, and the <ma[ster]> Comeing to me again, and desiring myselfe, I have done all things for him, as if they had been my owne goods I can assure you of a Loading of good Bladon Coales, Inclosed you have the <invoyce>, by wch you may See I have kept noe profit by him, but for my willingness to serve strangers often gets a great deal of trouble, as I have had with this, for when he came to pay me the mony, he wanted £17 <sl.> wch vexed us both, for I had noe order to furnish him with any, but he being not able to procure mony, and I being unwilling to prejudice the Merchant Soe much as to cause the Shipp loose her voyage did supply him with the said Some upon <Botomarie [bottomry?]> for wch am to have £20 paid unto Mr Peter Bar Merchant in London within 30 days after her Arrival with you, wch pray lett be Complied withal otherwise have ordered Mr Thos. le Gender of Rouen to proceed against Master and ship

The amount of the <Invoyce > of £53:12:=	
hee gave me 133 1/2 W att 4/5d per W	£29: 8: 8
In mony <sl.>	£ 7: 3: 4
for the Bottomarie bill	£17: =: =
	£53:12: =

I shall be ready to serve you att any time but constantly advise me upon <master> March.d

In London I may draw disbursement soe shall have noe further trouble and remaine MB

9 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Edmond Thaxter

Mr Edmond Thualster

Newcastle aug the 9: 1679

Sir

Though unknowne yet by the Recommendation of my grate friend Mr Jno. Launce of Marseilles makes bold to trouble you w[i]th these few lines, & the Concern (In short) is (Intending him (and please God some goods by the Herring fleet) that you would be pleased at y[ou]r leasure to advise me w[he]n you think they will be in readiness this year that I may have them in your hands, whereby you <might> Embrace the first opportunity, and though messieur Ferryers has formerly advised me that there is but one ship of theirs that goes to <sd> place In this yeare, yet being Informed to the Contrary and you Recommended unto me, I question not, but you Can get my goods ship'd upon as reasonable terms as they or any others, the Confirmation of wch from yr own hands would be very acceptable. I sent last year a parcel of goods to Mr Giles Wakeman, wch were Reshipt accordingly, but one <Bell> your officer pretending not

Entreed here to the full, upon a Composition <tooke> about foure pounds for a bribe (as we Call it) I have writt severall letters to Mr Wakeman about it, but Certainly the Instruem.ts are very scarce or he very pretious of a minutes time, for Cannot for my life procure one line from him, my Request is, you would be pleased to discourse the business with Mr Wakeman and to know really whether it was the Bell, or his brother, and the wch it falls upon, to present my Humb[le] Service to him and let know unless he be Civill and Repay you the money upon my acct. I will Engadge it <shall> be worse for him, for have made it appear I Entered my goods, as Generally such are Entered in this place, and that before Mr <Dunster> who will shortly wait upon him, To be breife desire a perusall of my letters to Mr Wakeman, and you will understand the whole business, and in affording me your Answer you will very much oblige MB

12 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to William Rigault

Mr Wm <Pigwell>

Newcastle Augt. the 12th 1679

S[i]r

I have both yours of the 28th past, the one by post and the other by Lawrence Hurmain, who shall be dispatched with all speed possible, and your order observed in every p[ar]ticular excepting in the butter for noe man Can buy for 15/.s at present,

I have already furnished the m[aster] with £30 and have bought you 40 ps Leed, soe have this day valued upon Mr Cloade Hays £55= per 6 d[ays] sight to Mr Peter Bar or order, as the ma[ster] calls for mony. shall Reimburse my selfe accordingly and w[he]n Leed is shipt, shall send your acct. therof <Butter,> if you will have <good> 17s though Can have in towne for 16s but you must not Expect the very best, Leed <£10:=> per fodder of 21 Cwt each hundred qty 112 lb noe quantity of tallow to be procured here.

pray present my Humb service to my Nephew and lett him know his Commands shall be duly observed, and which are hereafter thought Capable of Serveing either of you or your friends upon all <occations> freely <made> use of I think I Could have furnished the ma[ster] with Coales as good and as Cheep as any other In towne but I bid him use his discretion. MB

12 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Claude Hayes

Mr Cloade Hay

Ditto

S[i]r

I have yours of the 29th past Inclosed in one for Mr <Pigwell> whereby you will see that I have this day upon his acct. <valued> upon you £55:= per 6 d[ays] sight to Mr Peter Bar or order the Compliance to wch I question not. Coales 8s per <Chalder>, but none of our ships will venture for Rochell they are all fearfull of the <turks> I am MB

12 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle aug the 12th. 1679

S[i]r

Yours of the 5 Inst Requiring little answer have but little to Enlarge upon, begin to long to heare of Edwd. Milburnes arrival, I hope your next will bring me the good news I Referr to y[ou]r Care The Inclosed Botomarie Bill of £20 the vessel the vessel was freighted by one Mr Batista Dela Haye of <Fiscamp>, to Mr Le Gendre will Hasten the payment therof.

Per the 4th present I valued upon you <£69> p[er] 20 d[ays] date to Mr Dennis Hayford or order, it will be sent forward the post <Ive> thought to give you notice therof, which pray lett be Complied withal, towards the payment of wch. Inclosed is a bill for £55:= upon Mr Cloade Hays pr 6/d[ays] sight to your order I hope you have now got all the mony for the Iron the acct. would be very acceptable unto

MB

12 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Gilbert Serle

Mr Gilbt. Serle Mr Jno. Jollife

Ditto

Gentlemen

My last to you was of the p[ri]mo present to wch I referr you, this serves only to Confirme the same, att y[ou]r Leasure pray Informe me how much Leed oare yr place will <vend> in the year and wheather you due muche use of it yourselves or or send itt to Marseilles and other places, In doing wherof you will oblidge. MB

12 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Gilbert Serle and John Jollife [smudged, as if deliberately]

Mr Jam: Gould and Comp[an]y

Ditto

My last to you was of the p[ri]mo p[re]sent to wch. I referr you Since none from you soe the lesse to Enlarge upon this serving only to Confirm my former, and to desire you att your the Leasure to write me how much Leed Oare your place will vend In the yeare, and wheather you made use of it yourselves or send all to Marseilles and other places I would gladly have your thoughts about wheate for the next yeare The above 120 Casks Leed Oare are all shipped for your place by my good friend Mr Jam: Gould

of London Consigned unto yourself pr the welcome and African the first 30 Gunnes & latter 24 <pr> next shall have bills of Loading in the meantime remaines MB

12 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Newcastle Augt. the 12th 1679

S[i]r

My last to you was of the p[ri]mo present to wch referr you, my friend at London advises me there is noe opportunity for yr place, soe am fearfull twill all goe for Livorne I am informed that though it goe to sd place, yet they made use of none of it themselves for after freight there, it does come to yr place and others to sell again, the truth of which advise me, for if so I will not sell a Cask at Livorne if others buy my goods to send to your place, I suppose there is some appearance of profitt, and I may as well have it as another, if I can venture it to Livorne Can likewise venture it to Marseilles afterwards, I suppose noe great danger betwixt the two sd places I desire to heare from you once in 14 <d[ays]> I hope to heare from you this very day I am MB

15 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurb. Aylwin

Newcastle Augt. the 15th 1679

S[i]r

We have received your acct. of Charges for Reshipping our Leed oare, wherein you leave your Commission to our discretion, I wish you had not done itt, for Cannot agree about itt, Soe very first desires to know what you think reasonable, and then shall end the business and send you a bill

I am MB

15 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Claude Hayes

Mr Cloade Hays

Ditto

S[i]r

Be pleased to take notice that upon the 14th present I valued upon you a bill for £35:= <p..> upon the 10th 7b [ie. September] to Mr Tho: <Peachill> or order value of himself wch pray let be Complied with all soe much I have <paid> Lawrence Sturmer upon Pigwell's Receipt Since my last, as he demands more - shall Reimburse myself accordingly I am MB

I have gott you time enough for the last bill

16 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy.

Newcastle Aug the 16th 1679

S[ir]s

I have before me yours of the 12th sent whereby perceive you are a little impatient, Expecting to have advice of the full Settlement of your business but must have patience a little longer, and not in the least Alderman Brabants fault, for I know of noe new difficulties that can arise In reallity, our Counsillers having been wearied for these fourteen daies being past with our Assizes, are gone into the Country 3 or 4 daies to Refresh themselves assure your selves noe time shall be lost for the Effecting thereof and soe kissing your hands Remaine MB

16 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Francis Raynsford

Mr Francis <Rayniford>

Ditto

S[i]r

I have yours of the 12th present but wonder very much you say, you cannot heare from Mr Robt. Wetwang who assures me he has writt you Severall times, and daily from time to time advised you the needful I can say noe more, but that your Corne is lifted and if good may be sold, whenever thought Capable of Serving you in those parts upon all occations freely Command MB

16 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Andre Hebert

Messrs Andre Hibert

Newcastle Aug the 16th 1679

Gentlemen

I have yours of the 12th present doe note that my friend Mr Jno. Launce of Marseilles has remitted you some bills upon my acct. wch. order to remit me the value when paid In good bills on London wch. pray lett be observed and send allwaies the bills to Mr Peter Bar Marhant In London, who will procure acceptance and after Convey them Safe unto me.

I observe that one of Mr Launce's bills is protested, I Suppose as this come to hand you will have advice where to address yourself for payment thereof, but I should think Mr Launce should take better care than to issue any such bills, as to any of his principalls Coales 8s per Ch: of 44 cwt Leed £10 per fodder of 21 cwt each hundred qty.

112 lb. Grindstones 15s per Chalder Butter 16/- s per firkin if at any time thought capable of serving you for those paols, upon all occations freely Command MB

19 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Gould & Comp[an]y

Newcastle aug the 19th 1679

S[ir]s

My last to you was of the 12th present to wch please be referred, since none from you soe the lesse to Enlargeth upon, this serves chiefly to Covert to you the Inclosed three bills of Loading for 120 Casks of Leed Oare, wch God sending well to you, be pleased to Receive, and dispose thereof for our most advantage wch we wholly leave to your prudent managment. we are of opinion the best way is to lett them goe att price Curr[en]t but if you think twill be more for our advantidge to keep them a while we are Content, and what ever you doe shall be to our Satisfaction Mr Tho: Smith will advise you the weight of each Cask The Commanders themselves has noe bills of Loading whereby to demand there freight, Soe after you have Received your goods and they Come for there freight, doe you demand there bills of Loading, and laugh att them awhile for there great neglect and Carelessness in the matter, but lett them not Come away without itt, this is what offers att present Soe remaines MB

19 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Ditto

S[i]r

My last to you was of the 12th present to wch. referr you, since have Received yours of the p[ri]mo present whereby takes notice you had that post sent Mr Andre Hebert et filz of Paris first bills for 1000 W. upon my acct. I have a letter from s[ai]d Hibert to the same purpose but that some of the bills were protested, and that he had writt to you to know where to advise himselfe for the payment thereof, wch I question not but you advised him In time, and for the future pray take care of sending either me, or any other of your principals any more such bills I know some factors have lost much of there Commission by such acts - you say that though you have not drawn in above £2000, yet per next would remit me the full proceed, for wch I thank you but the time of payment being past, I suppose tis your owne fault if you have not Rec[eive]d the full, and soe Consequently ought to remitt your principall accordingly, besides certainly my Leed is all delivered, yet have noe acco[un]t thereof, I never dealt with a factor but after delivery of my goods I had allwayes the acct. whereby I might know how much mony I had in such a place, Mr Tho. Smith was saying you were to blame in not remitting Mr Gould the balance of an old acct. I advise you <is.y> as a friend and

desire you allways to be punctual with your wellwishers per the Herring flett may
god willing Expect some goods pray write me once in 14 d[ays] of occurrences with
you and you will oblidge.

19 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould

Newcastle augt the 19th 1679

S[i]r

I have yours of the 14th with bills of loading for the 120 Casks Leed Oare all wch. have
this post sent forward accordingly but Certainly your Commanders were very much to
blame for not keeping each one, whereby to demand there freight when your accot of
Chardges Comes you shall immediately know where to be Reimbursed & if you will
please to Recommend to me an honest able and punctual march[an]t In Marseilles (for
him I deal withall I begin to dislike) you will very much oblidge

M B

26 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Andre Hebert

Messrs Andre Hibert & Compy

Newcastle Augt. the 26th 79

Gentlemen

I have yours of the 23rd present whereby you remitt me £158:16s In a Plymouth bill, for
the future pray observe that except there be a necessity or an advantage, never to send
me any other but London bills, I have sent this of yours for acceptance, and question
not but itt will be Complied of with all, I heartily thank you for your care in
forwarding me my letter from Mr. Jno. Launce whereby perceive he has remitted you
the balance of my acct. wch. I leave to your prudent manadg[me]nt to remit me as
monies come in for my most advantidge, have noe more to Enlardge you upon but if
att anytime serve you in this place upon all occations freely Command M B

26 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Ditto

Sir

I received yours of the 16th In due course, your bill of £40 was paid as soon as itt came
to hand I thank you for your readiness to write to Mr Le Gendre about the £20: I
wonder exceedingly what Mr Milburne is adoeing all this time, but I feare not but to
Catch him att last, he has a most brave shipp under him, I hope your next will bring me

news of him, I know he dare not for his life play the rogue with me, being an owner, and having been soe good a friend to him, besides I am satisfied he is a very honest man pray to advise me upon what termes you Can insure me £500:= or £600:= along with the Herring fleet for Marseilles I have agreed with Capt. English to carry my goods, who has a brave smack and 10 Gunns, I heartily begg your pardon for this trouble and wish could be thought capable of your Command as a Retaliation in some measure, however will presume to Subscribe myself as really I am M B

26 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwin

Newcastle Augt. the 26th 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 14th to wch Can Say noe more but as Mr James Gould pleases to wait for his Commission, you shall hear proportionally I expect his acct. this afternoone, pray to advise me upon the termes you Cann get me Insured £500 or £600:= along with the Herring fleet for Marseilles, In doing whereof you will very much oblige
MB

26 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Gould

Ditto

Sir

Pray doe me the favour as advise me att your Leasure upon what tearmes you can insure me £500: or £600: along with the Herring Fleet for Marseilles, I have agreed with Capt. English to Carry my goods who has a brave pinase [pinnace] and 10 Gunns I heartily beg your pardon for your trouble, doe wish I Could be thought Capable of your Commands, or as a Retaliation In some measure however will make bold to Subscribe myselfe as really am
MB

26 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 19th but wonder you should draw £100 upon me when the Corne was first sold, you know it was but Conditionally along time itt was before I gott your

Answer but afterwards itt was Confirmed, but in the Country time for paymt. begins not till Corne be delivered, and of what is d[elivere]d you have had dew advice, and may Expect your mony accordingly, but tis folly for me to demand itt before. the Remainder of your Corne I due swear to you is Still In my hands, and the both Jno. and Thos. Temple and Jno <Laly> shall <lie>, but shall get itt d[elivere]d within a day or two, for will forbear noe longer, if they will not with faire means must of necessity, and will force them and likewise may Expect your mony accordingly, never Rely of itt before Soe must begg your Excuse had you given me leave to draw upon you again your bill should have beene paid but shall not pay any mony upon acct. of your Corne till itt Come In, and I protest I have had more trouble to Carry on this businesse, and perswade them to itt than ever I had for any businesse In all my life if nor Content I cannot help itt, am sorry for it Soe remaine MB

26 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

James Burkin and Comp

Newcastle Augt. the 26. 79

Gentlemen

I thought good to let you know that all the writeings are drawn relating to your business with Alderman Braband, but Cannot send you Copies this post, my man shall doe itt against next, wch if approved of, they shall Immediatly be signed and the £100 Received In the meanwhile remaines MB

Newcastle augt. 29th 79

Writt Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy. and Sent them a Coppy Relating to Alderman Brabants Businesse MB

26 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to Edmond Thaxter

Mr Edmond Thackster

ditto

My last to you was of the 9 present, to wch as yet have had no Answer wch makes me believe itt has miscarried, this therefore is for Confirmation unto wch urgently Craves your Answer.

I have freighted Capt. English desires to know if you could procure me 6, 7 or 800 barrills of Herring att the usual freight, wch if you Could helpe me unto you would very much oblige MB

30 Aug 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy

Newcastle augt. the 30th 79

Sir

I sent you yesterdays post a Coppy of the writing relating to your businesse with Alderman Brabant Since having discoursed with my Counsell, and demanding of him If any particular why objections could be made, I had for Answer that to his knowledge In none but one (viz) that whereas there is a <recited> lease from Mr Bowes and the date not mentioned the Reason being that the said lease being in Mr Albert Hodgsons hands who will never deliver itt without <Suite> is really the Cause thereof. for my p[ar]t I know nothing of itt, use your discretion but shall beg your excuse from concluding till I have your positive order In every particular soe remaines MB

2 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore

Newcastle 7ber the 2nd 1679

Sir

Inclosed is the acct. of your Rye the net proceed whereof is £109: 7s wch you may Rely upon wn dew but t'will be folly in me to demand it sooner, if you find any Error advise me and if shall be ratified if none note it accordingly, I am sorry for yr great Loss in measure but it Cannot be helped. I thought those men to whome you made your bill payable had been <masters> of shippes wch made me write they should <See> your Corne, but it seems I was mistaken. I have placed to acct <£>8: p Last but the march[an]ts Sweares they will abate me 2 X 8 p Last when they pay the money but I shall doe what I Can to get itt, though made <halfe> a promise to abate them something I am MB

2 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Tho: Finley

d[itt]o

I am informed that you have formerly Combined with others to Cheate me, amongst any others, I only desired to be Satisfyed in one thing, wheather you have not for these 4 years by past paid all manner of sesses [rate assessments] for Glover pastures and if you did who gave you order, I am sure I did not, Soe shall Expect all backe again, Pray Remember my Silver tobacco box I am in hast MB

4 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Edmond Thaxter

Mr Edmond Thackster

Newcastle 7ber the 4 1679

Sir

I have writt you Severall letters, but never recd one line In Answer to any of them I have freighted Capt. English for Marseilles if you could help me with 3 or 400 barrils of Red Herrings upon freight you would doe me a kindnesse I am informed the usuall freight is 2 <Dlrs> per caske if soe much cannot be gott, I shall be willing to abate wt you <thincke> Convenient wch I wholly leave to your Discretion, about wch Concerne a line att your leasure would be very welcome unto M B

5 [Sept] ditto sent a copy by post

4 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to John Ferryer

Mr Jno Ferryer

Newcastle 7ber the 4 1679

Sir

I perceive you are one of Capt. English his greatest owners he will Informe you how that I have freighted him who shalt be honestly dealt withall on my side, I question not the like of his, as allsoe your assistance In any thing that may tend to my advantidge In Confidence whereas (though unknowne) makes bold to trouble you with these few lines desiring you to help me with 4 or 5 or 600 Barrills Reed herrings upon freight If possible to be done, I am informed the usuall freight is 2 <Dlrs> per Caske of wch I am willing to abate (if Soe much Cannot be gott) what you think Convenient wch I wholly leave to your discretion a line from you att your leasure would be very welcome unto M B

5 [Sept] ditto sent a copy by post

4 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to John English

[Note: In a later letter his forename is given as John]

Capt. English

Ditto

I hope this will finde you well att Yarmouth Come here againe when you will you shall be welcome, shall Expect you about michaelmas I have writt to Mr Jno. Ferryer to procure me upon freight 4 : 5: or 600 Barrills of Reed Herrings if possible to be done; and have left it wholly to his discretion to agree for the freight thereof, I question not likewise you utmost Endeavours Soe pray Consult with him and att your Leasure advise me what Can be done

I have writt Severall times both to Mr Wakeman and Mr Thakster about the <Water Bell> pray discourse that business with them likewise and advise me how far they have proceeded for has not Recd a line from either, and when you see <Bell> you may present my Humb[le] Service to him, if none of you can order him, I will see what I can doe, if he will not be Civill I will make him Soe, Mr Dunster shall waite upon him att last, I hope you agree has left you heartily wishing you yr good health I remaine M B

bring me along with you a Cask of Spratts if any to be gott

5 [Sept] ditto sent a copy by post

9 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo: Moorecroft

Newcastle 7ber 9th 1679

Sir Though I have not heard from you this long time att wch I doe not a little wonder yet hope that you are not unmindful of my Concernes I <lighting> of the Inclosed yesterday thought <concerned> to send you itt and desire that you will be pleased to take notice of it accordingly I am M B

9 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Claude Hayes

Mr Claude Hays

ditto

Sir

Being without any of yours, will Cause brevity this being Chiefly to lett you know that Lawrence Sturman not being able to procure any butter at the price limited unto him did order me £35 <backe> against wch by this I remitt you In good bill upon Mr Tho: Harupp an accot. for the Remainder Cannot send till next post In the meanwhile remaine M B

9 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Tho: Finley

ditto

Faile not to meete Mr <Raine> and me att Durham tomorrow morning as soone as is possible that Soe we may have time to discourse of all business and get home that night, Soe Relying upon your I remaine M B

9 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Edmond Thaxter

Mr Edmond Thaxter

ditto

Sir

I have yours of the primo present but not one word from Mr Wakeman I heartily thank you for what you have done pray trouble yourself noe further Mr <Dunster> will doe my business, who shortly will be att your towne. I wish with all my heart you Could Secure me 7 or 800 Barrills of Herring upon freight as soone as be feasible, pray lett me have notice of itt and upon what tearmes for will take them In as Cheape as any other, and In doing whereof you will oblidge M B

9 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to George Torriano

Mr Geo. < Torriano >

Newcastle 7ber the 9th 79

Sir

I perceive by my friend Mr Jno. Launce of Marseilles that you shortly Intend him a ship along with good Convoy if soe I desire you would please to do me a Kindnesse as att your Leasure In a line or two to mention unto me wt Convoy and upon wt tearmes you will Carry me 4: 5 or 600 ps Leed and 100 or 150 Casks of Leed Oare In doing whereof you will very much oblidge him who if thought Capable of serving you In this place upon all occations freely Command
M B

Leed £10 pr fodder of 21 cwt each hundred 112lb
Coales 8s to 9s p Ch.
Grindstones 15s p Ch.

13 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo: Moorecroft

Newcastle 7ber the 13th 1679

Sir

I hope ere this that you have Received the Injunction wch I sent you and I desire that you will take care of the Business for they doe intend as I perceive to try itt to the uttermost, and If they Can possibly wrong me they will due itt Soe I once more desire that your Speciall care may be taken of itt, and that you will lett me have a line from you every fourteen days of your proceedings, wch though I have often requested yet an Scarce gott a line in 3 m[onths]
I am M B

13 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Mr Tho: Finley

ditto

Whereas I promised when we were last together to meete you att Richmond faire, Since my comeing home business pulling out contrary to Expectations Cannot possibly due itt, Soe desire that our meeting may be referred till another time, wch whenever you will appointe I shall be ready to waite on you.

If you meet with Esqr. . Bowes pray present my Humb. Service to him and tell him that I cannot possibly meet him neither and In doing whereof you will very much oblige M B

13 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle 7ber the 13th 1679

Sir

I have your little note of the 9th present I heartily thank you for your care In forwarding me my letter from Mssrs Andre Hebert pere et filz of Paris as allsoe for Sending my bill of <W> 302 : 11 : 6 d for acceptance for the bill of <W> 500 I had upon you I have Endorsed itt to a friend, I hope shortly Mssrs Heberts will remit your money upon my accot., and I wonder I heare nothing of Edwd Milbournes arrivall, I hope the next will bring me the good news wch will be very acceptable unto M B

13 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Dunster

Mr Dunster

ditto

Sir

I make bold to trouble you with these few lines (not that I < faire> but that you will remember the old business with my friend Mr Bell) to desire that favour of you that you will give me the grant of the first water place that falls In the port, (I can assure you and if my word will not be taken, both Sir Wm Blackett, and Sir John Eden will be bound with me) that I will put in a very honest man this being the first kindness I ever begged of you, In Confidence you will not deny me I remaine without any <Conylep.n> as really I am M B

my man is the very same that Alderman Brabant is for -

13 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Edmond Thaxter

[Note: see letter to Dunster of the same date]

Mr Edmond Thaxter

Newcastle 7ber the 13th 1679

Sir

I give you many thanks for your care of my Concerns and if I may be thought capable of your Commands here I shall Embrace them with all my heart, I desire that if you can procure me 4: 5: 6: or 700 Barrils of Herrings upon freight that you will be pleased to doe itt, and that you will be pleased to deliver them Inclosed to Mr Dunster with your own hand, and In doing thereof you will very much oblige M B

13 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam. Burkin and Compy

ditto

Gentlemen

I have received yours of the 9th present with an Inclosed deed, relateing to Alderman Brabands and your Concerne, to wch at present can find noe answer, for by Speciall Command <sd> Braband is gone to Welbeck to wait upon his grace the Duke of Newcastle, when he comes home shall Compare notes together, if any objection Can doe noe more than advise you thereof, but for promoting of your interest shall doe as much as lies in the power of Gentlemen M B

13 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Andre Hebert

Mssrs Andre Hebert and Compee

Newcastle 7ber the 13th 1679

Sirs

I have yours of the 30th past and 13th past, wch should have beene <present>, In your former have a <Remisse> of <W/LL> 500 att 54 ¼ wch is accepted and noted accordingly, I wish you could get all your bills upon the very same person.

In your latter I perceive you have remitted me <W/LL> 302 :11:6d In a <douer> bill and have Sent the same to Mr Bar to procure acceptance, wch is Confirmed to me by him, and I question not but sd bill will be punctually Complied withal but I perceive you have not Received mine of the 26th past, for future never send me any but London bills without an advantidge, for there is noe little Charge In such bills as you send, I question not but you will remitt me as monies Comes In, and I perceive Mr Launces protested bills is att last accepted, I am Certaine if he hath done me noe hurt In Sending

such bills, he has done noe good, for Certainly if sd bills had beene Complied withall, I would have had mony for them before now, if any goods this Country affords be worth your trouble, I could buy you as Cheape and as good, as any man in this place, and questions not but att any time to send them to Rouen or Newhaven upon 14/d[ays] notice and for a tryall will willingly be halfe concerned In any goods you shall desire, and for your Govermt. may please take notice that as for Leed, London weight is but 19 ½ Cwt to the fodder and ours is 21 Cwt Soe that if ours can be procured for £9:15:2 as I believe itt may, it is Cheaper than £9:-: att London wch I leave to your Serious Consideration.

As for butter noe place In England better than Stockton and this place, from either place I can att any time Send you wt quantities you please the price Curr. att present is about 16s per firkin of 54 lb net but the very best and <50 lb> net will be 16s 10 this being the needful I remaine MB

Coales 9 s per Ch.

Grindstones 16 s per Ch

16 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Newcastle 7ber the 16th 1679

Sir

My last to you was of the 19th past, Since have Received yours of the 12th past and 2nd present. In the former have accot. of my 400 pcs Leed, as allsoe accot. Curr. and observe you have remitted the nett proceed unto msrs. Andre Hibert and Compy wch is well.

I have freighted Capt English who God willing may Expect along with the Herring Fleet and by whome beside a great quantity of Leed and Leed Oare, Severall small parcels of goods for a tryall, for am Satisfied that att last, shall find Some goods your Country affords, that will turn to good Advantidge, I desire you to be punctuall in writing me once in 14 d[ays] of occurrences with you, but in particular never omit the price of the following Commodities viz. all sorts of graine, Leed, Leed Oare, Coales, Grindstones, Butter, Bees Wax, Calfe Skins, tanned and untanned, Tallow of wch I can procure of all sorts, I wonder you use noe Grindstones, or if hides be in request, I can helpe you to a parcel of them likewise you have often desired poore <Sacke> none here to be gott, but if <Island Codd> will goe off I can every yeare Send you good Supplies, along with the Herring Fleet, shall send this year a parcell for a tryall by wch you may give your advice for the future for my government In your Letter take notice of the Rect. of mine of the month past, wherein you say you will not faile to write me once in 14 d[ays], pray be as good as your word, for shall expect itt, I observe you have Received Bill of Loading for 26 Barrills Leed Oare, for future shall always make use of Mr Aylwin att London, for Conveying goods unto you, for find Mr Gould mor

inclinable to Send all to Livorne, besides he att London, and Mr Thaxter att Yarmth. are fitt for my purpose, the Reasons you know very well, our Leed Oare is as good as any In England never feare the quality of itt, and pray advice me wt difference you make betwixt Small and Round, I understand not any, for certainly it must be best Small before itt be made use of, and if Small will doe as well as round where I send you one Caske Can send you tenn, of as good mettle as the world affords, wch certainly must be the very thing that will occation the quick Saile thereof, to wch your answer per first.

If any deales would Sell to good benefit, but I know not wt. you mean by Sparres, wt. sorts are most vendable addvise how many Inches broad, and how many foote long by the <Keele> they must be, and there prices, for Generally have in towne of all sortes, this being the needfull wishing your happinesse I remaine

M B

16 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to William Rigault

Mr Wm. <Rigault>

Newcastle 7ber the 16th 79

Sir

I have yours of the 6th I must Confess I should have Sent you accot. of the goods aboard Lawrence Sturman before now, but Business of greater Concern did hinder me, Soe must begg your Excuse underneath you have itt nor doe I think any harme done In Chargeing wt I did upon Mr Hayes, for In the first Place I was out in purse a great deale more, to men that I Sent into the Country to buy Butter for you, and all this for promoting of yr Interest, Secondly the m[aste]r told me, he would order his fitter to call upon me for much more than he did and thirdly I think I reimbursed Mr Hayes before my bill fell dew Soe I hope noe greate harme If you want a cockett for the Leed must blame the m[aste]r who sd he would take Care of itt, businesse left to two I see is but halfe done I am M B

40 pcs Leed qt 53 C[wt] att £10 p fodder	£25: 4: 9
3 Cases of glasse att 27s	£ 4: 1: -
4 dozesen Stones att 9s 6d	£ 1:18: -
pd his m[aste]r his fitter	£13: -: -
pd the m[aste]r himself	£ 9: -: -
Laboridge to boat and Scalidge of the Leed	
att 14d per fodder	£ -: 2:11
boate hire of itt att 12d per fodder	£ -: 2: 6
boate hire of the Glasse	£ -: -: 6
boate hire of the Stones	£ -: 2: 6
Laboridge of the Stones to boate	£ 4: -: -
Laboridge of the Glasse to boate	£ -: 1: 6

mens charges that went to seek butter	£ -: 4: 3
post of letters	£ -: 1: 3
	£54. 3. 2
Commission att 2 per Cent	£ 1: 1: 7
	£55. 4. 9

dew to me <4s 9d> till next opportunity
Errors Excepted <pme >
MB

16 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Claude Hayes

Mr Claude Hayes Newcastle 7ber the 16th 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 9th. I have this post Satisfyed Mr <Rigaull> how that I was not to blame in Charging Soe much mony upon you, but the foolishnesse of yr Ma[ster] however I hope there was noe great harme done, for as Soone as was I knew itt did immediately Send you a bill wch I hope Came time enough to answer the other itt has not a little vexed me

I am M B

he is Dr [debtor] to me <4s9d>, till nex opportunity

16 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 11th Inst. Confess there was greate losse In your Corne, but itt was as Exactly measured as our Corne was, and <not> a <Bus[hell]> more did itt hold out, you mention a mistake in your Last Line or 2 for 63/w[EEKS] att <2.s.2d Coase> over yr accot. againe and you will finde or att least itt should be 2½.s <p weeke>, wch will rectify the Error. I am M B

20 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Edward Milburne

Edwd. Milburne Newcastle 7ber the 20: 1679

I have received yours of the 13th am glad of yr arrival I have post a bill upon you for £300: per 30 /d[ays] date to Mr Nich. Harding or order, to wch I expect your Compliance I know if you desire 5 or 6 /d forbearance he will not Stand with you for itt, and besides will <keep Secrecy> mine is £290:= <Mark Douer> Saith he must have £20:- of you, having occation for mony, In all £310:= Soe be punctuall with my bill, and if you Can wth convenience may pay the same Gentleman this £10:= or more, if not may lett itt alone, Soe desiring to heare of yr further proceedings I remaine M B

20 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Harding

Mr Nich. Harding

Newcastle 7ber the 20: 79

Sir

I question not but you have mett with Edwd. Milburne and have gott my bill accepted, I have a letter from him where he saith he will without faile pay the mony, but for <some> of his neglect, Inclosed doe send you papers, whereby you must force him to be punctuall. he does desire you would not be too earnest wth himm In wch use your discretion but I will desire you not to tell abroad his occations, nor to stand with him for 5 or 6 /d[ays] if in In case he desire itt, you will be certaine of itt before his Shippes stir, and if he will pay you £10: more be pleased to Receive itt, I will take itt againe of Mr Douglass, when he is in Cash for you, pray lett me heare from you, and <Cash> the Inclosed be dd whereby you will oblidge M B

23 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle 7ber the 23rd 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 16th and 18th but had one from Milborne himself before, either, where he desired me to lett none know he runs upon Botomary, I desire you to be private and meddle noe more with itt, for have given my Originall deeds to my Attorney Mr Nich. Harding, as allsoe a bill for that mony and more, who will be Secret and civill to him if any <necessity> for itt, I wonder I heare not of the £20: from france nor of more bills from messieurs Hebert I am M B

23 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to George Galbraith

Mr Geo: Galbraith

Newcastle 7ber the 23rd 1679

Sir

I doe wonder I should not have had one line from you in Soe long a time, whereof am sorry I should be in your debt Soe long, I am Certaine I have writt you Severall letters, allsoe have desired my cosin Wm. Blackett to write you, yet could never get one line In Answer, however your bill of £48:10s 9d <Slh> when presented shall be accepted and when dew shall be punctually paid. I am M B

23 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Harding

Mr Nich. Harding ditto

Sir

Last post I sent you Edwd. Milburnes Botomary bill for £290 and when I writt you the needful, wch I hope came safe to hand, now I must desire you to keep Councill, and acquaint noe marchands that he runs upon botomary for if you doe may undoe him, wch I would not have done, you may be spurring of him for the mony, but not to be too keene, for you have the shipp fast enough, you need not lett his <sturr>, and for the time you forbear, I will give you in thrice as much another time, he writes me he will punctually pay yr mony, keepe him to itt, soe expecting Secrecy on yr part I remaine M B

23 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to Edmond Thaxter

Mr Edmond Thaxter ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 12th present whereby I perceive you cannot att present give me yr advice formerly desired wch I desire you will be pleased to afford me as soone as possible likewise not to direct your lettere to Mr Nich: Blackett but to Mich: Blackett; this being the needful att present remaines M B

not one word from Mr Wakeman

23 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin Newcastle 7ber the 23rd 79

Sir

Last night Alderman Braband Came home, this day shall be Spoken too, and per next advise you the needful In this I meane while remaine as really I am M B

23 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to John Ferryer

Mr Jno: Ferryer

ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 15th present doe heartily thank you for your readiness to Serve me, but will not muddle <sd Herrings> unless upon freight wch I wholly leave to your discretion, to agree as you best can for my most advantidge if you have any to carry to said place I will take them in att 1½ doller, but hope you may procure 2 of others - if not to agree for 1½, wch once againe I leave to you prudent manidgement wn any thing passes worth advice pray lett me have itt In doing which whereof you will oblige M B

27 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compee.

Newcastle 7ber the 27th 79

Sirs

I have this day discoursed fully yr businesse with Alderman Braband, have Cleared all objections, save only one, to be satisfied of wch he desires till Monday, wch is £40:= <odd> money upon Coopers Security whether Inclusive or Exclusive gott accidentally a perusal of the Report, by wch itt appears plainely on <yr side>, and have gotten the Errour (you mentioned) mended, viz instead of £421:5:4d - £463:16:6d Soe that by next you may expect to heare that all bonds are signed In this mean while remains M B

27 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to George Torriano

London Mr Geo: <Torriano>

Newcastle 7ber the 27th 1679

Sir

I have before me yours of the 18th and for Answer, In my opinion I have gott a good ship to goe along with the Herring Convoy for Marseilles, viz the yarmth Marchand of yarmth Capt. English Comander, who Dare say is a very honest man, has 10 Gunns, 14 men, I intend to ballast her with Leed, and Leed Oare, and am willing to Serve you for 5: 6: or 700 or 800 barrills of Herrings as others <pays>, lesse you cannot bid me, upon wch if you Resolve Let them Herrings be made ready, and advise given me of yr Intentions per first, that Soe I may either help upon this or take on others, I am M B

27 Sep 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

London Mr Jam: Gould

ditto

Sir

Pray lett your man goe att his Leasure to Billingsgate to one Mr Ralph Harup there Enquire for one Nich. Bilton a ma[ste]r of a Shipp, and demand of him upon my accot. £30:== shew him what is under written, if Incase he be Comed away the money will be left with Ralph Harup, wch pray lett be had and you will oblidge M B

Nich: Bilton

Pay unto the bearer thirty pounds or wt you Can Conveniently spare upon the accot. of MB

3 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Harding

Mr Nich: Harding

Newcastle 8ber the 3rd 1679

Sir

Edward Milburne advises me that he will pay the whole debt before he stur, however would desire you to keepe him truly to itt, but not to tell itt abroad that he runn upon Botomary but to keep itt secret.

You understand the law better than I doe, soe if you finde him any way refractory, proceed against him according to law and besure lett not his ship sturr till the whole debt be Satisfyed I am M B

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to George Spilman

Mr George Spilman Senior

NewC 8ber the 4th 79

Sir

I have yours of the 22nd past, for Answer you might certainly have had the trouble of my Commission had you not answered soe many of my letters last yeare with Silence, by your doing of wch did force me to seeke out other Correspondents, I sent last yeare a good parcell of Leed and Leed oare for Marseilles, and have this yeare freighted Capt. English of your place whome I Intend to ballast with sd Commodities for sd place, if you have occation to send any Herring, I will ask noe more than others have for the freight thereof, upon wch if you Resolve, may repaire unto Mr Jno. Ferryer, who will agree with you for wt quantity you please, have writt him this post to same purpose I am M B

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Ditto

I have yours of the 22nd past be assured your bill shall be dewly Complyed withall
Soe remaine M B

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Edward Milburne

Mr Edwd: Milburne

Newcastle 8ber the 4th 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 25 past, for answer, In short, I cannot give any greater part with you, soe does Expect my bill shall be directly Complyed withal or very shortly after, for a day or two I know my friend will not stand with you, he has your Botomary bill to dd you upon payment of the money and orders to proceed against you, in case of default I am daiyly Called on here for the money, they will not give me time till you pay itt, soe expect your ready Compliance, otherwise blame yourselfe

I like your project well In Intending for Yarmouth and soe proceeding further and Soe remaines M B

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Harding

[Note: see letter to Milburne of the same date]

Mr Nich: Harding

Ditto

Inclosed is a letter for Edwd Milburne, wch peruse and <cause> be dd, I think itt will make him hasten the paymt. of my bill, and I hope ere that you have gott most <pd> of itt, when all is paid you may dd him up the Botomary bill, lett me heare wt passes, but pray lett not his Sturr before I be Satisfyed, he writes me very finely that he will pay all, keepe him to itt you have the Law in yr owne hand, if he will not be civill you Can make him I leave him to you Soe remaine M B

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John English

Capt English

Newcastle 8ber the 4th 79

I have yours of the 16th past, and very sorry for your soe great Indisposition of health, I pray god turn itt for the best, for I am desirous to have you to serve me in person, but if itt please God to order itt otherwise I desire your Care in procuring me an honest man in your roome, and now lett your vessel come as soone as you please, for am ready for you and very desirous to see yrselfe, for I hope Mr Ferryer and you will procure me 4 or 500 Barrells of Herring upon freight wch I leave to your discretion and remaine MB

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Ferryer

Mt Jno Ferryer

Ditto

Sir

I am very sorry to hear of Capt English being soe much Indisposed, if not able to Serve me in person you being one of his greatest owners, I doe heartily begg your care in procuring an honest and carefull man in his roome, Att the vessell Come wn itt will I am ready for her, and I hope you will procure me 4 or 500 Barrells of Herrings, Ma[ster] Geo. <Spilman>Sr writes me he sent a great number last year and paid 2½ freight, I fancy he has some to Send this yeare if soe pray lett him be Spoke too, I heare the Corporation has writt to the Secretary of State, to Crave that his Majestie would be pleased to afford you two Convoys for the Herring fleet wch I hope will take Effect I am M B

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle 8ber the 4th 1679

Sir

The above is wt I writt to Mr <Pigaull> the 16th past, tis most strange to me wt he would be att, little thanks for wt I have done for him, if my letter miscarried I cannot helpe itt, I am sure I have not wronged him soe noe more of it

if ever you have <learnd> of my £20: pray lett me know and you will oblige
M B

4 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett

[Note: File note]

Writt this day to Aunt <Neulby> and Tho: Finley

11 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: Based on letters to John and Robert Hackshaw on 25 and 28 Oct the brother referred to here was clearly Michael's elder brother Edward]

Bro: Blackett

Newcastle 8ber the 11th 1679

I have yours of the 9th present, when Jno. Lowes payes me the £20: I shall not faile to use my utmost Endeavours for the getting you a bill for the same, but if none In this place Can doe itt, (as I really believe it will be hard to meet with one that will) I hope you will excuse me my father intends for London upon monday Come <a Seven> night the 20th present, my Lady says she can Cares not for going, but we believe her not the discourse here is that you are to be Sheriff for Northumberland next year, whenever you are I have a friend that is very desirous to be your Humb[le] Serv[ant] as your Under Sheriff, who is a very honest diligent and Capable man and who will give you as good Security as any other whatsoever viz 4 or 5 good responsible marchands In the towne, I hope you will oblige me in this soe reasonable a request, If in case you be otherwise oblidge, however pray write me that if you had not been Soe you would readily have Complied with my desire, or wt you think Convenient In Such times as that it may be showne to my friend, my Service to my Lady, my Sister, Mr Yorke, and yr selfe desiring your Care in ordering my Cow to be Constantly well fedd I remaine M B

11 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to George Torriano

Mr George <Torriano>

Newcastle 8ber the 11th 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 2nd present whereby I perceive that you are declined from sending any Herring for the Straights, for wch I am very Sorry, and desire that if you alter your Resolution that you will be pleased to give me timely notice and I will Serve you Cheaper than any man in England shall doe. This being the needful att present remaine M B

14 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Ferryer

Mr John Ferryer

Newcastle 8ber the 14th 79

Sir

Capt Purvice is arrived, who shall be dispatched, and shall leave roome for 6. 7. or 800 barrells of Herrings, wch I hope you, and my other friends will procure me upon freight wherein shall be as reasonable as any other whatsoever shall freely leave itt to

you to agree for wt you think fitt, <I Enter> leave for the Coast, for feare of a Second boot with Bell, when with you pray doe you owne the goods, <Enter> as well as you can of wch more hereafter, and take up mony of the m[aste]rs and draw upon me att Sight Pray Remember me to Capt. English, and lett him know, I hope in God he will yet be in a condition to serve me, however if not Capt. Purvice Seems to be a very civill man, I like him Extraordinary well & if thought Capable to Serve you In this place upon all occations freely Command M B

14 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Edmond Thaxter

Mr Edmond Thaxter ditto

Sir

Capt Purvice is arrived, who will be dispatched, and shall have roome for 6. 7. or 800 barrills of Herrings wch I hope you and my other friends will procure me upon freight, wherein shall be as reasonable as any other whatsoever, shall freely leave itt to you to agree for wt you think fitt, Soe remaine M B

14 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar Newcastle 8ber the 14th 1679

Sir

I formerly writt you and desired you to lett me know how you could Insure me 4: 5 or 600 for Marseilles, wch I doe by your desire againe, for my vessell is now lying in the river, and am loading her as fast as possible, and will Engage she shall be ready to hoist up anchor with the Herring Convoy, In answer to wch a line att your Leasure would very much oblige M B

In case for Marseilles only and not <backe> if you have a mind to send any Herring for that place will be att your service for freight as usuall or as others pay

14 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin and Compy ditto

Sirs

Yours of the 4th and 7th Came both to my hand last post together have not as yet met with Alderman Braband to dd him the Counterpt by you signed, the papers you desire shall have per next, but for Leazes expect none, for I writt you formerly they were in

another partners hand, who will never deliver them without Suite, for my <live> I Cannot procure you a bill neither for love nor mony, Soe must have patience till you have an opportunity of draweing I offered <4 pc> but Indeed I can meete with none that has mony att London - my Chardges are only for portidge £1:13:4d for halfe Chardges of the writeings as Councill orderd £ - . 8 . - for my Councills paines as allsoe for mine and Chardges leaves itt to your discretion, but would desire you to Remember my Councill who tooke a great deal of paines in the business and ordered that every deed you sent down to be mended in severall places, the most material was in the last payment wch you made to be in anno 81 and should be in 80 otherwise it would have past, for the other Councill took noe notice of itt. I am M B

14 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to George Torriano

Mr George Torriano

Newcastle 8ber the 14th 79

Sir

my vessel for Marseilles is now in the river, if you Resolve upon anything may please to order your friend att yarmo[uth] Immediately the needful who may Repaire either unto Mr Jno. Ferryer or Mr Edmond Thaxter to agree for the freight thereof, I will promise you, you shall pay with the Least, I would willingly have been 1/2 Concerned with you, if I were not too deeply Concerned allready, pray advise me upon wt tearmes you can Ensure me 5 or 600 for this place, wch I hope may be pretty reasonable Considering she goes along with the Herring Convoy a line att your Leasure would very much oblidge M B

17 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Guillaume Gisford

Honsr Guillaume <Gisford>

Newcastle 17th 8ber 1679

Honsr

La presente vous sera donnee per Capt. Chris. Blackett Charge avecq, da Charbon propree pour Les Mareschaux les quells apres bon Arrivement il vous plaire vendre - pour mon plus grand avantage et de Charger avecq tout Expedition ce dit navire avez des <pommes> de grande le vous prie <morenes> ayez egard au 50 s per tonneau et autres Chardges et desiere en Sorte per votre moyen et bon Credit que le paye les moines possible, <si> Les Charbon ne donnent pur acclarit d'argent, comme vous avez besoin vous pouvez tire ce que vous manquerer <Durmay> payable dans la maison de messrs Rolf. <Haukshunmarik> a Londres et tout honneur sera donné a vos Lettres de Changes, Je vous prie vous donnee - menvoyer <pourit> doutres <pommes> que ceux de Garde sil est possible, car les autres pourrisent si tant, et si vertu que la moytie est toujours perdue donnez au Capt. autant dargent quil demande et m'envoyez su

<recus>, quand vous me prenez Capable de vous Servir en alle place me prenez
<Commandes> estant M
Le Capt. vous desiera de lay donner du papier Royale, et des <Ceutes> Je vois prie de'
lay donner autant qu'il demande pour mon Compte M B

21 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Harding

Mr Nich: Harding

Newcastle 8ber the 21st 1679

Sir

I have two letters from Edward Milburne whereby takes notice you have have Spoke together, your Resolution was that you would give him time, provided he would give you Security and Consideration, wch he desires me to doe, Soe by this I doe promise to be his security and will pay you consideration, onlye besure lett not the Shipp sturr whatever Chardges you are att itt shall be upon my accot and not upon yours This I hope will be to your Content Soe remaine M B

21 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Robert Hackshaw

Mr Robt. Hackshaw

ditto

Sir

I have yours of the 14th with an Inclosed from Mr Gifford, Capt Preslee was dispatched before your letter Came to hand, and now is ready to Saile with the first opportunity of a faire wind, we shall reckon this day Soe per next shall draw the needful upon you according to your order, If Can Serve you In this palce upon all occations freely
Command M B

21 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Joseph Dalwin

Jo. and Leond <Dalwin>

Newcastle 8ber the 21st 1679

Sirs

I have yours of the 16th present and doe desire you not to harbour any such thoughts, as to imagine that I think itt any trouble to serve you upon all occations I shall Endeavour the freighting of a vessel for you upon the best tearmes I can, and hope per next to give you an accot. of some progress therein In the mean while remaine M B

Ditto Writt Mr Nathan Johnson

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Ferryer

Mr Jno. Ferryer

Newcastle 8ber the 25th 1679

I have dispatched the yarmth me.ch.t who is now ready to embrace the first opportunity of a faire winde, and by whome you will receive these lines from the hands of my Servt, Jhn Wilkinson, who I desire you to furnish with wt mony he demands, take up the value of masters and draw upon me att sight, for I expect noe Herring upon freight, and having left room for 5. 6 or 700 barrills if none att last to be had, my s[ai]d servant will venter if reasonably cheape, sd quantity upon his owne accot. Soe pray assist him not onely with mony but allsoe with your best advice In whatever he desires of you In doing whereof you will infinitely oblige me who shall ever acknowledge the same as soe much done unto M B

Sent copy per mare

Mr Edmd Thaxter

Do

Writt him the same as above Mr Jno. Ferryer per post and sent him a copy per mare M B

Mr Geo. Spilman

Do

Writt him the same of the above Mr Jno. Ferryer per post and sent him a copy of itt per mare

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy

Newcastle 8ber the 25th 1679

Gentlemen

I have Recd yours of the 21st present Inclosed doe send you all the papers concerning Alderman Braband, wch would have sent you Sooner had not multiplicity of business hindered me wherein I doe heartily beg yr Excuse as for my Councill paines and Chardges, I cannot for my life prevaile with him to mention my Summe, and for my part wheather anything or nothing your pleasure shall be very satisfactory unto MB

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Bro: Blackett

Do

When all friends forsake you you may see I will not faile you, soe accordingly to my promise Inclosed you have a bill for £20:= per 2 / d[ays] sight to yr order my Service to all with you I am in hast M B

upon Mr Hackshaw Marchd. in London
allwayes to be found upon the Exchange In the French walke

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Thomas Penchell

London Mr Tho: <Penchell>

Newcastle 8ber the 25th 1679

Kind Sir

I would have answered yours of the 16th present sooner had I not been from home, the wch taken into consideration I hope your <genius> will easily admit of a pardon on my behalf, I am very sorry I cannot obey your Commands, for has neither the opportunity of Speaking with Sir Mark Milbanckes nor his undersheriffe above once in 6 m[onths] they Residing soe far from this place, had you laid your Commands upon me to have gone to them I would have done itt with all my heart being really your very Humble Servt. upon all occcations, but as to wt you desire I thinke I can doe itt as well as any man In England Many there are, shall only name you 6 or 8 of the most fitt and substantial Viz:

Wm. Fenwick of Bywell Esq.
Wm. Carnaby of Halton Esq.
Francis Black of Ford Esq.
Francis Bowes of Coopen Esq.
Josph. Carr of Coaklodge Esq.
Ralph Ogle of <Sanders> Stone Esq.
Chris. Breakerstaffe of Chirton Esq.
Edwd. Collingwood of <Ruker> Esq.
James Methuen of Heddon In the Wall Esq.

shall begg your pardon for my friends viz: 2 Brothers wch I shall not have nominate soe much may please to <Impart> vizt <Sertis> Dalbin with my most Humb Service assuring you that I am Cordially M B

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Hackshaw

Mr Jno. Hackshaw

Newcastle 8ber the 25th 1679

Sir

Having none of yours to answer, Soe this Serves chiefly to advise you that In pt of what I have disbursed upon Capt. <Aundre Cresters> accot. have this day valued upon you a bill for £20:= per 2 d[ays] sight to Edwd. Blackett Esq. or order value of himself wch pray Lett be Complied withal - and for the remainder shall draw upon you per next In the interim remaine M B

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to George Torriano

Mr George <Torriano>

Do

Sir

I have yours of the 18th past, I have dispatched my vessel here who is ready to Saile with the first opportunity of a faire wind for yarmth and I am glad I have my very good friend Capt. Jno. Wetwang for Convoy, who I will Ingadge as much as is possible upon wch occation resolved not to Insure one farthing, for I am Satisfyed he will Send a man of war along with my vessel to her port, To wch purpose have writt him this day wch I am Confident will be observed, if you fancy to venter shall be ready to Serve you, shall desire noe more than 2½ Doller per barrill, may please upon receipt hereof to give your friends att yarmth advice of yr Intention who may repaire unto Mr. Jno. Ferryer your Resolution whatever itt be shall be Satisfactory unto M B

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to George Galbraith

Edenborough Mr George Galbraith

Newcastle 8ber the 25th 1679

Sir

I have Satisfyed your bill of £48: 10s: 9d and If can Serve you In this place upon all occations freely command Pray advise me att your Leasure if a parcel of right Sweed Iron, good mettle, would Sell in you place wt quantity and att wt price M B

25 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Joseph Dalwin

Mr Joseph and Leond <Dalwin>

Do.

Gentlemen I Can as yet meete with noe vessel of your dementions Larger I can have many for about 30s per Ch., Soe small as 60 Tonn not to be procured att any Such rate, your further directions is desired by M B

27 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno Launce

Newcastle 8ber 27th 1679

Sir

This comes to accompany Capt. [blank space left in original] Commander of the yarmth merchant In whome I have loaden and consigned unto you the following goods viz:

20 Ch. of Coales the measure
239 ps small lead
116 Caskes of Leed Oare
60 douzen of <second> Calfe skins
1 Cask of Bee wax
500 <hds> of Iron
36 barrills Tar
500 deales

for all wch Inclosed have bill of Loading, all being upon my owne and Save only the 116 Casks of Led Oare wch is in ½ betwixt mr. Tho. Smith of this place marchand and me, all wch note accordingly, and God Sending them well to hand be pleased to receive and dispose thereof for our most advantadge I am to pay him <£>335 freight either att Marseilles att 48 <bs> per Dollar or in England upon hs request, Soe wt mony he demands of you be pleased to furnish him withal to said values, There is yet roome for 6 or 700 barrills of Herrings, I have Sent my Servant Mr Wilkinson along with him to yarmth to see if they can be procured upon freight if not I am resolved to send them upon my owne accot. about wch Concerne my Servt. will write you the needful from yarmth I shall write you at lardge per post In the meane while remaine M B

27 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Wetwang

[Note: Early reference to Newcastle Ale. Isle of Aires was possibly Hyeres, to the east of Marseilles, off Toulon]

Honrd Sir Capt Wetwang

Newcastle 8ber the 27th 1679

the few Inclosed lines from your sonne (my very good friend) does encourage me to desire your assistance towards the bearer hereof Capt. [blank space left in original] Commander of the yarmth merchant whome I have freighted for Marseilles, and I am Informed you are appointed Convoy to the Herring fleet for the Straights Therefore earnestly desire your perticular care of said ship, and also wn she parts from your fleet in the Gulfe of Lyons you will please to order a man of War to See her safe by the Islands of Aires or soe far as you can thincke convenient towards her port. Sir I

heartily begg this of you and though my boldnesse be great yet I hope your generous humour will easily dispense with the same. I have presumed to present you with a small token wch the bearer hereof will deliver you viz. 2 Hogsheads Newcastle ale to drinke those cold mornings I wish itt may prove as good as ever was druncke, soe wishing you good voyadge and all happiness for ever I remaine M B

28 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Robert Hackshaw

Mr Robt. Hackshaw

Newcastle 8ber the 28th 1679

Whereas last post I valued upon one Mr Jno. Hackshaw a bill for £20:= 2 d[ays] sight to Edwd Blackett Esq. or order itt was intended upon your selfe Soe desire that you will be pleased to take noe notice of itt but to accept itt when presented and pay itt wn due and Soe doing whereof you will very much oblidge M B

I hope the Capt. may be att his port I have yet to pay for some Grindstones and his pilotidge outwards, Soe cannot send the accot. till next I have yours of the 23rd and have writt to Bridlington Soe Soone as I receive answer itt shall be Reported unto you. I will Warrant you I will get you news wheather he is dead or alive

28 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to George Torriano

Mr George <Torriano>

8ber : 28 : 1679

Sir

my vessel sailed yesterday for Yarmo when please god she arrives thence my servant Jno Wilkinson (who is gone along with her) will not faill but imediatey give you advice thereof, if you resolved of any Herring either mr Jno. Ferrior or Mr Edmd. Thaxter will be ready to wait upon there freind I have writt to Capt. Wetwang who I question nott butt will have a particular care of them and when they come to part in the gulf of Lions, I am satisfied he will send a man of war to see her past the ilands of Aires at least, if nott to her port, this I think may be encouragemt, butt use your discretion I am M B

28 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

8ber : 28 : 1679

Sir

what proceeds is abstract of what I writt you yesterday per the ship, who sailed immediately for Yarmo. by whom you may expect either herrings upon freight, or upon my owne accott. to wch I shall refer you to wt my servant Jno. Wilkinson shall write you, wh please god they are well received and disposall thereof I leave to yr discretion, butt my opinion is for the present market; you may remember wt you lost me, by keeping of my goods last year, however if you think fitt to keep them a while I shall be content, Soe whatever you doe shall be to my Satisfaction, you writt me long since that you had remitted Mssrs Hibert the ballance of my accott. I am certaine all is not remitted me, soe one of you must be in mistake, If you can learne by any means that the Capt or any of his company has any goods aboard besure you make them pay freight for the same, and spy out as well as you can seeing it is more my advantadge, likewise know of him, how civill Capt. Wetwang his Convoy was to him, and advise me soe much for this time I am

29 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Wilkinson

Jno. Wilkinson

8ber : 29 : 1679

I hope this will find you well gott to Yarmo. I can remembr noe more as yet than what I gave you in yr Instructions wch observe to every particular I fear not much butt herrings enough upon freight to be gott you haveing promised whereof would be very welcome news, however if none you know the worst for can say noe more lett me know as soon as you can, who goes commandr on the voyadge and besure observe well, wether he or the company putts any goods aboard, and if you by any means can hear of any, advise Mr Launce of itt and bidd him take full freight, and in case they happen to be soe cunning, as to get things aboard and you cannot get knowledge thereof, however desire Mr Launce to use his utmost endeavors and in case of finding any, to take freight for the same, all this while be very civill to yr commander and lett him nott know the gest of your Instruction in this matter, be often civilly discourseing with the Merchants pry as much into there trade as you can, especially minde what goods they send for all places in the Streights, and learne what <ielands> and advise me as comes to your knowledge, you know I want a little small <sq.r> and a little round <sq.r> you know likewise the size and what I can give, if you meet with a parcel may buy itt soe much for this time
I am MB

29 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to William Bower

Mr Wm. Bower

8ber : 29 : 1679

Sir

Though unknown, yet wt proceeds does make me presume to trouble you with these lines, desiring you alsoe to favour me in itt, and affoord me your answer att yr leasure the businesse is I desire you to inquire after one Geo: Wilford, or Wilbord m[aste]r of the Lauthy (as my friend writes it) wch ship belongs to Burlington and was about 3 years since at Homfleur nigh Havre de grace, aboard whom I imbark'd one Jno. Le Monnier a French carpenter as a sailor and since was never heard of, now Sir on behalf of my friend as alsoe the poor woman & children I desire you will please to inquire the best you can after the said Le Monnier, whether dead or alive, if dead to send me a certificate if possible to be procured, Sir I heartily beg your excuse for yr trouble, if can serve you right please upon all occations freely command

29 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Andre Hebert

Mr Andre Hebert

8ber : 29 : 1679

Gentlemen

I have yours wherein you give me orders to buy 500 or 600 firkins of butter for accott. In ½ betwixt us if to be procured at 16s wch is nott now to be effected under 17s & 17 ½ s if you had a mind to have what is right and good and though I now mention 17s & 17 ½ s it may within 6 days be at 20s and perhaps at 19s soe never make your Calculation, by wt I mention an order to buy wn to be gott at such a price would doe well besides you must advise me where in London to be reimbursed for yr ½ if you resolve of any further progresse herein Mr Launce advis'd me long since that he had remitted you the ballance of my accott. I am certain soe much is nott remitted me, soe there must be a mistake wch I desire may be rectified. I am M B

31 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

8ber : 31 : 1679

Sir

Yrs of the 14 I recd. last post, where it has been soe long I cannot imagine, if had come sooner to hand should have sooner been answered I shall hereby doe itt I hope to <content I wondr> att Mr <Rigaults> first question I hope he keepes coppies of his letters whereby he will find that he himself gave me order to freight Mr <Glasman> with a much greater Sum, soe that the money was paid upon his accot and noe otherwise and <Glasman> is a Rogue to tell me that I paid him sd mony upon that Shippes accot. he knows very well that £13 of itt was pd to his fitter. Truly should be a fool to lend a man mony that I know nott, without either consideration or to own that I never was a penny better by, as to yr Second question I will tell you the real truth, nott only Mr Rigault, butt also Mr Nephew & the Mar. was very earnest with me, for the

promising of some butter I could get none here at the limited price, and being desirous to serve him especially he being a young man, and thinking if I gott any, it would turne to his advantage, I furnished 4 Countrymen with £25 a piece and desired them if any butter about there dwellings they would buy itt and send it me in, and being confident I should have gott some, did draw to pleasure a friend £35: upon him butt I see what I am like to get for my kindnesse Intended, what losse he sustained thereupon I am willing to allow rather than to have any words about itt I <wonder> I have nothing of the £20: I am satisfied Mr Hays drew long before he paid M B

31 Oct 1679 Michael Blackett to John Wilkinson

[Note: from the letter's content, John is almost certainly John Wilkinson, Blackett's servant]

Jno.

8ber : 31 : 1679

What preceeds is Copy of my last wch I hope comes safe to hand, Since gott your note from Sheilds, am glad you sail'd that tide, otherwise would have been here still you did well to give Mr Clark fine words I am satisfied the like kindnesse he never did for any, Inclosed you have a Cockett for the needful before let the vessell come noe further in than the Roades and desire the men to hide the <Tarr> as much as they can and you will give them a drink for the doeing thereof, use all meanes possible for the getting of Herring upon freight lett noe stone be unturn'd, yet to <haply> take time and I fear nott butt you will prevaile, you know how <scarce> mony is I would rather give £20: than you buy any upon my accott. soe rather than fail take one doller per barrel, if all will nott doe 200 barrills I must have & there is an end

4 Nov 1679 Michael Blackett to various

[Note: File note of list of people written to]

Newcastle Nov the 4th 1679

Writn Mr Peter Bar
Writn John Farrier
Writn Ed. Thaxter
Writn Giles Wakeman
Writn John Wilkinson
Writn Joseph & Leo. <DaLinzy> (smudged)
Writn Thomas De gender
Writn John <Degenter>

4 Nov 1679 Michael Blackett to Robert Hackshaw

Mr. Robt. Hackshaw

Newcastle Novr. the 4 1679

Sir

By the inclosed you will perceive wt I have disbursed upon Mr Gisfords accot. after perusal be pleased to send it forward, doe <pray> draw the whole £64 : 6 : 4 upon him I shall draw the remaining £44 : 6 : 4 when can meet with an opportunity, if at any time can Serve you in this place upon all occations Truly command Sir your humble servant M B

Monsieur Guillaume Giscard

Newcastle Novr 4 1679

Monsr

Inclose et Complied es que Jay paye p Londre due Capt. Andre Christe pour votre Compte la Ballance estant £64 : 6 : 4 a <lire> halem valre. ord. sur Mons. Robt. Hackshaw (le Capt. <revinait> le reste de l'argent qu avons reçu pour les pommes le Capt. <revinait> <lays> <me lam.r> estant environ £8:10s <gla..> per part que leur vous donnera Contente et si vous me penser capable de vous server une autre fois me peut Commander.

J espere que C B sera arrive Je vous prie de <ly> assiste en tout pour son Cargason de permis degande et <ly> donner tout Expedition possible et de donner au maistre combien d argent quill demande et que ce que vous manque peut tirer sur may p dans la maison de monsr Robt. Hackshaw ou aucune autre maison dans Londres et tant honneur sera donneé a vos letters de Change Je suis monsieur

Argent payé par <Londr.> du Capt. Andre Cristé pour Compté De Monsieur Guillaume Gisford Marcht. a Hornfleur (vizt).

pour 47 Ch de Charbon a 8s 6d per Ch	£ 19:19: 6
pour des <Cabarres> de les parter a bord	£ 2:19: -
pour Coutume de 38 Ch: a 20s per Ch:	£ 38: -: -
pour les 50 <ps> pr Tonneau	£ 21:10: -
pour pilot a montant la Riviere	£ -:19: -
pour Coustume de les pommes	£ -:13: 3
pour 4 visiteurs sur les pommes	£ -:15: -
pour autres petit charges sur les pommes	£ -:05:04
pour Cocquet des Entries et autres charges	
dans la Cumtame <laa Let> chabarres	£ 3:15:04
pour les 4 visiteurs <lor> les Charbon	£ 1: 5:00
pour des pierres de <gres> et petits	

meullis estant 3 ch a 15s p ch	£	2:05:00
pour Le pilote descendant la Riviere	£	-:19: -
pour le pilote <lay> partent sur le mer	£	-:15: -
pour 4 firkins de Beure a 17s	£	3:08: -
pour 4 ps de plumb qt 5c0qtr7lb a 10s per Ct	£	2:10: 7
pour payé a Capt. <comme> p <Reu..>	£	6: -: -
pour portent <lebeare> et le plomb an Batteau	£	0: 2: -
en la maison de ville pour les pommes	£	-: 6: 8
a pour les charbon	£	2: 10: 8
pour le maitre <Dukeay>	£	-: 13: -
pour port des letters	£	-: 01: 3
		£109:12: 6
<provision> at 2 pCt	£	2: 3:10
		£111:16:04
Recu pour les pommes	£47:10:00	
<Tir> par Mr Robt Hackshaw	£64: 6:04	£111:16:04

Newcastle Nov the 4th 1679 Errors Excepted p me Michael Blackett

7 Nov 1679 Michael Blackett to Robert Hackshaw

Mr Robt Hackshaw

9ber: 7: 1679

Sir

I forbear sending your accot of Capt. Andre <Creste> his Cargoe until I was assured on purpose to have gotten in all the small billets wch he had past upon me, that soe we might have had noe task <unknowing>, by the accott sent you last post wch I hope is come well to hand, there remained due unto me the some of £ 44: 6: 4

and since is come to hand two more of the Capt his

small billets vizt one to the butcher for beefe	£	2:16: -
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the other to the pompmaker for a pomp <..>	£	1:17: 8
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in all	£48: -: -
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wch sum of forty eight pounds I have this day valued upon you p 4 d[ays] sight to Mr Lancelot Algood or order, to wch I question not your compliance, my sd bill will nott be presented you these 10 d[ays] for the partie to who payable bring it along with him, If any more of the Capt. billets come, I shall discharge them all, & reimburse my selfe upon you soe remaine M B

29 Nov 1679 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt. Aylwin

NewC 9ber the 29 1679

Sir

I must confess Mr Gould and you are two merchts of Aboundance of faith I hope I shall never receive his acct. and soe Consequently never pay either of you, however I shall desire you to place wt you think reasonable for yr commission upon the last acct. that soe wee may make an Ende of itt now may please take notice that this day <Seven> night I shipt aboard of the England Robt. <Lorrince> Commander 100 pcs small Leed Consigned unto yrselfe wch I hope ere this is come Safe to hand, Soe or wn please God they doe, may please to receive the same paying the ma[ster] 8d p ps freight and dispose thereof as you have done my former goods viz for Marseilles by the first opportunity agreeing for the freight as cheape as you can and consigning the same unto Mr Jno. Launce marchd. In said place, the sooner you Effect the greater obligation it will be unto M B

The Generall freight is $\frac{1}{4}$ <per pigg> but I shall leave it to yr discretion either to give more or lesse as you finde <convenience> MB

The first letter you write to Mr Jno. Launce be pleased to let him know that Arch. <deacon> Greenwell remembered him in a bottle of wine

2 Dec 1679 John Wilkinson to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

Newcastle xber the 2nd 1679

Sir

My ma[ste]r is at yorke where Sir Wm. is extraordinary ill In his absence I open all his letters, and last post came to my hands one from Jno. Armstrong where he Intimates t[ha]t my ma[ste]r gave him a bill upon you for £100: wch I am Certaine must have been a mistake, for I finde noe such thing Entered, nor doe I know wt to doe In my ma[ste]rs absence, I finde a bill was given upon whome I know not wch I would not have returned, Soe shall desire you forthwith to pay the Same, towards the discharge of wch Inclosed I send you a bill, for the time you are out in purse I know my ma[ste]r will willingly allow you consideration, The Inclosed bill is a very good one, and will be punctually paid being Sir Wms business, In this I hope you will not disappoint him that is for my ma[ste]r Miche: Blackett J W

2 Dec 1679 John Wilkinson to John Armstrong

Mr Jno. Armstrong

ditto

Sir

My ma[ste]r is at yorke where Sir Wm. is extraordinary ill In his absence I open all his letters, and last post came to my hands one from yrselfe where Intimate that my ma[ste]r gave you a bill upon Mr Hump: Willett for £100:- wch I am Certaine must have beene a mistake, for I finde noe such thing Entered nor doe I know wt to doe in my ma[ste]rs absence, I finde a bill was given upon whome I know not wch I would not have returned, Soe have writt Mr Willett and desired him to pay yr bill forthwith wch I question not but he will comply with, being towards the discharge of itt I have Sent him Inclosed In his letter a very good bill for the £35:- I can doe nothing in itt, but I have writt my ma[ste]r concerning itt Soe question not but that you will receive as soone <this> the needful from him from yorke , I am for my ma[ste]r M B J. W

23 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr. Jam: Gould and Compy

Newcastle xber the 23rd 1679

Sirs

I have not writt you this long time having had some Extraordinary business In the Country, but God willing shall make amends for the future, your acceptable of the 20th past is Come to hand, God be thanked for the arrival of the vessels In whome I am concerned my opinion is Clearly for taking market price upon arrivall, but as before I leave itt wholly to your discretion, not doubting but you will allwaies act for me as for yourselfe, Soe much for this time I am M B

23 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to John Jolliffe

Mr Jno. Jolliffe

ditto

Sir

I have not dewly answered your letter, having had extraordinary business In the Country, but God willing will doe itt for the future am Glad my Concernes are arrived my opinion is Clearly for Markett price upon arrivall but as before shall allwayes leave my Concernes to your discretion, if you, att any time think twill be for my advantidge to Sellar [ie. store or 'cellar'] I shall be content, Soe whatever you doe shall please me, not doubting but you will doe for me as for yrselfe, Soe much may suffice att present I am M B

23 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

ditto

Sir

I have beene att Yorke and elsewhere in the Country these 5 weeks by past otherwise yours of the 22nd past should sooner have beene answered Inclosed you have Receipts for yr £2: pd <Sturman> pray I make an end of itt for I abhor difference if all things In the world, whatever you doe shall be Content with tho I loose £20: I wonder you write me that the bill of £35: is not yet paid it was my fathers bill tho drawne by his man <Cuthbt> Snow, and <..rapp> writes he has paid itt long since, but if any dammage upon yr accot, Set me <downe> whatever you please for Satisfaction I will allow itt, and if Cannott get itt againe will loose itt, I am certaine I paid good advance for said bill, against the freight have a good bill and punctually pd and you See how itt falls out, a Spedy end of all differences will much oblige M B

25 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Newcastle xber the 25th 1679

Sir

I have not for these 5 weeks by past dewly answered your letters having had some extraordinary business in the Country but God willing shall doe for future next post shall give you a Copy of what my man writt you from yarmth. and write you att lardge wch now I have not time to doe, have only to advise you that Mr Hurbt. Aylwin has 100 pcs Leed to send you upon my accot. the first opportunity and I hope to Send him 100 pcs more very shortly I am M B

Yours of the 12th present brings me good news of the arrival of the vessel my opinion is Clearly for Markett price upon arrival, but as before shall allwayes leave my Concernes to your discretion, if you att any time thinke twill be for my advantidge to Sellar [ie. store – ‘cellar’] shall be Content, not doubting but you will allwayes doe for me as for yrselfe MB

30 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle xber the 30th 1679

Sir

There is a bill of exchange for £63:10/8 p In your house drawne by Ch: Banckes Hamb[urg] 28.9ber dew 18th January wch I desire you to take notice of, and I will not faile within a post or two, to Reimburse you In a good bill I am In hast MB

I suppose shortly you will have a thousand pounds remitted you upon my accot. wch when remitted pray receive M B

30 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to John Bolitho

ditto Writt Mr Bolitho and Company and desired them to send me my accot. Curr. against the new year M B

30 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Ditto Writt Mr Henry Nelthorpe and desired him against the new yeare to send me my accot. Curr. M B

30 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to William Nephew

Mr Wm. Nephew

Newcastle xber the 30th 1679

Sir

I have yours of the 24th present In answer to wch be pleased to take notice, that our Collector and I are to meet this weeke Concerning that business, and In the prosecution whereof assure yrselfe noe Endeavour shall be awanting, nor In any thing Else, whereof att any time thought thought [sic] capable of serveing of you, after we have spoke together, shall (God willing) give you an acct. of our proceedings Soe remaine M B

30 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to Thomas Heseltine

Mr Hesletine

ditto

Sir

I am a little impatient till I heare how you proceed with Mr Langley, I wish with all my heart, you could order the Business soe, as to get him to accompt with you and get me all my money, and whereas I formerly hinted to abate them <£10:> of the Chardges rather than faile to be Cleare of them I will abate them £15: but I leave all to yr discretion, wt money they pay att London Send there note to Mr Peter Bar marchnt. in said place upon my accot., att your Leasure doe Begg a line or two of yr proceedings, Soe with my Service to all friends remaine M B

30 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hump: Willett

ditto

Sir

Yours of the 25th I have received, Contents have observed I am sorry should have troubled you by a mistake and I finde you are mighty <timorous> tis good to please Some sort of people, therefore herewith you have wt you doe desire our order is to pay the £200: to those that have my bill expecting your speedy Compliance we remaine
M B JW

30 Dec 1679 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Compy.

Newcastle xber the 30th 1679

Sirs

Yours of the 25th Instant have Received <since> my advice of the Councils referring himselfe to you (he severall times asking me if I had heard from you) did take upon me to give him 20s with wch hw was very well satisfied, and I believe has not beene better employed these 7 years, Soe I know no reason of giving him any more, especially he being Soe <lucky> as appears by the 3rd line, if you be Contente I am Satisfyed he is the like Soe no more of that

as for my selfe doe returne you my thankes, assuring you had my trouble been much more, itt should never have been brought to acct. being allwayes willing to Serve my friends, out of the marchds. way, gratis, who thinks me qualified to Serve them In this way, if wt I have done, answer yr expectations tis Satisfaction enough if over and above, when Shipp you you will send me a paire of Gloves for a token I will accept of them I will dewly Comply with Alderman Skinners bill come wn it will, and Chardge the remainder att pleasure abating £1.12.9, pray advise me if anything Shipp be taking on for Marseilles or Livorne and you will oblidge

M B

18 Feb 1680 Michael Blackett to Thomas Heseltine

Mr Tho. Hesletine

NewC feb the 18th 1679/80

Sir

In the box amongst my papers you'le finde two bonds from Sir Miles Stappleton and Mr Nich. Errington for £177.10:- the wch I desire you to deliver to the bearer hereof Jno. Sotherby for the use of the said Sir Miles Stappleton and Mr Nich. Errington, and for

doing this shall be your sufficient dischargd soe with my kinde respects to yr
daughter and all friends remaine
MB

haveing recd. the value of the bearer

20 Feb 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch. Banckes

Newcastle feb the 20th 1679/80

I have not writt you long time haveing had some occations in the Country for these 2
m[onths] by past but the bill you drew upon me the 28th of 9ber last is dischargd
and Jacob Wilkinson but yesterday arrived, I feare my <mum> will be in a bad
condition but must have patience Sir Henry Lowes is making ready to come to your
place, Doe desire the kindnesse of you, that if you have a freight for such a vessel for
London to accept itt for him who I know will Serve you as cheape as any other, or if not
if you can bespeake him, and make ready as many goods of any other marchds. as will
loade him in the freight of wch I shall leave to your discretion to agree for, Soe pray use
your utmost Endeavours for the Effecting thereof, wch if done he will pay unto you the
proceed of his coales upon my acct. wch you may keepe in yr hands, and may Serve in
<pt of acct>. Mr Jno. Strother will draw upon you this <Summer> but if a freight cannot
be gotten, I have ordered him for Norway, and then shall give him a letter of creditt
upon you for Drs. 400 wch you may draw upon me att pleasure, but I think he will
have occation for none pray to once more use your utmost Endeavours for the
procuring him a freight, or as many goods as will Loade him for London In doing
whereof you will very much oblidge MB

provided he goe for London Capt Edwd. Atkinson will pay you Drs 500: or 600 upon
my acct.

21 Feb 1680 John Wilkinson to Hubert Aylwyn

Newcastle Feb the 27th 1679/80

Writt Mr Hurbt: Aylwin of London upon the 21st <p[re]sent> and sent him a bill for
£50: likewise writt him <this> day and sent him another for £20 JW

24 Feb 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle feb the 24th 1679/80

Sir

The above is Copy of my last, since having none from you Soe the lesse to Enlardge that being chiefly to Confirme wt preceeds and to desire your Endeavours and activity In the businesse In doing whereof you will very much oblige M B

24 Feb 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin do

Sir

I suppose ere this Alderman Skinner hath advised you that I paid him the £80: att yorke, and I wonder that you have not drawne the Remainder, pray Seale and cause the Inclosed to be delivered who I am Certaine will pay you £20: if he can with Convenience Soe Remaine M B

pray Sir doe me the kindnesse as to afford me a letter of Recommendation to your friend att <Roehill> having some goods to send to said place

24 Feb 1680 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Bilton

Nich: Bilton do

If you can with Convenience faile not to pay unto Mr James Burkin and Compy or order £20 relying upon the same I expect your Compliance Soe remaine M B

I would gladly heare that you have gotten all your <former> freight and Soe to give us Some profit wn you come home

2 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes March the 2nd 79/80

Sir

What preceeds is Coppy of what I last writt you about businesse, since none from you Soe the lesse to Enlardge upon this being chiefly to Confirme the same, and to desire you by all meanes, that if possible you will either give him a freight yourself for London, or procure him as many goods as will loade him, wch if not to be Effectuated, I desire your utmost Endeavour for procuring him a freight, to any other place, if neither can be gott may please to furnish him with wt money he desires according to my letter

of credit, and as you are indisburse may freely Reimburse yourselfe upon me att
pleasure I am MB

Sir I doe desire of you that you would be pleased to get the Inclosed Indentures
Enrolled, before itt be too late, and to Send me them backe per first opportunity with an
acct. of the Chardges wch please place to my debit, whereon you will very much
oblidge me being for a particular friend I am MB

3 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle march the 3rd 1679/80

Sir

My last unto you was of the 2nd p[re]sent by Henry Lowes unto wch please be
referred, this will be dd you by the Same hand, and Serves only to desire you to furnish
and pay unto him the said Henry Lowes the value of Six Hundred Dollars Curr.t money
att one or more times as he shall have occation for itt and as he shall desire itt from
you, taking his receipt or receipts for what you shall Soe furnish him withall, placeing
the same to my acct., as you are In disburse, reimburse yourselfe upon me att pleasure,
your bill or bills shall be dewly honoured by him that is MB

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle March the 9th 1679/80

Sir

I have received yours of the 4th with my accot. Currt. Inclosed wch I have examined
found right and booked accordingly, and punctually complied with your bill wn
presented, but I am sorry - however I am as I allwayes was MB

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and compy

Do

Gentlemen

I have before me yours of the 5th present, and give you infinite thanks for yr letter of
recommendation wch have this daye sent forward, I can give you noe accot. of the
businesse with Alderman Brabant having not Spoake to him about itt, but next post
shall not faile to give you a Satisfactory accot. in the Interim remaine MB

I have a great deal of tar and hempe in my hands In wch if your friends can give me any Encouradgement shall dispatch in a vessel with allspeed

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould

Do

Sir

If at any time you have a mind to vente 10: 12: 14: or 16 hundred pcs Leed either for Marseilles or Lygorne I am very willing to goe halfe with you, and will engadge to afford you Leed as cheape as any other, the present price of Leed is £10: per fother each containing 21 cwt each hundred 112 lbs but I can afford you itt 5/s cheaper wch you may please take into consideration, and afford yr answer att your Leasure unto M B

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to van der Meer

<Mad.me> van der Meer et filz
& Mons. van Bommell

Newcastle March the 9th 1679/80

Par le Recommendation (Comme p incluse) de mes Bonnes amys Messrs James Burkin et Henry Ward de Londres Je prens La Liberte de vous ecrire La: p[re]sente, vous priant de m honorer avec une des vostre p La premiere occation, et me mander le prez des Suivantes marchandizes viz des Charbons, du plomb, du <Gauderen> du Stockholme et du <Chanure> pour en faire des <Cabbs>. des quelles a present Je suis bienourné, si vous men pouver donner <aucune> Encouragement je vous despecheray une vaisseau avec toute Expedition possible, ou si vous manquez aucune autre marchandize dangleterre Comme des juevres de moules du beurre etc il vous plaira me le mander en attendant votre Response je vous baise les mains et suis a vous tous

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurb: Aylwin

Do

Sir

Mr Burkin and Compy. advised me last post that they had received noe money where I ordered them nor can I remitt you a farthing without great losse, but inclosed you have two notes wch will be punctually complied withal and the persons always to be found att Billingsgate, wt they pay over and above them is dew to you be pleased to keepe itt in your hands till you reshipp me some more goods, if you have a minde at any time to

venter 4: 6: 8: or 10 hundred pcs Leed either for Marseilles or Lygorne would very willingly goe halfe with you, and will afford you Leed as cheape as any other, the present price of Leed is £10: p fother each fother of 21cwt, each hundred 112 lb but I can afford you itt 5/s cheaper wch you may please take into consideration and att your Leasure afford an answer unto M B

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Solomon Crosby

Do Writt Solomon Crosby, and desired him to pay Mr Hubt. Aylwin <40s: 2/s>

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Francis Dawson

Do Writt Francis Dawson, and desired him to pay Mr Hubt. Aylwin £20 M B

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno. Launce

Newcastle March the 9th 1679/80

Sir

What preceeds is a copy of wt my servt. Jno. Wilkinson writt you from yamth. unto wch please be referred, since have received severall of yours, the Contents of all wch have observed, but could not answer them the sooner for the reason Mr. Tho: Smith gave you In his last but one I wonder Leed Oare goes of noe faster, my advice still is for takeing market price upon arrival for all goods, but I wholly leave all my Concernes to your prudent manadgement I hope your next will bring me the good news of the yarmth. marchants arrivall I beg once more yr, Servts. Strict eye onto the m[aste]r his actions for I am satisfied he has more goods in them <mine> more over pray lett the vessel be viewed, how she is loaden, when she went from yarmth she was not loaden by much, and my Servt. could have got goods upon freight, but itt Seemes the m[aste]r was refractory, and because noe Herrings <etc> be gott, his positive answer was, he would take in noe goods but Herrings wch I will engadge he shall allow, soe my request is that if the whole freight be demanded of you not to pay itt but keepe of <Drs.> 100 for wch you may lett the m[aste]r Capt. English and I shall reckon, for Mr Smiths Leed Oare be accomptable to me 1fr p Caske wch place to his debit, I still wonder why small Oare should not sell as well as round, for certainly itt might be <bett> small before itt can be used, wch mystery pray unfold to me, pray hasten sailes and returne, Mr Aylwin has more Leed ready for you, but if noe vent when with you I must Seeke another market In hast M B

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mssr James Edwd Gould and Compy

Newcastle March the 9th 1679/80

Sirs

I have not writt you this long time for the Reasons Mr Tho. Smith gave you In his last but one, but have received Severall of yours In there dew time the Contents of all wch have observed and am well Satisfyed with the progresse you have made In the Sailes of my Leed Oare, not doubting but you will allwayes use yr utmost Endeavours for my most advantadge Soe shall allwayes leave all my Concernes to your prudent manadgement use allwayes yr discretion, either for takeing the present marktett upon arrival or Sellarancy, when bills come they shall be wellcome, soe noe more, I have this post writt to Mr Jam: Gould of London that if att any time he have a minde to vente 10: 12: 14: or 1600 ps Ledd for their place I will willingly be ½ Concerned with him upon wch expect his answer, but still I wonder why small Leed Oare should not vent as well as round, for certainly itt must be bett small before itt can be used wch mystery pray unfold me - be sure send more Leed Oare for Marseilles, for I an certaine I have stocked the market pretty well, rather <trucke> for any goods in the world as Mr Smith advised me, please send me <a thousand> weight of Coffe berry if cheape, for a tryall p[er] first opportunity I am In hast M B

Sir I doe desire you to advise me in wt repute Mr Serles both Unckle and Nephew lies with you

4: 5: 6. 7 or 800 cwt of Coffee berry as in Cheapnesse will doe my business

9 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to John Surtees

Mr Jno <Su..tiss> and Comp

Newcastle march the 9th 79/80

I have not writt you ths long time for the Reasons our Thos Smith gave you In his last but one, but have Rced severall of yours In there due time, the Contents of all wch have observed, but am sorry you have made noe greater progresse In the saile of my lead Oare thn you have done, others have sold me some quantity, but I hope your keeping may answer there P[re]sent Selling wch would be very acceptable If I finde soe, but still I wonder why the small Oare will not vend soe well as the round for certainly itt must be butt small itt be used wch <mustery> pray <unfold> to me – pray hasten the saile of itt as you thinke convenient, either in tackeing the p[re]sent] marktett, or keeping In expectation of a better wch I wholly leave to yor discretion, and so can say noe more but wn bill comes they shall be very wellcome unto

17 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr. Ch. Bankes

Newcastel March 17th 1679/80

This Comes to accompany Mr Bar: Kirkehouse Commander of the Mary and Catherine of Newcastle In whome I have loaden and Consygned unto you Ninety One Chaler Coales New[castle] Measure, Sixty dozen stockins foure ps Cloth wch after good <arrivall> be pleased to receive and dispose Thereof for my most advantage payeing the ma[ster] <L>320: <Curr> money <von/run> either <legg> or Crosse or any other sort tht may be lesse In valew provided they be Cert. money, pray take p[er]ticular notice of the stockins any Cloth for if you can give me any Encouragement can Supply you w.th said sorts att eny time wn please, and Inclosed you have Invoyce of both soe you may see whether I can gett any thing by thm yea or noe

If Henry Lawes gett a freight, the present bearer will not have any occation for mony, but if they both proved for Norway be pleased to furnish him wth 400 or <drs> 500 over and above his freight, and as you are In disburse you may upon all occations freely Reimburse yo[ur]selfe upon me. I Intend Nich: Bilton shall be dispatched wthin 3 or 4 att furthest, if you thinke Convenient may please to sell his Coales aforehand, wch is of the very same sort tht the bearer is att present loaded withall, hers for Norway lickewise, by whome you shall be writt the needfull, you may <force> the bearer to lye 14 lawfull working daees, for the delivery of his Coales, tho it is my desire he should be dispatched, but I shall have all things to y[our] discretion, not doubting butt you will lay out y[our] untmost Endeavors for my most advantage soe remains MB

23 Mar 1680 John Wilkinson to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Harld Aylwin

Newcaste march the 23rd 1679/80

My ma[ster] going out In towne ordered me to write you and to lett you know tht he had received yours, and desires tht you will be pleased to receive the note of £20 and to give the £40 note unto mr Jan: [James] Burkin and Comp.. to whome he hath given order to Call for itt, that being the needfull att p[re]sent remains JW

23 Mar 1680 John Wilkinson to James Burkin

[Note: signed MB, but presumably also prepared by his clerk John Wilkinson as with previous letter]

Mr Jam: Burkin,

Do

My ma[ster] ths day going out in towne ordered me to write to you and to ask you would be pleased to Call upon mr Hurbt Aylwine for a note of £40 and to receive the money as loane as you Can; likewise to you would gett Compliance wth the bill Inclosed bill for £40: My ma[ster] will I believe write you upon the roade concerning Alderman Brabants business, I am for my <mr> Mich Blackett MB

23 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle march the 23rd 1679/80

This comes to accompany mr Ch. Blackett Commander of the assistance of this place In whome I have loaden Sixteene Ch. of Coales Newc[astle] measure, and <Five> hundred Thirty Eight Cottons, wth wch [I] have ordered him to Seeke a markt, if he come to you pray receive thm and dispose thereof to my most advantage, and despatch him backe wth all speed possible, wth his load any of the finest, narrowest flat you Can meete wth all onely 5: 6 or 7 Tonn of Inch <sqer>[square?] 2 or 3 Tonn of thicke <sqer>, and lett the <ma[ster]> have wt money he wants for his occations, if the ma happen to Sell his goods att another part, upon his letter I desire your Care In recommending him unto an honest man who shall doe his businesse and furnish him wth wt money he wants, I shall willingly wth all my heart allow you your Commission over and above, wch is all that can be expected, and as either you or yor friend are In disburse due you reimburse yourselfe upon mr Ch: Banckes murcht In Hamb, who has the med full order for the Complying wth your bills, and I doe desire you to provide me <against> the bearer Come against his loading of Such narrow flatt as never Came tto Newcastle and In doing whereof, twill both very much tend to yr advantage, and you Infinitely oblidge MB

23 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Banckes

Newcastle march 23rd 1679/80

This comes to accompany mr Nich: Bilton Commander of the Endeavourof Newc[astle] In whome I have loaden and Consigned unto you Eighty Eight Chalder Coales Newc[astle] measure, and the Stockins and Cloth tht should have come by Barth Kirkehouse, wch after good arrivall be pleased to receive and dispose thereof for my most advantage paying the ma[ster] noe freight, onely lett the ma[ster] have wt money he wants for his occations, and 600 or <...> 700 over and above as he shall desire of you for to buy his loading wth all In Norway, as you are In disburse, may freelye Reimburse yourselfe upon me att pleasure, if Henry <Lawes> procure a freight I thinke you will be very little In disburse for all the three, but whatever you are may freely draw upon me, and I desire you further to accept mr Jno Strothers bills to the valew of

200: <stlg> and noe more for your reimbursement In every p[ar]ticular may <draw> as above Soe remains MB

30 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr. Ch. Banckes

Newcastle mar the 30th 80

The aboves itt Coppy of wt I writt you by Barth: Kirkehouse and Nich, Bilton wch I desire may be punctually Complied wth all In every p[ar]ticular, and further desire your Care In Sending forward the Inclosed, and advise him wthall tht you will accept his bills to the valew of £200; att any time wn you are In disburse for me, may freely reimburse youreslfe upon Mr Jno Strother Yrs MB

30 Mar 1680 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Do

The above is wt I writt you by Ch: Blackett, wch I desire may be punctually Complied wth all, and does desire your Care in allwayes Sending me the finest Iron and the best mettle tht Can be gott for mony, I have often written for <pan> plates but never yett could procure one from you, pray see wt you Can doe either for ths voyadge or against the next, for 1 Tonn or 2 for more Iron would not have, pray tacke Speciall Care of the and if any encouragement can Supply you wth a great quantity every yeare, upon wch expecting yr answer
I remaine MB

3 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr Edwd Willett

Do Aple 3d

I have not writt you ths long time for want of occation ths being Cheifly to accompanying the bearer Timo: Wright a Cousin of mine who Comes to Learn La Langue, my desire tht you would please to tacke Care of him and to gett him sent wth all necessaryes To any place you thinke the most Convenient where he may learne not onely the Tongue but also Arithmetic, and Navigation I approve of <mr Jno Bonnett A Alencon maitre ce rivia daient Le Palais> but I shall leave itt to yr discretion, if you thinke any other place more Convenient pray furnish him wth wt mony he wants either for Cloathes or Learning and as you are In disburse freely reimburse yorselfe upon MB

10 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Newcastle Aprl 10th 1680

Inclosed you have two Coppies, the Originalle I have by me, and I desire tht you will be pleased to Signifye unto me whether you think there will be any probability of providing the money yea or noe, and if there be, I shall Send the Originalle wn you please if you can doe me the favour I shall be willing to satisfye you and tht wth abundance of thanks I am MB

10 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr. Geo. Moore

Do

I have before me your of the p[ri]mo present the Contents have well observed, and when Stephen Bourne arrives shall not faile to lend him my best assistance, likewise pay yor bill of £<10> I am MB

10 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwin

Do

I have yours of the <primo> p[re]sent I hope you received the <16 L>:= of Francis Dawson, but he had better have beene I know where yn have refused to have paid you the whole note I am glad you have att last gott an opportunity for 100 ps Leed for Marselles, Ile [I'll] dispatch you some more, either ths day after the Holydaees ths bieng the needfull remains MB

<Since> writing the above have agreed wth Wm Burton Commander of the Sea Adventure for the Carridge of 50 ps Leed wch have shipt accordingly, and hoped will Saile ths day, and Come In time to be <veseyd> wth the 100 ps for marselles wch news would be vary acceptable if not noe remidy but patience, may please keepe thm till another opportunity, for freight you are to pay 9d p[er] <ps> according to my letter of advice ths being the needfull after salutations remains MB

10 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam Burkin and Compee

Newcastle Aprl the 10th 1680

Gentlemen I have beene silent ths long time, wch was solely occationed by expectation of giving you the receipt of some money, But I must tell you, plainly tht I Can neither procure you principall nor Interest, would advise you to write me two or 3 sharpe lettrs (wch p[er]haps might doe <more> good) likewise <yor> pleasure In every p[ar]ticular, wch shall be dewly observed by him who is MB

I hope you have received the £50 of <S> Benjamin Aylife and pray keepe Solomon Crosbys note till he come againe, who had better have paid itt thn denyed itt

16 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin and Comp[any]

Newcastle Aprl 16th 1680

Since my last I have beene makeing Strict Enquiry after Alderman Brabant Colliery and In wt Condition itt is, and I am asured by severall men of noe meane capacity Especially In such affaires tht she was never In <a hopefuller> <way> of recovery thn att ths p[re]sent, and tht they question not but In a very shorte time she will be a Colliery to all Intents and purposes, <soe> my advice is now tht you had better suffer a little thn be too severe wth him, <for> if you should come on him now, you would be in danger of loseing Yor monies and ruine him to all Intents and purposes, being att ths p[re]sent Ill [I'll] putt too itt to procure money for the Carrying on his business, wherevr if you suffer him awhile, I thinke there is noe feare but he will pay you two farthing but use yor discretion and yor ord[er] In every p[ar]ticular shall be observer by him who is MB

20 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam Burkin and Comp[any]

Newcastle Aprl 20th 1680

Gentlemen I have received yours of the 15th have communicated the Same to Alderman Brabant, wth whome am to meete some time ths weeke, In order receive Satisfaction, wch way he Intends to pay the Second bond I doe assure you I will act soe, as I would doe were the debt my owne, but he is Just now (or never) winning of his Colliery, Soe to be severe wth him, would undoe him for ever, however pray send another letter, and assure yourself my utmost endeavours shall not be awanting toward the procuring of the whole – I heartily thanke you for yor token by Jno Otway who is not yett arrived wn he does shall advise you –

you say tht you sent a letter wch you received for me from the widdow <Windermere>, I wonder how tis missing <as> I never received any Such, pray make Enquiry after itt for I have a very great occation for the same, tht being the needful I remaine

MB

20 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo Moore

Do

I have according to your order p[ai]d Mr. Stephen Bourne £10 wch sume wth <[£]48> more for my provision have ths day valewed upon you payable Att sight unto mr. Harry Huttly or order valew of mr Richd Lundell wch pray lett be Complied wth all, ths being the needful att p[re]sent remaines

MB

the ma never came to desire my assistance wch if he had, <one> Endeavours should have beene awanting for the <promolency> of yr Interest

21 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Edward Gould and Compony

Newcastle Aprl 21st 1680

What preceeds is a copy of my last to wch please be refered, Since am favoured wth yours of the <9?> past if you Cannot dispose of goods noe remedy but patience, never be angry att itt, itt will Sell one time or other, wn a markett comes tis wellcome, I question not your utmost Endeavours for my most advantage, Soe shall be content wth wt ever happens att any time its quality is the Same wth the other, and why (because Small not so rendable, tht mystery I still cannot understand if you putt itt of In Barles shall be to my Satisfaction I expect by the next a patterne of the douzens and kersyes you mention, pray be allsoe advise the price, if any protitt to be gott I am Certaine I can Send thm as cheape as any other for ths place is the onely place in England for Such Commodities or other Sorts of Cloth or Stockins of all Sorts, Compliance I doubt not – pray write me once In 14 of occurrences <wth>you and the price of bees wax In doing whereof you will oblidge MB

21 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno Launce

Do

What prceeds is Copy of my last unto wch please be referred have Since yrs of the 9th and 16th p[re]sent I am Glad my Concernes are arrived wth the progress you have made and pray wn all is Sold and delivered lett me have and exact acc[oun]t of every Sort of goods by its selfe, for by wch the mark profitt the more of the Commodity may

expect God willing next Sommer yr letters requiring noe further answer have noe more to Enlarge upon, onely pray faile not to write me once In 14> occurrences wth you, and if in Yorkshire douzaines [dozens] or Northerne kersus [kersies] of any Colour be a vendable commodity wth you and there price being the needfull I kisse yor hands and remaine MB

27 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to John Jollife

[Note: Absinthe is derived from wormseed imported from Egypt]

Mr Jno Jallife

Newcastle Aprl 27th 1680

Wt preceds is Copy of my last unto wch please be refered Since none from you Soe the lesse to Enlarge upon This being Cheilfly to Confirm wt is above written, In short the disposal of my good I leave to yor discretion, wt ever you doe shall be to my satisfaction, if Can putt itt of In Barter for Anniseeds, Wormseed Coffee, Galls or Some of Alexandria I shall be Content not questioning yor utmost Endeavour for my most advantage, pray write me once In 14 of occurances wch you, and if yorkshire douzens or Northern Kursus of any Colour be a vendable Commodity wth you and there price In doing thereof you will oblige MB

27 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Do

Yours of the 17th Came In due time, wch would have answered sooner had I been In towne, Inclosed you have the 2 Originally desired pray advise me wt you will give for thm, I meane wt they are worth, if they were to be sold, for I am but partly concerned, Some of the rest have occation for money wch I would buy of, - provided I were Certaine itt were secure, pray <.> give me yor advice, <herewth> my hearty thanks for yr kindness In case any favour be to be had In forwarding the businesse I kisse yor hands and remaine MB

27 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Herbt Aylwin

Newcastle Aprl 27th 1680

I wonder I have noe advice of the rest of my 50 ps Led, I am informed the vessell is long since arrived, and I hope came time enough to be shipt wth the rest wch would be very acceptable

MB

Francis Dawson is sailed againe soe keepe the note till he arrives and <receives> the whole he will now not refuse itt

27 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Do

Yours I have of the <10th> p[re]sant I rec[eive]d In due time the Contents have observed, and for answer, I am as much against yor vessells fetching of Coale as you Call itt as any of the rest of the Owners can be, I thinke you Can gett one great profitt by itt I wish that <Ruske> be whole, but I must tell you I take itt very ill tht to ths day you have never reckoned wth me I perceive you are upon a designe, I wish you a good voyage and I must immediately order you my proportion of the Charge wch you say will be considerable, you are in very great hurt, but noe matter, first I have a minde to know how things past stand, secondly to have a Coppy of the Considerable Chardge you mention. Thirdly to know the freightor and all the owners, all wch if satisfactory I am as willing to venture as any owner you have, and my portion of the Chardge as ready, I am for an honest man tht is freightor if not I am for honest and able partners tht will stand to me, and make him soe accordingly have writt my friends Mr Jam[es] Burkin and Comp[any] to whome may repaire and discourse soe remains MB

27 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to John Johnson

Mr Jno Jnoson

Newcastle Aprl 27th 1680

I have the honour of yors of the 13 p[re]sent the Content whereof have well observed, and In answer to wch be pleased to take notice, tht neither Crosse nor Rix Dollars will give the price you mention, neither is there att any time any quantity to be procured that being what offers att p[re]sent kisse yor hands & remaine MB

5<£> and 7<£> I thinke could procure but not above

30 Apr 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Comp[any]

Aprl 30th 1680

Gentlemen This morning I have been wth Alderman Brabant, and have discoursed the business att Lardge, wt can be gott at p[re]sent is the Inter[e]st for the money, wch I

have received, soe please to place itt In Confirmity - Gentlemen my opinion is tht if the debt were my owne, rather thn to be severe I would have a little forbearance, for I am very well satisfied tht my Bro: is very sorely putt to itt att p[re]sent, and Hope tht wthin lesse thn 2/m [months] may make itt a going Colliery, ths is the opinion of all those I discourse wthall, I doe assure you were tht Debt my owne I could not provide wth more caution for the recovery of money, and I hope tht will be satisfactory unto you soe remaines MB

11 May 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Newcastle may 11th 1680

Yours I received of the p[re]mo p[re]sent for wch I returne you many thanks, and desire you tht you will be pleased to use your utmost endeavours for the procuring of the money and In doing whereof you will very much oblige MB

pray doe me the kindness as to call upon mr <Furley> Stephenson for £3-10-8 upon mr Ch: Shadforths acc[oun]t. for wch lett me have the best beaver London will afford for said price and sent p[er] first opportunity of shipping what was not mine of the two bills I have purchased after the rate of £40 p[er] Cent

11 May 1680 Michael Blackett to John Banks

Mr Jno Banckes

Do

I have accepted yr Bro: Ch: his bill for £300 dated Hamb 23rd April p. 2/us[ances] to <Jno> Kenricke or order and have made the same p. <w thr> house wch shall take care to provide for, In the meane while could you draw £100: or £200 upon me here, you would doe me a kindnesse for shall not be able to remitt itt under 2 pC[ent]> att Least I am MB

11 May 1680 Michael Blackett to John Ferryer

Mr Jno Ferryer

Do

Yours I received by mr Tho: Wallis, and and must humbly begg yor Excuse for not furnishing him wth money for tis not our custom to pay any money here unless they take Coales of us, see if you or your friends have att any time occation for Coales, shall furnish thm wth as good and as cheape as any other soe remaines MB

11 May 1680 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Binson

Do

I have before me yours of the p.mo p.sent and In answer to wch may please take notice, tht I cannot afford to give you any such price for yor Iron being retailed att said rate but if you will take £10:- p[er] tonn and in a months time shall take itt of you soe Remaines MB

11 May 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr J B & Com

Newcastle may 11th 1680

Writt mr James Burkin and Comp[an]y and advised thm tht I cannot procure any more money of Alderman Brabant thn the Interest neither can I gett any sure Information tht his Colliery will be wunne wthin ths 3/m[onths], and tht I doe really believe and am credibly Informed tht he hath a protection from the Duke of Newcastle

Mr Wetwang hath valewed this Day upon mr Jno Parke a bill for £230 p 20/d[ays] date, likewise myselfe have valued upon you a bill for £130:, wch wn p[re]sented may please to say tht wn mr Jno Parke pay us his you will Comply wth mine soe have ordered (if itt should be soe done) Francis Dawson and Solomon Crosby to reimburse you I am In <hast>

MB

14 May 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam Burkin and Comp[any]

Newcastle may 14th 1680

I writt you att lardge the 11th p[re]sent about Alderman Brabants business as alsoe about a bill of £130 wch I valewed upon you ths serving chiefly for Court to the Inclosed notes, wch wn <gad man/galman> has procured, place the same to my credit, and Comply wth a bill wch I ths day upon you for £55:- p 25/d[ays] sight to wch Henry Bailland or order valew of mr Wm Mackmorran as for the other bill of £130 you need not fear tht you shall pay itt ths m[onth] for I am Credibly Informed tht ths other bill of 230:-= mentioned in mentioned in my last will not be punctually complied wthall and besides I have ths said bill is but for about 140<l> pray Gentlemen discourse tht business wth mr Parker and if he will pay £230:- tht you will pay mine, but I doe earnestly request itt of you not to pay one farthing of mine Jno Wood Esq to whome Mr Wetwangs bill is payable be satisfied for £230:= one way or another In doing whereof you will very much oblige-MB

Davison for	£40
a note upon Richd <Hutton> for	£30:=
a note upon Francis Dawson for	£60:=
a note upon Wm Burton for	£30:=
a note upon <Solo> Crosby for	£20

21 May 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Newcastle may the 21 1680

I have before me yours of the 11th Instant, for wch I return you many thanks, and desire tht you Continue you Endeavours In the procuring of the money – and as for a <bearer>, I desire you to buy me a smooth white one, 12 Inches broad and Consequently 25 Circumference ths being the needful att p[re]sent I Salute you and rests MB

8 Jun 1680 John Wilkinson to Nicholas Harding

Mr Nich: Harding

Newcastle June the 8th 1680

By my ma[sters] order have made bold to give you the trouble of these two or three lines to desire you not to proceede in mr Forsters business till further order. I am for MB JW

22 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newc[ast]le June the 22nd 80

Whereas I formerly writt mr Andre Hebert father and sonn of Paris to send all bills unto you to procure acceptance they missing ths time and sending the Inclosed bill unto me have made bold to send you the same and desire tht you will be pleased to procure the needful, wch I hope will not be difficult to doe, being really satisfyed, as he is satisfyed tht they are very good bills, wch hath Emboldened me att p[re]sent to valew the following bills upon you hoping you will Comply wth same, wt Consideration you desire shall willingly allow you itt <viz>

One for £80 p 5/d[ays] sight to mr Ralph Ellstobb or ord[er] valew of himselfe	£80
One for £60 30/d sight to mr Jno <Odinfels> or order valew of mr Ralph Ellstobb	£60
One for £60 30/d sight to mr Tho Bassett or ord[er] valew of mr Ra: Ellstobb	£60

One for £40 30/d sight to mr Thurman or ord[er] valew of do Ellstobb	£40
One for £40 30/d sight to mr Jno Sewell or ord[er] valew of do Ellstobb	£40
In all	£

the Consideration above is tht if any of the bills be not good tht you be in disburse for me, I doe hereby stand Engadged to allow you Consideration soe desireing you tht you will Comply with my said bills I remaine MB

22 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to Andre Hebert

Mr Andre Hebert

Newc[astle] June 22nd 1680

I have received yours of the 19th p[re]s[en]t wth foure Inclosed bill for 1952 <W> all wch I have sent to procure the needfull and question not but they are very good bills and as mr Jno Launce of Marseilles remitts you more I desire you will be pleased as money comes in to yo[ur] hand you will dispatch thm unto me ths being the needfull I kisse yo[ur] hand and remaine MB

22 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to James Grieve

Mr James Greive

Do

I have before me yo[urs] of the 17th p[re]s[en]t and am sorry to heare of the death of my very good freind Mr James Gould, and wt Concernes I have tht way shall shall Employ you be without any Complaint – remaines MB

22 Jun 1680 John Wilkinson to James Hayford

Mr James Hayford

Newc[astle] June 25th 1680

My Ma.r ordered me to write you tht yours of the 18th p[re]sent he hath received, but as yet he never received any acc[oun]t from you of the <Iron> neither can her remember tht ever he ordered for any such parcell, but seeing itt is comed he will be soe kinde to you, as to take itt, and if you please to send him the acc[oun]t he will both send you a bill for itt and the £30: received of mr Ralph Delavall tht being the needfull I remaine for my Ma. MB JW

25 Jun 1680 John Wilkinson to James Grieve

Mr James Greive

Newcastle June the 25th 80

My Ma.r ordered me to write you, tht yours of the 15th p[re]sent he hath received and tackes notice tht you desire to know the weight of the Coffee berry, of wch he saies he can give you noe account having not as yett received any, but he desires you tht wn please God itt arrives you will be pleased to receive itt and make the best of itt you can tht being the needfull att p[re]sent kisse yo[ur] hand & remaine for MB JW

25 Jun 1680 John Wilkinson to Edward Thompson

Mr Edwd Thompson

Do

Both yo[urs], my ma[ster] ordered me to write you he hath received but can give you noe other acc[oun]t of mr Groves tht tht he was first of all Aldman <Crows man> and afterwards his partner tht being the needfull I kisse yo[ur] hand & remaines for my ma[ster] MB JW

26 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newc[astle] June the 26th 1680 Rbsv

My last to you was of the 22th p[re]sent whereby I remitted you 4 bills of exchange and att the same time valewed upon you £280:= all wch I hope will be Complied wthall on both sides, the p[re]snt serves chiefly for Covert to the Inclosed to one Mons Egee att Lyon who has order from my friend att Marseilles to remitt me some moneys the sume I know not wt ever itt might be, pray doe you order it for my most advantage In doing whereof you will very much oblidge MB

Mons Egee

Do

My friend mr Jno Launce of Marseills advised me last past tht he ordered you to remitt me some money the some I know not but wtever his order is, in the exacting of the same (if not already done) be pleased to follow the order of my very good friend mr Peter Bar of London wch shall be satisfactory unto MB

26 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to James Grieve

Mr James Greive

Do

My last unto you was of the 25th unto wch pleased be refered, The p[re]sent sserve chiefly to Inform you tht my Bale of Coffee qt <L>1082 Liquire weight soe pray order all things for my most advantage and p[er] the first advise me if if you have a bill of Loading, and if not I will send you one, there is an old acc[oun]t betwixt mr Gould and me, pray lett the acc[oun]t be drawne out I thinke <..> it betwixt 30<s> and 40<s> in my debt I am MB

26 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam Burkin and Comp[any]

Newc[astle] June 26th 1680

Gentlemen

I have not had a line from you ths long time I doe begg itt of you tht once or twice a weeke you will advise wt passes betwixt mr <Wood> and mr Wetwang, my request is tht you see all differences ended before my bill be paid and thn to Comply with the same, wch wn effected shall Immediately remitt you wt you shall be in disburse upon sight, In the meene time Inclosed is a bill of for £50:= and pray advise me as you receive money of the ma[ster]

as for Alderman Brabant's business lett me really know yor advice and Intention and I shall p[re]sente the same as if itt were my owne being really

yrs MB

28 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Michael did have a younger brother Christopher who had been admitted to the Merchant Adventurers Company in 1677-8 and authorised to join the Eastland Company at the same time but he died in 1678. A later letter 30 Oct 1680) makes clear that Christopher was master of Michael Blackett's ship, the Resistance, so he was perhaps a more distant relation]

Instructions for C Blackett

Newc[astle] June 28th 1680

Make wt hast hast you can to Stockholme, wn please God you arrive there & the salt to mr Jno Strother upon mr Robt Wetwangs acc[oun]t for the freight of wch stand stiffely att <S>28 p Last <fn> 20 last, If mr Jno Strother seeme to thinke itt too much doe you abate him wt you thinke convenient, after <unloaden> tell Jno Strother itt is my desire either to have you to have a freight for London or to be loaden <backe> wth <tarr> for tht I have noe great desire to have any more Iron for tht I have allready more thn I can sell for any profit and doe you likewise endeavour for to gett a freight for London, wch I hope you will easily gett Effected, if not I hope Jno Strother will loade you of wth tare but if noe tarr to be procured neither, home unloaden you shall not

come, <hee> must have patience and loade Iron accordingly as I writt Mr Strother, and be you continually putting him on to lett me have the best <strucke> the best mettle, and the finest Iron tht can be gotte –

you may be telling him alsoe tht itt is my great desire to have all my goods in his hands sold, and to give you one Clear acct, and wt is due to him he knowes how to be reimbursed, and tht I Expect itt shall be p[er]formed, and not a farthing more charged thn is due, and tht you <dare> as well be hanged as come home unless itt be done accordingly, make wt dispatch you can both there and backe againe, soe I wish you a prosperous voyage & remaines

MB

28 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle June 28th 1680

I received your last parcell of Iron by Ch: Blackett wch proves very well and have noted the same accordingly ths comes to accompany him againe loden wth salt according to yor desire, wch wth much adoe I gott Effecte, and my advice is tht if the same party be owne you any more money you doe endeavour for to gett itt out of his hands as soone as you can, for the freight of ths Loading I thinke you cannot give me lesse thn <S>40: p Last reckoning her to be 20 Last as really she is, but shall leave itt to you and Ch: Blackett order itt as you please wn unloaden pray procure her a freight for London if you can, otherwise Loade her backe wth tarr good strong <bound> as formerly you used to send to ths place for the effecting of <either> I doe desire you to use yor utmost endeavours, wth Iron being soe deare wth you and sould soe cheape here tht we are soe far from getting any thing tht we loose Considerably by itt, but if neither a freight for London not tarr to be procured thn noe remedy but patience Iron I must have viz

20 tonn of the findest narrowest flatt

5 Tonn of broad flatt

4 or 5 Tonn of thicke <sq[uare]>

and the rest small <sq[uare]> but noe more <Jynny> Iron and I desire you lett all my goods in yor hands be sold a Cleare acct made out, whatever shall be founde dew to you may valew upon mr Ch: Banckes, be she chardge not a farthing more in doing whereof you will oblidge MB

29 Jun 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle June 29th 1680

I have ths day valewed upon you a bill for £60: p 25/d[ays] sight to mr Saml Clutterbucke or ord[er] valew of mr Wm Mackmorran wch pray lett be complied withall I am going into the Country soe <nedde> not expect any letters from me till my return, before wch time i hope you will have received the Contents of my bills wch I sent you and I shall valew the remainder upon you soe remaines

MB

2 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother

Newcastle July 2nd 1680

The above is Coppy of wt I writt you by Ch: Blackett, since none from you soe the lesse to Enlardge upon ths being chiefly to Confirme the same, desiring tht itt may be punctually complied withall in every p[ar]ticular soe remaines MB

2 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to Charles Banks

Mr Ch: Bankes

Newcastle July 2nd 1680

I have yours of the 18th past wth the several Inclosers wch shall fully answer wthin a post or two

I desire you to forward the Inclosed, and to advise Mr Strother wthall tht you will accept his bills to the valew of One hundered and fifty pounds more, but I am satisfied he will have occation for none, however if he doe as you are In disburse may as freeley reimburse yor selfe upon MB

2 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to John Banks

Mr Jno Bankes

Newcastle July 2nd 1680

I have received yours of the 26th past doe tacke notice you have paid the £300:- and valewed the £200:=- <\$> The £100:- for Leed I have not yett sent, deferring itt on purpose till I went myselfe for must [be] there within 6 or 7 d[ays] and thn shall pay itt wth my owne hands according to your order, and I will freely pay there upon my owne charge and riske 2 3 or £400: att any time to whome you shall order itt, provided you will give me leave to draw the same upon you pr 3 or 4/d[ays] sight yor answer unto wch be pleased afford <directed> unto me to Borrow=Bridge to be left att the port office till called for soe remaines MB

2 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin

Newcastle July 2nd 1680

I received yours of the 26th past wth severall Inclosed notes wch you might as well kept by you, for if not paid one voyage they will another, and they all tell me you never sent to thm, within a post or two shall send you other notes wch you may please leave wth mr Harup and he will procure you the money you say tht you are Informed Jno Wood Esqr is satisfied for the bill of £230:= I know very certainly to the contrary, now I fancy he saais soe apurpose to gett my £140 paym[en]t of wch be pleased to deferr till further order, and tell thm tht Comes to demand itt tht wn I have itt from mr <Hammond> tht the £230 is paid tht my £140:= shall Immediately be paid likewise soe remains MB

6 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newc[astle] July 6th 1680

I heard lately from my ma[ster] who ordered me to advise you tht he has a parcell of <anckor palins> of all sizes from 12 to 26 Inches, Old shopp keepers, some 10, some 15, some 20 years, he himselfe has had thm ths six yeares and has not disposed of six, soe he desired the favour of you tht you would be pleased to advise him if you thinke they would sell wth you and wt price they would give he had ths long time had a desire to send thm either to <Brest> or Rochell, wuld never meete wth an opportunity, for none of our shippes dare venture for either place, I am satisfied he has a matter of 20 Tonn of thm wch will not sell in ths place ths hundred yeares, soe pray be pleased at yor leasure to afford an answer unto MB

9 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin and Comp

Newcastle July 9th 1680

Srs

I have yours of the 3rd Contents have observed I am still in the minde tht the £230:= is not paid and tht there is time <anoiu> for the payment of my £140, wch as I writt you in my last doe not pay itt till further order and wn I doe desire you to pay itt shall send you good bills for yor Rum & <aisincts>

Inclosed I returne you the bill of £50: wch you sent me last past and doe desire the kindness of you tht you will be pleased to lett one of yor men repaire unto the drawers mother tht is Capt Wetwangs wife, and <plead> my service to her and to tell her know

tht if she will not take care for the paymt of ths bill I shall desire her not to thinke much
att wt I doe, and soe I question not tht either she or Sr Richd How will pay itt upon
sight, if not, be pleased to send itt to Mr Wm Nephew <&c> In <dover> who has the
post full order wt to doe wth itt, ths being the needfull I kisse yor hands & remaine
MB

9 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to William Nephew

Mr Wm Nephew

Newc[astle] July 9th 1680

Sr I have not writt you ths long time for want of occation ths being chiefly to desire ths
favour of you tht upon receipt hereof you will immediately be pleased to write to
Plym[outh], falm[th], foy, and Cows there to desire your friends there to Enquire after
a large vessell whereof mr Jono Wetwang (Capt Wetwangs sonne) is Commander and
if to <be> mett wthall to gett him arrested att my suite of £100: the bussiness is tht ths 2
<wks> he gave me a bill for £ 50: upon Sr Richd How in Southwarks p14/d[ays] after
sight wch bill came backe protested wth an answer tht his bill should not be accepted
for a farthing, the bill I have ths past sent up againe to his mother, to see if she will take
care for the paymt Thereof, if not, my friend mr James Burkin will send itt <unto> you,
wch wn Received pray be pleased to lett me have yor assistance I have allrady beene
att 25s chardge <wt> more you are all be pleased to putt all together, and not to suffer
him to steere (wn taken till the utmost <far llands>) be paid In affording me yor helpe
in ths business you will very much oblige MB

13 Jul 1680 Michael Blackett to William Nephew

Mr Wm Nephew

Newc[astle] July 13th 1680

My last to you was of the 9th p[re]sent the contents whereof was, tht upon receipt
thereof, you would be pleased to write to yor friends att Plym[th] falm[th] foy and the
Cows to desire thm to Enquire after a lardge vessell whereof mr Jno Wetwang is
m[aster] and to gett him arrested att my suite for £100 But since having some
Encouragement and hopes tht my money will be paid me att London desire you tht if
you have done anything in ths Concerne you will be pleased to recall itt and not
proceed till further order I am MB

21 Jul 1680 John Wilkinson to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle July 21st 1680

This comes to accompany mr Wm Burton Commander of the Seaventure of London In whome by my ma[ster]s order have loaden and Consyned unto the following goods viz

64 Ladoles

330 Anchor palms

49 bearing barrs

10 shovells

55 pann plates

54 hammer heds

62 Coulters – All of wch be pleased to receive and make wt you can of thm, for we can make nothing of thm here, soe referring the disposal of thm to yor prudent manedgmt not doubting in the least yor utmost Endeavours for my ma[ster]s advantidge remaines for MB JW

July 23rd 80 <sr> the above is Coppy of wt writt you <&> mr Wm Burton to wch having nothing of Enlardgmt refers you and remains JW

23 Jul 1680 John Wilkinson to William Nephew

[Note: signed MB but clearly drafted by Wilkinson, his clerk]

Mr Wm Nephew

Newcastle July 23rd 1680

In my Ma[ster]s absence is comed to hand yours of the Instant the Contents whereof have well observed, and <gives> you many thanks for your care for my ma[ster]s concernes of wch I neede not mention any thing, being my Ma[ster] writt you ths last past the needfull concerneing itt, wch I hope are ths will be comed safe to your hands –

as for the price of good new Butter tis sold now for 14.8 and noe likelyhood of its rising but rather decreasing for I myselfe have ths morning beene wth most of our Butter wifes and they sweare they thinke wth in <14/d> [14 days] twill be sold for 13.8, ths being the needfull att p[re]sent I kisse your hands & remaine for my ma[ster] Mich: Blackett MB

23 Jul 1680 John Wilkinson to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Comp[any]

Do

My ma[ster] ordered me to write you and to lett you know tht he <p[er]ceives> you have received the £30 of Wm Burton likewise the bill of £50 soe upon the 22nd Instant made bold to valew upon you a bill for £80 p 29/d [payable in 29 days] sight to mr Wm Mackmorran or order valew of himselfe wch he desires you will be pleased to comply

wth all having paid the money himselfe here upon the 21 Instant concerneing wch he told me he would write you the needfull from Borrough-Bridge, soe I kisse your hands & ramaine for my ma[ster] MB JW

10 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newc[astle] Aug 10th 1680

I have before me yors of the 3rd p[re]sent the Contents whereof have well observed and In answer to wch may please take notice, tht for Darbyshire Led we have never any here but small piggs <16> goeing to the fodder, each fodder qtt 21cwt each hundred 112 lb of wch if you have att any time a desire to venter 10: 12 or 14 hundred ps [pieces] I shall be very willing to be <½> concerned wth you, the p[re]sent price of Leed [Lead] is £10:= p fodder I am MB

I can gett itt carryed either to London or Yarm[ou]th for 6d or 7d a pigg

10 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Do

I have before me yors of the 3rd p[re]sent and tacke noteice tht you are bid £5: or <..> p[er] tonn for my palms, truly I will Throw thm into the Thames before I tacke any such price, having knowne thm sold att £18:= p[er] tonn and myselfe have sold seve[eral] small p[ar]cels att London for £15 p tonn soe if you can gett noe more doe desire you to send thm either for Rochell Brist [Brest?] by the first convenience – Inclosed I have sent you a bill for £23.19.9d upon mr Edwd Crispe of wch I desire you to procure the needfull soe remaines MB

10 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Newc[astle] Aug 10th 1680

Yours I reed and have Inclosed sent you a note for One hondred & fifty pounds and desire you to receive the money <as> dew to yo[ur]selfe, and presse him very earnestly for the paymt of itt, never lett a day passe but lett him have a messenger, and tell him you must have the money otherwise you will not tacke itt well from me In short be as earnest as ever you can for itt I am MB

10 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to John English

Mr Jno English

Do

I have before me yors of the 30th past the contents whereof have tacken seriously into consideration and I never didd, neither doe I now refuse to pay you yor freight, provided you will either come yorselfe or send some honest man to acct wth me, and allow me for wt I can prove myselfe damnified, and not to send me such mad hat headed fellows as the Last, if we goe to Law itt shall be against my will wch pray consider of remaining MB

10 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Newcastle Aug 10th 1680

I have ths day valued upon you a bill for £23.19.9d p upon sight <unto mr> Peter Bar or order valew wthin myself wch pray lett be compyed withall being wt you have <order> to pay unto me for mr Jno Launce of Marseilles I am MB

10 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to William Hope

Mr Wm Hope

Newcastle Aug 10th 1680

Upon sight hereof faile not to pay unto mr James Cooke or order £150:=- in hopes of yor Immediate compliance I remaine MB

13 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to James Grieve

Mr James Greive

Newcastle 1680

Whereas you write mr Thos Smith tht you writt me a lettr 14/d[ays] agoe and wonder tht as yet you never received an answer, I am not like to answer letters wn I never receive any for I have not had one line from you ths 2/m[onths] Soe I desire you lett me know p[er] next wt it was you writt about and thn God willing and answer shall be afforded you, Pray lett me know how Coffee Rules wth you and In doing whereof you will very much oblidge MB

Except itt gave agood price I Intend to have itt sent downe here

13 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

New[castle] Aug 13th 1680

Yours of the 7th p[re]sent have received an in answer to wch may please take notice tht I cannot make any of your Attorneys understand how to make ths assignment, sow I desire you to get one made, and send me itt and I shall singe itt I am MB

14 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

New[castl]e Aug 14th 1680

My last to you was of the 10th p[re]sent the Contents whereof was tht you would be pleased to receive of my Unckle <Hoope> £150:= wth Interest for the same To my Creditt In wch to Confirme me a line att your Leasure would be very acceptable unto MB

If you have not recd the same I Expect itt is the fault soe have placed the same To your debitt

14 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Robert Lamb

Do

Writt to mr Robt Lambe and desired him to send me 2 or 3 waines to Bladon on monday morning wher I will be to meete thm MB

14 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Thomas Blackston

Do

Writt mr Thos Blackston and desired him to meete me att Sr Robt Edens att West Auckland on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning very early MB

14 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Writt mr Lambe and desire him to meete me att Sr Robt Eden upon tuesday Night

21 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newcastle Augt 21st 1680

I have before me yors of the 17th p[re]sent the contents whereof have well observed,
and In answer to wch I desire you not to faile To send me my Coffe by by the first
convenience In wch I desire yor compliance & remaine MB

21 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Do

I question not but <ere> tht you have recd the £150 of my Unkle Hoope wth Interest soe
desire you p[er] next <to> send me a bill of Exchange for the same In wch I expect your
compliance & remaine MB

21 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newc[astle] Aug 21st 1680

I have received yors of the 14th and have seriously considered of the p[ro]mises and In
answer to wch I am soe often in the Country (where I doe Intend very shortly
alltogether To reside and to leave of all trade) tht I cannot soe punctually answer yor
letters as I would doe, but I doe hereby desire you to dispose of my goods as if they
were yor owne and if you cannot procure me above £8:= for thm to lett thm passe att
tht price but I hope you will get nigh £10:= for thm, but for tht I leave to yor discretion
not doubting in the least yor most Endeavour for my most advantage In the Interim To
pleasure my very good friend George <Cave> Esqr did make bold upon the 12th
p[re]sent to value upon you a bill for £80: p[ayable] upon the 6th of <7 bl> next
Ensueing to himselfe or ord[er] value of himselfe wch pray lett be complied wthall,
and after sale and delivery of my goods to send me my acct Currt, and In doing
whereof you will very much oblige MB

Mr Crispe advises me to have paid my bill £23:19.9d pray advise wt you heare from Mr
Egee of Lyon

21 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Newcst Aug 21 80

I have yors of the 14th p[re]sent and takes notice tht you have paid my <finall> bill of £23.19.9 for acct of Mr Jno Launce of Marseilles and for advice if att any time you have a desire to venter 10: 12 or 1400 ps Leed for said place I shall very willingly be 1/2 concerned wth you tht being the needfull att p[re]sent I kisse yor hands and remaine
MB

24 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Aug 24th 80

Yours I have received the contents whereof have well observed and In answer to which may please take notice tht I never promised to stay a month or 2 so desire of you if you cannot gett tht which to tacke pt if It be £50 a time take itt and come plaine of him sore for <not> paying of itt and be still calling of him <itt> if itt wr ever yor owne debt, In wch I fdesire yor Compliance & remaine MB

Lead £9.10.8 p[er] foddrr

Iron £13:= p[er] tonn

Pitch £24.8 p[er] barrell

Tarr 18/8 p[er] fodder

Butter 14/8 p[er] firkin

28 Aug 1680 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Newcst Aug 28th 80

I question not but ere ths you have received £100:= of my Unckle Hoope accordingly as you writt me In yor Last he desires you to send me a bill for the same and procure the rest as soone as you can if it be but £5: at a time rather thn faile take it paid be pleased <..> tht the mony comes into yor hands to remitt itt to me and In doing whereof you will very much oblige MB

14 Sep 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newcst 7ber the 14th 80

Yours I have received, and heer noe minde to venter any Leed for London, for according to my calculation here is noe profit to be gotten by itt, but if you know of a market beyond sea shall very willingly be 1/2 concerned wth you, soe tht being wt offers att p[re]sent I remaine MB

14 Sep 1680 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Do

I desire to know wheather you have received any mony of my Unckle Hoope you
<owne>, and if you have tht you will be pleased to send me a bill for the same I am In
hast MB

25 Sep 1680 John Wilkinson to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin and Comp[any]

Newcst 7br 25th 1680

Gentlemen

In my mas[sters] absence is comed to hand yors of the 21st p[re]sent, and cannot but
thinke itt a little strange tht my ma[ster] should draw bills and neglect to give advice
Thereof for I <know previously was> never his p[racti]se to doe soe but I suppose his
being in the Country ever since has occationed itt, soe I doe by ths Humbly begg of you
tht you will be pleased to send yor man to the Gentleman tht has the bill and tell him
you will pay itt, and I shall God willing Take care to remitt you itt the next post In the
In the Interim remaines for MB JW

26 Sep 1680 John Wilkinson to James Burkin

Mr Jam: Burkin

Newcst 7br 28th 1680

According to my promise last post Inclosed I send you a very good bill for £69:, and wn
my ma[ster] comes home he will give you an acct of Ald[erman] Brabant and remitt
you the balance of the acct you mention In the Interim remaines MB

8 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Edward Milburne

Mr Edwd Milburne

Newcst 8ber the 15th 80

Sr

I <p[er]ceive> you have cleared the voyadge £700: soe desires you to acct with Mr Peter
Bar and pay him my dividend for my 1/32 pt of that vessell wch I had first of all and for
1/16 pt wch was Tho: Pawsons and now belongs to me. I thought to have had a line
from you att yor arrivall, but was frustrated of my expectation, soe for the future I

desire you to lett me know both wn you Intend any voyadge and wn you arrive, wch If
you doe not I shall not be well satisfyed soe relying of yor compliance in every
p[ar]ticular I remaine MB

9 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newcst 8ber the 9th 1680

Sr

I have before me yours of the 5th p[re]sent the Contents whereof have well observed
and shall according To your order by the first convenience (wch I thinke may be the
beginning of the next weeke) ship 200 piggs of small Leed for acct of you and myselfe
and Consigne thm to Mr Daniell <Cognand> att Rouen of wch wthin a post or two may
expect an Invoyce, In the Interim you may assure yourselfe tht wn att any time I am
honord wth any of yor concernes, noe endeavour shell be awanting noe nor not one
stone unturned tht may in the Least tend to your advantage by him tht is MB

15 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcast 8ber the 15th 1680

Sr

I desire you to cause the Inclosed to be dd and to acct wth Ed milburne (who I am
Informed tht voyadge has cleared seaven hundred pounds) and receive of him my
dividend for 1/16 and 1/32 pt of his vessell In doing whereof you will oblige MB

wn accompted wth sd Milburne be pleased to send me my acct Currnt

15 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to John Bolitho

Do

Writ mr Bolitho & Comp[any] and desired thm to send me my acct Currnt

15 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Do

Writt mr Henry Nelthorpe & desired him to send me my acct Currnt

29 Oct 1680 John Wilkinson to John Allbertson

Mr Jno Allbertson

Newcst 8ber the 29th 1680

This comes to accompany mr William Woorte – Commander of the Hope of Yarm[outh] In whome I have loaden by order and for the acct of mr Matthew Skinner of London 400 ps of Leed wch after good arrivall b pleased to receive, paying the ma[ster] Tenn pounds freight for the same and as for the disposall thereof I refer you to wt order shall be given you by the said mr Skinner, If att any time I can serve you in ths place freely command MB JW

Mr Jno Allderton

The above is Coppy of wt I writt you p[er] the ma[ster] wch I doe by ths confirme & remaine MB

29 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newcst 8ber 29th 1680

Sr

I have yors of the 19th and have according to yor order tht day shippt foure hundred ps of Leed for Yarm.h consigned unto mr Jno Allberton, and have further advised him the needfull wch pray Doe you aver againe, as to the disposall therof — next post shall have Invoice, and yor part charged upon you wth as long time as I can procure, I have allsoe agreed for freight for the 200 ps Leed for Rouen, but I feare will not be gott shippt till Tuesday or Wednesday as I proceed you shall be advised soe remains MB

In pt of the two Cargoes have ths day valewed a bill upon you for £150: p[ayable] upon the 15th 9ber [November] next unto mr Richd Wall or order valew of himselfe — Do

29 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Do

I thanke you for yors of the 19th. I have gott an asnsver from Capt Milburne wch is noe way satisfactory att all a letter meerely made up of lies and stories, soe pray lett yor sevt deliver the Inclosed to him, and If he seeme any way high I desire yor servt lett me know itt, for as I have been a great means for the setting of him up I feare he will make

me be a means for the pulling of him downe againe, pray <..> dispatch me a letter of creditt to an <honest> man att <Dunkirke> for I have a shipp tht I feare will be stoppt there, the being needfull I kisse yor hands & remain MB

I have 200 dozen tanned calfe skinns as good ware as is In England wch I Intend to shipp to morrow and consigne uno you, pray lett yor servt Enquire the price thereof If I can gett a good price will resolve to sell thm, If not I intend thm either for Mars<..> or Ligorne, or any other better markett if you will be pleased to lett me know of itt

Newct 8ber the 29th 80

Writ Mr Edwd Milburne of his business MB

29 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Do

Sr You may remember I writt you not long since and desire you to give me an acct of wt progress you make as to the procuring of the money wch I doe by ths desire once more & remaine MB

30 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Pr Bar

Newctl 8ber the 30th 1680

Sr

I am advised by me ma[ster] Chris Blackett ma[ster] of my ship called the resistance now att Dunkirke tht there is one Phillipp Peather <andels!> there who pretends to have had a pt of the said vessell wn she was Roger <Kuupes> of whome I bought her, now least ths peather might trouble her att Dunkirke as not haveing recd for his pretended pt of <kuupe> its my request to you tht you will be pleased to write to yor Correspondant att Dunkirke desiring him to <bayle> my said Ma[ster] or shipp and I will stand obliged to you to keepe you and him harmless soe pray to write over by the first pot because Ch: Blackett writt me he fears an arrest I rest MB

I have ths day consigned unto you seventy Bundles Calfe Skins for the disposal of wch more p[er] next aboard of Tho: <Caeson>. I desire you in all kindnesse tht you will be pleased to lett yor servt give me notice of language he from Capt Milburne

30 Oct 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctle 8ber the 30th 1680

Sr

Since mine of the 29th have yors of the 26th according to my promise in my last I send you Invoyce of 400 ps of Leed shipt according to yor order for yarmth aboard> of the Hope of Yarmth William Woorts commander – I have writt nothing to mr Allbertson but tht tis wholly upon yor acct & riske for I have some good friends in tht place who if they knew I were concerned may p.haps doe me a prejudice soe be you pleased to give mr Allbertson the needfull order <yors> is £121:1:10 wch may please to place to my creditt, for the other 200 ps for Rouen I thinke they will not be shipt till tuesday or wednesday next, you are pleased to write me tht you cannot gett freight for more Leed att Yarmth I have just now <a mdcht> man In the river bound for Legorne who desires noe more thn ¼ Doller - p[er]haps may procure itt cheaper if you please I will be ½ concerned wth you for 2 or 300ps – he Intends wthin 14/d[ays] for the <Downes> and soe along wth the Herring convoy Sr I heartily begg yor excuse and am very sorry tht we were noe sooner <acquainted>, for my calfe skinns are allready consigned unto mr Peter Bar but as for tht and wt you desire as to Leed oare likewise more hereafter If you thinke itt worth yor while of being concerned for the time to come but now itt it too late for ths yeare – commodities in ths place are in the place Coales - Leed – Butter – Broad Cloth – Cottons – Grindstones – White Broads – Grey Broads – of 22 yards and 22<ll> if you know of any markett for any of these as I said before Ile willingly be concerned wth you soe remaines MB

likewise Pitche tar and Hempe may be had att reasonable tearmes –

11 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Gould and Comp[any]

Newctl 9ber the 11th 1680

Gentlemen This comes to accompany the bearer hereof Capt Robt <Wouldheere> commander of the Constantinople <mercht> In whome I have loaden and Consigned unto you by order and upon the acct of my very good friend mr Nicho Skinner of London Two hundred pieces of small Leed wch after good arrivall be pleased to <r/a...ie> paying the Capt ¼ Doller p[er] ps of freight, for the disposall thereof to follow the order of the said Nich: Skinner – Inclosed you have bill of Ladeing, I meane mr Skinner will send you bill of Ladeing wch being the needfull remaines MB

11 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl 9ber the 12th 1680

Sr

I have received both yors of the 2nd and 4th p[re]sent I doe heartily thanke you for yor care about me business att Dunkirke. Itt is for ¼ pt. she is stopt, pray second the letter if not allready done – you say calfe skinns and rest is worth 7d all certainley <./y> those that ar drest, well tanned and good were must certainley be worth much more, wch pray Impart unto me –

Now as to Capt Millbarnes business I shall give you satisfaction in the 3 things you desire – first as to the £19.12.9d wch you say he has had noe notice tht itt was paid to Cuth Snow is very strange to me, for he himselfe writes tht he has had notice of the same, I suppose tht will be satisfaction as to the first – secondly as to <ma[ster] Dowers> business Capt Milburne will not deny but tht I was to have of him £290: and whereas he pretends itt was not to be paid till before he went out in <har.bal> I doe say itt was p: 20/d[ays] after his arrivall, Indeed I did draw £300: upon him wch was my owne £290: and £10 upon mr Douers acct wch I Immediately paid him and I would be hangd if mr Douer has writt any such thing as you mention tht he has not recd a farthing of itt pray lett yor man goe and <see> the letter tht I may be satisfied – Kindly to make appeare tht I have bought mr Dawsons 1/16 pt, certainly Capt Millburne will not deny itt, he knows itt as well as myselfe, I have the bill of saile just now in my hands wch I thought to have sent you, but a friend comeing advised me to the Contrary being soe needlesse I hope ths will give you satisfaction as to the three p[ar]ticulars you desire If itt will not I cannot tell wt will Now to the £30 odd pounds wanting of mr Dawson I will referr itt to any man If I be lyable to pay a groate of itt – tht whole passage is tht there was a report Capt Milburne was lost, and mr Dawson brought me tht newes wch I <pufd> att and said tht I did not feere my pt unto to wch he asked me If I would give him ½ money for his pt to wch I answered tht there was noe need of ths seeing she was lost, but If he would take a small matter for itt I would venter itt too, soe In short over a glase of wine for a Certaine competent sume of money I bought sinkeing or swimmeing free from all Incumbrances to tht day, as bill of saile will make appeare, soe tht In my opinion I have nothing to doe wth the £30: add pounds, mr Dawson seemes to me not to be unwilling to pay itt in the least but <tht> there is an acct btwixt thm before wch be cleered he will not alow itt –

I heere you have a desire to buy my little frigott the assistance If soe, and please God wn she comes In, I shall send you up an Inventory, i am certaine she is as well found as any shipp In Newca. as for my 70 Bundles of calfe skinns, they are soe ordered for stowage, I cannot advise youhow many Bundles you’le finde but there is, 228 dozen In all, he is an honest man, will not wrong me of a skinn of thm, as for the dealeing of them there is pt of them sealed by the Newcastle armes, pt by the Durham armes, some by there names tht tannd thm, and others not sealed att all – to oblige a friend I ths day sennett valued a bill upon you for £100: p 20/d sight to mr Richd Wall ar order valew of himselfe, and thn Immediately takeing horse had not time to give you notice thereof till came at Durham, from whence I accordingly did, and there desireing you If In case money did not come in, non tht you would not have £100: of

mine In yor hands wth wt Capt Milburne would pay tht thn you should draw the same upon me to my Bro. Will and I would allow you of 20.8 for the same, but yesterday my letter of advice came to my hands againe soe pray I doe not thinke much wth with but comply wth wt I desire I am MB

12 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Skinner

Mr Nich Skinner Newctl 9ber 12th 80

Sr

I have yors of the 4th I shall att any time be willing to serve you according to yor desires, have wth much adoe effected yor ordr but to gett itt for £9.10s was forced to buy 200 ps wch I hope will be to yr Content otherwise am willing to be $\frac{1}{4}$ concerned wth you, tho am deeply engadged allready, wt for Livorne and wt for Marseilles I have gott thm shippt Inclosed is Invoyce amounting unto £134: wch place to my credit, till can meete wth an opportunity of chardgeing the same upon you I am to meete the Capt in the afternoone p[er] next shall have a bill of Ladeing In conformity to yr desire i am – MB

12 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Do

Sr

I have yrs of the 4th the Contents have observed the 400 ps Leed shipt for yarm.th are still In the River withe about 300 saile more, waiting for a faire winde, most of thm has been Loaden about 14/d agoe, now Sr seeing you are desirous to have some of yors att Genoa, and I am not, I am willing (if you please) the whole 400 ps should be thn your venter for I am allready pretty deeply concerned for tht place & Marseille, otherwise I will, soe use yor discretion, I am now fearefull of haveing an oppotunity for Rouen ths yeare, for the vessell tht should have taken thm in, comeing to some casuallty is now resolved to lye up, however I will take thm of yor hands wn desired for can allwaes dispose them to noe losse yr answer att yr leasure pray – afford, tht I may ans.r my bussiness accordingly soe remaines MB

I have gott 200 ps shipt for yr Bro.r mr Nicholas and I hope to gett 200 shipt for myselfe wherein you shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ concerned, or not wheather you please but tht freight is noew lesse thn $\frac{1}{4}$ doller p[er] ps

12 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to James Grieve

Do

Writt Mr Grieve the needfull MB

12 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Skinner

Mr Nicholas Skinner

Newctl 9ber 13th 1680

Sr

according to my promise In my last, have sent you Invoyce bill of Ladeing for yor 200 ps Leed the amount of wch came to £134:= wch have ths day valewed upon you payable 20/d sight to mr Richd Wall or order value of himself wch pray lett be complied wthall, and if att any time thought capable of serving you in tht place upon occations freely comman MB

16 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno Launce

Newctl 9ber the 16th 80

Sr

I have not writt you ths long time I have beene soe p[er]plexed about the bill you drew upon me, tht I have not had patience to sett pen to paper never since to write unto you certainly such a foolish thing was never acted, as to draw a bill upon me for wt I was bound to pay by charter party besides being for freight and you not to mention itt soe in the bill, wch if you had done there would not have happened halfe of the mischiefe, besides mr Launce I doe protest and sweare tht I never refused paymt of the bill, but all along told thm tht if they would dd me my charter party I would pay itt, or otherwise would referr tht business to any foure In England, they chuse too and I other too, wch I thinke was as faire as any man In England could propose, But now mr Launce tis now past, noe remedy but patience itt has vexed me too much allready especially tht you should be soe dealt wthall, But if ever I can catch the Ma[ster] in any place In England, If I doe not revenge yor quarrell and tht to full Ile venter to give you my <necke> and we lett things be noe more spoken on

I have received yors of the 25th may, the 4th and 18th June, 16th July, 20th August, 17th 7ber pmo and 22nd past, In the former have an acct of severall p[ar]cells of goods wch to ths day I never had patience to p[er]juse, but now I shall doe itt shortly and advise you how I finde thm By <mr Smith> I p[er]ceive you desire to have an acct wt money you remitted me, certainly you should know tht as well as I, but upon second thoughts I must confesse you cannot, because you gave people order to remitt me money and they never doe itt for in yors of the 4th June you write to have remitted to mesrs Andre Hebert £4800 and he has but remmitted me £4534 ½, besides in yors of the

18th do you write to have ordered mr Egee of Lyon to remitt me £1000 from whome to ths houre I have not had one syllable, soe tht all I had remitted is the above said £4534½ and £319.16.7 of mr Edwd Crispe of London according to yor order of the 16th July, soe tht certainly tho you have paid the protested bill yett you must have money of mine in yor hands, wch pray lett be examined, and if soe, to lett me have the needfull remitted, and for the goods in yor hands tho I leave the disposall thereof to yor discretion yett all along writt you tht I am clearly for the markett price upon arrivall, yett wt ever you have done, or shall doe for the future I shall allwaies acquiesse for yor action shall allwaies be to my satisfaction, not doubting you will allwaies lye out yor utmost Endeavour for my most advantadge wt Leed Oare we have sent to Legorne to be forwarded unto you I referr itt to wt mr Smith has allready writt you, pray note tis in ½ betwixt us, and there is some Caskes of small oare in mr Goulds hands wch I have likewise ordered to be sent you, I have 3 or 400 dozen of calfe skinns att London in the hands of mr Peter Bar to be sent you likewise, and I have 4 or 5 Cwt Bees wax in my owne hands, wch shall likewise be sent you p[er] first opportunity, as for wt Leed I Intend to venter ths yeare, I have sent itt all to Ligorne being there of late exceedingly risen as mr Gould writt me, but for the future wt goods I send you I Intend to shipp in Holland and to tht purpose have ths day writt to my frend att Amsterdam to to give me a letter of every opportunity In whose name I Intend to take the bills of ladeing and if you thinke thm not safe <anem> to have thm Consigned to yorselpe, you may advise me some honest <Dutch> mans name, to whome I may Consigne thm, and who upon occation will owne thm, pray begin again to write me of occurances and wn any thing happens about Algier or Tangier pray lett me know of itt, pray minde one thing my desire is tht as ever goods is sent you in one yeare, saile may be made and accts cleared, before any thing be sent the next yeare for I never fancy raising accts I being too tedious allready soe shall not Enlarge but remaine

MB

16 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nich: Verlan>

Newctl 9ber the 16th 80

Sr

I have not writt you ths long time for want of occation, ths serving chiefly to desire you to lett me know if att any time you can send me any goods for Marsel or Ligorne, and if youle be pleased to take the bills of Ladeing in yor owne name and wt youle demand for soe doing, I doe not question but you can gett me Goods shipt as cheape as any other, soe desireing yor answer I kisse yor hands & remaine

MB

16 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr Jam: Edwd Gould and Comp[any]

Newctl 9ber 16th 80

Gentlemen

I have received Sev.l of yors the reason why I was silent unto thm was, because tht they required little answer being I all along found all things right just as you writt Coffee Berry I recd long since, Ive yor bill tho I thinke there was noe great neede of drawing the same upon me being you had Effects in yor hands, but soe small a matter shall never make any difference, soe I discharged the same and placed itt to yor debit I p[er]ceive by mr Smith you have not yett disposed of the small Oare, soe tis my desire tht itt wth wt we sent ths yeare, should all goe for Mars[eill]e I am not willing still to sell the round and have the small to lie still in my hands, however shall be satisfyed wth wt mr Smith hath ordered you to doe, I have shipt 400 ps small Leed for yarm.h and 200 ps Leed from ths place in the Constantinople <mr Cht> Consigned to yorselpe But how mr Nich: Skinner, mr Matthew Skinner and myselpe are concerned shall lett you know p[er] next, advise me in yoor next wt good taned calfe skinns will give in yor place and advise me once in 14/d of other occurrences, but yor last lettr you directed itt to me <....> In London by wch meanes itt lay a long time there of wch for the future have a care soe remaines MB

wn any thing happens about Algeir or Tangier pray lett me know of itt

19 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to James Gould

Mr James Edwd Gould and Comp[any]

Newctl 9ber the 19th 80

Gentlemen

wt preceds is abstract of my last since none from you soe the lesse to Enlardge upon ths being onely to confirme the same for feare of miscarriage, I cannot yet advise you how much I am concerned In the 600 ps Leed shipt as above but God willing shall doe itt in my next, I am Endeavouring away to have an opportunity of shipping you goods any time in the yeare, either by Holland or France, pray the advice wch of thm rather to trust, and you thinke the goods not safe enough to be Consigned to yorselpe may advise me the name of an honest Hollander or French man, any one of yor good friends, who upon occation will owne thm pray write me once in 14/d of occurrences I will doe the same to you soe remaines MB

19 Nov 1680 Michael Blackett to John Launce

Mr Jno Launce

Do

Sr

What preceeds is copy of my last, to wch referrs you since none from you soe the lesse to Enlardge upon, ths being onely to confirme the same for feare of miscarriage, and to desire you once againe to examine the bookes, and see accts stands betwixt us, for I have had noe more money remitted thn as above mentioned I Intend to shipp my bees wax to day or to morrow for London consigned unto mr Hubt Aylwin, to be forwarded unto you p[er] first opportunity, the brandy yu sent ot mr Smith I doe not fancy att all Itt will not turne to acct in ths place, pray write me once in 14/d I will doe the same to you soe remaines MB

3 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Sr

I have beene in the Country most pt of these 14/d by past otherwise would dewly have answered your lettrs as they came to hand, but att my returne did meete wth yors of the 16th and 23rd past, In answer to yor former I had agreed with Capt Woodhouse for 200 ps of Leed for you, as well as for yor Bros Indeed yor Brors had the fortune to doe formost, and monday was a sennett [seven night – week] I sent downe my man wth yors but <mchts> being gott a little drunke would by noe meanes be prevailed wthall to take thm in, soe I was forced to bring thm up againe wch has putt me to some chardge but tht wch vexed me most of all is tht I pd cusome for the Leed wch is £12½ soe tht I have in my hands tht 200 of Leed and tht 200 pas wch was Intended for Roan about wch I shall expect yor order p[er] first, wch if noe convenience happens shortly here is a convenience just now for Caen and if you please Ile very willingly be ½ concerned wth you, and if you fancy not my friend messrs Le Gras et Angott advise me the name of yors and I willingly Consigne thm unto him, and for the other 200 wch was Intended for Capt Wouldhaue, If a convenience happens shortly Ile venter to snd thm for <Aj....> If not please lett me have yor speedy answer wt place you Intend thm for, for there is noe thoughts of getting any to yarm.th soe soone as you mention I could buy a 1000 ps Leed for £9.10.8 tho to my certaine knowledge there is tht payes £10.2.2 In answer to yor letter I willingly accept yor motion of letting the 400 be shipt for yarm.th be wholly upon yor acct soe next post shall draw the remainder upon you and purposely for the one reason tht there is some <merchts> in Yarm.th who if they knew I were concerned, would out of a revenge stopp itt and p[er]haps cause some difference betwixt you and me there to prevent wch in Gods name take itt all I wish itt well there and a good markett soe remaines MB

you ordered me to shipp 5 or 600 ps for yarm.th

I begg yor excuse for there is noe probability of getting itt there soe soone as you mention

3 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl xber the 3rd 80

Sr

I have beene in the Country for these 14/d by past otherwise would dewly have answered yor lettrs as they came to hand att my returne Ive finde yors of the 10th 25th and 27th past In none of wch you mention any money received of Capt Milburne, wch I very much wondr att, and I doe protest if he has not done itt before yor answer to ths comes to hand he shall meete wth trouble att yarm.th for a great pt of his shipp and as to the £34/12/9 onely In dispute my councelle tells me I ought not abate itt, now will I doe itt, If Capt Milburne will find me his lettr of Attorney I shall prosecute itt against God send him well home againe, he is a very unworthy man and has fallen and wth most of his owne, here, by writing of thm all nothing but lies, and he tells you there is noe other acct betwixt him and mr Pawson but as you mention the other sweares to me the Contrary soe judge th.m I p[er]ceive he Intends a voyadge for the Straights I am very willing to venter wth him I have some Leed att Yarm.th wch I have ordered to be shipt aboard on him I hope be will be pleased to take thm in but I would advise him to cleare wth me before he goe I thinke my Correspondants In Ligorne are gone mad Constantly to direct lettrs to me In London they know very well where I live I am certaine I have had 300 lettrs thm [sic] but <..> I thanke <pd.rsen> yor <kindnesse> I know noe other is <arguments> to <cause> yor friends att Dunkirke <wch ..nt> & If mr <Petner> can prove his title to pay the money and to draw itt upon me againe and to send me a note at all chardges &c I desire you to signify unto thm <fir>, for want of practice I have all most <cleanly> forgotten French, In yor <Barthene> acct of my <Iron> wch I have not yett examined but question not but tis right, I am satisfied my Calfe skinns are now arrived I am resolves to sell thm at London 7 ¼d I feare not att least but shall leave tht to yor discretion I have 50 dozen more wch shall <hasten> you, before you show thm to any Chapman pray gett an honest teame to <rubb> all the mould of if there be any necessity for itt I am MB

6 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctl xber the 6th 1680

Sr

Accordingly as I advised you in my last the balance of the acct being £92.3.8d have this day valewed upon you p 10/d sight to mr Joseph Ellison or order valew of himselfe which pray lett be complied wthall and I expect yor order p[er] next about the other 400 ps Leed I am MB

6 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Do

Sr

This comes to accompany mr Richd Halton commandr of the Henry and Francis of Newctl In whome I have shipt and Consigned unto you 8 bundles Calfe Skinns <qtt> Thirty three dozen and <five> skinns wch after good arrivall be pleased to receive and to disposall thereof to follow the order of my ma[ster] Mich Blackett accordingly as hereafter itt will be given you paying the mas[ster] 5/s freight for the same ths being the needfull att p[re]sent I remaine MB

11 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl xber the 11th 1680

The above is Coppy of wt my man writt you by Richd Hutton wch I doe by ths confirme and desire you to dispose of thm wth the rest I question not but you may procure 7 ½d att for thm I thk you deale wth an honest man being tht they are soe very well turnd out and soe good ware best tht I leave to yor discretion not doubting in the least you utmost for my most advantadge soe remaines MB

I have <rcd> yors of the 7th am Glad to have the news of the arrivall of Thos Cason I shall order Capt Milburne In time

11 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctl xber the 11th 80

Sr The parties of whome I bought the 400 ps Leed wch I have in my hands comeing day be unto me for money was forced ths day (towards the dischardgeing of thm) to valew upon you the two following bills viz:

one for £50 p20/d sight to mr Henry Bland or order valew of himselfe In Leed £50:=
one for £50 p20/d sight to mrs Margt Gray or order valew of herselfe In Leed £50:=

To both which pray afford yor punctuall Compliance and afford me yor anser p[er]first wt you will have done about the 200 ps Leed In partnership betwixt you and me I am MB

13 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctl xber the 13th 80

Sr

I have recd yors of the 9th why you should refuse payment of the bill for the balance of the 400 ps Leed sent to yarmouth I cannot Imagine, The reasons you alledge, In my opinion are very lame, you <....> all along of great damages done you by my haveing writt you tht I had shipt 200 ps Leed In the Constantinople m[er]ch[an]t as well as 200 for yor Broer I doe not finde tht ever I writt you any such thing, but In short I have written my minde fully to mr Peter Bar, to whome if you can show any such letter I shall be willing to allow wt he think for the great damadges done you, but pray Sr doe not putt tht affront upon me as to refuse paymt of my bill however, I am certaine I am much more out In purse for you here thn you can you can pretend to, if itt be but onely for the Custome of the 200 ps Leed wch I Endeavoured to gett shipt In the Constantinople m[er]ch[an]t however, setting tht aside being desirous to make a peaceable End, pray discourse the difference wth mr Bar wt is thought convenient bextwixt you for me to allow I am willing to itt, soe pray pay the remainder in pt of my bill if any thing to be abated, thn mr Bar will pay the rest and if you have noe minde to be concerned wth the 200 ps Led wch I have bought by yor order and upon yor acct and are lying in the wegh house ready weighed of, I am willing to take thm of yor hands tho I have paid Forriegne custome for 200 ps as above for I have noe minde to have any difference wth any man, So pray lett a peaceable End be putt to the <Terme> and lett me know yor desire about the Leed here, If you have noe minde to be concerned lett my two bills each of £50 come backe with all my heart If otherwise I desire you to comply wth thm soe use yor discretion I remaine MB

13 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl xber the 13th 1680

Sr

it is not long I Intend to trade am Endeavoureing to Cleare accts with all people, wn I meete wth any troubles shall make bold to give you the knowledge thereof hoping for my fathers sake you will Endeavour a peaceable end thereof If att any time any difference, I shall talke wth Milburne att yarmth wn you heare from Dunkirke pray <slipp> the Contents unto me, but now I here is another desire soe by the Inclosed letter from mr Matt Skinner and by the Inclosed Coppy of my answer ths post unto all you will finde there is a small difference betwixt him and me by perusing of wch you will understand the matter att lardge, soe not trouble you wth my further acct thereof, onely pray make a peaceable end wth him I valew not If I tooke all the Commission I have gott by him, but <.a.> keepe to yorselpe, I will have noe more to doe wth him, If

he can show you my letter he mentions, pray make an End wth him about tht great damadge he pretends if you abate him any thing lett him pay the remainder in pt of my bill, and pray doe you pay the rest, wch I am certaine cannot be above £5:2 and gett me his answer about the 300 ps Leed here for I would gladly be quitt of him, pray slippe noe opportunity In disposeing of my Calfe skinns for I have occation for £100 or 150: wch shall make bold to valew upon you I will willingly allow you consideration for the time you shall be in disburse but I hope They are a ready commodity wth you being such Excellent good stuffe tht bring the needfull I kisse yor hands & remaine MB

17 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Edwd Crispe

Newctl xber 17th 80

Sr

Yors of the 11th p[re]sent I read wth an Inclosed bill upon mr Robt Wetwang, wch as yett he will not accept, but desires me not to return itt, being he will consider of itt better against the next post, att wch time if he doe not accept itt I shall returne itt protested, As for myselfe I have noe desire to be concerned In Leed ths yeare, being very deepley Engadged allready, but if you have a desire for any I thinke I can procure itt as cheape as anotheer I can but itt now att £9.19.8 p[er] fother each Fother qtt 21 Cwt each hundred 112lb ths being the needfull att p[re]sent I remaine MB

17 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Do

I wonder very much tht you never give me an acct or yor proceedings wch I doe for the future desire you to doe once in 14/d Inclosed you have two letters of Attorney likewise an order for Mr Farley Stephenson to Syne thm unto you, soe desiring youtmost Endeavour for promoteing the businesse for my most advantadge I remaine MB

17 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Do

Sr

I p[er]ceive by mr Joseph Elleson tht you desire paymt of my bills att wch I doe not a little wonder, If any thing to be abated I would desire you to make an end of itt wth mr Peter Bar As I would have noe difference, and pay the remainder I am MB

17 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl xber the 17th 80

Sr

I have yors of the 11th wth the two papers, Roger Kempers expected every day I would gladly see him mr Skinner has refused paymt of my bill, pray make an end wth him for I wish I were quitt of him all he desired is carriadge of 200 ps Leed to yarmth If ever I writt him tht I had shipt him 200 ps In the Constantinople Mercht as he pretends (but I can finde noe such thing, abate him £5:2 or wt you thinke convenient God give him good of itt

I yesterday made bold to valew upon you 12<..108> In two bills, viz

£100 to sr Wm Russell or order valew of mr Ra: Ellstobb
26.10.8 to mr James Eyton or oder valew of ditto

to both wch I desire yor Compliance, for your Reimburssmt pray lett my skinns be sold, If Cannot procure above 7d the lb take itt I hope however itt will be ready money, att wch price I am Certaine, those allready In yor hands (if not very much mistaken) will amount to more thn both the bills above mentioned and the Dunkirke bill too, beside Richd Hutton sailed yesterday morning I hope may be wth you as soone as ths

If time must be given for pt of the <Mantunt> of my goods I am willing to allow you Consideration wch if not wth yr Convenience, freely chardge uon me p. to my Bro Wm – I wonder wt is become of mr Egee of Lyons I have writt my friend att Marseilles a very sharpe letter for I want £4000 and above wch he has ordered people to remitt me and a <devill> amount can I heare from any of thm I hope itt will all come In good time, tht being the needfull I kisse yor hand & remaine MB

18 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin and Comp

Newctl xber the 18th 80

Sr

In yor acct you chardge me £36:2 pl to mr Hurbt Aylwin, I finde noe such order ever given you In wch give me satisfaction and yor bill and yor bill shall be complied wthall till thn shall begg yor excuse

I hope now you have gotten an honest man to deale wth Alderman Brabant If you have pleased yorselfe I am content, but such a malicious thing In ths juncture of time was never done I know you have beene putt upon itt by some, and If you would but

doe me the kindnesse as to tell me by whome I may come to doe you tht kindness as to
gett you yor money soone thn yor honest friend you Employ may doe soe remaines
MB

24 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctl xber the 24th 1680

Sr

Youres of the 18th is noe little satisfaction unto me, I have ths post satisfyed mr Bar
In wt he desired Insoemuch tht I question not but a peaceable end will be made of ths
little difference betwixt us—

I have by me for you 300 ps Leed, inclosed you have Invoyce of thm of wt I have pd
and wt I must pay, wn shipt the whole is £187.=5d upon wch I have allready drawne
£50:= upon you for the other bill wch was made payable to mrs Grey I tooke itt in
again and gave her money for feare you should not dischargd same and ths day I
have drawne 2 bills of £50 each, the one payable 21/d sight to mr Henry Bland or order
valeur of himselfe for Leed, the other for £50:= p 20/d sight to mr Robt Clagett or order
valeur of himselfe both pray lett be Complied wthall, and shall observe yor order wn
ever itt comes, for the shhipping of thm the remainder shall draw upon you wth in 2 or
3 posts, here is noe opportunity att p[re]sent neither for Ruan nor for Caen, to wch
places, the freight is generally 15 sol p[er] pigg the maer paying the 50 sols p[er] tunn,
or betwixt 10 or 12 sols p[er] pigg, and you paying the 50 sols p[er] tunn, but can att
any time shipt thm for yarmth att 6d p[er] pigg, or for London att 6d or 7d att most, soe
desires yor order p[er] first and If foreign Custome be to be paid for the 100 ps there
will be £5:10s due to me As for Leed oare there is another and <myselfe> tht for some
yeares by past has bought all tht has beene to be gott In ths Countrey, excepting some
little p[ar]cells of small Oare, wch I am Certaine is <neither> for yor <purpose> to send
for Marseills or Ligorne, about wch shall give you a further acct more att lardge
hereafter, And for feeare I forgett pray putt me in minde of itt soe att p[re]sent
ramaines MB

24 Dec 1680 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl xber the 24th 1680

Sr

I have yors of the 15th to give you satisfaction In it you desire, I doe protest unto
you tht there was not one pigg of Leed shipt from ths place In the Constantinople
m[er]ch[an]t thn the 200 ps wch I shipt for mr Nicholas Skinner, wch I hope will give

both you and Mr matthew Skinner satisfaction for if he finde itt otherwise <Ile give>
him £500:=2= & --

I shall once again desire yr Compliance to bills I have allready drawne upon you to
reimburse yorselpe you may either sell my skinns tho under 7d, or draw upon me p to
my Broer as formerly advised, for I thinke itt will be the last time I shall be troublesome
unto you, but shall allwaies remaine MB

7 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to James Grieve

Mr James Grieve

Newctl January the 7th 1680

Sr

I rece yor of the 15th past and shall Godd willing send you the £61.7.8 you disbursed
by the first shipp tht comes yor place I am MB

7 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Do

Sr

yors of the 21st and 23rd past I recd and give you many thanks for yor care In
Endeavouring to gett me my monies about wch I desire a line from you once in 14/d I
am MB

7 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Do

Sr

Yors of the 21st past I recd and In answer to wch may please to take notice tht noe Leed
is here to be procured att 9<8>s p[er] fottther ths being wt the p[re]sent offers I remaine
MB

7 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Do

Sr

I have yor of the 21 and 28th past and am not a little sorry att the distrust you have taken of me but neither you nor noe man In England neede feare looseing of one farthing by me If you have not goods of mine pr yor hands to the valew of £126.10.8 tis the strangest thing tht ever was knowne In the world, If they do not come to £250: or above I am Certaine I shall be a great looser by thm and wn goods In yor hands you never used to refuse me tht kindnessse; allowing you Consideration, but now I being att ths time <Hbld> not <stand> wth yor Convenience I hope the note my Broer Wm hath ths post writt you will prevaile wth you to comply wth my bills, and as for the discharggeing of the said note I doe soe earnestly begg itt of you to dispatch the saile of my skinns, I would have thm all goe togeather for feare tht people picke out the best and largest and leave you the worst & smallest As for mr Skinner I shall tomorrow god willing draw upon him the ballance of his acct wch is £37.=:5d pray Sr lett me first answer yor 3 objections, and thn doe you abate him wt you thinke convenient, and lett him pay the remainder, and lett him know tht I have not time to write to him ths post, but tht I begg his <patient> order for the shipping of thm tht I may be cleare of thm I doe assure you I chardged him nothing, but wt I have paid or shall pay to yor first objection as before I have paid itt, but If you judge itt to be occationed by my neglect, abate itt in Gods name, as to yor second certainly youl know I must pay itt wch is 12 p fodder carridge to boate, for for itt must be Carried to boate wn ever tis shippt as for your last tho the water has gott one <d...> yett wn reshipt will have another pray Sr End the Controversie In doing whereof you will very much obligdge MB

8 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr M Skinner

Newctl Jan 8th 80

Sr

I have ths day valewed upon you the ballance of yor acct wch is £37.=:5d p 20/d sight to Mr Richd Wall or order valew of himselfe and if any thing to be abate may please too acct wth mr Peter Bar to whome last post I writt my minde att lardge, and pay the remainder pray Sr lett a peacefull end be made of itt soe remaines MB

Shipping of the 300 ps Leed being I would gladly be quitt of thm

8 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwin

Do

Sr

I have befor me yors of the 4th p[re]sent and I immediately after receipt thereof did repaire unto mr Robt Wetwang and did ofer all the Endeavour I could to prevaile wth

him to accept yor bill, to wch he gave me answer tht itt was once protested mr George Merton, and he will noe waies meddle wth itt – I shall God willing give you an answer as to yor acct wthin a post or two In the Interim I wish you wth all my heart a happy and prosperous new yeare and remains MB

15 Jan 1681 John Wilkinson to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Newctl Jan 15th 80

Sr

In my maers [master's] is comed to hands yors of the 11th p[re]sent whereby I p[er]ceive tht you could not well discern by my maers of the 7th wheather the price of Leed be £9. or more soe to discover itt the better unto you I have sent a copy of itt & remaines MB

22 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctl January the 22nd 80/81

Sr

Att my returne out in the Country doe meete wth yors of the 13th Instant, and In answer to wch may please take notice tht wtever mr Bar and you have agreed you to be abated I am very well content, but as for the letter wch you say you wrote me, to wch I gave you noe answer I will assure you I never reed any such wch if I had I should not have neglected the answering of itt in due time for tis not my use soe to doe except my business in the Country be the causer of itt, I shall not faile God willing to shipp yor 300 ps Leed, and att as reasonable tearms as I can In the Interim <I crave> leave & remaines MB

22 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Do

Sr

I have before me yors of the 18th Instant, and gives you many thanks for yor great care of my concerne wch I wholly leave to yor discretion, and wtever you doe therin shall be to my satisfaction soe remaines MB

22 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

[Note: undated but placed in the volume between letters of the same date]

Mr James Cook

Sr

Accoringly as my Unckle Hoope writt you me <in> the letter wch you have in yor hands, I question not but you received the money soe desires you to pay itt either to Henry Lowes <or> to give him bill for me for the same and In doeing whereof you will very much oblige MB

22 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl January the 22nd 80/81

Sr

Att my returne out in the Country doe meete wth yors of the 8th Instant wth the Inclosed from mr Jno Launce of Marseille the Contents whereof have well observed and In answer to wch may please take notice tht I haveing occation for money will send noe skinns ths yeare for Marseilles, soe desires you to dispose of thm as soone as possibly you can tht you may reimburse yorselfe, wch I would gladly have done being desirous to have an end of all troublesome businesses, soe not questioning in the least yor utmost Endeavours In the disposall of thm for my most advantage I kisse yor hands & remaines MB

22 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Robt Jackson

Do

Sr

In conformity to yor desire and to my promise I send you ths to lett you know, tht Immediately after I lighted from my horse I repaired to mr Robt Wetwang who has <sold> all his deales and was to be dd wn I came home att £3.7.<6d> ready money but seeing we were soe neare an agreemt I prevailed wth him to stopp 3 or 4000 [struck out: deales] wch if you please to have att the same price agreed upon, paying ready money they shall be att yor service wch is left to yor discretion, and shall desire yor answer p[er]next post soe tht if you will not have thm they may be dd to another –

As for the rest of his commodities he desires till tuesday to Consider of itt, wch communicated volume itt shall be Imported unto you by him tht really is MB

25 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Newctl January the 25nd 80/81

Sr

I have before me yors of the 20th Instant wherein you write tht I writt you in mine tht Leed is here to be procured att £9 or £9.2s att the most, I will assure you I never writt you any such thing for I writt tht noe Leed is here to be procured £9 and I believe hardly att £9.10s for itt is generally sold att £9.15s I should not question to procure some att £9.10s <first penny> att wch price if you please to have any I desire yor order and reemains MB

an acct of other Chardges Sealinge and labourage to boate 14d p[er] fodder wherry hire 12d p fodder Cockett 3/8d water <dews> 2/8d and the men tht takes itt in will expect 2/8d to drinke

25 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Ma Skinner

Do

Sr

Next post you may expect to heare of the shipping of 200 ps of yor Leed if not of 300 – Our best Coales wch is Lemington are att p[re]sent 10s p[er] Ch att wch price they were sold both last week and ths week, As for wt you desire about Leed Oare there is another and myselfe tht for ths severall yeares by past have bought all we could lye our hands on save onely some insignificant small p[ar]cells, and wthin 14/d will be the time of the yeare for agreeing against next yeare till wth time can give you noe satisfactry acct for the price thereof is very uncertaine I have bought for £4 to <st 20 ld> I feare I shall finde itt ths yeare scarce, wn I returne I shall give you an acct of my proceeding and itt shall be left to yor discretion wheather you will be concerned you <answer> but take notice we allwaies pay our monies aforehand for we doe not gett our Oare In till Michaellmas Leed holds stiffely att £9.15s none under £9.10s and very few in towne can buy soe MB

25 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl Janu the 25th 80/81

Sr

I have att last mett wth my Custom.e and we have refernd all business, butt comeing to the pointe I finde I want the original bill of saile the note of chardges and damadges

and all other papers, soe I desire you if you have thm to dispatch thm Immediately unto me, or if not you will be pleased to send for thm to Dunkirke and gett me thm wth all speed possible tht soe I may know wt to demand, I long to heare of the saile of my calfe skinns I am MB

25 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl January the 29th 80/81

Sr

I haveing five douzen of calfe skinns remaining in my hands, did ths day putt thm aboard of the <adieu> of Newctl Mr Jno Ottway Ma.r for yor place wch wn please God he arrives I desire you tht you will be pleased to lett yor man call of him for the same, and despose of thm wth the rest, you are to pay the ma[st]er noe freight, ths being the needfull att p[re]sent I kisse yor hands and remaine MB

29 Jan 1681 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Do

Sr

ths comes to accompany mr Jno Ottway ma[st]er of the <adieu> of of Newctl In whome I have loaden and consigned unto you yor three hundred pieces of Leed wch after good arrivall be pleased to receive paying the ma[st]er 6d p[er] pigg freight for the same and In doing whereof you will very much oblige MB

Mr Matthew Skinner

Do

Sr The above is Coppy of wt writt you p[er] mr Jno Ottway wch I doe by ths Confirme and remaine MB

1 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Newctl February p[re]m 1680/81

Sr

I have recd yors wth a letter of Creditt upon mr Robt Fenwicke for £50: or £60: wch have delivered, but once againe I can buy noe Leed neither for £9 nor £9.2s none now to be gotten under £9.12 and rises every day, but I have made a Conditionall agreemt

wth mr Hanry Bland for 100 ps for £9.10s if you agree thereof, and have given him £10: In earnest wch did reveive of mr Fenwicke soe upon yor answer shall either gett thm weighed of and shipt or receive backe the £10: and dd itt to Mr Fenwicke soe expecting yor answer I remaine MB

1 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to John Wrenn

Mr Jno Wrenn

Do

Sr

I have received yors of the 12th past and am very willing to serve you in any thing to my power, I have mett Sr Ralph Jaimison severall times, but cannot prevaile wth him to give you above two Gynneys wch I am unwilling to take without yor order In the respect tht he did offer you five before me wn you were here I cannot advise you yett of my Comeing to London soe remaines MB

1 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Do

Yors I received and In answer to wch I desire you either to send me an acct of Interest of to lett me know wt you will desire and Immediately upon receipt thereof itt shall be remitted unto you by him tht is MB

5 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to John Wrenn

Mr Jno Wrenn

Newctl feb the 5th 1680/1

Sr

I have received yors and Immediately after receipt thereof did goe to Elswicke to Sr Ralph Jennison, of whome wth much adoe I have prevailed to pay me Three Pounds deducting 13/8 wch he saies he paid to Mr Mickleson for takeing out the administracion soe I have remaineing in my hands, Two pounds, six shillings, and six pence wch I have ths day ordered mr Jno Ottway Ma[ster] of the adieu of Newctl to pay unto you and desires you fo dd ths to him to him wch you promised me and In doing whereof you will very much oblige MB

5 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Do

Sr

Yors I recd wherein you write tht you had received of my Unckle Stoope £100:= and tht you would send me a bill for the same, wch to ths houre I have not received, att wch I doe not a little wonder I desire you to send me a bill for itt the next post without faile and In doing whereof you will very much oblige MB

6 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to Francis Davison

Mr Francis Daveson

Do

Sr

I desire you tht you will doe as much for as to pay unto Mr Jno Wrenn or order £2.6.6 and receive a little dogg of him of wch I desire you to have a great deale of Care, I have ths post writt Mr Wrenn and ordered him to receive the mony of you and desired him to dd you ths day I am MB

8 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe Newctl fb 8th 1688/1

Sr

whereas I formerly writt you tht I had conditionally agreed for 100 ps Leed att £9.10s p[er] fodder and tht I had given him £10 In Earnest provided you agreed of itt have since agreed wth Madam Gray for 100 ps att £9.10s and to be delivered aboard free of all charges save onely my Commission I have allready recd of mr Fenwicke £60.= and shall God willing shipp you the Leed p[er] the first opportunity and p[er] post as soone as shipt an Invoice of itt soe remaines MB

8 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to John Wrenn

Mr Jno Wrenn

Do

Sr

whereas I formerly writt you tht I had ordered Mr Jno Ottway to pay you £2: 6. 6d the winde being contrary and he not yett sailed and p[er]haps may not ths 14/d have ths day writt to Mr Francis Daveson to pay the same unto you and to receive the token <tht> you promise me, wch I desire you tht you will be pleased to dd unto him –

Inclosed you have a note upon him and may and may allwaies finde him att Mr Ralph
<Harrapps> In Thames Street soe ths being wt the p[re]sent offers I remaine MB

8 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin & Comp[any] Newctl fb the 8th 1680/1

Gentlemen

Inclosed is a lett[er] from alderman Brabant who I suppose has fully acquainted you
wth his Condition Truely Gentlemen I must tell you tht such proceeding att ths
Juncture of time will not onelye be worse for him but you too his Colliery still goes on
pretty well but bring me profit but I am very Credibly Informed by very able <sklfull>
men tht itt may be very prosperous and <aquerng> Colliery within 6/m soe tht my
opinion tht if you still goe on wth yor proceeding itt may not onely prejudiciall to his
worke but to the honest Gentleman and att last to <persillaes> Gentlemen I will assure
you I am as much yor friend as ever and I have beene discoursing wth him about yor
business who I finde is ready and willing to doe any thing for yor bett[er] security
provided you will give longer time but att ths Juncture I know itt is Impossible for him
to doe any thing, except hs should neglect the maine chance, and where itt is not to be
had the <king> must loose his right – Gentlemen I would not have you suspect me In
the least, but use yor owne discretion In the meane time lett me propose one thing to
you, tht provided you will stopp all proceedings and deliver up the old security and
give longer time I will Endeavour to gett ordered A p[er]sonall security, all he begs is
time and while you have Interest there is noe great losse, soe give him but time enough
and I valew not <If vente be bound> of him for tis <a pity> the honest Gentlemen
should soe deall withall, but as I said before use yor discretion soe remaines – MB

11 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Newctl feb the 11th 1680/1

Sr

I have positively agreed wth madam Grey for 100 ps Leed att £9.10s cleare on baord
upon yor acct soe tht there will be noe more chandge thn my Commission I have
received the £60 of mr Fenwicke and I have paid madam Grey £55:= of itt In pt of the
Leed the amount of wch as is shipped will be about £3 or 4 more itt is to be paid wn
wieghed of wch will be some houres before shipt sr you have now full an acct of my
proceedings but I will have noe difference wth any if can be helpt if you thinke you can
doe noe good of itt, and has a desire to be unconcerned I will pay mr Fenwicke the £60
againie and take the bargaine of yor hands, but if you accept of itt I shall Immediately
shipp itt you soe desires yor answer p[er] first post & remaines MB

11 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Do

Sr yors I received wth a bill for £100: wch I question not but will be punctually paid, I doe further desire you in putting mr Stoope in minde of paying the remainder I hope to see you in Stockton wthin 4 or 5/d MB

12 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

[Note: see following letter to Robert Hutchinson, enclosed with this cover letter]

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl feb the 12th 1680/1

Sr

I am forced to trouble you once more wth the Inclosed from mr Robt Hutchinson wch I desire you to p[er]use, and to lett yor man Enquire for him about Billingsgate (att wch place he being <amed> I question not but may be <found>) and dd the Inclosed to him, In which I have desired him to repaire unto you, and acct wth you, wch I desired you tht you will be to take the trouble upon you as to examine, and discourse the business wth him att lardge, and after examination iff you thinke concerned to seize upon his shipp, may please lett me know and I shall send you the bill of saile or to give me your advice wch I shall In every p[ar]ticular observe but I would be gladly cleare of him for I doe not like those ma[sters] who will not reckon wth there owners, for I am sure for ths foure or five yeares I have neither had acct nor faire word from him, and last voyadge he went clearely contrary to my minde, and his going of ths voyadge wch he now as I p[er]ceive designs clearely against my minde too but whatever you advise me too I shall God willing absolve itt, In the Interim I begg yor pardon for the trouble, and desires yor care In ths concerne and remaines MB

12 Feb 1681 Michael Blackett to Robert Hutchinson

[Note: the letter enclosed with the previous letter to Peter Bar]

Mr Robt Hutchinson

Do

yors I read and am not att all content wth yor proceedings, for I doe not like those men tht will never reckon wth there owners, and goe where they please contrary there owners minde, for you know I was clearely against you goeing the last voyadge, and

am likewise against ths, soe seeing you goe on soe I have noe desire to be any more concerned wth you, to wch purpose I have writt to my very good friend Mr Peter Bar, to whome I desire you Immediately upon receipt hereof to repaire, being I have desired him to discourse the businesse wth you, and either seize upon yor shipp or give me his best advice wch I will God willing follow in every p[ar]ticular, soe advising you to comply wth ths my desire I remaine MB

21 Feb 1681 John Wilkinson to Edward Crisp

Mr Edwd Crispe

Nctl feb the 21st 1680/1

Sr

ths comes to accompany Tho <Daile> ma[ster] of the Francis and Robt of Newctle In whome I have loaden & Consigned unto you 100 ps Leed wch after good arrivall be pleased to receive paying the ma[ster] 6d p[er] pigg freight for the same you write for me to oblige the ma[ster] to deliver itt on all att Prters key there is noe ma[ster] tht goes from hence tht can deliver itt there, except itt were some loaden wth salt and had itt to be delivered there – my ma[ster] is in the Country and has beene for these 8/d by past but I hope will returne ths weeke and thn you may expect an Invoyce In the Interim I kisse yor hands and remaines for MB JW

Mr Edwd Crispe

Do

Sr The above is copy of wt writt you ths day by mr Tho Daile wch doe by ths confirme & remaine MB

1 Mar 1681 John Wilkinson to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctl March the p[remier] 1680/1

Sr

In my ma[ster]s absence I open all his letters and last post came to my hands yors of the 24th p[re]sent the Contents whereof have well observed and In answer to wch my please take notice tht yesterday I repaired unto the officer who has the Cockett for the 200 ps Leed but he refuses to give itt me saying he had orders from the chief officers to the Contrary, soe thn I make my address unto thm who likewise refused me, as allsoe a note from thm tht the Custome was paid assuring me tht they could not doe itt, but would allow my ma[ster] itt in the next 200 p Leed they shipt, soe my ma[ster] must be accomptable to you for itt, and tht you cannot shipp itt for any place again without paying Custome for itt

As for yor request about the Leed Oare we doe allwaies put itt up in Caskes, and as for Leed tis att the old rate -- £9.10s p[er] fodder about wch and all other concernes you may expect an acct to the fulll wn my ma[ster] comes home In the Interim I respectfully rem. for MB JW

25 Mar 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl march the 25th 1680/1

Sr

att my reterne out in the Country have mett wth severall of yors the Contents whereof have observed, and gives you many thanks for yor many kindnesses and favours to me, wch I desire you still to continue unto me, and to afford me yor assistance to bring me out of all troubles of wch would be glad to have an end. I have recd mr <Mereades> acct wch amounts unto £604.3.9 wch I find to be according to yor Calculation £45.11:11 <flo> but I desire you to give me an acct of wt chardges you have beene att about said business, As concerning the arrest I am of yor opinion tht the chardge and trouble will be more thn the benefit of such an arrest will amount unto, but have Inclosed sent you a letter of Attorney by wch I doe Impower you to doe wt ever you shall thinke convenient wch I leave to yor discretion – If mr Hutchinson be gone away lett him goe, I shall <light> of him one time or ather – If the <husband> of ths voyadge doe expose the acct may please to p[er]use itt and doe therein wt you thinke convenient – I kisse yor hands & remaine MB

25 Mar 1681 Michael Blackett to Matthew Skinner

Mr Matthew Skinner

Newctl march the 25th 1680/1

Sr

Att my returne out in the Country have mett wth yors of 10th p[re]sent and shall according to yor desire either allow you the £11 in the next Leed I buy for you or oder some ma[ster] to pay itt you whether you please, As for the Leed Oare I have beene in the Country wth an Intention to bargaine for a great quantity but I finde itt soe deare tht I thinke itt not worth my while soe am resolved not to be concerned in itt ths yeare, nor any yeare hereafter being <fully> resolved to give over all trade but If att any time you please to Employ me to buy goods for you, shall procure thm as cheape as any other but as for my serveing you for ths provision I will not doe itt being resolved never to serve any man under 2 pc tht being the needfull att p[re]sent I remain MB

25 Mar 1681 Michael Blackett to Edward Crisp

Edwd Crispe

Do

Sr

Att my returen out in the Country have mett wth severall of yors and have according to yor desire Inclosed sent you – Invoyce of the 100 ps Leed wch amounts unto £59:4:=s and for the remainening 16s may please to cal upon mr Richd Hutton constantly to be found att me Ralph Harrips In wappin' who will pay itt unto you, If att any time you please to Employ me in ths place for buying of goods for you I shall procure you thm as cheape as any other but am resolved never to serve any man under 2 pc provisions soe ths being wt the p[re]sent offers I remaine MB

25 Mar 1681 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke

Do

Sr

I have writt mr Jno Crossebey such a letter tht I question not but ere he hath sent you the bond and tht you allsoe have read it, soe Immediately upon receipt hereof I desire you to send yor man to procure the remainder of the mony and wn re[c]d to send me a bill for the same I am MB

25 Mar 1681 Michael Blackett to John Wrenn

Mr Jno Wrenn

Newctl march the 25th 1680/1

Sr

Att my return out in the Country have mett wth yors of the 4th p[re]sent by wch I p[er]ceive tht mr Davison was comd away for the North before you went to looke after him so tht you did not receive the £2.6.6 of him so may please to call upon mr Richd Hutton constantly to be found att mr Ralph Harups In Wappin who will pay itt unto you, I am sorry to heare of the Losse of the little dogg, but am glad tht you have gott a bitch for me wch I desire you to dd to said Capt Hutton who will take care of itt, As for the Leed Oare I have soe many bad Encouragements ths yeare, I am resolved not to be concerned therein but am glad tht mr Greeneville is about agreeing wth the Deane, wch he may doe in Gods name but am sorry tht he should take my delaying of itt ill from you, Whereas you say you sent Sr Ralph Jameson and myself a token in print of the <Jesuits> &c we never recd any such likewise – whereas you say you sent me a true Coppy of Assay under mr Prattles ma[ster] of the towers owne hand, I never recd any such tht being wt the p[re]sent offers remaines MB

25 Mar 1681 Michael Blackett to Rowland Bluee

Mr Rowland Bluee

Do

Sr

since my comeing home have beene wth severall <tobacco> Customers but I desire to be excused haveing noe desire to meddle wth itt soe long as my Bro. Davison is concerned, I did thinke I had paid the ballance of ths acct but finding to the contrary wn I came home die Immediately after goe and pay itt – As to my resolveing you wn my Bro[ther] and myselfe will be att yor house I cannot doe itt but I thinke sometime the next weeke ths being wt the p[re]sent offers I kisse yor hands & remaine MB

the ballance was £2.17.9d – Jno Gray <Rd> Ellstobb and did remember you yesterday, but mr Ellstobb <is> lying ill ever since you were here

25 Mar 1681 Michael Blackett to William Benson

Mr Wm Benson

Newctl march the 25th 1680/1

Sr

Att my returne out in the Country have mett wth yors of the 15th p[re]sent and have beene since discourseing the business wth mr Wettwang who hath promised me tht he will pay itt all may day next but before he cannot, soe att the time I am of opinion twill be punctually paid and if itt were my owne case should suffer him till thn but use yor discretion, If you please to end[ors]e the bill to mr Nunny or any other friend In towne to act for you I shall give thm itt tht being the needfull att p[re]sent I remaine MB

the bill is for £100==

1 Apr 1681 Michael Blackett to James Grieve

Mr Jam Grieve

Newctl April pmo 81

Sr

yors of the 7th Instant I read as allsoe a bill Enclosed, wch I have accepted and returned you Enclosed, and shall take care to remitt you itt (against the time twill fall dew) as allsoe yor chardges on the bayles of Coffee, I haveing ptly resolved to give <out> all trade shall not send any goods for Ligorne ths yeare, but but gives you many thanks for yor kindnesse and remaine MB

1 Apr 1681 Michael Blackett to John Jollife

Mr Jno Jollife & Comp[any]

April pmo 1681

Gentlemen

Whereas mr Richd Williamson mcht did lately shipp aboard of the itallian mcht Capt Jam <Phemy> Commander 100 Casques of Leed Oare In partneshipp betwixt mr Tho Smith and myselfe I have now assigned itt over unto mr Tho Smith of wch I desire you to take notice accordingly, all the hundred Casques being wholly upon his acct he having given me full satisfaction for my pt I am MB

19 Apr 1681 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Harry Nelthorpe

Newctl Apr the 19th 81

Sr

my soe often being in the Country of late hath <overturned> yor acct to be mislayd, soe if you please to send me a Coppy of itt, yor money shall be remitted you per first by he tht is MB

22 Apr 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Apr the 22nd 81

Sr

I am soe blamed here In towne about being businesse tht is demanding soe much money and haveing nothing to show for itt, tht I am almost ashamed to discourse wth any about itt, and <.....> doth report likewise heares tht Mons.r <Macrade> never paid a farthing of itt, but tht <Re>dder being owne him some money he deducted itt of a purpose to gett his owne money, soe herein I begg yor advice and remaine MB

23 Apr 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Apr the 23rd 1681

Sr

I have yor of the 19th Instant and have according to yor desire Inclosed sent you mr Murcades papers wch I received from you and desire yor advice how I must proceede

– As for the disposall of any skinns I leave itt wholly to yor discretion, and if you please to putt thm of att <6d> to ballance the acct I am very well satisfyed for Ile asure you I leave the disposall of thm (as I said allwaies wholly to you and remaines MB

10 May 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

May the 10th 81

Sr

yors wth the Inclosed acct I have received wch have examined found right and booked accordingly and for mr <Humners> £11:= I doe very willingly allow of itt, but the £45.11.11. <stickes> fast of my <stomache>, In wch I desire yor advice and assistance for – the procuring of the same againe, but Sr I must tell you one thing I never heard a man soe strangely <talked> of as Mr Marcade by some m[er]ch[an]ts In the towne how he deales wth me God knowes I leave itt to yor discretion soe remaines MB

20 May 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl may the 20th 1681

Sr

I have received yors of the 14th the same have p[er]used as allsoe mr Marcade wch according to yor desire I Inclosed returne you, but really sr I must needs tell you tht I now feare tht he is scandalised by our m[er]chnts wth a matter of truth, his letter being noe way satisfactory unto me, In the first place he p[re]tends a Journey in the Country hindered him from answering yor two letters sooner, I will not say much to the contrary, but I feare he has beene <Hedgeing> all the time how to make out his business aright, secondly he seemes to be surprised tht I should write you tht my <adversarye>, refuses to pay the money, saying tht he had paid nothing to mr <Redder>, I hope you will believe me tht ths is true soe farr, for I thinke he is a foole if he should pay the money, and I have nothing to show for itt, I thinke the paper in yor Custody will make appeare tht I have onely to <depositt> the money Into the Court till <pedder> made good his title and certainly In my opinion he could never be such a foole as to pay the money without takeing on the bill of saile he writes further tht if wt papers he sent be not sufficient he would rather send you Ch: Blacketts receipts who was there arrested, and to whome he accounted the same sume but he believes he has sent you itt already, I suppose the next will say he has lost itt, for If ever he paid one farthing to C.B or C.B see one farthing of the money Ile give you my <necke> for <2d>, and seeing he sais he will give you all the satisfaction Imaginable, pray Lett him give itt you In ths p[ar]ticular, Sr I <finde> in short except you stand my friend I shall loose my money for I can easily make itt appeare, and has itt to show from the Admirallty In

Dunkirke tht not a farthing was paid soe long as Pedder lived, soe how itt could be paid afterwards, I leave itt to yor discretion –

Ch: Blacketts obligation to pay to Mr Marcade or his m[aster] the money ordered by <asenticue> I confesse wth, but he haveing <made> the same sume In <sp...e> to pay to Mr Pedder I utterly deny for as I said before Mr Mercade gave onelye security In the Court, ths is wt C. Blackett can <say> to yor objection and you say further why shall not these <be sufficient> to recover of yor m[er]cht of whome you bought & resell, wth I doe not att all understand for I have nothing In the world to show for itt but onely tht I have paid you the money, wch is in noe way satisfactory to my adversary, I shall heartily desire yor assistance In ths businesse, otherwise I sweare I feare I shall be cheated – I have another bad debt wch I must needs trouble you wthall, wch the Commissioner for the Navye office, who are owne me nigh hand £100:= <S> and I have Employed Mr Richd Hutchinson ths two yeares about itt, from whome cannot have a line not above once in 6/m [6 months] about itt Inclosed is an order for him to communicate the businesse unto you, and I desire you, you will please to give me yor advise in itt, If you thinke I shall order the papers to be delivered unto you, sr I heartily begg yor <excuse> for the trouble, hoping you generosity will easily dispence wth itt soe kissing yor hands I remaine MB

If you have a desire to buy a purchase i will sell itt a pennyworth

Mr Richard Hutchinson

Do

Sr

I wonder I have not heard from you ths 6/m I doe earnestly desire if you to lett me be acquainted how you proceede in my businesse once a month, and I doe hereby request itt of you to communicate my whole concerne to my very good friend Mr Peter Bar who shall deliver you the <pkt> and who (if can doe me any kindenesse in the same) I question not his utmost Endeavours soe desiring you to lett me know how far you have proceeded, and to Confess wth him for the future I remaine MB

11 Jun 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl June 11th 81

Sr

I have recd yors of the 31st past as allsoe a letter from mr Hutchinson (accordingly as he promised you) wch Inclosed I have sent you, and desire yor advise in itt, for I doe understand itt very well, If you have a desire to purchase thm I shall sell you thm a pennyworth soe kisseing yor hands I remaine MB

If you fancy thm Ile lett you have thm for security <pound.g>

14 Jun 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl June the 14th 81

Sr

My last was from Stockton whereby I desired the kindnesse of you to write either to Mr Angier or any other freind you had att st Vallerins to Entreate thm to Enquire the best thay could, and of whome they thought convenient wheather the May=flower of Stockton Peter Chapman ma[ster] be any way as bound and if, to whome and for wt <suace> which kindnesse I hereby desire once againe, and I am Informed <Oliver Lamal> the English Interpreter is the fittest man to give me satisfaction therein, I have 5 or 6 <cwt> Coffee berrys In my hands soe I desire you to Enquire the best you can and wt price itt will give and In doing whereof you'le oblige MB

18 Jun 1681 Michael Blackett to Israell Hayes

Mr Israell Hayes

Newctl June the 18th 81

Sr

Mr Jno Launce of Marsa[eilles] In his letter of the 14th Instant wch came to my hands last past writes me tht he has ordered you to remitt me I desire to know wheather he hath given you any such order you or or noe and if he has would desire you to forbear remitting itt me because I shall <send> a vesselle or two to <Janning> or <Embden> to loade oats, where I shall have occation for money soe shall order my <suger> Cargoe to draw upon you the needfull from thence – soe desireing yor answer p[er] first and kisseing yor hands I remaine MB

18 Jun 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl June the 18th 81

Yors of the 14th Instant have received and gives you many thanks for the cares you have taken In writing to Mr Angier as allsoe for all the rest of my concernes wherewith I mabe bold to trouble you I am now apt to believe tht you are of my opinion concerning Mr Marcade – Whereas he desires you to write him noe more I would desire you not to spare him but to write to him once a weeke, for I am satisfied tht if you never write him he will scarce ever write you tht being wt the present offeres I respectfully rest MB

21 Jun 1681 Michael Blackett to Israell Hayes

Mr Israell Hayes

Newctl June the 21st 81

Sr

The above os Coppy of my last Since wch have altered my resolution soe if you have any Such order as is above mentioned I desire itt may be remitted (if not allreay to myself) upon rec[eip]t Write Mr Peter Bar London and you will oblidge MB

9 Jul 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl July 9th 81

Sr

yors of the 5th Instant wth the Inclosed from Mr Marcade have received, for wch I returne you many thanks, as allsoe for all the rest of yor letters – ths letter from mr Marcade is some satisfaction to me and I hope wthin 7/d [7 days] to receive a good acc[oun]t from him – As for the May flower I am clearly of yor opinion tht being wt the p[re]sent offers and desireing tht I may heare from you as occation requires respectfully takes Peace and rests MB

15 Jul 1681 Michael Blackett to Israell Hayes

Mr Israell Hayes

Newctl July the 15th 81

Sr

I have received yors of the 15th yor Style the Contents have observed and the concerne I have wholly left to my good freind Mr Peter Bar of London who will either draw the needfull upon you, or forbear, till you receive itt, which he shall thinke most convenient, pray faile not to comply wth wt he does and itt shall be to the satisfaction of MB

15 Jul 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl July 15th 81

Sr

Inclosed is a letter from Mr Israell Hayes of Amsterdam as allsoe an answer to itt, wch I desire you to send forward as you shall have occation, you will p[er]ceive tht said Hayes has order form Mr Jno Launce of Marseilles To remitt me £2000, according as the Exchange is betwixt Paris and London, you will p[er]ceive likewise tht ths Effects is not In his hands nor will not be ths 14/d or 3/w but if I will draw upon him he will hand my bills – Now if I leave the businesse wholly to you either to draw the needfull upon him or to forbear till he remitt wheather you thinke the more for me advantadge and if you doe draw lett me know how much the sume amounts to. End of the last yeare you received by Thos Cason seaventy douzen of Calfe skinns, for wch I want a Certificate of the Landing thereof, pray send me it downe p[er] next post otherwise I shall be Exchequered I long to heare form Mr Marcade 7/d is past I feare itt may be his turne in the Country now to putt it of 7/d longer I am MB

22 Jul 1681 Michael Blackett to Ralph Jackson

[Note: Struck out; presumably not sent]

Mr Ralph Jackson

Newctl July the 22nd 81

Sr I am troubled <many a bill> wth letters from Peter Chapman Intimating tht Mr Walter and Mrs Wright

23 Jul 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newctl July the 23rd 1681

Sr

I have yors of the 19th wth the <p..lised> from Mr Marcade wch I hereby returne you, if all were reale wt he writes I should be glad of itt but I must heartily begg yor excuse I have tht Character given me of him tht I can scarce believe one word he writes, but now hope a little time will shew wt he is in respect he promises things soe very <pure> I leave Mr Israell Hayess businese to <yor> discretion but I can Informe they are French Lyvers [ie. livres, French currency] and not Dutch Florens tht are to be remitted me and according as the exchange is betwixt Paris and London wch is as much as if he had remitted the money to Paris first and soe remitted to me from Paris I shall say noe more I question not but Mr Israell Hayes and you will understand one another, and tis all one to me what he remitt me for if he remitt me nothing itt but haveing recourse from whence the order came, and soe a little time lost –

I suppose you have writt him, Upon his answer doe wt you please either In draweing or Expecting his remisse wch shall be to my satisfaction, I shall Expect the Certificate desired tomorrow, wch If itt doe not come I am certainelye Exchequered,

and itt would vex one to be to be putt to soe great trouble, for soe small a matter but if itt must be, itt must be, one remedy but patience soe heartily wishing yor health & happiness I remaine MB

29 Jul 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl July the 29th 81

Sr

By you not sending me the Certificate I am Exchequered, And I hope the Inclosed From Mr Clutterbucke to his freind Mr Dickinson will bring me pretty well of, soe would desire you to let yor man waite on Mr Dickinson, or if you will be pleased to waite on him yorself twill be the greater obligation and deliver him the Inclosed, as allsoe show him tht Certificate and if any Chardge would desire you to defray itt soe remaines MB

30 Jul 1681 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richard Hutchinson

Newcl July the 30th

Sr

I have now the convenience of shipping 10: 12. 14 or 1600 ps Leed In a <bottom> for <Oversea> if you still have convenience we were formerlye mentioneing I will willinglye allow you halfe, soe pray lett me have your answer p[er] first tht we may make to try itt ths yeare, and <all> you advise me I shall preceede thereafter expecting yor speedy answer I remaine MB

2 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Aug the 2nd

Sr

I have yors of the 28th past As for Mr Marcade I leave itt wholly to you to deale wth him as he deserves – Mr Israell Hayes businesse I leave likewise to yor discretion I have prevailed wth <our> surveyor to write ths post to Mr Dickinson soe tht I am satisfied you will meete wth noe trouble In getting me cleare of my Exchequered bond – To have been soe long both in France and Holland as I have and not to know tht a Guild is of more value thn a Lever, I should not onelye be the greatest foole Imaginable but likewise most confoundedlye cheated of my money spent in both places I kisse your hands and remaine MB

6 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Aug the 6th 1681

Yors of the 2nd Instant have received the contents whereof have well observed and gives you many thanks for the great care you take in getting my bond dischardged. I have nothing to add soe salutes you & rests MB

I long to heare form Mr Marcade

6 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Thomas Colebrooke

Mr <Thos> Colebrooke

Do

Sr

yors of the 18th past I received as for <Red Oaker> it is soe little used here, tht 10 tun will scarce vend in 10/y time and all our m[er]chts have soe much of itt In there Hands tht scarce any of thm will have occation for any ths yeare or two, soe tht itt will be not worth yor while to send any I should have beene glad of oppertunity of serving you, if therebye any any profitt would have redounded upon you -- as I shall hereafter be upon all occations wherein you please to command me soe remaines MB

9 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Aug the 9th 81

Sr

I have yors of the 4th wth an Inclosed from Mr Marcade & wch I herebye returne you, I am now fearefullest of all, lett us doe wt we can tht I shall be cheated of tht money; I am now satisfyed in my head he is a Canarybird, wt neede <he sees> the Condemnation over againe, I have herd itt over allreadye, and I know Chris Blackett was condemned to pay the money, but if you remember you have a <workeing> in yor head, wherebye itt was ordered in <Court> tht the money should be deposited in <Court>, and tht Pedder should make his little good <wth in> 4/m, now Pedder dyeing in the meane time, and never making ths good, I deny tht ever the money was paid, and tht Marcade tooke itt out in Court againe, and to ths Effect as Roger <Hempe> tells me he has a note from the Admiralltye, and does nothing but laugh att me on the <other side>, you say if I be not satisfyed you would know what I desire more to wch I have answered you 3 or 4 times and once more for all I desire wch is very reasonable If

Marcade will make itt appeare he has paid the money wll either by sendeing you a bill of saile or <Pedders> receipt made Authenticke but the bill of saile is the cheifest thing, and certainelye noe man in his wits would pay the money wthout a bill of saile, now I shall leave the businesse to yor discretion, for I shall vex myself noe more wth itt if itt be lost lett itt goe

You may please write Mr Marcades tht I wonder I heare nothing from him and tht he remitts you noe money upon my account tht I have likewise left the businesse to yor discretion, if it be not his pleasure to remitt any lett me but know his answer and I am satisfyed, I thanke you heartilye for yor care about my Echequered bond wch being the needfull I kisse yor hands & remaine

MB

Marcade pretended once tht he paid Ch: Blackett the money, lett him make itt appeare tht he ever handled one penny and Ile loose itt

9 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Ralph Jackson

Mr Ralph Jackson Newct Aug the 9th 81

Sr

I have yors of the 8th but the rogue Chapman did not deliver itt in tht time tht I could write an answer by him, but I believe he was fearefull tht there was something in itt against him. you say you recd an answer from Mr Bayees wth the acct for Mr Wright but not for Mr Trotter, soe desires to know my reason, wch is, tht you have great care and daleyence In not delivering bills of sailes wthout money, certainelye I should have the same care and diligence in not paying money wthout takeing in bills of sailes, Mr Wright was there for wch I offered money, Mr Trotter was not soe knows noe reason I should trust you more thn you trust me in sending the money, In short send the bills of sailes as soone as you please, and wt is dew to thm shall be paid thm, you answering abatem[en]t soe prettilye tht I thinke yor answer is not worth answering you know noe reason why soe and soe, and you doe not understand such a thing but itt is very well I doe and well have thm all abated I will assure you, lett thm <seeke> of <it> & if any thing dew to thm for wt I doe is nothing but by Contract according to wch 1/16 comes to £17.4s.71½ out of wch I am to abate according as you have allreadye in tht acct viz 1/16 of the stocke ¼ of <Gyymney>, there being <alsyrmey> in every ¼ to be allowed me wherein I believe I was mistaken in the acc[oun]t In makeing a 1/16 Instead of ¼ and 1/16 pt on draweing the <ornting> wch is noe such unreasonable <thing> as you would have itt, consideringe wt trouble we gave <him> and how often we were att itt I doe as heartily desire the owners there right as you <doe decd doe> you doe wt is above desired and they shall have wth all speed to a farthing wt is dew from me soe remaines MB

16 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Wyld

Mr <J...> Wyld

Newcl Aug 16th 1681

Sr

I have received yors of the 12th Instant and gives you many thanks for the great care you take if any concerne committed to yor chardge as allsoe for the lardge acct you gave me, both which are very satisfactory unto me, as for my comeing to Stockton I am not certaine, but wn the money falls due if he pay itt to you wth chardges itt will be ae great satisfaction up unto MB

16 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Do

Sr

I have received yor of the 6th Instant and am very sorry for the first of yor letters, I am not acquainted wth any of the <Court> Port officers, but if you please to give me the name of 2 or 3 or ½ a douzen, I shall trouble them wth a letter, if you thinke convenient as for money for my <lerse> bill> I leave tht business to yor discretion soe shall say noe more but wn you receive any money upon thm may be pleased to signifie itt unto
MB

16 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Do

I have yors of the 9th my Excheq[uer] business <is>out of <dooers> for wch as I have reason I doe heartily thanke you. pray doe you awaken Mr Hayes, if there be occation upon receipt hereof but I hope he has remitted you the money ere ths. I thanke you for yor advice about Coffee berryes but noe oppertunity either for Newhaven nor Roun soe wn itt rises be pleased to afford a line thereof unto MB

16 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to James Grieve

Mr James Grieve

Do

I have yors of the 9th doe thanke you for yor advice about the price of Coffee berryes
but I can sell thm to more advantage here, soe shall not trouble yor markett as yett I am
MB

19 Aug 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newct Aug 19th, 81

Sr

I have yors of the 13th Inclosed I returne you Mr Marcades letter I shall vex myselve
noe more wth the businesse but leave itt to yor discretion and <once> more for all, If I
must loose the money In Gods name Lett itt goe, In the meane time I beg yor assistance
to helpe me to itt wth I hope good humour will be pleased to doe as much for me as if
itt were yor owne concerne I have noe such papers as you mention by me nor did I ever
see any such If I had thm by me I should be very well satisfyed, and I desire you to
write tht if he will but pleased to send me the bill of saile we shall never have one word
more of itt I heartily begg yor excuse for the trouble I putt both in the businesse and Mr
Hayes I <wish> I may be able to live to retaliate yor kindness in some measure soe
remaines MB

1 Sep 1681 John Wilkinson to Peter Bar

[Note: despite being signed off 'MB' the content indicates the letter was written by
Wilkinson rather than Blackett]

Mr Peter Bar

Newct 7ber the 1er 81

Sr

I had a letter from my ma[ster] about a weeke agoe out out in the Country where he
has resided these 3/w by past, wherein he advises tht he has given you order to accept
my bill for the £163.7s.2d remitted you by Mr Isreall Hayes upon Mr <Benjamin> Smith,
soe ths day to pleasure a very good freind of my <ma.ers> have made bold to value the
same upon you p[er] 16th 8ber next <Ensuing> to Mr Richd Wall or order valew of
himselpe being the same day as the other bill will be dew, for I thought itt better to
make itt p[ayable] said day thn thn 3 or 4/<d> after for now you may please take on my
bill, and assigne the other bill out to Mr Walls order to whome mine is p[ayable] and
soe thereby save yorselpe the trouble both of receiveing and paying itt, for I take you
to be a Gentleman of great businesse soe am loth to give you any more trouble thn
needs the Gentleman will not be very pressing for his money for 4 or 10/d after will
serve him onelye I drew itt soe soone to save you trouble soe desireing yor complience
to the same I remaine MB

6 Sep 1681 John Wilkinson to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl 7ber the 6th

Since the writing of the above have received a letter from my ma[ster] with a note frn Mr Wall (to whome I gave my bill) to pay him or order the money wn received of Mr Benjamin Smith my ma[ster] allsoe advises tht he has sent you a Coppy of it, and you will accept itt soe I went down to Mr Wall and gave him my ma[sters] note and desired my bill in againe thinking my ma[sters] note alone sufficient, but he desired me to bill him. <send> both being my ma[sters] was not In the forme of a bill, and wheather <pray> please to accept you might, and the other he would order his freind to returne him, to the one of thm I desire yor compliance and remaine for MB JW

11 Oct 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newct 8ber 11th 81

Sr

att my return out in the Country mett wth yor of the 20th past wth the Inclosed from Chris Blackett and returne you many thanks for the great care you have of my businesse but I must heartily begg yor excuse If I have as good an opinion of Chris Blackett as you have of Mr Marcade, and I am really satisfyed tht he has the bill of saile but keeps itt thinking to gett a piece of money from me before he deliver itt soe will not p[ar]t wth itt even for the purpose, but he shall never have a farthing of me soe begging of you to continue still yor care in the business I kisse yor hands and remaines MB

18 Oct 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newct 8ber the 18th 81

Sr

I doe most heartily thanke you for yors of the 13th and as Mr Edwd Melburne told you he did write me wch I Inclosed send you –

your advice to settle accts is very good and my great desire therefore I begg itt of you to doe itt for me, If I must allow tht £34 odd money I hope Mr Milburne will not refuse to give me his letter of Attorney for procuring of the same againe dated about the time tht he went last from London, because we are allready In suite and all his objection is because I have not <a> letter of Attorney, tht being soe reasonable I thinke he Cannot denye itt, wch pray doe you procure and send me as soone as posible and

thn I will allow itt willinglye, for the rest I leave itt to yor discretion, to looke over his books to doe wt you please and receive of him my profitt, he shall see I am not angry wth him as he pretends. If not Currat lex wch you may please lett yor servt tell him, If you want any further Instructions as to settling accts be pleased to lett me know – be pleased to cause the Inclosed be delivered unto him and youle oblidge MB

If you have a minde to <beg> a purchase Ile sell you my pt att a reasonable rate –

18 Oct 1681 Michael Blackett to Edward Milburne

Mr Edwd Milburne

Newcl 8ber the 18th 81

Sr

I have received yor of the 18th wherein you write the good news of yor safe arrivall wherin you allsoe advise me not to be soe angry as I was last voyadge Indeed Mr Milburne you were mistaken I neither was angry last voyadge nor am I now. If I allow you to Mr Dawsons money I hope you will not refuse to allow me a letter of Attorney to receive the same againe, I have this post written Mr Peter Bar att <lardge>, wth whome I doe herebye order you to reckon withall and to pay him my proportion of profitt, if you doe wt you should doe Mr Milburne I am still willing to venter wth you if not, take wt follows, but I hope you will Consider your owne good, and send me the letter of Attorney desired dated about the time you went last from London, and for the rest Cleare of wt Mr Bar and I shall still remaine as I was allwais MB

21 Oct 1681 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin & Comp[any]

Newct 8ber the 21st 81

Gentlemen

your severe proceedings against Ald.man Brabant does make all his friends forsake him, I am certaine tis not the way to gett yor money, whoever advises you soe to doe is to blame but if itt please you I am satisfyed I shall move one thing more in the Alldermans behalfe wch advice you may take or leave as you thinke fit. Imploy who you will in <ths towne>, and desire thm to discourse wth me provided you give him but time I will helpe yor friend to get you undeniable security paying you soe much a quarter punctually without any further chardges, I know £20 a quarter is as much as he can convenientlye pay, but if we can gett more we will unto wch I begg yor answer and remaine MB

22 Oct 1681 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr Jam Burkin and Comp[any]

Newct 8ber the 22nd 81

Srs

I writt you the last post wch I doe hope came safe to yor hands, I am still of opinion tht yor proceedings are very severe, Tho if they please you they please me, but I must tell you one thing tht itt is all peoples opinions In ths pt of the Country tht you have as good security for yor money, as if you had £1000 p[er] ann. of fee simple and tho att present it lies a little hard upon him, yett there is noe question in all peoples opinions tht he will pay you in lesse time thn he is willing to <take> for feare of a <disabled> gent. I must Confesse tht Alderman is my friend, and you are likewise, end you shall see I shall be as readye to serve you as him; as I writt you in my last be pleased to Employ any either in ths place or these <p[ar]ts> and desire thm but to discourse the businesse wth me, and If I doe not Endeavour for to procure <for you> undeniable securitye upon the motion <upon> thn I will be to blame & never more To ths letter yor answer p[er] first MB

22 Nov 1681 John Wilkinson to George Moore

Mr George Moore

Newcl 9ber 22nd 81

Sr

yors of the 4th p[er] Mr Tho Whithorne on the 16th Instant In my ma[sters] absence was presented unto me to wch thn give noe answer but told the ma[ster] tht if he could suffer for 5 or 6/d <that> if the money would serve att 5 or 6/d and I could write to my ma[ster] and hence an answer in tht time and I told him I thought there was noe question tht my ma[ster] would comply wth wt you desired, soe he told me itt would serve and desired me to doe soe, wch accordingly I did, and Inclosed yor letter unto him whose answer was tht Itt would <furnish> the ma[ster] wth wt money he desired, and valew the same upon you and withall to write you tht he would not have done itt but regard of yor former correspondency and to doe you a kindness tht is to dispatch the vessell, and for the future he desires to be excused haveing left of tradeing but but wn I came to Enquire for the ma[ster] wch was yesterday they told me he was gone downe to <Leith>, and tht he had gott credit for wt he wanted Elsewhere wch doubtless he could not want upon yor acct ths being the needfull att present I remaine for My ma[ster] MB JW

2 Dec 1681 John Wilkinson to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl xber 2nd 81

Sr

my ma[ster] ordered me to write you tht he has writt Mr Bowen of Dunkirke and wn he receives his answer itt shall be Imparted unto you I am for MB JW

9 Dec 1681 John Wilkinson to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl xber 9th 1681

Sr

My ma[ster] goeing yesterday Into the Country ordered me write you ths day tht he does begg itt of you tht youle be pleased to be <mindefull of> Mr Marcade Capt Milburne and Capt Hutchinsons businesse and and tht youle tell yor man Informe himselfe as well as he can wheather said Hutchinsons shipp be sinkeing or swimming, and if <reigning> how the owner has disposed on her or Intends to dispose of her, <& ..> wheather they have putt another man ma[ster] or Intends to Expose her to sale if another Ma[ster] thn he would desire you to Examine if there be any profit dew to him for his pt or if otherwise if youle be pleased to take care wn the shipp is disposed of tht hee have the valew of his part according as she is sold tht being the needfull att p[re]sent I remaine for MB JW

9 Dec 1681 Michael Blackett to William Bowen

Mr Wm Bowen

Do

Sr

my last to you was of the 2nd Instant to wch I refer you ths serves onelye to confirme the same at yor Leasure pray Informe me how Coales and other English Commodities rules wth you If any probability of a profit I am In thoughts of sending you a vessell soe once more desireing yor care in Mr Marcades businesse I kisse yor hands & remaines – MB

23 Dec 1681 Michael Blackett to William Bowen

Capt Wm Bowen

Stockton xber 23rd 1681/2

Sr

I happening to discourse yor businesse In yor place wth my very good friend Mr Richd Jackson, he fortunatelye told me he would give me a letter to an a friend tht would serve my <turne> wch wn I came to prefer I finde itt upon yorselfe sr I doe begg itt of you you will give me satisfaction of wt is desired and you will very much oblige MB

30 Dec 1681 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl xber 30th 81

Sr

pray Sr tell me the reason why Capt Milburne does not accoumpt wth you for being willing and ready to allow him the £36 odd money In my opinion he is left without Excuse –

Sr I am fearefull you forgett Mr Hutchinson I doe begg itt of you you will lett your man Enquire what is become of the shipp why noe advice what to doe in tht businesse and In doing whereof you will very much oblige MB

3 Jan 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

[Note: there is no sign of the enclosure within the letterbook]

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Jan 3rd 81/2

Sr

I doe begg itt of you tht you will send forward the Inclosed soe wishing you a happy and a prosperous new yeare remaines MB

7 Jan 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Jan 7th 1681/2

Sr

I have red yors of the 3rd by wch I p[er]ceive I am likelye to have a hopefull bargaine wt Mr Marcade but as I have all along done I doe still leave itt to yor managemt and discretion

my cousell is still against my allowing Capt Milburne the £36 add mony unlesse you putt on ths proviso wn you reckon of wth him tht if I doe not recover itt he may be lyable to itt, wch I thinke is nothing but reason but I leave tht to yor discretion likewise you clearelye mistake the businesse wth Mr Hutchinson for I doe not meane of Mr Richd Hutchinson but Mr Robt Hutchinson ma[ster] of the <Unitye> of Barkin of whose shipp I have 1/16 pt wth the like of £64 stocke wch vessell went for the straights last yeare I thinke but am not certaine tho you may remember there was some letter past betwixt us about him and as I remember you advised me tht the ma[ster] was dead and tht the owners had putt in another ths I hope will give you satisfaction In wch

businessse I begg yor assistance and if you will have the bills of sayle shall send you
thm up soe wishing you a joyfull and happy new yeare wth many more following I
remaine MB

10 Jan 1682 Michael Blackett to Henry Willington

Mr Henry Willington

Newcl Jan 10th 81/2

Sr

Tho unknown yett makes bold to trouble you wth these few lines begging yor
assistance for never man was soe much obliged as I am likely to be, and telling my
businessse mearelye for a piece of laughter. In company wth Mr Jno Ellison and Mr R
Wetwang they very readilye profered me letters of recommendation to a friend tht
would procure me satisfaction wch coming to my hand ths <morning> finde thm both
to be upon yourselfe, wch I herebye send you and craves yor assistance in the
businessse the Case is plainely stated in Mr Robt Wetwangs letter, I was formerlye
recommended to Capt Bowen but from him I can receive noe answer you may if you
please discourse wth him all I desire if to have the bill of saile from one <Rerser
Keinpe> to Pedder or reason Why contrary – if Mr Marcade paid what was demanded
certainelye they could not deny him the bill of saile or if Mr Marcade have not paid the
mony I am content but ths I can assure you he <drew> the mony upon me wch I
punctually paid 12/m agoe tis a hard a case wch I soe earnestlye begg yor assistance
and if can serve you in these pts upon all occations you may freelye command

MB

Mr Peter Bar

Do

Sr

Tho it bee above 4/w agoe since I first of all writt Capt Bowen yet can procure noe
answer soe have procured another letter of recommendation to One Mr Henry
Willington on wch I Inclosed have sent you and to begg of you to send forward and
remaine MB

13 Jan 1682 Michael Blackett to Henry Willington

Mr Henry Willington

Newcl Jan 13th 81/2

Sr

What proceeds is copy of my last wch I doe by ths confirme and for feare of
miscarridge and soe earnestlye crave yor assistance and answer and In doing whereof
you will very much oblige MB

21 Jan 1682 John Wilkinson to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Jan 21st 81/2

Sr

yours of the 14th and 17 have recd for wch I returne on you my mast[ers] hearty thanks
and assure yorselfe I doe not In the least doubt or mistrust yor acting in the concerne as
in all the rest was committed to yor prudent manadgemt wth as earnest an Intention
for the butt as if itt had beene yor owne concerne being all readye confirmed in the
same by severall proofs of yor care in the businesse, as allsoe by the great desire wch I
am satisfyed you have and allwaies has had of promoteing my Interest and
advantadge. Capt Milburne has done me otherwise by me thn I allwaies expected for I
allwaies thought he would play me the shipp's <rue> - remedy none but patience, and
I shall leave him to yorselfe soe ths being wt the p[re]sent offers I kisse yor hands and
remaine MB

21 Jan 1682 Michael Blackett to William Place

[Note: One of Michael Blackett's wife's Barnes family aunts married into the Place
family, of Hurworth and Dinsdale, close to Darlington on the River Tees, and a William
Place is mentioned in Thomas Barnes' will of 1642, and possibly the addressee of this
letter]

Couzin Place

Do

Yors of the 15th Instant have recd and accordinglye have rcd the £5 of Bro Davinson If
the money wanted 6d I shall give you itt all meeting my service to my Nante wth the
same to yorselfe I remaines MB

3 Feb 1682 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Newcl Feb 3rd 1681/2

Sr

There a severall merchants In ths place <often>of late have gott there money of the
same <nature> wth my 2 notes In yor hands abateing (as they tell me a very small

matter – my next doore neighbour and my very good friend and who I thinke would not say itt except it were true told me tht he had another for £43 -.- and for abateing the £3<.> - he gott the remainder of the money presentlye pd him – Sr I doe not question but you can doe as much as another, I begg itt of you, you will see if you can <compound> mine and whatever you doe itt shall be to the satisfaction of

MB

Mr Peter Bar

Do

Sr

Inclosed is a letter to Mr Rich Hutchinson wch I desire to lett yor man deliver att yor convenience to discourse wth him about my two notes In his hands, for the I heare tht of late severall merchants In ths towne have gott there money being of the same nature wth mine abateing a very small matter –

I wonder I cannot heare from Dunkirke – pray in yor next lett me know wheather Milburne be really gone yea or nae for itt cannot enter unto my thoughts tht he should be soe dirtye --

and pray lett me allsoe have the bill of saile for my pt of Hutchinsins vessel the Barkum man for In makeing an end of the businesse for me you will very much oblidge

MB

11 Feb 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Feb 11th 1681/2

Sr

I have yors of the 7th for wch I thanke you, and I question not but Mr Hutchinson will give me an answer next post- If Milburne be gone lett he goe a Gods name but wn he returnes, and if you want a letter of Attorney or any other paper I shall dispatch itt unto you – Incosed I send you my Bills of sailes for Hutchinson the Barkum man, as allsoe a letter I received last post from Mr Henry Willington of Dunkirke after p[er]usal you will p[er]ceive what a hopefull bird Mr Murcade is – pray be pleased to write and send said Willington what is necessary and advise me as you p[ro]ceed and you'll very much oblige MB

11 Feb 1682 Michael Blackett to Henry Willington

Mr Henry Willington

Do

Sr

I have received yors of the 11th Instant for wch I doe returne you my hearty thanks, and doe wish an opportunitye might offer wherbye I might show you my willingnesse to serve you as a retalliation In some measure

Mr Marcade is a strange man to draw money upon one he knows not I am resolved if any Law in the world will right me to be righted, either ths post or next you may expect a letter of Attorney from Mr Peter Bar, soe shall begg yor assistance and spare him not for I valew not If I Loose the whole soe I could but be revenged of him ths being the needfull I kisse yor hand and remain MB

Coales from 8 to 10s p[er] Chald
Leed £9 to £9-10/s p[er] fodder of 21cwt each C qt 112 lb
Grindstones 14.8 to 15s p[er] Ch
Butter 14s to 16s p[er] firkin

18 Feb 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle Feb 18th 81/2

Tho I writt mr Wm Bowen of Dunkirke 1m or 5/w before I writt Mr Willington yett could not have one syllable from him till last night wch Inclosed I send you to lett you further see what a brave man Mr Marcade is, and I doe verylye believe Mr Bowen is noe better, soe lett the procuration desired be sent to Mr Henry Willington and advise me as you proceed, I desire you to return the two letters after p[er]usall and you'll oblidge MB

I am really satisfyed Mr Bowens would never have answered me if he had not first knowne Mr Willington had

25 Feb 1682 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Newcl Feb 25th 81/2

Sr

Yors of the 21st Instant have received and have <spoake> to Mr George Eden's Bro: who dwells in ths towne and he has promised he write to his Broer who lives twelve miles of and to give me an acct what he sais within a day or two soe within a post or two may expect to know his answer – If he will pay me <30s> I shall receive itt if not you shall know his answer soe I kisse yor hands & remaine MB

27 Feb 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcasl Feb 27th 81/2

Sr

yors of the 23rd Instant have received and gives you my most hearty thanks for yor care In dispatching a letter of attorney to Mr Willington as allsoe for the great care you have hitherto and In bringing the businesse to a good end I hope you are now satisfyed wt a man Marcade is

As for wt you write In the letter and of yor letters concerning Capt Milburne, If you thinke itt requisite I am satisfyed for whatever you shall thinke convenient to doe shall be to my satisfaction for I leave itt wholly to yor discretion & remaines MB

3 Mar 1682 Michael Blackett to Richard Hutchinson

Mr Richd Hutchinson

Newcastle Mar 3rd 81/2

Sr

I hope within a post or two to heare from you advising me yor friends resolution as to my <tally>

I have rcd of Mr Benj: Eden by order of his Broer Mr Geo. Eden upon yor acct 30/s wch since you may call upon Mr Peter Bar for who ths post I have desired to pay the same unto you I am

MB

3 Mar 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle Mar 3rd 81/2

Sr

I have received 30/s of a merchant upon Mr Richd Hutchinsons acct wch pray doe you pay him againe and putt him in minde of disposing of my tally and In doing whereof you will oblige MB

11 Mar 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter bar

Newcl Mar 11th 81/2

Sr

Yors of the 7th Instant have received and gives you many thanks for yor readinesse In putting an end to my concernes and am very well satisfyed to take for my pt of the

Unitye as the rest of the <owneres> takes for soe would desire you tht you'll be pleased to receive what my pt comes to and give thm in the Bills of saile

When you have a letter from Mr Marcade would begg you to Impart the contents of itt unto me as for Milburne I leave him to yor discretion to use him as you thinke fitt – I take notice you will pay Mr Hutchinson the 30s for wch I give you many thanks, ths being the needfull att p[re]sent remaines MB

24 Mar 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter bar

Newcl Mar 24th 81/2

Sr

I have yrs of the 14th and have p[er]used the Inclosed wch I shall att p[re]sent make noe objections but must needs say tis one of the worst I have ever mett withall, to take £11:10: <from> £60 and add I cannot yett resolve, had she beene wholly lost soe the men had beene saved it would never have vexed me, well noe remedy but patience, I shall therefore beg of you tht In yr next you will please to advise me where she Intends for, wt she will cost fitting and the Commander and the owners names and if there be any probability of ever getting the £64: first stock, and after have taken the same Into Consideration I shall Immediately Impart unto you my finall resolution – I long to leave from m[r] Marcade pray putt m[r] Hutchinson In mind of writing me according to his promise MB

18 Apr 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Apr 18th 82

Sr

Att my returne out of the Countrey dooe doe meete wth yors of the 28th and 30th past as allsoe one from Mr Jno <Bell> of the 11th p[re]sent to whome pray present my service, lett him know I am now resolved to sell soe pray doe you receive the money and deliver In the Bills of saile and whatever other writeing you signe shall allwaies be in as much force as if itt were my owne deed –

I am sorrey for the news of Milburne I am onlye sorry tht he was not hang'd 3/y agoe – I wonder exceedinglye too tht I have noe news from Dunkirke -- pray putt Mr Hutchinson on mind of his promise and you will very much oblige MB

9 Jun 1682 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Mr Peter Bar

Newcastle June the 9th 82

Sr

In yors of the 3rd <plst> you desired to know what I would have you doe wth Mr Wall to wch I answer breiflye tht I begg itt of you to doe for me as if itt were yr owne concerne, for I neither can not doe expect tht you should worke mirackles, and if I should loose by him as I have done by Milburne, and am like to doe by the Gentleman att Dunkirke, itt shall never trouble me soe I leave the businesse to yor manadgemt & remaines MB

2 Dec 1682 Michael Blackett to William Bowen

Mr Wm Bowen

Newcl xber 2nd 81

Sr

Tho unknown yett by the recommendation of my very good friend Mr Peter Bar of London and Mr Jno Wells of Stockton have made bold to write these few lines <unto> -- I am very like to be tht baselyed wronged by one Mr Marcade of yor place tht ever could be Invented I suppose Ch. Blackett had some discourse about itt the last knew he was wth you I doe begg itt of you tht youle be pleased to write me wt you know or can Enquire of the businesse for for my life I can neither gett in my money nor the bill of saile wch was desired to be taken he pretending <was> tht <Petthters> friends will not deliver it without a piece more of money <tho If> them there whole demand Sr I doe heartily begg yor assistance and if can be servicable unto you in ths place upon all occations you may freelye command MB

Coales 8 to 9 s p[er] Ch

Grindstones 15s p[er] Ch

Leed £9.10s p[er] fother each fo: qlt 21<Oit> each & qlr 112<cl>

15 Jun 1683 Dorothy Blackett to Peter Bar

[Note: Written nearly 2 months after Michael Blackett's death by his widow Dorothy.]

Mr Peter Bar

Newcl Jun 15th 83

Sr

Yors of the 31 past have recd for wch I returne you my most humble and heartye thanks and does by ths begg itt of you tht you'll be pleased now and thn to be putting Mr Hutchinson in mind of the Interest due upon the tally ---- As for the bills of saile of the Unitye pray keepe thm in yor hands till itt shall please God she shall arrive and thn

be pleased to give me an acct and yor thoughts wt is left to be done in the businesse we
begging yor pardon for ths trouble I remaine DB